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Kōpū still waits for big catch

Kōpū's \$15.3m marine precinct has landed a smaller catch than expected, reeling in about \$83,000 in user fees during its first full financial year. KELLEY TANTAU reports

The marine servicing and business precinct was officially opened in June, 2024, with the project billed as a major boost for the region's marine servicing and aquaculture industries.

A 2019 business case forecast a net revenue of \$314,242 for the 2025/26 financial year - but revenue from user fees and charges across the entire precinct during 2025/26 was only around \$83,000.

Thames-Coromandel District Council said when the facility was go-

ing through its planning phases seven years ago, the forecasts for usage and revenue from user fees and charges were higher than what had so far materialised.

It attributed the shortfall to a national economic slowdown, compounded by high losses of mussel spat during the early stages of mussel farming, which had impacted local aquaculture operators.

"The commercial sector has been slower to pick up," a council spokes-

person told *The Profile*, "but the investment in the infrastructure is a long-term proposition and we're continuing to look at attracting new commercial customers."

The precinct includes an 80-metre commercial wharf and floating pontoon for in-water vessel servicing and loading, a haul-out area, commercial slipway, recreational boat ramp, and trailer parking.

Council said recreational boat ramp use had increased by around 300 per

cent since the facility's opening year, largely due to an awareness and promotional campaign also directed at the commercial sector.

The commercial facilities, however, have not attracted the level of activity originally anticipated, and Mayor Peter Revell told *The Profile* council was now looking more closely at why the precinct had fallen short of its original projections.

"I have actually requested a report

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Kōpū's \$15.3m marine precinct has netted only \$83,000 in user fees during its first full financial year. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

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Decapitated dolphin found on Coro beach

A decapitated dolphin has been found on a Coromandel beach, prompting Department of Conservation (DOC) staff to call for information from the public.

DOC Principal Investigation Officer Hayden Loper said 0800 DOC HOT received two calls about the remains of the animal which were found on the beach at Pauanui on September 7.

Although the animal had begun to decompose, initial assessment suggests the animal's head had been removed with some sort of tool or implement.

It's thought the decapitation occurred before the animal washed up on the beach.

DOC's marine scientists believe the animal could be a bottlenose dolphin – a species fully protected under the Marine Mammals Act 1978.

It is an offence to take or possess any part of a marine mam-

mal without a permit from DOC.

A sample has been sent for genetic testing to confirm the species.

"We are asking anyone who saw what happened to this dolphin to come forward," Hayden said.

"Pauanui is a small but busy settlement with a popular beach, so we're hopeful someone can provide us with information which may lead us to whoever is responsible."

Hayden said DOC staff were interested in information such as descriptions of people, vehicles or vessels, as well as times and locations of any behaviour potentially connected to the decapitation of the animal.

Anyone with information on the dolphin is urged to call 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468), or email compliance@doc.govt.nz, and quote CLE-12503.

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or a review of where things are at in terms of just helping us understand why it's not meeting the expectations of the business plan," he said. "I'm expecting sometime in the next six weeks, staff will give us a bit of insight so we can understand what it is that could be done, or if it's just a case of it being a slower take-off than what was expected."

When the facility opened in 2024, the project was described as having the potential to attract fleets from as far afield as Auckland, Whangārei, Waikato, and the Bay of Plenty for servicing and in-water maintenance.

At its opening, Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters said the precinct would support local industries, increase access to Waikato's natural resources, and create enduring employment opportunities.

It was also expected to generate up to \$58.5m in economic returns over 30 years and act as a catalyst for up to 100 new jobs in aquaculture, light engineering, and secondary services.

The majority of the project's \$15.3m cost was funded externally, including an \$8.2m grant from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Kanoa - Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit. A further \$4.05m came from Three Waters Reform "better off" funding, with \$1.4m from the Thames Community Board's Thames Urban General-Purpose Reserve and further contributions from Waikato Regional Council's Regional Fund and council's roading budget.

Mayor Revell said he believed the council's \$1.4m contribution was still money well spent, saying it was necessary to unlock the government funding. "The \$1.4m dollars has got us a \$15.3m dollar facility... so it's not like the \$1.4m is money down the drain," he said. "We've actually got something for it."

