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‘Hell of a dong’ rakes in the views

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

“You’ve got to laugh at yourself, eh.”

That’s the way Dion Rountree, better known as Old Mate, sees things.

The Paeroa man, who runs Old Mates Property Services with his wife, Lou, was reversing his ride-on lawnmower down the driveway before disaster struck.

Their surveillance camera captured the moment he reversed over a rake and came face to face with the handle.

The real-life “rake take” was uploaded to Facebook, leading to the handyman becoming a viral-video internet sensation after “raking up” more than 3.3 million views.

It features Dion turning to check behind him as he was running over the rake, followed by a swift whack to the face by the handle and a flurry of frustration and colourful language. The rake was lying on the driveway and when the back wheel of the lawnmower went over the tines, the handle “just full force came flying up” and hit him, Dion said.

“It was a hell of a dong. It was like getting smacked in the head with a cricket bat,” he told *The Profile*.

He shared the video with friends and after some encouragement, decided to post it up for the world to see.

“I thought everyone needs to see this. Even though it’s



not good, you know, the temper tantrum at the end and it wasn’t really a side of me that anyone should see, but it’s too good not to share”, he said.

After a few days, the video was sitting at 140,000 views.

“We were just like, ‘we’re famous. We’ve made it, eh?’

“Then it got picked up again and it went up over a million views in a day,” Dion said.

“Now it’s away, now it’s cooking. Once it hit the US, it went absolutely bonkers.”

The viral moment has resulted in more than 3000 new followers to their Old Mates Property Services Facebook account from people all around the world.

A lot of the comments from people compared Dion’s situation to something that could happen to *Looney Tunes* cartoon character Wile E. Coyote or *The Simpsons* character Sideshow Bob, who was known for stepping on a rake and getting hit in the face.

They needed to silence their notifications because their phones kept dinging, they said.

The infamous rake collision, which was audible in the video,

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In Brief

DEATH AFTER CLIFF FALL

A teenager has died after an incident at Cooks Beach on Friday, October 2.

Emergency services were called to Purangi Rd about 5.50pm after a report that someone had fallen from a cliff. In a post on social media, Cooks Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade said they immediately started medical treatment when they arrived. It was later confirmed to media it was a 14-year-old boy who had died.

"Our combined Cooks and Hahei crews worked extremely hard in very difficult and dangerous conditions, with ambulance crews, westpac and Police" chief fire officer Brayden Jack said.

"Unfortunately, the person is deceased and our thoughts go out to the family."

He thanked everyone involved for their hard work and assistance, including the combined Cooks and Hahei crews, police, ambulance and Westpac. A witness saw a rescue helicopter drop off a crewmember before returning 10 minutes later to airlift a stretcher from the base of Shakespeare Cliff.

St John had sent two local first response units, a helicopter, and a manager to the beach.

FATAL CRASH, MIRANDA

Police have confirmed one person died following a crash in Miranda on October 1.

Emergency services were called to the single motorbike crash at the intersection of Back Miranda Road and Front Miranda Road at 4pm.

Despite their best efforts, the rider died at the scene. The road was closed while a scene examination was completed, and re-opened at around 9pm. Police said enquiries into the circumstances of the crash were ongoing.

WANTED MAN

There was a strong Police presence in Coromandel town on Monday, October 5, after wanted man Max Bradbury was spotted running across farmland.

Bradbury, 27, is wanted on fire-arms charges and is considered a risk to the public. Police said he should not be approached.

The Police Eagle helicopter, along with Dog Unit and local staff were active in the town after first becoming aware of the situation around 9am. The search was focused on the Kapanga Rd area. Police asked the public to call 111 immediately if they saw him.

Viral 'rake take' gathers momentum

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caused a "bit of a bump" on Dion's head.

"I had a good little line down my forehead and a bit of a bump for a few days. But I've got a pretty hard head," he said.

How the rake ended up on the driveway though was actually the work of another little human.

The couple's two-year-old son, John, is a helpful young entrepreneur who follows in his parents footsteps and also accompanies them on jobs.

From time to time, John will lend a hand and place items around the property such as a spanner in the sand pit or in the viral-video's case, a rake on the driveway.

He was a little celebrity in his own right.

People got to know John when the family had their former business Old Mates Pizza and Pasta in Paeroa.

"I think half of the customers that ring us just want to see Johnny because they [saw] him growing up in the shop."

