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By ALICE PARMINTER

Up to 10,000 tonnes of recycled tyre waste could be making its way into New Zealand's roads and rubber matting industries annually with the opening of an innovative new business.

Rubber recycling and manufacturing company Cyclenomics officially opens on August 15, eventually creating around 35 jobs.

Limited production of a devulcanised rubber crumb material has already begun at its Southbridge Industrial Park site south of Kōpū. Devulcanised rubber is recycled rubber that's been chemically broken down into a soft, moldable elastic material that can be reused to make new products.

It produces very little waste, and can be endlessly recycled.

"Devulcanisation came along just before Covid - it's been around for years but the Chinese have spent a lot of time perfecting it to do large volumes," Cyclenomics CEO Matt Carter told *The Profile*. "There's so many benefits here... There's very few rubber manufacturers left [in New Zealand] so this is bringing manufacturing back. And virgin rubber is only grown on rubber trees in Malaysia and Brazil, so it's scarce, it's expensive."

Matt said the process will make a big dent in the number of old tyres shipped overseas as waste. "New Zealand produces about 65,000 tonnes of end-of-life tyres [annually] - about 35,000 tonnes are being swapped out for coal at Golden Bay's cement kiln and pretty much the rest is being exported to make into someone else's problem," Matt said.

The recycling process can reclaim up to 95 per cent of a tyre - mostly rubber and steel. Matt plans to eventually install a secondary shredder, to clean up the

# Rubber set to hit the road

Matt Carter with his recycled rubber product, left. Photos: ALICE PARMINTER

steel so it can also be reused in New Zealand. "[The steel has] chunks of rubber still in it - no one in New Zealand will take that, so it's being exported at the moment."

The only part that's not currently reusable is a small percentage of

a nylon polyester blend fibre. "I'm struggling to find a home for [it], if anyone's got an idea or a purpose for some dirty polyester and nylon." The roading industry would be the first to benefit, Matt said.

"Bitumen's almost brittle at room temperature... when it gets cold it cracks and then water goes through and you've got a pothole. "When you add rubber to it... it stops the cracks - less repairs and it lasts longer. The problem with New Zealand's roads is they don't

use enough of this virgin rubber compound because it's very expensive."

The company will produce a direct replacement for the virgin rubber product currently used in roads, and has already conducted a successful trial with one of the country's biggest roading contractors, who has committed to using the product when the new roading season begins in October.

"We've priced our product to the market to encourage NZTA to use it widely... It's going to be good all round." The next stage for Cyclenomics is a manufacturing line to

produce rubber mats for the agricultural sector.

For Matt, the company is about practical circularity and sustainability over profit.

Cyclenomics is housed in a refurbished mill, and the building is equipped with solar panels.

"The last business I had was Carter's Tyre Service... [I was] always being asked by our customers, how can we dispose of our tyres more sustainably, because nothing's really been available. "So when vulcanisation came along, I thought, well there's a nice solution."

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# Unsafe chlorine system prompts \$100k spend

By ALICE PARMINTER

A failing chlorine gas system at Waihi's public swimming pool has led to an unbudgeted spend of \$100,000 for Hauraki District Council.

A report given to councillors last month said the pool's ageing gas chlorination system was unsafe and posed an "immediate health and safety risk", recommending it be decommissioned immediately. The pool's chlorine gas alarm has been activated several times, including during the inspection.

At the council's August 4 meeting, councillors approved the spend, which will cover the installation of a new salt chlorinator similar to that used at the Ngatea pool. Group manager of service delivery Adrian de Laborde said the unsafe equipment has already been removed from the facility.

The upgrade will result in an estimated 0.03 percent increase in non-water rates, equivalent to around \$1 per district ratepayer, council said. However, councillors noted the spend was necessary, as the pool would not otherwise be able to operate this coming summer.

Councillors have also raised concerns about the roughly \$2 million investment that the pool will require over the next ten years, with several noting they were uncomfortable pouring capital into an asset not

owned by the council.

The pool sits on Waihi College grounds and is owned by the Ministry of Education, while the council has a lease to maintain and operate it as a community facility.

The 70-year-old facility is in an overall poor condition, the report said, requiring an investment of over \$2 million in the next ten years to bring it up to standard.

"The balance tank is cracked and dysfunctional... the DE filtration system is at end of life, and plant room pipework is poor," it said.

The pool is also leaking, however funds have recently been raised by the Waihi Swim Club for a pool lining replacement.

The council has signalled its intention to investigate the viability of procuring the pool and the land it sits on, and will be making inquiries with the Ministry of Education.