Council said the infrastructure had an expected lifespan of at least 50 years, and it expected commercial revenue to trend slightly upwards following increases to fees and charges as part of the 2026/27 Annual Plan.

Fees and charges for council's charged services increased by about 13 per cent across the board under a user-pays approach intended to keep rates increases as low as possible.

"Revenue from boat ramp and wharf fees stays in the local area to help pay for maintenance and operations," council said.

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To determine tide times at the following places, add (+) or subtract (-) the given time difference from the Thames times listed in the calendar.

PLACE	Hr	HIGH	Mn	LOW	Mn
Coromandel	-0	05	-0	04	
Whitianga	-0	01	-0	06	
Tairua	+0	10	+0	20	
Whangamatā	-0	03	-0	06	
Waihi Beach	-0	21	-0	16	

Rugby rivalry highlights historic conflict

By ALICE PARMINTER

The All Blacks' recent South African tour may have been dubbed "Rugby's Greatest Rivalry" by sports commentators, but Hauraki historians are more interested in the two countries' original conflict.

To commemorate the rugby tour, seven year-11 and -12 students from Hauraki Plains College developed an exhibit diving into New Zealand's involvement with the Boer War of 1899.

The exhibit covers a series of events over the course of around two months, centred around the tiny town of Colesberg. It looks at topics including New Zealand's local volunteer contingents; Walter Callaway, a Coromandel man who is widely credited as the first Māori to serve in the South African War; Colesberg's links to New Zealand; and more.

Colesberg could be considered the "cradle" of the Anzac story, historian Mike Dwight said. As well as being the site of New Zealand's first overseas battlefield, it was also the place where New Zealanders and Australians first fought alongside each other. Of the 214 men sent from New Zealand to fight, 14 were from the Coromandel and Hauraki Plains area.

A hill in Colesberg still bears the name New Zealand Hill in commemoration of a battle fought there in 1900.

"As you start digging into this history, you start realis-



Hauraki District Mayor Toby Adams meets the students who created the exhibit. An identical exhibit has been sent to Colesberg, South Africa, for display there. Photos: ALICE PARMINTER

ing the connectivity... there's a shared history, and we're connected more than you think," Mike said.

"That's the thing that's excited me, as an immigrant."

Mike said the All Blacks tour, which involved four test matches against the Springboks from August 7 to September 12, was the ideal time to delve into the two countries' shared history.

"There was no official record written of New Zealand in South Africa until 1948... I've

seen it called New Zealand's Forgotten War," he said.

"It's probably time that it's no longer forgotten."

The students' original exhibition has been sent to the Colesberg Museum for display, with a replica display placed on show at the Hauraki Plains Library in Ngatea.

"It's really exciting having something that we made by hand being overseas and seen by a bunch of people," the students said.

"It was a good experience to get into the field of history and open [our] eyes about what else is hidden in the Hauraki Plains."

A second, related, exhibit is also on display at Paeroa Library, with contributions from Karangahake School students. This one tells the story of Karangahake miner George Bradford, who fought in the Boer War and subsequently became the first New Zealand prisoner of war and overseas casualty.



Historian Mike Dwight.



A related exhibit in Paeroa Library.



The students' exhibit is a replica of the one sent to Colesberg.

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Small boy ‘has fun’ in Paeroa



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** searches through old newspapers to bring you the stories Thames Valley locals once read about themselves.

1891

The perils of Paeroa were illuminated when a mother sent her small boy there and after a week of anxiety received this letter – “I got here all right, and forgot to write before; it is a very nice place to have fun. A fellow and I went out in a boat, and the boat tipped over, and a man got me out, and I was so full of water I didn’t know nothing for a long while. The other boy is got to be buried – after they find him. His mother came down and she cries all the time. A horse kicked me over; and I have some money to pay a doctor for caring for my head. We are going to set an old barn on fire tonight, and I expect we shall have fun. I lost my watch, and I’m very sorry”.

Meanwhile, the Thames Master Butchers’ Association proceeded to Tapu on an excursion by the *SS Argyle* intending to return to Thames at 6pm. When that hour arrived, however, it was found impossible to get on board the steamer due to the roughness of the water. The steamer was delayed until the next morning; although many of the excursionists walked back to Thames that evening and vehicles were sent to Tapu bring others back.

