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Mia, Ruby, Hannah, and Rose-Anna from
Turua School with their fluffy friends.
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Farming families from across Hauraki gathered on October 22 to participate in the much-loved spring tradition of Calf Club Group Day. At the Hugh Howard Domain in Ngatea, students from Hauraki Plains primary schools gathered with their pet lambs, goats, and calves. Meanwhile, Waihi East School played host to students and animals from across the wider Waihi district. **MORE PHOTOS, P10-11.**

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Gorge road works complete

One of the region's most scenic drives is good to go for summer with all repairs and maintenance work now complete on State Highway 2 through the Karangahake Gorge.

There were weekday full closures for a week during August, and another week in October while rock-scaling was carried out. This involved agile rope-access technicians removing loose or unstable material on the cliffs above the road.

Most of the material fell on to the road, which was why the road needed to be fully closed, NZTA said.

"While the route will always need plenty of care and attention, [the recent] closures were also used to complete some remaining maintenance work, with the road opening again [on October 16] ready for whatever comes its way."

NZTA said it had been a tough year for the gorge road between Waihi and Paeroa, as it was badly damaged by flooding in January.

The fast-moving river flows damaged nine separate sites triggering a co-ordinated recovery operation which ran from March to late winter.

Crews rebuilt underslips and



Simon Blanchett with one of the big rocks brought down. SUPPLIED

repaired damaged banks, stabilised slopes and carried out asphalt reconstruction.

Traffic management, including lane closures and stop/go operations, was needed to keep workers and road users safe and traffic moving.

A significant part of the recovery effort involved repairs to a riverside retaining wall which has been in place for decades.

Floodwaters enlarged existing cavities beneath the wall's foundations, creating a risk of further movement and poten-



tial failure. Divers were needed in the water to assist filling the cavities with concrete.

Body found during Waihi Beach search

A body was recovered on October 21 during the second day of a search for a missing kayaker at Waihi Beach.

While formal identification of the body is ongoing, Police believe it to be the body of a missing man who was seen entering the water at Waihi Beach with a kayak the day before.

Sergeant Will Hamilton said Police were called around 5:40pm on October 20 following reports of a man entering the water in a kayak earlier that day who had not been seen since. The kayak was described to be blue with black and white mottled (camo) colour, and was a single seated sit-on-top vessel.

The search operation ran through the evening, and included assistance from the Police Eagle helicopter.

The Search and Rescue team continued the search for both the man and the kayak the following day.

The man and kayak were brought to shore with the help of the Royal New Zealand Navy and Coastguard Whangamata just before 3pm.

"Our thoughts are with the man's friends and loved ones at this difficult time," Police said.

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Klara and the Sun (116 mins) M. A Taika Waititi film. Klara, an Artificial Friend, wants to find the perfect home. Her innocent wonder and unwavering loyalty heal her new family and bring light to their world.

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Heart of the Beast (100 mins) M. Starring Brad Pitt. An intense adventure thriller that explores the unbreakable bond between a man and his best friend Alsatian dog. Filmed in the South Island as Alaska.

Next week: Wicker (R16) Staring Olivia Colman, Alexander Skarsgård... A fisherwoman; smelly, single and ridiculed, commissions herself a husband to be made from wicker. This sparks outrage, jealousy and chaos.

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3
Morning: 3:01am 0.2, 9:18am 3.6 Afternoon: 3:21pm 0.4, 9:38pm 3.6	Morning: 3:47am 0.2, 10:05am 3.7 Afternoon: 4:10pm 0.4, 10:28pm 3.6	Morning: 4:35am 0.2, 10:53am 3.7 Afternoon: 5:01pm 0.5, 11:20pm 3.5	Morning: 5:23am 0.3, 11:45am 3.6 Afternoon: 5:56pm 0.6	Morning: 12:14am 3.4, 6:15am 0.4 Afternoon: 12:40pm 3.5, 6:54pm 0.7	Morning: 1:10am 3.3, 7:10am 0.6 Afternoon: 1:39pm 3.4, 7:56pm 0.7	Morning: 2:09am 3.2, 8:12am 0.7 Afternoon: 2:42pm 3.3, 9:01pm 0.8
Sun: 6:17am 7:47pm	Sun: 6:16am 7:48pm	Sun: 6:15am 7:49pm	Sun: 6:14am 7:50pm	Sun: 6:13am 7:51pm	Sun: 6:12am 7:52pm	Sun: 6:11am 7:53pm
Best At: 2:10am 2:40pm	Best At: 3:11am 3:43pm	Best At: 4:16am 4:48pm	Best At: 5:20am 5:51pm	Best At: 6:21am 6:50pm	Best At: 7:17am 7:44pm	Best At: 8:09am 8:33pm
Set: 7:02am, Rise: 10:28pm	Set: 7:52am, Rise: 11:39pm	Set: 8:53am	Rise: 12:42am, Set: 10:02am	Rise: 1:33am, Set: 11:16am	Last Quarter, Rise: 2:14am, Set: 12:29pm	Rise: 2:48am, Set: 1:39pm

MOON AND FISH KEYS

New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter

Good Fishing, Fair Fishing, Not So Good

TIME DIFFERENCES FOR OTHER PLACES

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

PLACE

Coromandel: -0 04, Whitianga: -0 01, Tairua: +0 10, Whangamata: -0 03, Waihi Beach: -0 21

HIGH, LOW

Bowlers make final push for new green

By KELLEY TANTAU

The Waihi Beach Memorial RSA Bowling Club is making a final push to raise \$71,000 towards a \$375,000 project to install an artificial bowling green.

The club has already saved 40 per cent of the total cost and raised a further 45 per cent through fundraising, and are now asking local families, individuals, and businesses to help bridge the gap.

Treasurer Peter Bullock told *The Profile* the club's existing green cost more than \$30,000 a year to maintain, with the amount of water required becoming a concern given climate change forecasts.

He said restrictions could mean the club having to truck in water to keep the green alive, while its reliance on a certified greenkeeper was another challenge if one was not available in the future.

An artificial surface would reduce those maintenance woes and allow the club to remain open year-round, avoiding a two-to-three month renovation shutdown each winter.

Peter also said the new green would drain more effectively following rainfall, reducing disruptions to play and creating more opportunities to host tournaments and community activities.