One thing is for sure, Dion said he might need to wear a hard hat when he unloaded the mower at the yard, or at least put the rake back where it belonged.

Dion and Lou joked about the time they shared a video where they gave away free labour and only received around six entries and followers and around 3000 views, but a video of his misfortune raked in a hefty response.

"If I'd known me getting injured was what would attract attention, I would've been putting that shit on the internet ages ago."

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TIME DIFFERENCES FOR OTHER PLACES

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PLACE	Hr	MIN	Hr	MIN
Coromandel	-0	05	-0	04
Whitianga	-0	01	-0	05
Tairua	+0	10	+0	20
Whangamata	-0	03	-0	06
Waihi Beach	-0	21	-0	16

Kerepēhi Brass’ historic win a high note

By KELLEY TANTAU

The Kerepēhi Brass Band has gone from not having enough members to compete at regionals, to winning its section for the first time, a result that left long-standing players “beaming”.

The band took out the D grade at the Waikato-Bay of Plenty regional brass band contest, hosted by Te Awamutu Brass over the last weekend of September, marking a milestone in its 80-year history.

For band president Luke van Vliet, the win was even more rewarding given the challenges the group had faced just a few years ago.

“Five years ago was our first time going back to a regional contest, because prior to that, we actually didn’t even have the membership to be able to take part,” he told The Profile.

“So that’s part of why we were so thrilled about it, because we’ve gone from not even being able to go, to winning our section, which is quite exciting.”

Kerepēhi competed against four other bands in the D grade, narrowly beating Hamilton’s Koru Brass by just one-and-a-half points out of a possible 250.

The contest involved a programme that included a sacred item, a major test piece, a soloist performance, and entertainment items.

And when it was time for the results, Luke said the wait was “quite tense”.

“They read out each individual category,” he explained, “and in previous years, we’ve always



Some of the members of the Kerepēhi Brass Band after its regional win. Photo: SUPPLIED

done quite poorly in the test and the hymn. That’s sort of been our weak link. But this year they read out the hymn result first - and we had won, so everybody’s getting quite excited at this point.”

The band won the entertainment section by “quite a big margin”, but was pipped at the post in the test and soloist categories.

“Suddenly everybody’s frantically trying to add up all the points - if we’ve actually taken it out or not,” Luke said. “We were very, very thrilled. Everybody was just beam-

ing when we heard we actually had won by one-and-a-half-points.

“It just goes to show you how tough the competition actually is.”

Luke said the result reflected the hard work of the entire band, as well as musical director Andrew Christie, who had put in a huge amount of work alongside an already busy year.

It was also a moment of celebration for members who had been with the band through its tougher times, he said.

“In the early 2000s, the band

was going through quite a struggle. They were actually at the point of considering folding,” Luke said. “There were some members there on the weekend who were in the band back then, and just to see the grin on their faces... All that was going through my head was, when I first joined the band and long before that, they could have never dreamed that this would happen. So to see them so thrilled was such a great thing to see.”

Looking ahead, Kerepēhi Brass has a busy calendar, including

Oktoberfest performances, Christmas parades and carolling, as well as its annual Christmas concert at St George’s Church in Thames.

But for now, Luke said the band would enjoy a “rightfully deserved” rest after its regional win - a result he said was less about a comeback and more about the people behind it.

“They’re a great bunch of people who just enjoy what they’re doing, and I’m really looking forward to what the band is going to do in the future.”



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Tūrua Hall

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100 years of Hauraki Plains Motors

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

The month of October is a monumental moment in time for Miles and Diane Shelley of Hauraki Plains Motors.

It's when the owners, their team and the community will celebrate their landmark celebration of 100 years in business.

"It's a bit of a milestone", Miles and Diane told *The Profile*.

"Not many make it to 100 years, so we're very proud of it. We're still probably, what would you say, a little bit old school which, in our area, still works.

"We're a bit country."

While their journey at the Ngatea-based business began around 50 years ago, the Shelley family has a deeper history within the business.

Miles' father, Bruce, was the first to join the team at HPM as an apprentice while he was in college. He and Miles' mother, Doreen, went on to purchase a 50 per cent share in the business. Later, Miles' brother, Warrick, started to work there in 1973, followed by Miles in 1976 and Diane in 1977.

Now, Miles and Diane's son, Adam, is part of the team alongside their grandson, Corey, who does a bit of casual work for them after school.

With four generations playing important parts in the fabric of the business, it's clear HPM was more than just a place of work.