The Waitakaruru Hot Springs and Coal Syndicate made an excursion by the *SS Ohinemuri* to view the coal seam and hot springs near Miranda. An early start was made for the coal seam which was uncov-



Sketches of Paeroa, 1890s. Image: SUPPLIED

ered in several places. The coal quality in the opinion of experts was excellent. At the hot springs several of the party enjoyed a bathe after which all partook of an excellent luncheon under the trees. After lunch, toasts were made to the success of the venture of the district. After several other toasts and speeches the party proceeded back to the steamer for Thames. Among those present at the Waitakaruru expedition was Josiah Martin, photographer. He took some photographic sketches of the locality of the coal outcrop, the hot springs, and a portrait of the chief Pokai.

Hikutāia went under water when heavy rain set in with unabated vigour accompanied by a gale of almost hurricane force. One thousand logs came down the river which had risen to a great height and the village was a vast sheet of water, about two feet of it flooding Corbett’s and Steven’s Hotels.

It was feared that if any more logs came down the big bridge which had recently been strengthened would be carried away as the force of the river and the weight of the logs already down had given the bridge a little twist. Mr Alley lost his large turnip field, which had promised to be an exceedingly good crop.

Chris’ Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. True or false: 96 per cent of adults can tell the difference between cold water being poured and boiling water being poured, by sound alone?
2. At the 2026 FIFA world cup, Norway fans in the stands went viral for what action in support of their team: a) Thunder Stomp, b) Viking Row, or c) Viking Wave?
3. The Bronze Age began around 3300 BCE when people learned to make bronze, by mixing copper with which other metal? a) Iron, b) nickel, or c) tin?
4. In August 2026 it was announced Mark Zuckerberg and his wife Priscilla Chan purchased what: a) A Dutch windmill, b) an Irish castle, or c) a Swiss bunker?
5. Which sequel movie holds the record for the longest period of time between the original and the sequel: a) *Bambi II* (2006), b) *The Godfather Part III* (1990), or c) *Top*

Gun: Maverick (2022)?

6. Which fictional character is the narrator and the main protagonist of the drama series *Sex and the City*: a) Carrie Bradshaw, b) Charlotte York, or c) Samantha Jones?
7. In which Waikato town would you find the local landmark known as ‘Wellington Street Beach’: a) Hamilton, b) Raglan, or c) Whangamatā?
8. Since 2018, artist Kanye West has gone by which shortened version of his name? a) Kan, b) Ye, or c) West?
9. Which New Zealand rower is named after the largest island in the Seychelles: a) Arie Magasiva, b) Isla Blake, or c) Mahé Drysdale?
10. A small convenience store that we would call a dairy in New Zealand, usually goes by what name in Australia: a) Milk Bar, b) Quickiemart, or c) Tuck Shop?

ANSWERS: 1. True; 2. b) Viking Row; 3. c) Tin; 4. b) An Irish castle; 5. a) *Bambi II* (2006) - 64 years after the original 1942 movie; 6. a) Carrie Bradshaw; 7. a) Hamilton; 8. b) Ye; 9. c) Mahé Drysdale; 10. a) Milk Bar.

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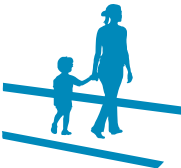
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Storm damage and making sure we're ready for next time

The big weather events over the last few years have done serious damage to our infrastructure. We're fixing what's broken and strengthening things, so our communities are better protected.

Our focus this year

It's about maintaining essential core services, improving safety, and ensuring that we can meet the true cost of keeping our infrastructure working properly. We're focused on keeping Hauraki running responsibly, not spending on things that can wait.

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Audit flags unsafe chemicals at water plants

By ALICE PARMINTER

Chemical storage issues at Hauraki District Council’s water treatment plants will cost just over \$141,000 to fix, councillors have been told.

Councillors were presented with a report at their September 9 meeting, outlining several “high-priority hazardous substance items” needing to be addressed at the Kerepēhi and Waihi water treatment plants, and Waihi wastewater treatment plants.