"We want this facility to be available for many generations into the future," he said.

"Long-term, we see the installation of lighting along with this



Waihi Beach Memorial RSA Bowling Club is fundraising to replace its existing green with an artificial surface. SUPPLIED

new green a fantastic opportunity for twilight or corporate bowls.

"Combined with the RSA meals and entertainment, it could be a community asset drawing people from outside the area to visit."

The project is expected to cost around \$375,000 by the time the club adds finishing touches like signage, a sweeper, vacuum, sheds, and scoreboards.

Peter said the club - located on Beach Rd - was looking to raise the remaining \$71,000 in a final

push, with the initial response to getting the project over the line "very encouraging".

They are seeking local families, individuals, and businesses to sponsor a plaque on their planned sponsor board.

If the club secures the remaining funds by the end of the year, it hopes to have the new surface installed in April or May, 2027, with a supplier already confirmed.

"A new green will provide year-round bowling, reduce maintenance, and help keep our

club viable, active, welcoming, and connected for generations to come," Peter said.

"It's about so much more than bowls - it's about friendship, health and community spirit. A legacy for the future."

Last week, the club found success on the bowling front, beating Mount Maunganui 147 points to 135 in their annual encounter to win back the Jim Shaw Memorial Trophy.

DETAILS: To help with the final fundraising push, contact Devon 021 800 933 or Peter 029 623 3647.

DOC: 'Hook a fish not a fine'

DOC marine protection rangers are preparing for the second summer of patrolling the marine protected areas of the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana.

In October last year, new marine protected areas came into effect, adding 12 high protection areas, five seafloor protection areas and extending two of the six existing marine reserves in the gulf. Together this represented 586km2 in new protected areas.

DOC's Kirsty Prior said her team had been engaging with people across Auckland, gulf islands and the Coromandel. "In the last 12 months our team has attended boat shows and fishing competitions, distributed more than 100,000 fliers to retailers, fishing clubs and individuals, installed more than 120 signs at water entry points. We've also undertaken thousands of foot and boat patrols in and around the marine protected areas.

In peak summer months, a team of 34 DOC rangers will engage with the public and undertake boat and foot patrols. They will be supported by a high-zoom CCTV network covering the marine protected areas, drone technology and, government agencies such as New Zealand Police and Fisheries New Zealand. The public can support marine protected areas by alerting DOC to suspicious or illegal behaviour on 0800 DOC HOT (362 468).

"An infringement fine for fishing in a marine reserve or high protection area starts at \$600. On top of fines, DOC warranted officers have the power to stop and search boats and vehicles, require people to identify themselves, and seize fishing gear.

"Our message is straightforward: hook a fish not a fine."



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Family’s love of netball ends in sibling rivalry

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

A love of netball runs deep in the Barker family. Former Hauraki Plains College students Krystal O’Carroll (nee Barker), 44, and Bre Barker, 26, got involved in the beloved sport at around four years old and played throughout college. It was their mother, Faye Barker, who nurtured them into the game. “Netball has been in our blood with our mum being so heavily involved,” the sisters said.

It wasn’t just a shared connection to netball the family had, it was also a shared connection to Hauraki Plains College.

That’s because across the years, the Barker ladies all had stints in the role as coach for the Hauraki Plains College A netball team.

Matriarch Faye led the way in 1993, followed by Krystal who co-coached in 2016 and then Bre who is the current coach.

Krystal has now moved out of the area and is now the co-coach and manager of the Pāpāmoa College Premier A netball team.

While there’s a shared love of netball between the sisters, there’s also a fair bit of competitive sibling rivalry.

Last month, Pāpāmoa College went head to head with Hauraki Plains at the UNISS (Upper North Island Secondary Schools) Tournament.

Krystal coined the game “a battle of sister to sister” but in the



Krystal O’Carroll, left, Faye Barker and Bre Barker at the netball courts.

Photo: SUPPLIED

end, the shooting accuracy from Pāpāmoa was “not enough to take out HPC”, she said.

It was the first year for Hauraki in the B Grade after they won the C Grade last year, Bre said, and their first game of the tournament was against Papamoa which har-

boured “some sibling competitiveness... probably more from my side”. “Our girls were out to win with the pre UNISS nerves and getting our rhythm, we started off down by four [points] by the end of the first quarter and crawled our way back up to then beat them

with the final score being 26-23 to HPC.”

When Faye coached in 1993, she attended the newly introduced UNISS Tournament held at the North Harbour Netball Courts. “I believe this is the pinnacle of Netball and has been going until

present day. Although [I’m] not coaching the team, I love supporting the [HPC A team] girls,” she said.

“So proud of both our girls that have both taken up that role among other things they have done,” she said.

Netball is a treasure to the Barker family, which has now made its way to a third generation member. “[Papamoa] have been having a Netball exchange with HPC for three years now, and this year saw us bringing HPC over to play our Junior A Netball team, which involves my daughter Olivia [granddaughter of Faye]”, Krystal said.

Olivia, who is a year 10 student, will travel to Rarotonga in December to represent her club team called Coastal.

Krystal said she also encouraged Olivia to coach a year 8 team this year and she loved it.

“It taught her a lot about enjoying the game; winning is not everything, and progress can look different and not just on the scorecard.”

It was clear the family was about sharing what they learned in the sport. “We were always made to give back to netball, and this might look like umpiring or helping out. We all are very generous people that only want the best for players and I think that’s something that we have definitely learnt off Mum with all she has given back to the sport.”

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TERM 4 DATES

Tue 27 October	6pm Open Evening for 2027 in/out of zone students
Thur 29 October	6pm Sports Prize Giving
Thur 5 November	5.30pm Senior Academic Prize Giving
Tue 10 Nov - Fri 4 Dec	NCEA Exams
Fri 13 November	Teacher only Day (no exams this day)
Mon 30 Nov - Wed 2 Dec	Junior Camps
Tue 8 December	9.30am Year 9 Prize Giving and 12pm Year 10 Prize Giving, last day of Junior classes
Wed 9 December	Year 8 Discovery Day
Wed 9 - Fri 11 December	Online Learning days for Juniors

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\$11.5m Whitianga transfer station set to open

The completion of a long-awaited piece of community infrastructure in Whitianga was celebrated last week, marking a major milestone for Mercury Bay and its growing community.