"We've got a lot of longstanding employees that have been with us as long as we've been here," Miles and Diane said.

"And some, you know, 10 years plus, 20 years, which is quite a big deal for a company to have employees stay so long."

They believed one of the reasons why HPM was "still here" came down to the fact that "we've got the support of our customers and community".

Their focus is on people.

"We still care about our customers and our staff and it's not always about the dollar.



Hauraki Plains Motors owners Miles and Diane Shelley. Photo: SUPPLIED

"We're still here and we're still getting it and we're still doing our thing."

The owners and their team plan to kick off the official celebrations in store on October 23 with a one-day 100 Year Celebration Sale.

"Hopefully we've got some extra special bonus items that are going to be at a real steal of a price," Diane said.

They were still working out the kinks but the sale will be for one day only and include everything in store except new motorcycles.

They also aim to have a coffee cart on site, the barbecue cranked and spot prizes.

Diane will also share a colouring picture on Facebook for kids to colour in, and when they take their picture in store, they will receive a prize.

There will also be a selection of photos and documents for people to see the history of Hauraki Plains Motors over the past 100 years.

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Digger (128 mins) R13. Comedy. The most powerful man in the world embarks on a frantic mission to prove he is humanity's saviour before the disaster he's unleashed destroys everything.

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.

Shaun the sheep: The beast of Mossy Bottom (91 mins) G. Sees the residents of Mossy Bottom Farm looking forward to Halloween - until the clumsy farmer trashes the flock's beloved pumpkin patch.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Entries open for ArtWaikino

By ALICE PARMINTER

Robin Purlant loves to work with unconventional materials.

The artist won last year's Radical Reuse category at the annual ArtWaikino exhibition, with his mixed-media portrait titled *The Face of Homelessness*.

"I was doing a series of artworks based on recyclable material... that one was a portrait of a homeless man I met in Auckland and I did quite a few portraits of him, quick pencil drawings," he told *The Profile*.

"One day I was walking up the road and I saw a crushed beer can and it was all scratched with the silver of the can coming through the paint, and that gave me the idea of using these little metallic tiles to build up his face."

Robin collected several cans from the side of the road, cut them into tiles, and etched out the portrait. "It was quite a long, complicated process, but in the end, I did an artwork that portrayed [him] as a homeless man and used materials that he was very familiar with," Robin said. "I've had so much positive reaction about it."

Former ArtWaikino winner Les Hughes' work is also unusual - he calls it "junk art".

"It's deliberately low-budget, deliberately rough and rusty," he said. "I started making dragonflies with knives and forks and things... I like the idea of using stuff that people throw away."

Les has won the Sculpture category two years in a row, with *Hawk* in 2024 and *The Flight* in 2025. Although art was a hobby for him, Les said he appreciated the validation that came with people enjoying his work.

"There's a lot of better artists out there than me... But I think it's great that people have a chance to see what you do,

there's always someone going to like what you're doing."

With the 26th ArtWaikino Exhibition taking place over Labour Weekend, the organisers are looking forward to discovering many more interesting artworks and creators.

Entries for ArtWaikino close on October 11. Participants can enter up to three original pieces across the categories of painting, sculpture, craft, photography, and mixed media.

There are also two special awards: "Young Star" for youth artists, and "People's Choice".

All pieces will be for sale, with a commission going to the organising committee to be put towards the upkeep of Waikino Hall.

The commission has traditionally been 20 per cent, however, this year the committee will be reducing the commission to 15 per cent for pieces priced below \$150.

"We're hoping to make it more affordable for not only you but the good people hoping to take a small piece of you home with them," they said in a social media post.

Meanwhile, both Robin and Les encouraged people to sign up and give the show a go. "I just like the atmosphere and the environment. It's very friendly," Robin said. "It's a wonderful little show - it's a great place to stop and have a cup of coffee and see some art."

"Just do it, you've actually got nothing to lose," Les added.

"[It's] a chance for people like me who are complete amateurs to display their stuff, and it supports a good cause."

DETAILS: ArtWaikino Exhibition, October 23-26, 10am-4pm at Waikino Hall. Gold coin entry, all pieces for sale. Entries close October 11, see www.waikinohall.org/artwaikino for more.

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\$9.29m programme to remediate flooding impacts

The Waikato Regional Council (WRC) delivered approximately \$9.29 million of river and catchment management work across the region in the 2025/26 year.