The problems were identified during a compliance audit in June, which was carried out by a different company than in previous cycles.

“The assessment found compliance issues relating mainly to chemical separation, fire-rated barriers, vapour sealing and secondary containment,” the report read.

The council has subsequently been issued with an order from Worksafe NZ to fix the issues.

Group manager of service delivery, Adrian de Laborde, told councillors he was disappointed the problem hadn’t been picked up by previous auditors.

“The fact that it’s been designed by the experts and it’s been audited every year, we assumed that it was safe,” he said.

“The fact that it’s been designed by the experts and it’s been audited every year, we assumed that it was safe.”

- Toby Adams

However, mayor Toby Adams said he was grateful that the issue had been flagged, for the sake of staff safety.

“We’re actually grateful that we’ve changed to a different auditor who’s actually picked up potential hazards,” he said.

The issues will be addressed through targeted building and coating works, to ensure chemicals at each site are correctly contained and separated.

Meanwhile, councillors also heard that the single-lane Ramarama Stream Bridge is due to be replaced by a two-lane bridge, with construction beginning in September, 2027. The nearly century-old bridge, just north of Whiria on State Highway 25, currently sees around 2500 vehicles a day, 13 per cent of which are heavy vehicles.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency will be building the new \$10 million bridge alongside the current one to minimise disruption during construction.

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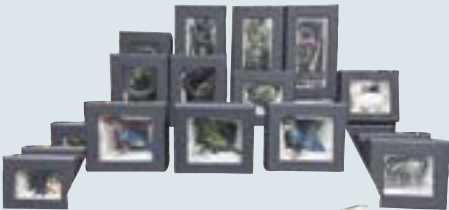
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Lomu (107 mins) E. A Tongan/Kiwi warrior who could run 100 metres in under 11 seconds. The youngest All Black to put on the jersey and who still holds the record for the most tries scored in World Cup history.

H is for Hawk **ENCORE (119 mins)** M. After losing her father, Helen finds herself saved by a friendship with a stubborn hawk named Mabel. Through the bond, Helen rediscovers the beauty of being alive.

De Gaulle: Liberté (157 mins) R13. Part II to De Gaulle: Tilting Iron. Resistance fighters, students and soldiers rise up in England, France and Africa to join the cause of evicting the Nazis from France. Their faith, audacity and thirst for freedom defy what history seemed to have written in advance.

School Holidays: Forgotten Island A dazzling story about two friends who must come together before they drift apart; **Shaun the sheep: The beast of Mossy Bottom**; Sees the residents of Mossy Bottom Farm looking forward to Halloween - until the clumsy farmer trashes the flock’s beloved pumpkin patch.

Heart of the Beast starring Brad Pitt. An intense adventure thriller that explores the unbreakable bond between a man and his best friend. Filmed in the South Island, as a stand-in for Alaska. **Digger** The most powerful man in the world seeks to prove he’s humanity’s saviour before disaster destroys everything.

Community quiz: Q. Is the cinema for sale or lease? **A. No** - it’s just the empty building behind the mural. :-)



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Exhibition highlights efforts to protect and restore Hauraki Gulf

Waikato Regional Council and the Department of Conservation are encouraging people to learn about the challenges facing the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana and actions underway to protect and restore one of New Zealand's most important marine ecosystems.

The Living Gulf: From Threats to Recovery exhibition, on display at Mercury Bay Museum until December 5, highlights marine biosecurity and marine protection areas as part of efforts to help improve the health of the Hauraki Gulf.

The exhibition includes information boards, video, interactive touchscreen displays and marine biosecurity specimens.

Covering more than 1.2 million hectares, the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park supports an extraordinary diversity of marine habitats and species, including kelp forests, shellfish beds, seagrass meadows, fish species, marine mammals and internationally significant seabird populations.

The Department of Conservation (DOC) said the Gulf supported recreation, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture and the wellbeing of tangata whenua and coastal communities.

However, like many marine environments around New Zealand, its health has declined over time due to increasing pressures from both land and sea-based activities.

Marine biosecurity helps prevent invasive marine pests from damaging habitats, displacing native species and affecting fisheries, aquaculture, recreation and cultural values.