Whitianga's new \$11.5 million Refuse and Recycling Transfer Station at 48 Moewai Rd replaces the former facility on South Highway West, which had been outgrown as demand increased from Mercury Bay's growing population.

The facility will open to the community on November 10, with the existing transfer station closing the day prior to allow for equipment and operations to move over.

Speaking at last week's opening ceremony, Thames-Coromandel District Mayor Peter Revell said the occasion was a chance to celebrate what had been achieved and recognise the people and organisations involved. "This is a significant milestone for Whitianga and Mercury Bay. It has been a long journey to get here and today is about celebrating a modern facility that will serve this community well for many years to come."

The need for a modern facility was recognised through successive council Long Term Plans, with the project ultimately funded through the 2024-2034 LTP, with a budget of \$11.5 million.

The project also received up to \$5.9m from the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport's Waste Minimisation Fund, significantly reducing the cost to Thames-Coromandel ratepayers.

Council said the facility was purpose-designed to meet the area's growing needs, providing safer and more efficient refuse and recycling services.



Mayor Peter Revell, left, and group manager infrastructure Mo Imtiaz unveil the plaque. The new facility includes improved traffic circulation, dedicated entry and exit weighbridges, an enclosed refuse drop-off area and separate areas for recyclable and recoverable materials.

"This facility gives us the space and infrastructure to meet the increased demand, while making it safer and easier for customers and creating more opportunities to keep valuable materials out of landfill," Mayor Revell said.

The site also provides a foundation for the Wāhi Tukurua community resource recovery centre to develop a community resource recovery facility.

Mayor Revell acknowledged Ngāti Hei for their guidance and support, along with the central government funding partnership and the many contractors, project partners, council staff and community representatives involved.

"This is more than the completion of a construction project. It's an investment in the future of Mercury Bay and something our community can be proud of."



The facility was purpose-designed to meet the area's growing needs, providing safer and more efficient refuse and recycling services. Photos: SUPPLIED/TCDC



The March of Time and Steam

Steampunk Parade, 11 am Saturday 14th

Hourglass Exchange

Steampunk Markets, Friday 13th & Saturday 14th

Salvation Army Hall & St James Union Parish Hall

Sunday at Victoria Park

Timekeepers Soiree

High Tea, Friday 13th 2 pm, Tickets from our website

Clockwise Couture

Steampunk Fashion Show, Civic Centre

Saturday 14th 2 pm, Adults \$5 Children Gold Coin

Gilded Timepiece Twilight Ball

Victorian Ball, Saturday 14th, 7 pm - late,

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Thames netballer lands squad selection

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Isabella McCulloch is not afraid to step outside her comfort zone.

The 16-year-old netballer from Thames High School proved it recently when she put her best foot forward at a Netball Waikato-Bay of Plenty development session alongside 66 of the top secondary school players.

“The testing was challenging but also a really good experience because it pushed me to show what I could do as a player,” she said.

Not only did it boost the year-12 student’s confidence, from there the young star was selected to join a 22 player squad for the Magic in the Making Advance camp on October 18 at the Matamata Netball Centre. The camp is a high-performance development training event hosted by Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone.

“I was honestly excited and proud of myself when I found out I had made the squad.”

“Being selected out of 66 players is [a] really special achievement for me. It meant a lot to me because I know how much work I had put into my netball and it was exciting to see that hard work pay off,” she told *The Profile*.

The camp “definitely met” Isa-



Isabella McCulloch, 16, was selected to attend the Magic in the Making Advance Camp. Photo: SUPPLIED

bella’s expectations because she said it offered her the chance to “challenge myself, build my confidence” and learn new things.

One of the biggest challenges was “performing under pressure” alongside so many talented play-

ers. Although it was difficult at times, the young athlete said she tried to stay focussed and “trust my abilities”.

One thing was certain: “my love for the game has continued to grow”.

Isabella began her netball journey at the age of 10 and said she enjoyed being able to learn and improve her skills ever since.

She started off in centre position but switched to shooter in 2025 due to getting appendicitis.

“It was supposed to be a temporary position while I recovered from the surgery but I ended up loving and having a passion for the position.”

Isabella’s netball experience was supported by others in her circle. “My mother is a big advocate for me for she has been encouraging me and taking me to the places I need to be to have achieved this far.”

Someone she looked up to was her teacher, Michelle Tupper, who was a “big encouragement for me” in netball, she said.

“[She] has supported me and motivated me to keep going. She was one of the players for [the Waikato Bay of Plenty] Magic in 2000 and 2001 and she is my inspiration.” Isabella also valued time with her team.

“Being on the court with my team mates gives me a feeling of excitement, happiness and belonging,” she said.

“I love the energy we bring, being able to trust each other and working together towards the same goal.”

The promising player’s positivity and clear mindset was a strength. “I think it’s important to aim for the stars because you never know what you can achieve unless you’re willing to challenge yourself.”

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Artist paints from feelings, heart, love

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

"The first time that I really saw pottery clay and put my hands on it was in 2009.



Peter Augustin at work. Photo: MARION MANSON

DETAILS: Peter Augustin and Ria Erasmus Kruger's art will be on display at the Thames Art Gallery, 604 Tararu Rd, Thames, daily from 10am to 4pm.



Pottery by Ria Erasmus-Kruger. Photo: SUPPLIED



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Waikino wonders

The Art Waikino opening night on October 22 rallied a room full of people ready to politely peruse the art. Snacks and chats were in full swing while artists, friends, family members and art appreciators took in the sights and sounds from the live musician. Reporter **DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA** took in the arty atmosphere.

WINNERS: Painting: 1st *Eyes Wide Open* by Ian Peppercorn; 2nd *Star builders and the laundry* by Robin Pullant. Photography: 1st *Take A Seat* by Alice Parminter; 2nd *Sydney Harbour Bridge* by Stacey Moir. Craft: 1st *Snapper* by Mike Tate; 2nd *Flora* by Mary Metcalf. Sculpture: 1st *Searching* by Carl Reinsfield; 2nd *MAUI and the fishhook* by Keith James Bell. Mixed Media: 1st *Ohinemuri Crossing 1* by Kath Sewell; 2nd *Rust* by Ratree Sawat. Radical Reuse (art featuring recycled materials): 1st *Kiwiriki Bay* by Mike Tate; 2nd *Side by Side* by Patricia Domensino. Young Star (under 25): *On Tour* by Sarah Reinke.