The work was part of council's long-term environmental restoration work, but also included an increased investment in river resilience in response to the impacts of recent severe weather events, council told the integrated catchment management committee at its September 22 meeting.

The work included the first year of a three-year programme supported by \$4.2 million from the government's Regional Infrastructure Fund to improve river resilience in Coromandel, Waikato, Waipā Central Waikato and West Coast catchments.

Catchments manager Grant Blackie said a key feature of the 2025/26 programme was an increased focus on restoring channel capacity and stabilising riverbanks to deal with the impacts from flooding in Coromandel and Waipā between October, 2025, and April, 2026, helping reduce future flood risk.

In the Waipā catchment alone, more than 45 kilometres of waterways received blockage removal, gravel management and channel reinstatement work, alongside the construction of erosion control structures to protect vulnerable riverbanks, he said.

"Thanks to this additional government funding, and strong partnerships with communities and landowners, we've been able to deliver a larger programme of river recovery work while continuing to invest in long-term catch-

ment health."

Across the region, council worked with 331 landowners to fence waterways, retire erosion-prone land, plant native vegetation, stabilise streambanks and improve waterway resilience.

"There was 155 kilometres of new fencing constructed. That's about the driving distance between Hamilton and Taupō," Grant said.

"More than half a million native plants went in the ground and 1455 hectares of land were retired from grazing.

"These projects help reduce erosion, improve water quality, restore habitat for native species, and make catchments more resilient to future weather events."

The work also included the third year of the 2024-2027 Hill Country Erosion Programme, co-funded by the Ministry for Primary Industries' Te Uru Rākau and the Waikato River Authority. More than 140 landowners participated in the programme, collectively retiring 500 hectares of land, planting 166 hectares in native trees, and stabilising vulnerable hill country with 8400 poplar poles.

Integrated catchment management committee chair Robert Cookson said the benefits of river and catchment management works were felt well beyond the fenceline.

"While much of the work happens on farms and alongside waterways, we all reap the rewards," he said.

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Centenary celebrated

By ALICE PARMINTER

The Turua Community Hall’s centenary was celebrated in style on September 26, kicking off with a vintage car parade around the Hauraki Plains village.

Residents and visitors to Turua also celebrated the official opening of the new library building behind the hall, and heard about work that has been done at the Turua Domain, along with future plans for the upgrade of the hall.

The event was capped off with a social evening including a buffet meal, dancing, music and fond memories.

Organiser Marina Wigmore said the hall was abuzz with activity.

“We had about 90 for dinner... there were a lot of people catching up, they hadn’t seen each other for yonks,” she said. “Quite a few people stood up and gave us some of their own memories of the hall, the rock and roll dancers did line dancing - it was a really good night.”



Irene Brownlee, of Paeroa, enjoys a ride in a vintage car.

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The Baker brothers and their driver in the parade.



Vintage cars outside the Turua Hall.

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Each month, this feature will spotlight a variety of local businesses, services and organisations making a difference in our communities. Whether you’re wanting to find

local health and wellness services, a chiropractor, a hair salon and more - the Health and Wellbeing feature will point you in the right direction.

While there’s no one-size fits-all approach to wellbeing, everyone deserves access to resources that support their unique journey. So whether you’re taking the first step or continuing your wellness path, we hope this feature becomes your monthly go to guide for living well, right here in the Hauraki-Coromandel.

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Head injury caused by riverside willow collision



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

On the willow-lined Waihou River, the scow *Huia* was under tow by the launch *Matuku*. The scow, captained by Thomas Higham, had come from Whangarei with a load of coal for Bertleson's flax mill four miles up the river near Paeroa.

It was Captain Higham's first trip on this river and it was the last trip for one of his crew, 27-year-old Belgium-born Rene Bulte, before he moved on.

The Bulte family had settled at Little Muddy Creek, Titirangi, after immigrating to New Zealand. Rene was one of six siblings. His mother had died in 1891 - from hard work according to one of her daughters - and his father had died just five months before.

The *Huia* and *Matuku* left the flax mill about 10 on that November morning in 1907 and were travelling the same speed as the moderately moving current. After three quarters of an hour, a heavy undercurrent carried the scow round a bend and it collided with a willow tree, the mizzen mast catching in the branches.

This caused the rigging to carry away, and the topmast broke into three pieces. One piece narrowly missed hitting a

crew member. Rene saw the mast falling and moved to avoid it but the middle piece of the mast struck him on the head.