Waikato Regional Council's dive surveillance programme supports early pest detection and timely management responses.

Marine protected areas help protect and restore biodiversity by reducing pressures from human activities on vulnerable species and habitats.

DOC manages these areas and is tracking the effectiveness of different types of protection through an ongoing programme of monitoring via diving and underwater cameras.

"The Hauraki Gulf is an iconic marine



DOC says the Gulf supports recreation, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture. File Photo

environment that supports remarkable biodiversity and holds deep cultural significance," DOC Marine Community Ranger Rosa Hunt said.

"While the ecosystem is under strain, we're also seeing positive signs of recovery. For example, in some areas large predators such as kōura (crayfish) and tāmure (snapper) are rebounding and keeping urchin populations down. This is leading to healthier kelp forests which rebalances the ecosystem."

Waikato Regional Council Marine Biosecurity Officer Dave Pickering said preventing invasive marine pests from establishing was one of the most effective ways to help protect the Hauraki Gulf.

"Through ongoing surveillance and monitoring, we're helping safeguard the native species, habitats and values of this special marine environment," he said.

The exhibition also highlights the importance of collective action in protecting the Gulf.

"Protecting the Hauraki Gulf is something we all have a role in. Whether you're boating, fishing, diving, swimming or exploring the coast, there are simple actions you can take to help protect the Hauraki Gulf."

DETAILS: *The Living Gulf: From Threats to Recovery*, Mercury Bay Museum, Whitianga, September 5 to December 5; Presented by: Mercury Bay Museum in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Waikato Regional Council.



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On the Land

End of an era for Kauri 2000

By KELLEY TANTAU

The Kauri 2000 Trust has concluded its 25-year planting programme, with its records now being preserved at The Treasury in Thames.

Trust chair Alison Henry and long-time trustee Jill Kaeppli handed the records to Coromandel Heritage Trust president Geraldine Dunwoodie for placement in the archives, where they will be safely preserved in a controlled environment and available to the public.

“Our records add to the story of kauri on the Coromandel, and it is ideal to have this information in one place where it can be professionally cared for,” Alison said.

“Having our planting records at The Treasury means our 25 years of hard but rewarding work will never be lost.”

Kauri 2000 was a long-term initiative aimed at restoring substantial kauri forests on public conservation land in the Coromandel Peninsula that were lost to milling in the early 1800s.

The original target soon grew as the project received support from thousands of individuals both in New Zealand and globally. Donations came from New Zealand and overseas, BNZ Markets provided sponsorship, and hundreds of volunteers and school students helped the trust plant more than 55,000 kauri across the peninsula over the next 25 years. The charitable trust was established with Dame Cath Tizard as patron, supported by guidance from forestry and conservation experts.

The trust has now concluded its planting programme, and remaining funds will be



Alison Henry and Jill Kaeppli hand the Kauri 2000 records to Geraldine Dunwoodie. SUPPLIED

allocated to the ongoing protection of kauri forests on the Coromandel.

“It is the end of an era for a truly remarkable project,” Alison said.

“While it is sad to see this initiative close, we are finishing on a high note, having far exceeded our original goals for the Coromandel Peninsula.”

The trust’s planting work stretched across some of the Coromandel’s most notable landscapes. One of its largest sites was at Chelmsford, including the Puketui Rd and Tairua River areas, where planting began in 2000 and nearly 8500 kauri have since been planted.

Kauri Hill near Coromandel was another showcase site, with about 7400 trees planted from 2001, while plantings at Shakespeare Cliff and Cathedral Cove Reserve, although smaller, put kauri in locations visited by thousands of tourists.

Former Prime Minister Helen Clark planted the trust’s 10,000th kauri at Shakespeare Cliff in 2001.

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Art admired

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

People chatted, snacked, connected and observed the handmade creations at the Thames Art Gallery on August 29. It was the opening of the Members Art Exhibition, which is on show at the Gallery for the month of September from 10am to 4pm daily.

Thames Society of Arts president Lisa Stent told *The Profile* she felt "incredibly proud" when she walked into the gallery.