"The Waihi Swimming Pool has served the community for around 70 years, and it continues to support public swimming, learn-to-swim programmes, school swimming education, club activities and summer recreation," Mayor Toby Adams said.

"We know how important local access to swimming is for wellbeing, confidence in the water, and community connection. This decision means Waihi can continue to have access to a local pool while longer-term planning for the facility is worked through."

# Tairua dog attack appeal dismissed

The High Court has dismissed an appeal against convictions arising from a serious dog attack in Tairua, Thames-Coromandel District Council says.

The High Court upheld the original findings of the District Court, council said in a statement.

The attack left the victim with significant injuries and they had to be airlifted to hospital. Following a detailed investigation, council prosecuted the dog owner, securing convictions in the district court, which also ordered the dogs involved be euthanised. The subsequent appeal against those convictions has now been dismissed by the High Court.

Council group manager of regulatory and planning Brian Taylor said the outcome reflected the importance of responsible dog ownership and the role councils play in protecting public safety. "This was an extremely serious attack that had a significant impact on the victim. Council has a responsibility to investigate incidents of this nature and take appropriate action where warranted."

"We are pleased the courts have upheld the original decision." The case was a reminder of the importance of keeping dogs under effective control, he said. "The courts found the dogs involved were not under their owner's control, and the consequences of that failure were extremely serious."

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**Colours of Time (126 mins)** M. Follows the lives of four cousins who inherit an old house in rural Normandy and retrace their steps of their ancestors in 19th century Paris. (In French with English subtitles).

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**The Sheep Detectives ENCORE (109 mins)** PG. Follows George (Hugh Jackman), a shepherd who loves his sheep and raises them only for their wool. Every night he reads aloud a murder mystery, pretending his sheep can understand, never suspecting that they can and will one day soon become detectives themselves.

**Following week: & Sons** Writer Andrew Dyer (Bill Nighy) hasn't written a word - or left the house - in 20 years. In that time he fathered a child outside of his marriage, lost his wife (Melinda Staunton) and became estranged from his other sons. His sense of his mortality sets in, so he brings all of his children together.

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| Whitianga   | -0 | 01  | -0   | 05  |
| Tairua      | +0 | 10  | +0   | 20  |
| Whangamata  | -0 | 03  | -0   | 06  |
| Waihi Beach | -0 | 21  | -0   | 16  |

By ALICE PARMINTER and  
KELLEY TANTAU

Mayor Adams said the proposal was a strong one, with the three councils having a history of working well together. "These are generational decisions that we're making," he said. "Our public gave us a



The decision wasn't as straightforward for Thames-Coromandel.

"Our Bay of Plenty cousins could not bring themselves to open the door wide enough to invite us through - and the option had genu-

"None of us stood to be elected last year on the fact that we were going to be reforming local government," Mayor Peter Revell said.

Councils that haven't submitted a proposal are now subject to the government's "backstop" process - a compulsory restructure with the specifics yet to be decided.

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# Thames group keeps pool hopes afloat

As part of a series on the future of Thames Centennial Pool, reporter KELLEY TANTAU looks at the community campaign to retain aquatic facilities in Thames, the people behind it, and what comes next for the pool and its staff.

What began as a push to make sure Thames did not lose its pool has grown into an organised community campaign.

At its heart is a steadfast group of five, known as Kahikatea, who have been working to keep the issue firmly on council's radar.

The group formed with a straightforward aim: to convince Thames-Coromandel District Council of the need to build a replacement all-year pool in Thames, following council's commitment to remove the ageing Centennial Pool from Taipari Park and return the land to Ngāti Maru by June, 2027.

With no replacement facility yet on the table, Thames Needs a Pool member Anne Barker said the group felt an urgent need to make sure the community would not be left without somewhere to swim.

She told *The Profile* that the group - which has between 12 and 20 people attending its monthly meetings and a much wider net-



Thames Needs a Pool Kahikatea: Anne Barker, left, Rachel Gamby, Jan Ward, Deb Neumann, and Robyn Brook. LEFT: The group presents Thames-Coromandel district Mayor Peter Revell with a petition calling for continued access to a local facility.

Photos: SUPPLIED

This includes balancing demand and affordability, and considering how facilities could best serve communities across the district.

But underneath all the talk of funding and future plans were the people who used the pool and the staff who kept it going.

Last month, Anne and fellow

Thames Needs a Pool members brought morning tea to the pool as a small gesture of thanks to the staff, of which there are 6.5 council employees and nine casual swim instructors and lifeguards.

"The staff at the Thames Centennial Pool are amazing," she said.

"They look after our pool, keep

people safe, and do so with a smile on their faces even when they are faced with job insecurity with the scheduled demolition.