Mike Tate wins first place in both Craft and Radical Reuse categories.



Carl Reinsfield wins first place in sculpture for *Searching*.



Highly commended Young Star Erana Telekolio accepts her award.



Kath Sewell wins first place in the Mixed Media category for *Ohinemuri Crossing 1*.

Photos: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA



Valley Profile reporter Alice Parminter wins first place in photography.



Waikino Hall is brimming with art enthusiasts on opening night.

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Are we too busy to stop?

OPINION



By MICHAEL WILKES

The other day there was a pretty big crash just down the road from my office. I ran over to see if I could help, but by the time I arrived there was already a nurse on the scene, emergency services had been called, and there wasn't really anything useful I could add. Traffic, however, was starting to become a problem. So I ran up to the next intersection and tried to stop cars from heading towards the accident.

This is where it got interesting. Cars would come around the corner and there I was, standing in the middle of the road, arms up, signalling them to stop. And they'd just drive around me.

I'd wave a bit more enthusiastically. Nope. Around me they went. Then, about 30 seconds later, they'd reach the accident, realise they couldn't get through, turn around and come straight back past me.

After watching this happen over and over again, I started thinking: Are we sometimes doing exactly the same thing with our lives?

We can become so busy, so focused on where we've decided we need to go, that even when something is telling us, "Hey,

stop," we just drive around it. Sometimes it's another person trying to warn us. Sometimes it's a difficult conversation we've been avoiding. Maybe something isn't right in our family, marriage, health or finances.

Or maybe we're simply exhausted and our body has been waving its arms in the middle of the road for months, but we keep driving around it because there's too much to do.

Not everything that slows us down is a bad thing. Sometimes stopping for a moment, listening to someone else, asking a few questions or reconsidering the direction we're heading could save us from driving straight into a mess. I'm naturally someone who likes to keep moving, so this is probably a reminder I need as much as anyone.

Every now and then, pause. Look at where you are and where you're actually heading. Because sometimes the thing getting in your way isn't there to stop your progress.

It might be there to stop you driving straight into the mess ahead.

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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On the Land

Calf club kids

In Hauraki, the interschool calf club group day was held at the Hugh Howard Domain on October 22, with children and their animals lined up under the trees at the field’s edge. The goats, lambs, and calves were brushed and groomed in preparation for their turn around the judge’s ring. Reporter **ALICE PARMINTER** captured the excitement.



Isabelle and Isla from Turua School with their calves Cookie and Ellie.



Ruby with her lamb Mopsy.



Elaina from Ngatea Primary School with her calf Evie. Photos: ALICE PARMINTER



Glacier with lamb Marshmallow.



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Spring to school

Waihi East School played host for the district’s interschool agricultural day on October 22. Families watched as the children led their animals through their paces in the ring, and judges commended their animal husbandry skills.



Addison and Isla from Waihi East School, with their lambs.



William from St Josephs School Waihi with his calf End-game, left, and Waihi College student Luke with his calf Buddy.



Roland from Opoutere School with calf Luca.



Ella from Waihi East School, with calf Gingernut.



Laura from Waihi Beach School with lamb Nibbles, and preschooler Brodie with lamb Hulk.



Alaska and her lamb, Star.

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Waihi East School's Te Ahorangi with her calf Daisy.

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The system is currently set up to divide us so let’s think about who benefits from us being divided i.e. right vs left, Maori vs Pakeha, locals vs immigrants, climate, rich vs poor..... We Humans have moved to all boundaries of the globe, diverging, becoming resilient and adaptable as we went, looking for resources to support life. Some insatiable humans decided that they needed to increase their share, have more than everyone else, so had to take others resources by force. We are now converging but with the same mentality.

Historically, rulers have had a major problem in managing the populations forced under their control. But their solution was simple - buy themselves protection. Fear is the greatest tool to control mankind (think about the Covid messaging). Rulers created laws, police and armies. They created control mechanisms, and when that stopped working, they created “politics” including opposition parties to make you feel like you have a say in the outcome, making you feel like you live in a “democratic society”.

Funding both sides of a confrontation means you never lose, which is why funding is the preferred tool of the financier class. In a world where the pen is mightier than the sword, they use deceit and deception to misappropriate our country’s resources for the Global elite (or parasites, depending on your view point). How was the subversion achieved? Tell people what they want to hear, keep the truth to a select few and create a system that governs people through fear. Think this is extreme? Try not paying your rates and see how long the council lets you keep your house.

All that said, there are exceptional people in this world. W Edwards Deming was tasked with getting Japanese industry back on its feet after WWII. He applied his methods with a local culture, ‘bottom up’ solutions from the people at the coal face

to solve problems. This famously created acceptance and cooperation from all involved to produce work to the highest

VOTING DILEMMA

You may have noticed all and sundry currently trying to influence your vote by telling you how to “vote strategically”.

Highly paid media influencers are enticing us to vote for the “lesser of two evils” instead of just voting for what we really want and what our country really needs.

standard and made Japan a world leader.

Waste was eliminated in the process, not by failure rejects. Deming identified that most failures are due to system failures as people are only as effective as the system allows. Our political system makes decisions to benefit one group of people and you and I are not included in that group. We can see - it’s the system that is failing us, not the people. If we transition to a system of governance that insists on the people making the

decisions for themselves, this embeds trust, accountability, transparency and removes wastefulness and corruption at every level of governance. Decisions made by the people and carried out by the government. When WE are trusted to make important decisions that affect us, acceptance and cooperation will be the outcome. Instead of being disgruntled by-standers wondering what happened to our country.

There are many of these ‘Giants’ whose shoulders we could stand on to achieve greatness as a country, so WHY and HOW do we end up with the government we have?

“You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.” R. Buckminster Fuller. I learned what does not work in the last election cycle when I ran with NZ Loyal. Make sure - if you are going to follow someone, make sure that they are following someone that is not lost. Make sure your leader is seeking results not recognition.