"The quality of the curation and the calibre of our members' work created something truly special. Our members range from emerging artists to highly accomplished makers, and seeing everyone's work exhibited together celebrates the strength of our creative community."

She said the feedback from visitors was overwhelming. "People were genuinely surprised by the diversity and standard of work on display."

The exhibition "exceeded our expectations", she said, not only in attendance but in sales as well. "It's wonderful to see local artists being supported so enthusiastically. The exhibition was made possible entirely through the efforts of volunteers, from months of preparation to curation, installation, welcoming visitors and hosting the opening."



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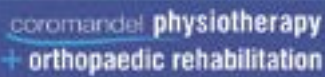
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Confidence doesn't come first

OPINION



By **MICHAEL WILKES**

Fear doesn't always disappear before we act — often it disappears because we act.

I was reminded of that recently when I found this magic little estuary tucked away, pōhutukawa branches stretching across the water like natural highways.

At least that's what I saw.

My kids saw something quite different — a rolling log ready to throw them into the water. I climbed across and invited them to join me. No chance. Fear had a hold of them. So I offered to go with them. One careful move at a time.

First hesitant crawling. Then balancing. Then something beautiful happened — the fear started giving way to fun. Before long they were crossing those branches laughing, experimenting, even enjoying the very thing they had been convinced would end badly.

It got me thinking how often we misunderstand confidence.

We assume confidence comes first and then we try hard things. But more often confidence comes after exposure. After movement.

After courage. Not before. I see this all the time with young people. We fear what we've never done. Heights. Public speaking. Hard conversations.

Starting something new. We avoid the very things that could grow us, and the avoidance itself strengthens the fear.

But when someone walks alongside us, helps us take that first shaky step, something shifts. What once felt terrifying starts becoming manageable. Sometimes even enjoyable.

There's good science behind this too. Exposure is one of the strongest ways through anxiety. We don't always think our way through fear — often we move our way through it. And maybe that's true of growth in general.

Stretch first.

Confidence second.

Joy often after that. That branch became a stretch zone for my kids — that sweet space between comfort and panic where growth lives. Watching them discover delight on the other side of fear reminded me that many of the things we long for sit just beyond the discomfort we avoid.

So what about you? What are you staying clear of because it feels uncomfortable, risky, or beyond you? And what if that very thing is your next stretch zone? Because the thing you fear today... might just become something you love tomorrow.

Michael Wilkes is a youth worker with Thrive Trust, supporting mentoring and resilience programmes across Thames and Paeroa. To support his local youth work or follow stories and insights, find him on social media @michaelwilkes.kiwi. Enjoy these articles? Grab his book The Unschooled Life at michaelwilkes.kiwi.

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FOOTBALL

Thames Women FC bowed out of the cup at the semi-final stage after a 2-1 defeat to Waikato Unicol AFC following a gruelling tie that went all the way to extra time.

Thames Women travelled to Waikato University hoping to reach the cup final for the second year running but it was Unicol who struck first against the run of play, as a free kick from a wide left position found a gap at the near post to make it 1-0.

Thames went on to dominate the rest of the first half, with Unicol rarely breaking out of their half.

The Unicol plan was clear: sit deep in a rigid defensive shape and look for opportunities on the break as they attempted to hold onto their lead.

Thames started to work the ball around nicely but lacked that cutting edge in the box. Keltie McManus combined down the left with Lydia Lester and Samantha Chamberlain before curling a left-footed shot just wide.

A Unicol counter-attack nearly paid dividends, as a run and shot from Humaira Feroz was well saved at the near post by Natasha Cairns in the Thames goal.

Thames finished the half on top, working the ball wide well, but a flurry of crosses didn't materialise, and were well handled by Erika

Parish in the Unicol goal.

Thames continued to dominate possession and came close through Emma Hinds-Senior, as the captain received the ball from a throw-in before weaving into space in the box and firing a shot towards the near post that was parried for a corner.

Thames equalised deep into the second half. A long ball forward from Louise Hinds-Haye bounced in the Unicol box, with Jessica Rendall reacting quickest to poke the ball into the corner with an outstretched right foot.

With the scores level, the game went to extra time, fatigue and injuries starting to set in for both teams.