"[We] wanted to acknowledge the great job that they are doing and that they and their work is valued."

Earlier, on May 26, Thames Needs a Pool presented Thames-Coromandel district Mayor Peter Revell with a petition calling for continued access to a local facility, signed by 944 people.

The group has also been involved in council's Aquatic Facilities Provision steering group, contributing to discussions about the future of aquatic facilities across the district.

Councillor and steering group member Greg Hampton said there had been "positive discussions with Ngāti Maru representatives" about the removal of the pool and the group was doing its best to avoid a gap in aquatic facility provision for Thames and the wider catchment of pool users.

"The project now has good momentum and a clear pathway forward."

A council statement said plans for a potential pool replacement and the demolition timing will be confirmed in its 2027-2037 Long Term Plan, which will open for public consultation around March, 2027.

Staff will be publicly presenting a report on the future of aquatics in the district at the next Infrastructure and Finance Committee meeting on August 13, and the subsequent full council meeting on August 25.

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# Hauraki passion

The Hauraki Tigers left everything out on the field in their clash against Rangiriri Storm on August 2 at the Huntly Rugby Club grounds for the Waikato Rugby League Women's Championship Semi-final.

"Our 2026 season has come to an end following today's semi-final defeat to Rangiriri Storm, 34-4," the Hauraki Tigers said.

"While today's result wasn't what we hoped for, it doesn't

define this group. This team has represented our club with pride, resilience and determination all season long.

"From pre-season through to earning a place among the competition's final four, these wāhine have worn the black and gold with passion and heart every time they took the field." Reporter **DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA** captured the power and passion in their final hoorah for the season.



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# On the Land

## Kauri dieback disease found at Long Bay

Soil testing has confirmed the presence of *Phytophthora agathidicida* (PA), the pathogen that causes kauri dieback disease, at the site of the oldest kauri at Long Bay Kauri Walk, near Coromandel town.

Waikato Regional Council, Thames-Coromandel District Council (the landowner) and local iwi have been monitoring the 1200-year-old tree since 2023 after receiving several reports that the tree was visibly unwell.

Waikato Regional Council biosecurity and biodiversity manager Patrick Whaley said confirmation of PA was incredibly disappointing. “The Coromandel Peninsula has relatively few recorded cases of kauri disease, and none as publicly accessible as Long Bay Kauri Walk,” he said. “Southern kauri forests are vital to the future of kauri, as they have been largely free from disease compared to forests in the north.

“Preserving kauri on the Coromandel Peninsula really depends on everyone playing their part in stopping the spread of PA.”

*Phytophthora agathidicida* is microscopic and spread through the movement of contaminated soil, including on dirty footwear, equipment, vehicles and animals.

It infects kauri through the roots, preventing gum from taking up water and nutrients, which eventually starves the tree.

Infected trees weaken over time and may eventually die. Symptoms include bleeding gum at the base of the trunk, yellowing leaves, thinning canopy and dead branches.

The council has been testing for PA in the Long Bay Kauri Walk and other areas of the Coromandel Peninsula for many years. However, detecting the pathogen can be difficult. “PA lives in the soil and can occur in very small, patchy pockets. That means you can miss it completely in a soil sample, even if it’s present nearby,” he said.

“We had suspected this tree might have kauri disease based on its symptoms, but kauri can become unwell for a range of reasons. Unfortunately, we now have confirmed the diagnosis.”

The Long Bay kauri received phosphite injections to help suppress the pathogen and boost the tree’s natural defences. Another round will be done later this year. However, the tree might not survive, he said.

“The health of the tree has declined significantly over the past 12 months. Phosphite is not a cure, but a treatment that can help with long-term survival if it’s done early enough. All we can do is try to prolong the tree’s life and stop further spread of PA.”

*Phytophthora agathidicida* can survive in soil for more than eight years, and it can take years to decades for an infected tree to show visible symptoms.

At Long Bay Kauri Walk, wooden boardwalks, rails and gravel substrate were installed to protect kauri roots. Neighbouring farmland was fenced to keep stock out and a cleaning station installed at the site entrance with kauri hygiene and educational signage.

Waikato Regional Council Chair Warren Maher said the most important thing people could do to help protect the remaining kauri in the reserve was stay on the tracks, respect the barriers, and arrive and leave with clean footwear.

“Protecting kauri is a major regional and national priority – and a responsibility we all share,” he said.

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# On the Land

## When calves require IV fluids



By Dr Danielle Thomson BVSc (Dist.)

Nothing can ruin a glorious day on farm like walking into a pen full of sick calves, especially when they were fine the day before!