I’m standing in the Coromandel electorate for Outdoors and Freedom Party because New Zealand is ready for brand new operating system and that system is called Direct Democracy.

This new operating system means the power flows from the community, NOT from a small handful of “rulers” making decisions from behind closed doors. This is a truly bottom up grass roots approach achieved by cooperation not division. This is how we move from the “economics” of scarcity and divisiveness to the “alchemy” of working together for the common good and creating more for everyone. Co-ops not communes so you can still rise to the level of your efforts.

Are you happy with a “representative” democracy where the only choice you get is to vote once every three years for a political party who continues to pander to its Big donors and to Big Banking, Big Agriculture, Big Pharma, Big Insurance, Big Energy instead of to the people. With direct democracy and people power, we can take our power back. The people are the highest authority in a democracy, WE rule over government instead of the other way around. Outdoors and Freedom philosophy is simple, create a new system out of this decaying one to produce the best possible results for the people NOT the politicians, NOT the multinational corporations that bleed

the value out of this country. You the voter will have to make the choice – do you vote to continue to be part of the control grid and debt slavery? Or do you vote your, and your children’s, future freedom?

It’s time to stop trying to solve a problem with the same level of thinking that created that problem. It’s time for a whole new way of thinking where WE THE PEOPLE get to choose how our country is run and who benefits from our labours and our resources.

With the NZ Outdoor & Freedom Party in Wellington we can help transition the Government to a Direct Democracy. Start by embedding our Bill of Rights so our entire population can’t be

bullied and intimidated by Government, simultaneously creating a Constitution or Declaration of Direct Democracy, that we ALL agree on, how we want our country to function based on the PEOPLES VISION not a political vision.

Can just one person make a difference? YES! If they know what they are doing, know how government runs, know how to ask the hard questions, together we can harness PEOPLE POWER, within communities for the benefit of those communities.

No one said it would be easy, but we just can’t keep doing the same thing for decades and watch over our managed decline.

If you still need someone to tell you who to vote for, let me help.

Be brave, vote different, vote for freeing us all from an outdated and duplicitous system of governance. Vote Outdoors & Freedom.

Vote on the day, if you can, to make sure your vote gets to the right place

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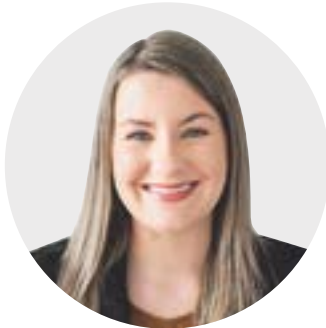
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As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** searches through old newspapers to bring you the stories Thames Valley locals once read about themselves.

1923

The development of the plant at the Ngatea butter factory was proceeding apace. A big Silkeborg churn, a Danish invention, had been put into position and two cork lined vats were installed.

The new churn had the great advantage of doing away with the man who worked the butter as it would now be driven by electricity.

In the engine room a motor was installed for driving the freezing plant, and another for using the water pumps for the coolers. The new electrical plant meant the end of having to keep the boilers going.

Meanwhile, a large motor bus loaded with passengers was travelling to Thames from Matatoki when, on nearing Totara, it overtook a smaller bus going in the same direction which had slowed down to pick up a passenger.

When endeavouring to pass



The butter factory at Ngatea.

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it, the larger bus ran too close to the drain at the side of the road and capsized throwing out all passengers.

One person broke a leg and another suffered severely from shock. Both were taken to Thames Hospital, the other passengers escaping without serious injury.

Over at Paeroa, a change of name for the railway station was being considered. At a Chamber of Commerce meeting, Mr Brown proposed the new name of Paeroa Junction.

One of the immediate advantages of the change would be that the name Paeroa Junction

would be picked out in black letters in railway timetables and would attract more attention from outsiders.

The alteration would show that the residents realised the importance of the place as a junction for the Paeroa-Pokeno railway.

If the move was not made now, warned Mr Brown, they would be stuck in the mud as they always had been.

An Auckland businessman, accompanied by four ladies, attempted to motor from Auckland to the Hauraki Plains via Pokeno and Miranda, a road which was metalled the whole

distance with the exception of eight miles along the coast between Miranda and Waitakaruru.

About four miles of this road was awash at high tide and during the man's journey there was a torrential downpour.

When he passed a local homestead, the alarmed resident set off in his car to give warning to the man but he couldn't catch up to him. He saw that several bad spots had been negotiated and thought that the motorist's luck had held.

But it had not. The man's car sank down deep in oozy clay and stuck fast. A passerby went for help, and one horse was sent but it could not budge the bogged car.

Finally, the man and passengers, drenched and covered in mud, trekked back to the homestead where the most generous hospitality was extended to them. The next day four men and four horses and a great deal of timber succeeded in extracting the car.

An earlier effort with two horses, in which the back wheels of a wagon were nearly pulled off, had failed.

Making matters worse had been the high tide backing up the water from a hot spring.

The motorist noticed that the water was warm and for a time could not understand it, thinking he had made the discovery of a tepid rainstorm.

Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. The Auckland CRL opened for passenger services on September 13, 2026. What does CRL stand for?
2. Which US boxer lent his name to a popular brand of grill in 1994? a) Muhammad Ali, b) George Foreman, or c) Joe Frazier?
3. The last major change to New Zealand's give-way rules occurred in which year? a) 2002, b) 2012, or c) 2022?
4. According to NASA, the first crewed mission to Mars would take around how long to reach Mars from Earth? a) Nine weeks, b) nine months, or c) nine years?
5. Who is Maynard James Keenan? a) A famous economist, b) a former NZ Prime Minister, or c) the frontman of the band Tool?
6. Tui and Bellbird are the only New Zealand members of which bird order? a) Honeyeaters, b) Nightjars, or c) Stitchbirds?
7. What nationality is tennis player Novak Djokovic? a) Austrian, b) Bosnian, or c) Serbian?
8. In the movies *Finding Nemo* and *Finding Dory*, which species of fish is Dory? a) Angelfish, b) blue tang or c) clownfish?
9. Which of these classic bands was not from New Zealand? a) The Cars, b) The Chills, or c) The Clean?
10. Which Armani brand is priced as the more affordable fashion range? Emporio Armani or Giorgio Armani?