Unicol were awarded another free kick, this time in a central position. Eden Healey was again on hand to convert, with her shot drifting high before dipping just under the crossbar to give Unicol the lead.

Thames fought valiantly until the end but ultimately ran out of legs, with Unicol continuing to defend well and booking their cup final place. "Great game today, very unlucky with the result," manager Xavier Brown said.

"I thought the ladies played exceptional football; we just couldn't convert our chances.

Now, full focus on the league and hopefully bring it home this coming weekend."

- Jonathan Coles



Winners of the August 30 competition, Thames' Blakbrough team.



Tui Park, second place.



Thames, third place.

BOWLS

A storm on August 16 meant postponement of planned optional fours bowls sponsored by Spec Savers and Legacy Butchery. However, August 30 saw 14 teams muster and have a successful day of last winter bowls, without club colours.

Winners were: 1st 4 wins 39 points 23 ends (Thames) R Blakbrough team; 2nd 4 wins 21 points 22 ends (Tui Park) Keith Paul, Alison Honeyfield, Louise O'Leary, Merry Craddock; 3rd 4 wins 21 points 21 ends (Thames)

Mary King, Carole Pellett, Suzie Tritt, Warren Tritt. This season has been very successful, thanks to our new and loyal sponsors; participating players and of course Richard Crosland and Lorraine Putt's efforts requiring and running tournaments. Thank You all.

September 13th was the start of Summer Bowls, sponsored by Sutherland Families and Colin Wilson; even beating daylight saving by two weeks when we have Kopu Engineering Sponsored opt 4's. Back to club colours, morning tea and lunch provided.

- Good bowling, Terry King.

Clean-up planned for Waihi

Two ex-Waihi College students are on a mission to clean up the town, and are inviting locals to join in.

Michaela Malone and Caitlyn Sharpe are organising the Keep Waihi Beautiful Clean-Up, which will coincide with Keep New Zealand Beautiful's National Clean-Up Week 2026.

The pair have been involved in similar campaigns in the past through the school, and this year have taken charge to organise the event themselves for the first time.

Participants will meet at Rocket Park at 10am on Sunday, September 20 to tidy up their neighbourhood.

Schools, organisations and whānau can either join the group clean-up or choose an area of Waihi that they'd like to tidy up, then bring all the rubbish back to Rocket Park by 11:30 am.

The gathered rubbish will be taken to the tip by organisers.

There will also be a free sausage sizzle and spot prizes up for grabs after the event.

DETAILS: September 20, 10-11.30am at Rocket Park, Waihi. Rubbish bags and hand sanitiser provided: bring sturdy, closed-toe shoes, sun protection and gardening gloves.