There are numerous pathogens which can cause scouring in calves – multiple viruses, protozoa and bacteria. Diagnosis relies on isolating these organisms through samples sent to the lab. Depending on the culprit, there may be specific treatments that speed up recovery and prevent spread.

Diagnosing the cause is extremely important when making decisions for the rest of the mob; however, it isn't particularly helpful for a calf that is already in distress and requires immediate treatment. So, what can we do for these animals?

Calves with scours can become dehydrated very quickly. This leads to a decrease in blood volume, poor circulation and, ultimately, multiple organ failure due to inadequate tissue perfu-

sion. Correcting dehydration is therefore the immediate priority. Assessing the degree of dehydration is crucial in determining what treatment is required. Any calf that is weak, has a notable gap between its eyeball and socket, skin that stays tented for more than 10 seconds when pinched, and tacky or dry gums is severely dehydrated. Just like people in this situation, these calves require IV fluids.

Setting up a sick calf on a drip is relatively straightforward. A needle or catheter can be placed in the leg or jugular, and a bag of fluid run in over about 20 minutes. This rapidly improves blood volume and circulation. Importantly, these fluids also contain essential additives that correct electrolyte imbalances, restore acid-base balance and provide energy.

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# Headaches turn deadly for teen



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** explores our local history by seeking out stories of life and death in the Thames Valley

Sixteen-year-old Norman Holmes had ridden out to Katikati from Waihi on his bike on a September Sunday in 1908. On the ride back, while biking up a hill, he felt a peculiar sensation in his head and once he was home complained of a headache which felt like a blow to his forehead. Two years previously, Norman had suffered from a slight sunstroke which perhaps had something to do with these similar symptoms. Norman lived with his parents, Robert and Selina, and three siblings in Seddon St. His father was an Irishman who had come to New Zealand as a lad. After leaving school he worked as a storekeeper at Newtown, Wellington. He married Selina, an Englishwoman, in 1889, and their first three children were born in Wellington. The family moved to Waihi in the mid 1890s, Robert becoming manager of one of the first general stores there before taking over the business. Robert also became one of Waihi's JPs. Norman was born in Waihi and now worked as an assistant in his father's store. He was exceptionally strong for his age, six feet tall and a member of the cadet corps – a programme to prepare boys for military service which trained them in marching, shooting practice, and bayonet use. On Monday, Norman went about his work as usual but while lifting a sack of oats



Seddon Street, Waihi, early 1900s. SUPPLIED

he felt a sudden rush of blood to his head. On Tuesday he got through a heavy round of work with no trouble. The next morning, though, after feeding the horses and kicking a football about, he went into the house complaining again of a bad headache. Shortly afterwards he vomited violently, later lapsing into unconsciousness. Dr Robertson was summoned and prescribed something medicinal but Norman remained unresponsive. Doctors Robertson and Craig returned to the house later and stayed with Norman but he died that afternoon. The news of his death was received with great sadness at Waihi District High School, as well as the homes of others who knew him. As a mark of sympathy the school flag was lowered to half-mast. Sunstroke at the time was a broad diagnosis used to explain a number of conditions. It was understood that the sun's UV rays were the dangerous ones, thought to pass through anything except a colour filter. In order to ward off sunstroke, the advice was to treat the body as a photographer treated his plates and surround it with red or yellow. An Egyptian army officer had evidently effectively protected himself this way by lining his helmet and coat with yellow. Despite the suspicion that a prior sunstroke had something to do with Norman's demise, it was found that he had died from a brain haemorrhage brought on by the strain resulting from vomiting. Norman, a promising young fellow and popular among the district's young people, is buried at Waihi cemetery.

## Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminster

1. According to the nursery rhyme, where does the 'Muffin Man' live?
2. In the TV series *The Simpsons*, what are the names of Marge Simpson's twin sisters?
3. In July, which former TV presenter announced they would be standing for the ACT Party in this year's elections: a) Hillary Barry, b) Suzy Cato, or c) Paul Henry?
4. Which music festival announced in July that 2026 will be the last year that it would be held in Gisborne: a) Rhythm and Alps, b) Rhythm and Vines, or c) Big Day Out?
5. Which internet personality got married in July this year? a) Mr Beast, b) Charli D'Amelio, or c) Logan Paul?
6. Sean McCann won gold for the UK in swimming at the recent Commonwealth Games. What is the name of his famous older sister?

7. How many angles in a scalene triangle are the same? a) 0, b) 2, or c) 3?
8. Oprah Winfrey was born with what first name? a) Harpo, b) Oprah, or c) Orpah?
9. Which sport is played at Seddon Park in Hamilton: a) Cricket, b) rugby league, or c) rugby union?
10. The artwork pictured above featuring a set of stairs where the usual laws of gravity do not apply, is by which artist? a) Salvatore Dali, b) M.C Escher or c) Pablo Picasso?