ANSWERS: 1. City Rail Link; 2. b) George Foreman; 3. b) 2012; 4. b) Nine months (although SpaceX is aiming for a six-month mission one way); 5. c) The frontman of the band Tool; 6. a) Honeyeaters; 7. c) Serbian; 8. b) Blue tang; 9. a) The Cars; 10. Emporio Armani.

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With rapid spring growth under way it is important to maintain plant health in all sections of the garden. Cultivate vegetables regularly and irrigate if required. Successive sowings of summer vegetables will extend summer harvests.

Planning ahead is important to ensure you get the most out of your spring garden. When deciding what to plant in your garden consider what you like to eat, how much room you have and creating colour in your backyard. Feeding is essential to successful crops.

Popular Christmas crops – Radish seeds are quick to grow, Lettuces, lots of varieties. Buy the mixed punnets to give you a good variety. Peas, Beetroot, Zucchini, Carrots, Potatoes, Kumara and Cucumber. Importantly grow what you will eat. If you don't have much space, remember you can grow vegetables in pots and containers.

If you get the kids involved with the planting and harvest, they are perhaps more likely to want to eat them. Get a pot just for them to choose what they want to plant. Then it becomes their project. Peas planted under the tripod is a good starting point. Follow the instructions on the packet to plant and water to keep the soil moist but not too wet. Feed with liquid feed once they are 5-10 cm high. Cover the soil with mulch or pea straw. Happy gardening kids.

Plant tomatoes, peppers as the soil warms protect from the wind where possible. Seedlings you have grown indoors need to be "hardened off" before they are planted in the garden. Gradually acclimatise seedlings before planting by moving them outside in their containers during the day.

Fill your piece of paradise with colourful floral displays to bring joy on a daily basis for both you and the BEES. Examples are Borage, Sage, Calendula, Lavender, Petunias. It is a lovely time in the garden with the blossoms on the fruit trees turn into tiny fruit. Don't be alarmed by some early fruit drop, it is normal with young trees experiencing vigorous growth. A side dressing of sulphate of potash can stimulate harder growth and improve fruiting habits. Nature is such a wonderful thing and brings a lot of pleasure to people's lives.

Once the citrus harvest is finished prune your trees to open the structure and allow more light into the centre and fertilise.

Watering times in the garden are important to gain the most benefit from your precious water. Early morning is the best time so there is less evaporation but as long as it gets done. Avoid watering during high temperatures.