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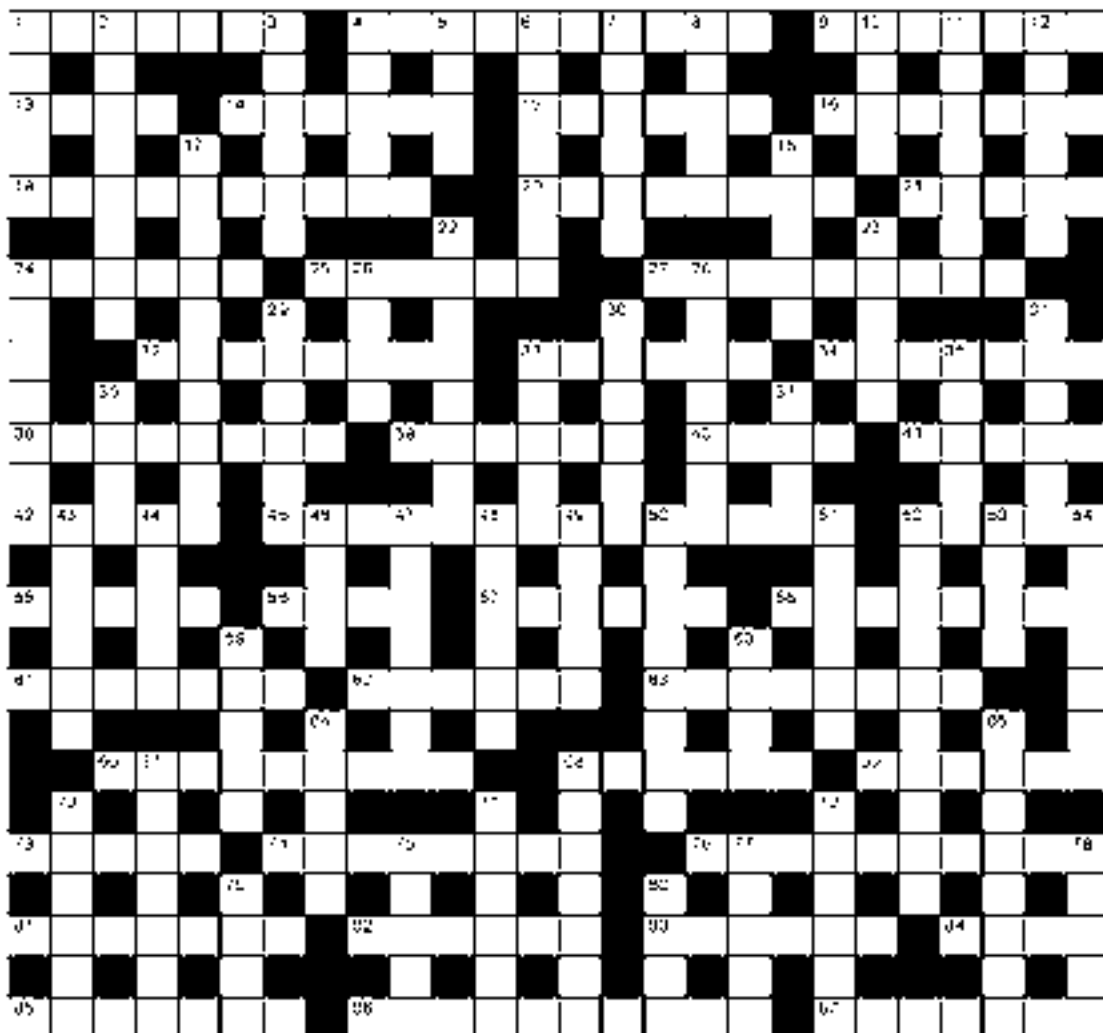
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Remembering NZ's wartime airmen

By ALICE PARMINTER

September 13 saw a solemn crowd at Thames' Sir Keith Park Memorial Airfield for the annual Battle of Britain commemorations.

This year's theme was remembering "The Few" - those roughly 140 New Zealand airmen who defended the skies above Britain against Nazi Germany for four months in 1940.

Fundraising continues for the erection of three black granite tablets under the airfield's replica Hurricane aircraft, which will bear the names of The Few. "The Battle of Britain is far more than a chapter in history - it is part of our story," guest speaker, Royal New Zealand Airforce (RNZAF) wing commander Bradley Scott, said. "We remember the words of Winston Churchill: 'Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few'."

"I think it's important that [the tablets] be associated with Sir Keith Park, because many of these pilots would have flown under his command," Sir Keith Park Memorial Airfield society president Geoff Furkert added.

Also among the guest speakers was the Polish Consul, the Honorable Boguslaw Nowak, who spoke about the battle's particular significance to Poland.

"We in New Zealand, in Poland, in Australia, in Great Britain, have a future because we remember heroes of World War II," he said.

"Today's world is not safe... all democratic and civilised countries



Around 200 people attended.



Bob Williams plays *The Last Post*.



Number 37 Squadron ATC cadets. must be ready to defend values they stand for."

Other dignitaries in attendance included the UK defence advisor to New Zealand, Royal Navy commander Michael Proudman; RNZAF squadron leader Matthew Jackson; RNZAF flight lieutenant Wesley Wright-St Clair; Coromandel MP Scott Simpson; Thames-Coromandel Mayor Peter Revell; and Hauraki Mayor Toby Adams. The end of the ceremony was marked by a flyover of four RNZAF T-6C Texan II aircraft from Number 14 Squadron.



The RNZAF performs a flyover during the commemorations.

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Sir Keith Park Memorial Airfield Society president Geoff Furkert.



The Polish Consul, Hon. Boguslaw Nowak, lays a wreath.

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