ANSWERS: 1. Drury Lane; 2. Patty and Selma; 3. c) Paul Henry; 4. b) Rhythm and Vines; 5. a) Mr Beast; 6. Madeleine McCann; 7. a) 0; 8. c) Orpah; 9. a) Cricket; 10. b) M.C. Escher.

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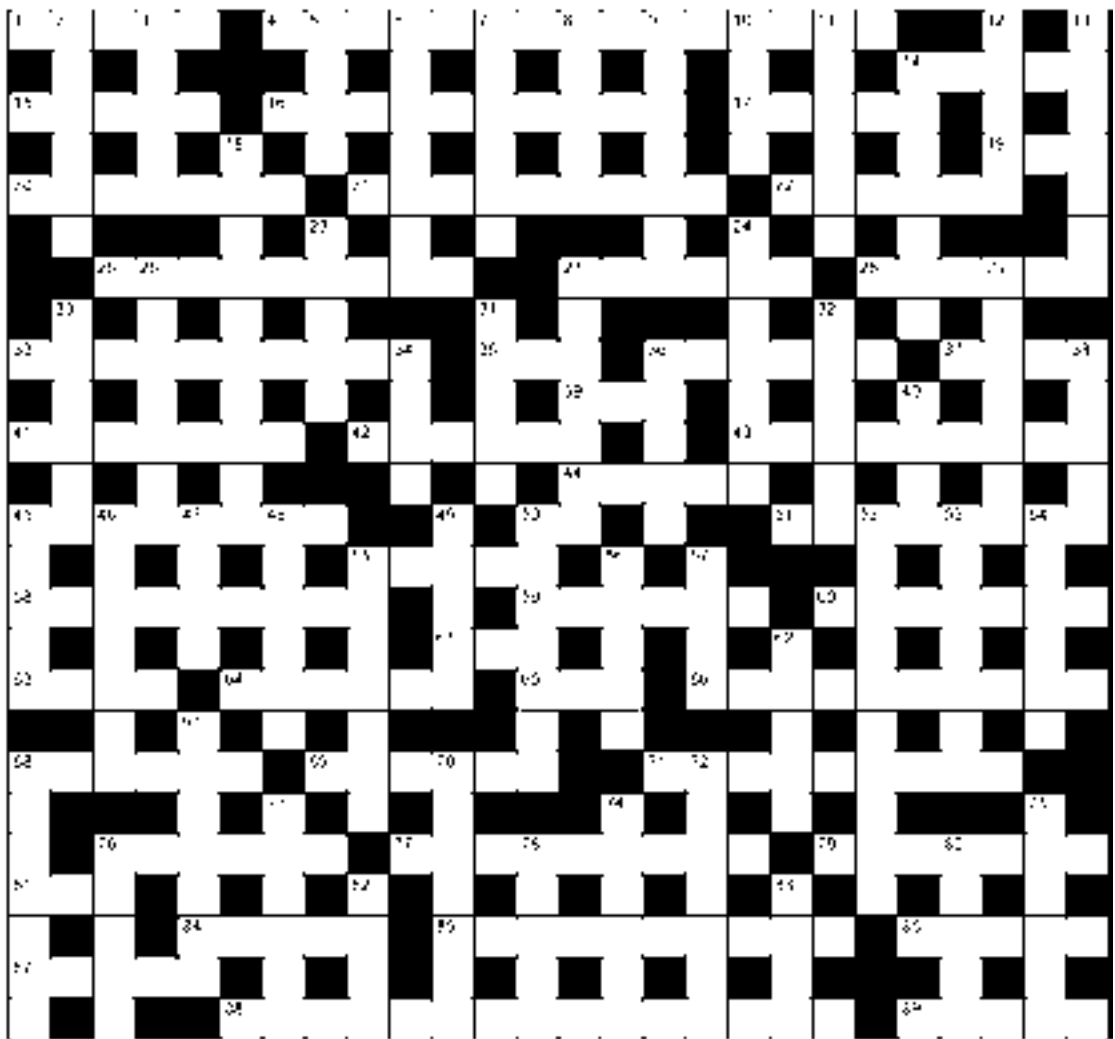
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17 Unit of capacity (5)  
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20 Cul-de-sac (4,3)  
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58 Australian tree with edible nuts (9)  
59 Captain (6)  
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61 By (3)  
63 Corrosive liquid (4)  
64 Immediately (2,4)  
65 Flushed (3)  
66 Boundaries (10)  
68 Big gun (6)  
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71 Temporarily seized by legal authority (9)  
76 Scientific study of plants (6)  
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2 Drop rubbish (6)  
3 Lose blood (5)  
5 Speaker's platform (4)  
6 Subjugate (7)  
7 Brings upon oneself (6)  
8 Screw (5)  
9 With keenness (7)  
10 Peaceful (4)  
11 Reach (6)  
12 Fear attack (5)  
13 Old hand (7)  
14 Rumour (7)  
18 Not seen (10)  
23 Muscle seizure (5)  
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30 Protruding belly (6)  
31 Narrow band (5)  
32 Oddball (6)  
34 Civil disorder (4)  
36 Romany (5)  
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40 Seep out (4)  
45 Brazilian dance (5)  
46 Noisy or quarrelsome disturbance (7)  
47 Extinct bird (4)  
48 Feeling of hostility (6)  
49 Strainer (5)  
50 Magnify (7)  
52 Decorative (10)  
53 Gleeful chuckle (7)  
54 Make fast (6)  
55 Colourful arch (7)  
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# Lifeguards: Missing rescue equipment could put lives at risk

Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services is asking the community to help protect lifesaving equipment after two public rescue buoys and a rope were removed from local beach safety stations, including at Anzac Bay.

Public Rescue Equipment, known as PRE, is installed at key locations along the coastline from Waihi Beach to Bowentown and Anzac Bay so members of the public can provide flotation support during a water emergency, particularly when beaches are unpatrolled. Removing a buoy or rope may seem harmless, but it could leave someone without access to critical rescue equipment when every second counts.

The equipment has already demonstrated its value, the club said. In February, just 60 days after a rescue buoy was installed at Anzac Bay, off-duty surf lifeguard Josh Coombridge used it to assist an older swimmer in difficulty. Two other people attempting to help were also being drawn towards the channel, and the buoy provided vital flotation support while Josh helped all three return safely to shore.

Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services asks people to leave the equipment in place and talk to young people about its purpose and the potentially devastating consequences if it is missing when needed.

"We need the public's help. Please report anything missing or damaged to Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services. We encourage anyone who knows where the missing items are to return them to the club, no questions asked," club chair Donna Pfefferle said.

"Each rescue buoy costs the club around \$140 to replace. As a charitable organisation, every dollar spent replacing missing equipment is a dollar that cannot be spent supporting our volunteer lifesaving service. These rescue buoys are specially designed for Surf Life Saving New Zealand and have very little practical use outside of a water rescue emergency."

To make a report, the club recommends using WhatsApp or texting details of the missing or damaged items, the location, and a photo to 027 863 5108 or emailing [info@waihibelifeguards.co.nz](mailto:info@waihibelifeguards.co.nz).

Replacement equipment is currently being arranged.

## SPORTS

### FOOTBALL

With Thames Men Firsts and Women's games cancelled, attention turned to Thames Men Reserves, who ran out 3-2 winners in a pivotal derby clash against Hauraki Plains at Rhodes Park on Saturday.

The contest began in spirited fashion, with the clubs' geographical proximity and the players' familiarity with one another adding extra edge to the encounter.

Both sides enjoyed half-chances in the opening period, with Cam Loft in the Thames goal showing steady hands and good anticipation to smother attacks.

The deadlock was eventually broken just before the break. Thomas Hayward pressed the Hauraki backline into a mistake, breaking down the left before delivering a cross into the box. Club top scorer Jake Hudson reacted first, teeing the ball up before volleying in from close range for 1-0.

Thames doubled their lead just minutes into the second half. Two ex-Hauraki Plains players combined, as Liam Gordon offloaded to Neil Hope, who meandered forward before unleashing a powerful shot that found the net.

The visitors responded quickly, pulling one back when a long free-kick into the box found Steve Seth, who placed a volley into the far corner.

Chances started to flow as Hudson broke down the left and set Alex Langton up in the box, but his shot



Jake Hudson scores a double for Thames in a 3-2 win. Photo: MARK BROWN

was tipped over well by Matt Vendt. Gordon and Hope both forced further saves with long-range efforts as Thames started to control proceedings. The spell of pressure paid off as Hudson added a third with a low, left-footed drive that sneaked in at the near post.

The game finished with a flourish of drama as Hauraki left their mark with a sending-off for veteran defender Philip Higson before Duran Weaver-Smith curled in a brilliant free-kick to sign off an entertaining derby. Despite the win, Thames Reserves miss out on the promotion playoffs on goal-difference, coming up just two short.

"It was a great way to finish this stage of the season with another win against our local rivals," coach Alex Langton said. "It's a shame not to be able to fight for promotion, but you can be sure the boys will be back next season with even more fight."