Rene was brought down to the Junction Wharf at Paeroa as quickly as possible and a doctor sent for. Around 40 minutes after the accident Rene died, with Dr Smith arriving half an hour later.

At the inquest, Captain Higham said the willows in the Waihou had overgrown the river to such an extent that they touched both sides of the vessel.

There was no defect in the topmast, and he was thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which the vessel was being towed. Nothing could have been done to have prevented the accident. Captain Higham had insured Rene against accident.

Robert Thorp, master of the *Matuku*, corroborated Captain Higham's evidence. He stated that the willow which the scow collided with was jutting out further than the rest. It was a common thing, he said, for scows to lose their topmasts through running into the willows. It was not safe to take scows down the river because of them.

Dr Smith said Rene had extensive skull fractures. Nothing could have been done to save him. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. They added a rider that the Minister for Marine be informed that the willows in the Waihou River were a menace to navigation and needed to be removed. Rene was buried at Waikumete cemetery, Auckland.

Despite willows being planted along river banks with the best of intentions, time had shown that it was a mistake.

In December, 1907, owners of land on the banks of the river were directed to remove the trees but for decades after these trees and their control continued to be a problem and the willows still grew along the banks of the Waihou.

Chris' Quiz

- Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter
1. What band did Michael Jackson perform with before launching his solo career?
 2. According to the Craig David 2000 hit 7 Days, what was he doing on Tuesday? a) Took her for a drink, b) making love, or c) 'chilled'?
 3. In late September, Neilsens announced that which food had overtaken the 'generic fish and chips meal' to become New Zealand's favourite fast food? a) Chinese Food, b) KFC, or c) McDonalds?
 4. The term cogitation means to what? a) Become elderly, b) make cogs, or c) think deeply?
 5. If a jet flies directly overhead toward you at supersonic speed, when do you hear it? a) As it approaches, b) when it's directly overhead, or c) only after it passes?
 6. Which dog breed featured on the front

- page of *The Valley Profile*, September 29th edition, with walk participants wanting to raise awareness of the breed? a) greyhound, b) huntaway, or c) whippet?
7. On October 9, 2025, who did Donald Trump describe as the 'Original American Hero'? a) Alexander the Great, b) Beethoven, or c) Christopher Columbus?
 8. What is the largest religious structure in the world by area? a) Angkor Wat, b) St Peter's Basilica, or c) Notre-Dame Cathedral?
 9. Which band released the album *Permission to Land* in 2003? a) Evanescence, b) The Darkness, or c) The Black Eyed Peas?
 10. At the end of their videos, content creators on YouTube often encourage viewers to what? a) Stop, collaborate and listen, b) follow and like, or c) like and subscribe?

ANSWERS: 1. The Jackson 5 (later known as the Jacksons); 2. (a) Took her for a drink; 3. (c) McDonalds; 4. (c) Think deeply; 5. (c) Only after it passes; 6. (a) Greyhound; 7. (c) Christopher Columbus (though he never set foot on current day USA); 8. (a) Angkor Wat (160 hectares); 9. (b) The Darkness; 10. (c) Like and subscribe.



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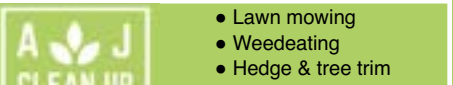
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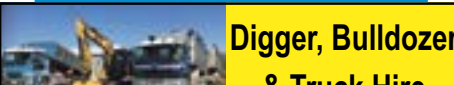
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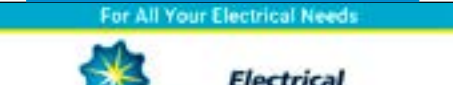
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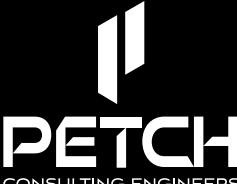
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Rugged beauty in exhibition

By ALICE PARMINTER

The wild and desolate beauty of Rakiura/ Stewart Island will be on display at a photo exhibition at the Kauaeranga Valley Hall this October.

The 32-photo exhibition is the work of Keri Moyle, who spent a summer taking photographs for the Department of Conservation (DOC) more than a decade ago.

"They wanted pictures of people in the parks, so I spent all my time hunting for people with my big camera, but I also got a bunch of really cool photos as a bycatch," she said. "There was one that jumped out at me, not because it's an awesome picture, but because it's an interesting one. So, that's where this all kind of started from."