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- ACROSS**

1 Claw (5)

4 Avenge oneself for past wrongs (6,3,6)

14 Restaurant customer (5)

15 Strike with a firm blow (5)

16 Make in three copies (10)

17 Male relation (5)

19 Compete (3)

20 Infirm (7)

21 Educational establishment (9)

22 Hoarse (anag)(6)

25 Dancer's spin (9)

27 Lecture (6)

28 Repaired (6)

33 Vertical lift-off aircraft (10)

35 Filled pastry (3)

36 Grow by addition (6)

37 Colourful gemstone (4)

39 Sprint (3)

41 Computer screen (7)

42 Preserved sausage (6)

43 Marching orders (9)

44 Blown instrument (5)

45 Boss (8)

50 Supposing (2)

51 Physically fit and active (8)

55 Supportive yell (5)

58 Pirate (9)
- 59** Finale (6)

60 Daydream (7)

61 Be unwell (3)

63 Water hole (4)

64 Canoeed (anag)(6)

65 Tune (3)

66 In the end (10)

68 Huggable (6)

69 Stuck (6)

71 Famous person (9)

76 Brownish pigment (6)

77 Sheer cliff face (9)

79 Disobedient (7)

81 Tank (3)

84 Light beer (5)

85 Boxed confectionery (10)

86 Of the moon (5)

87 Dangerous (5)

88 Seek solace in drink (4,2,3,6)

89 Remains (5)

DOWN

2 Marzipan flavour (6)

3 Surpass (5)

5 Goes astray (4)

6 Showy crest on head (7)

7 Lives (6)

8 Fewest (5)

9 Protective cover from weather (7)

10 Responsibility (4)

11 Let off (6)

12 Rogue (5)

13 Mourned (7)

14 Reduced in rank (7)

18 Study of insects (10)
- 23** Trivial (5)

24 Acknowledge defeat (7)

26 First (7)

27 Star-wearer (7)

29 Down payment (7)

30 Twist out of shape (6)

31 Say something (5)

32 Day's end (6)

34 Actual (4)

36 Declare invalid (5)

38 Fragrant shrub (5)

40 Testament (4)

45 Nudge (5)

46 Preserved (7)

47 Egg-shaped (4)

48 Lace hole (6)

49 Started (5)

50 Red nail (anag)(7)

52 Extreme pain or misery (10)

53 Pull out (7)

54 Affront (6)

55 Pivotal (7)

56 Decorate (5)

57 Formerly (4)

62 Chop off (5)

67 On in years (7)

68 Transform (7)

70 N African country (7)

72 Captivate (7)

73 Mystery (6)

74 Self-assurance (6)

75 Unvarying (6)

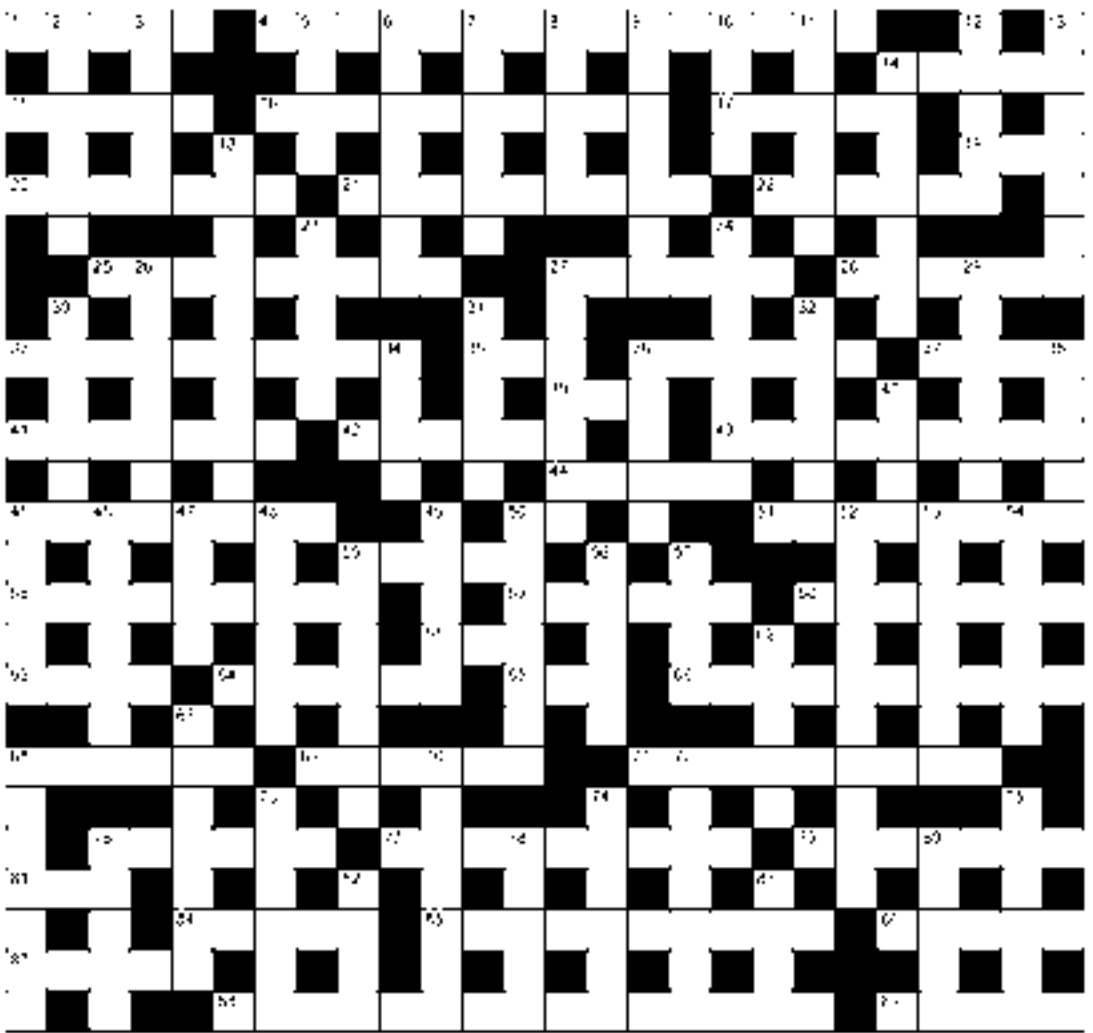
76 Secret store (5)

78 Fabric (5)

80 Haggard (5)

82 Accurate (4)

83 Calf meat (4)



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Amber, 4 Apple of one's eye, 11 Event, 14 Props, 15 Broadcaster, 16 Friesian, 19 Padlock, 20 Shape, 21 Rehearsed, 24 Steadfast, 26 Outlaw, 27 Stream, 31 Throb, 32 Negligee, 34 Victorious, 38 Solicit, 39 Precis, 40 Esteem, 41 Faze, 42 Wetsuit, 45 Compressed, 50 Dessert, 54 Rate, 55 Litmus, 56 Dermis, 57 Nit pick, 60 Speculated, 61 Opposite, 62 Safer, 65 Fiesta, 66 Abroad, 67 Tradition, 72 Instincts, 73 Farms, 74 Panther, 79 Decanter, 80 Inadvisable, 81 Mania, 82 Gorge, 83 Number thirteen, 84 Fever.

DOWN: 2 Mortar, 3 Expel, 5 Pure, 6 Loathes, 7 Occupy, 8 Oast, 9 Eleventh, 10 Errors, 11 Elementary, 12 Evil, 13 Tantrum, 17 Ocean, 18 Retaliated, 22 Offer, 23 Detonate, 25 Tropics, 26 Oversee, 28 Choose, 29 Egg cup, 30 Attend, 33 Largo, 35 Sweet, 36 Kiwi, 37 Mess, 42 Warts, 43 Tattered, 44 Taiwan, 45 Cumberbund, 46 Most, 47 Redwood, 48 Strips, 49 Exits, 51 Emit, 52 Soprano, 53 Rocket, 58 Sustenance, 59 Study, 63 Continue, 64 Steal, 65 Firedog, 68 Remnant, 69 Strewn, 70 Tahiti, 71 Petite, 75 Tease, 76 Scar, 77 Edit, 78 Clue.

‘Standout features’ set for Waihi Garden Ramble

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Things are ramping up as the Lions Club of Waihi prepares to host its upcoming Garden Ramble on November 7 and 8.

The purpose of the ramble is to raise funds for the community.

Garden Ramble committee convenor Jennifer Chappel told *The Profile* the proceeds this year would go to the Lions skin cancer screening bus and other Lions projects for the community.

“We’ve been doing this for a number of years now. We do lots of things to raise money for the different organizations around town and what have you.

“We thought this was a worthy cause,” she said.

They planned to hold the ramble from 9am to 4pm on both days whether wet or fine, she said.

“There’s 14 gardens [and] eight new ones that haven’t been open to the public before.”

All of the gardens, except for one, are based in town.

“This year we decided because of the cost of petrol and cost of living and all that sort of thing, that we would keep it all in town so there wasn’t too much travelling, bar one.”

Food was to be available at two of the gardens, and toilet stops at a few places, plus a big plant sale along the way, she said.

All the information is located on the tickets, which can be purchased from a few different collection points across Waihi, Waihi Beach, Paeroa and Thames.

“It’s nice to see new gardens. We’ve got one or two favourites, but they haven’t been on for, you know, two or



The Lions Club of Waihi will hold its Garden Ramble on November 7-8. Photo: SUPPLIED

three years.”

The Lions hold the garden ramble every two years.

“Some of the [gardens] haven’t been on for, say, four years or something like that, so you can see the difference in the growing of them.”

People could look forward to seeing the range of gardens, and one in particular that Jennifer said had “standout features”.

“The Butterfly Garden is very good and it’s good for children to see,” she said.

“The other garden that has really standout features is on the top of Beach Rd and it has lovely, huge statues of all sorts in the garden.”