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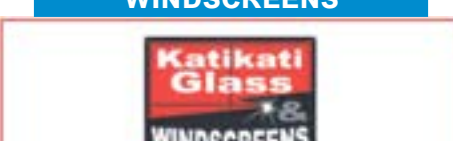
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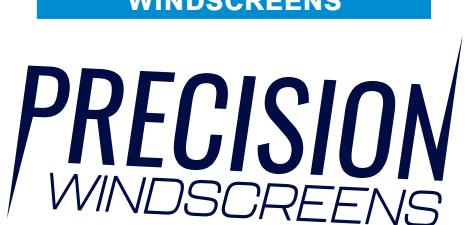
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By MICHAEL WILKES

When I was younger, a mate and I decided we were going to run a half marathon. We figured we should probably get some training in, so we went for a 12-kilometre run one afternoon. It went okay. Bit of a sweat, but manageable. So naturally, we decided we were ready for the big one — a full marathon. Race day came. We lined up, confident, buzzing, feeling like elite athletes. The starting gun fired, and off we shot like we were chasing gold. Five minutes in, my mate got a stitch and dropped back to a walk. I kept going, but not long after, a man in his 80s cruised past me and said, "You're not gonna let an old timer like me beat you, are ya?" It was brutal. I dragged myself over the finish line with a bang-average time, collapsed, wrecked my arches, developed shin splints, and had to get orthotics. All because we thought we could just try harder and it would be sweet. The goal wasn't impossible. But we had the wrong mindset. We thought effort alone could carry us. But growth doesn't come

from trying harder. It comes from training. Trying harder gives you a short burst. Training builds something lasting. These days, I run pretty regularly. I'm not training for a marathon, but honestly, if I had to run one now, I'd be much more prepared. Not because I'd push harder — but because I've built the strength, slowly, over time. It's the same with anything in life. You've got a dream? A goal? A type of person you want to become? Don't just grit your teeth and push. Build habits. Find a rhythm. Introduce practice. That's where change happens — in the repeat, not the rush. Practice grows confidence. Training builds resilience. So ask yourself: what's something you want to grow in right now? Then ask: what's a small thing I can practice today? Because you don't get better by accident. You get better by showing up — again and again.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Albi and the Wolves to perform

Hot on the back of their European tour, Albi and the Wolves bring their foot tapping eclectic folk music to the Kauaeranga Hall on August 16 at 3pm. Albi & The Wolves set fire to stages and fill hearts with hope with their energetic and relatable alternative indie folk songs. Chris Dent, the proud albino frontman Albi, Pascal Roggen, and Micheal Young have crafted a stage show that's brimming with energy and moments to pause for reflection. The band has a huge sound that is simply created by an acoustic guitar, electric violin, double bass and their voices. Since 2014 they have gone from strength to strength touring in Australia, New Zealand and Rarotonga and in 2018 they took home the Best Folk Artist Award at the NZVMA's. What makes the band special is the sense of community that follows them everywhere they go so whether it's connection through dance, laughter, or singing audiences feel radiant after shows and keep coming back for more..



### Pet Profile

### Sweet Sienna is a true cuddle bug

Meet Sienna, a gorgeous cream-coloured mixed-breed puppy who is just under four months old and waiting patiently for her forever family. All of Sienna's siblings have now been adopted, leaving this sweet girl on her own. She has already had a wonderful introduction to family life, spending time in a loving foster home where she thrived. Her toilet training was started, and she became accustomed to the sights, sounds and routines of everyday home life. Sienna is a true cuddle bug who loves being close to her people. She particularly enjoys snuggling in for hugs and has formed a lovely friendship with her Pug foster sibling, happily playing together before curling up side by side. She has also adored spending time with the young boy in her foster home, showing herself to be gentle, patient and affectionate around children. Sienna is a wonderfully quiet girl, rarely barks, and is already learning to walk nicely



on a lead. She can be a little observant in new surroundings, but with someone she trusts close by, she takes everything in her stride. Sienna is desexed, vaccinated and microchipped. If you think she could be your perfect match, contact Thames SPCA to arrange a meeting. DETAILS: More info: [www.sPCA.nz/adopt/animal/669345/puppy-sienna-thames](http://www.sPCA.nz/adopt/animal/669345/puppy-sienna-thames).



Mangatawhiri 262f Pinnacle Hill Road

Designed for memorable family moments

Set high above the surrounding countryside, this exceptional property enjoys sweeping rural views from a beautifully designed 279.8sqm (more or less) home featuring four bedrooms, an office, two bathrooms, underfloor heating, spacious living areas, and a quality kitchen with stone benchtops, a generous island, and scullery. Set on 1.34 hectares (more or less), the property also includes a separate private two-bedroom dwelling, a swimming pool, generous outdoor entertaining areas, and a substantial three-bay shed. Sought-after Mangatawhiri location, approximately 20 minutes to the Bombay motorway interchange, 30 minutes to Pukekohe, 40 minutes to Auckland Airport, and 55 minutes to Hamilton.

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Ngatea 168b Bush Road

Enjoy more space without giving up convenience

Blending timeless appeal with modern comfort, this beautifully presented 204sqm (more or less) home is designed for relaxed family living. The layout features four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a dedicated office, spacious open-plan living, a separate lounge, and a generous country-style kitchen. A cosy window seat captures the rural outlook, while the 6,742sqm (more or less) grounds provides space for children to grow up alongside the family pets, creating lasting memories for years to come. With the Thames Coast nearby for fishing and boating, and the Coromandel Peninsula within easy reach for family beach days, this location is perfectly placed to enjoy the outdoors.

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6,742<sub>sqm</sub> 4 3

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**Te Kauwhata** 50 Swan Road

**A place where family life takes centre stage**

Discover a lifestyle property in Te Kauwhata offering generous proportions, contemporary comfort, and convenience. This 312sqm (more or less) family home features four bedrooms, including a spacious master with ensuite, two large living areas, and a family bathroom. Large windows fill the home with natural light and capture rural views. Opposite Waikare Golf Club, with Lake Waikare and the Waikato River nearby, enjoy boating, fishing, walking, and cycling. Local schools, shops, cafés, and New World are close by, while Pukekohe (30 mins), Bombay (27 mins), Hamilton (40 mins), and Auckland's southern suburbs (around 1 hour) are all within easy reach.

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5,010 sqm 4 2

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**Waiterimu** 96 Mangapiko Valley Road

**Elevated modern living with expansive rural views**

From the moment you arrive, the elevated outlook and clean architectural lines set the tone for this thoughtfully designed lifestyle property. The contemporary 327sqm (more or less) home has been designed to capture expansive rural views, with generous open-plan living flowing seamlessly to the outdoors. At its heart, the designer kitchen features a large island bench and scullery, while the spacious living area opens to an expansive deck for entertaining. The master suite includes two walk-in wardrobes, an ensuite, and deck access to the spa pool. Established grounds and shelter planting provide privacy, while the location offers easy access to Te Kauwhata, Morrinsville, and Hamilton.

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5,815 sqm 5 2 4

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Whitianga 12-14 Bryce Street

Where to from here?

- 1,622sqm (more or less) across two freehold titles
- Existing backpacker accommodation layout with owner's residence
- Commercial and mixed-use zoning offering future flexibility
- Prime Whitianga CBD location near shops, cafés, marina and waterfront

Returning to the market, this substantial accommodation property offers existing infrastructure and endless potential. Re-establish accommodation, provide staff or contractor housing, or explore alternative residential or commercial uses (subject to any required consents). Secure the foundations and decide where they go next.

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1,622sqm 430sqm

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Artist's impression

Whangamata 105A Lindsay Road

Brand new units in Whangamata

- Secure a brand-new unit before completion
- High-spec industrial and commercial design
- Located in a tightly held industrial precinct

Construction is set to begin on Whangamatā's newest industrial and commercial hub, offering the opportunity to secure a brand-new warehouse or commercial premises before completion. Designed for owner-occupiers and investors alike, these high-spec units will provide modern, functional space in a tightly held industrial location with limited future supply.

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3,032sqm

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7 The Esplanade,  
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SPORTS

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# One final roar

Hauraki supporters cheered from the sidelines at Davies Park in Huntly for the Waikato Rugby League 2026 Senior A Grand Final on August 8. That's when the Hauraki Tigers faced the Tahaaroa Steelers for their last game of the season, with the Steelers taking the win with a score of 36-26. "It wasn't our day today, but making it to the Grand Final is an achievement our boys should be proud of," the Hauraki Tigers said.

"To every Tigers supporter who filled the sidelines, made the noise, wore the black and gold and backed our boys right until the final whistle - thank you. The support our team has received throughout this season has been incredible, and today showed just how strong the Tigers whānau really is. Win or lose, we stand together." Reporter **DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA** witnessed the final clash.



Rimu Alexander boots the ball.



Riva Keith storms through.



Ezekiel Judd flies through with a try for Hauraki.

Photos: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA



Ezekiel Judd charges.



Kaleb Paraku shoots the gap.



Sonny Baggs holds off his opponent.



Moses Tuivoavoa leaves them all behind.



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