DETAILS: Tickets cost \$30 and are available at Beach Road Garden Centre, Waihi Beach Home and Hardware, Waihi HDC, Eclectic Studio in Waihi, Country Dog Paeroa and Aeroview Garden Centre in Thames. For more information, contact Jennifer, Ph 027 204 0488.



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Organisers said the Young Performers concert was an annual showcase of young talent for the Thames Music Group in the 1980s and onwards.

“With 2027 being a celebration of our 50th year of concerts, in preparation for the big year ahead, it seemed apt to reach into the past for ways to connect the musical community and add even more diversity into concert series.

“Our Friday concert series, which is free but encourages a donation for entry, has already seen [many] concerts performed.”

This includes performances by residents at Tararu Village and Richmond Villas, Thames High School, Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga Thames South School, Thames Citizen’s Band and local performers, Rob Holding, Dylan Wade, Nur Peach, Kevin and Alissa Place, and our annual performances by students from the Waikato University Music Department. The group’s Sunday concert series has seen NZTrio, Passione Quartet, Olga Shanina and Rosemary Barnes, Stephen De Pledge, Manu Mātātahi, Auckland Youth Choir and WindWood perform.

“We’re delighted to showcase local upcoming talent to finish our concerts in 2026.



Luca Yamamoto on guitar. Photo: SUPPLIED

“Join us to hear the following young musicians perform: Howard and Ry-anne Yang, violin, Maia Ngamane, piano, Luca Yamamoto, guitar, Ales-sandro Yamamoto, piano, Kiara Curtis-Apeu, euphonium, and Sophia Haakma, violin.”

DETAILS: Thames Music Group’s Sunday Concert series presents The Young Performers Concert, Sunday 1 November 2026 at 2.00 pm, St George’s Church, Mackay Street, Thames. Tickets: Adults \$10, Free entry/Under 18 yrs old.

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Language, culture and friendship at Paeroa Central

New friendships, learning and performances are some of the insights Te Wiki o te Reo Māori gave to Te Kura Tuarua o Paeroa, Paeroa Central School.

To speak and share te reo Māori was part of everyday life at the kura, principal Mona Hinston said.

The week gave ākonga (students) opportunities to share their language and Haurakitanga with others.

On September 14, day one of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, ākonga from Papakauri and Mumuhau Teina (junior classrooms) visited Netherton School to watch a dress rehearsal of *A Day at the Museum* play.

On day two, the kura's Kapa Haka Teina performed for tamariki, staff and whānau at RiverGlade ECE.

The children and staff from RiverGlade were delighted with the performance and presented the rōpū with a thank-you card and popsicles, principal Mona said.

On days four and five, the kura hosted students from China.

"Their visit began with a pōwhiri at school, followed by morning tea and time to get to know one another. Matua Larn Wilkinson then led a walk to Tui Kairangi, sharing knowledge of the local whenua along the way," she said.

The learning went both ways.

She said one excited year seven ākonga learned how to say 'thank you, hello, how are you and good' in Mandarin.

On day four, Kapa Haka Tuakana (seniors) and some of the Teina rōpū welcomed the visitors onto Ngāhutoitoi Marae.

Whaea Chrissy Te Teira and Colleen Renata shared knowledge of the marae, its wharenui and wharekai, and local tikanga (customs). The tamariki performed for their guests before everyone shared a hāngī lunch.

On day five, the visitors returned to school to learn Te Arapū Māori (Māori alphabet, names and sounds), take part in the Kauri Protection Programme, play games and spend more time with their new friends. They also made harakeke bracelets and putiputi with Whaea Chrissy.

One of the adult guides said the students were delighted with the experience, gained so much from it and were really sad to leave.

A whānau member noticed the same feeling among the kura's ākonga.

"What an experience for our tamariki.

Students play basketball together.

Ākonga weave together. BELOW: A visitor speaks during the pōwhiri.

They really didn't want them to go", the whānau member said.

Across the week, "our tamariki took their learning beyond the classroom" and performed for younger children, shared te reo Māori and local stories and found the confidence to learn words in another language, Mona said.

Their visitors experienced the kura, the marae and the warmth of the people who welcomed them. The week ended with new words to remember, gifts made by hand and friendships that reached far beyond Paeroa.

Students gather for the pōwhiri, held at the marae, below.

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Kaiaua 989 East Coast Road

Waterfront, designed around the way you live

Set against an exceptional waterfront backdrop, this refined three-bedroom residence captures expansive water views from the kitchen, dining and living spaces. Built in 2016, the 117sqm home features an open-plan layout flowing outdoors, a stone-benched kitchen and master suite with walk-in wardrobe and tiled ensuite. Double glazing, insulation and a heat pump provide year-round comfort. The 1,232sqm (more or less) section offers established gardens and covered outdoor living, while a substantial approx. 7m x 8.4m garage provides excellent storage. A garden shed and original Kaiaua smokehouse add further appeal, with boating, fishing, paddleboarding and the Hauraki Rail trail nearby.

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Ngatea 136 Pipiroa Road

80ha + lease = 122,000kgMS

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Wyuna Bay 1999 Wyuna Bay Road

Where the views take centre stage

Positioned in the sought-after Wyuna Bay, this impressive coastal home is all about the views, space and location. Set on 2,041sqm (more or less), its elevated position makes the most of an incredible Coromandel outlook. Upstairs, the light-filled open-plan living, dining and kitchen area opens onto an extraordinary wraparound deck. Three double bedrooms and the main bathroom are also located upstairs. Downstairs, a large double basement garage provides parking alongside a workshop area, laundry and bathroom. Offering space, practicality and an impressive coastal setting, this Wyuna Bay property has all the ingredients for an outstanding permanent home or Coromandel retreat.

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Thames 107 Bowen Place

A new owner is the next step

With the vendors ready to move on, there is clear motivation behind the sale of 107 Bowen Place. Spanning 816sqm (more or less), this elevated Thames section enjoys views across the Firth of Thames and surrounding greenery, with a sunny position ideal for planning your future build. Whether you're looking to create a permanent home or a Coromandel retreat, there is plenty of scope to design a property that suits your lifestyle. Just five minutes from Thames township, you'll have convenient access to schools, cafés, shops and everyday amenities, while enjoying the appeal of elevated living and the opportunity to create something of your own.

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816 sqm

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Thames 242 Tony Avenue

Space, comfort and a reason to act

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