This was the seed of an idea which eventually developed into a photo book, *Rakiura - Signs of Life*. The book is a study of the cycle of life and renewal, depicted through Keri's time on the island.

Keri's exhibition will feature framed prints of many of the images from her book. It was the ideal time for a show like this, she said.

"A lot of people who work in this field or who care about the bush and the environment are tired and worn out," she said.

"[And] the theme of the exhibition is kind of pertinent to conservation efforts everywhere."

The final image of the book is really where the story starts. It shows seeds and footprints in the sand, following a dune spraying operation by DOC workers to remove the highly invasive marram grass.

"It was just this surreal experience. It's massive sand dunes... there's these guys wandering around in hazmat suits with spray gear, spraying everything bright blue," Keri said. "It was such an image of death."



Keri Moyle's photo exhibition will be on display at the Kauaeranga Hall. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

"And then, after that, to come across this idea that there's seeds in the sand... life is not just completely gone."

The book begins, conversely, with the elements of the island - sand and water - growing through the pages to show baby birds, growing things, and eventually the signs of human intervention.

"I find this story so hopeful, and so simple, but very, very comforting," Keri said.

"Ultimately the land will repair itself, because it's alive... the land will come back."

DETAILS: Grand opening October 9 at 5pm at the Kauaeranga Valley Hall. Open October 10-11, 10am-4pm. Free entry, refreshments with a koha. All prints will be for sale.

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BALDWIN, Elizabeth Mary: Passed away peacefully on 1st October 2026 aged 102 years. Dearly loved wife of Frederick of 59 years. Treasured Mother and Mother - in -Law of Jason and the late Carlene, Judith and Kurt, Roderick and Mary-Anne , Nicholas and Karen, Catherine and Murray. Loved Nan to Toby Carey Leigh Jamie Laine Josh Grand Nan to Jack Reef Tyler and Mason Our heartfelt thanks to all the medical and nursing staff involved in Betty's care "Forever in our hearts" Funeral to be held at the Baptist Church 3 Gilmour Street Waihi on Wednesday the 7th at 11.30am. 	GORDON, Lesley Elizabeth (nee Dudding) QSM, O. St John: Lesley left us peacefully, at her home, on her own terms, surrounded by family that could get here in time, late Friday afternoon 18th September 2026. Dearest wife of Bruce (deceased), much loved Mum of Catherine and Dave, Andrew and Sharon, and darling Nana of Harry, Charlotte and Lewis, Brylie, Cam and Emma. 85 years old but 55 years young - having received a Heart Transplant when she was 60 - Lesley was gifted precious years made possible by the selfless and generous donation of an organ donor in 2000. Lesley's commitment to her community was strong, focused and active until she was no longer able to enjoy what she did. 32 years as part of St John, a founding committee member and President of the Life Education Trust Hauraki, along with others beside her, organisations and committees resulted in successful outcomes and projects that she was quietly very proud of. Lesley was brave, private and intentionally independent. Her wish to remain in her own home would not have been at all possible without the amazing support, care and love from Liz, with Dr Tom, Pauline and the Team at Health Ngatea initially, then Ngatea Pharmacy, Hospice and The District Health Nurses. The arrival of food, flowers, cards and messages of remembrance, love and support has been overwhelming. Thank you seems an inadequate acknowledgement. A private family service and cremation has been held at Mum's request. Communications to: PO Box 33 Ngatea or dchorder@xtra.co.nz 	That Painter Ltd Interior / Exterior Small-medium sized projects preferred Free Quotes "I paint like Picasso, only cheaper" Call Stan, 0223137911 HAURAKI REGIONAL PAINTERS Over 12 years experience, interior/ exterior. Refs available. Free quotes. Phone Graeme for all your painting needs. 020 485 1312	STORAGE KOPU, PAEROA "New Units" Ph 027 440 7101 07 868 3033 Safe n Sound Storage www.safestorage.co.nz Storage Unlimited 25 Ngati Maru Highway Kopu, Thames Clean, secure, dry Units available 7 x 3.6m and 7 x 5.5m Phone 07 868 9944 Handyman An experienced handyman covering all trades with over 20 years exp building trade. Please contact Laurie King 021 251 0246 ktpropertyservice.com
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I learned a leadership lesson from an unruly alpaca

**OPINION**
By **MICHAEL WILKES**
This week I learned a leadership lesson... from an alpaca. Not where I expected wisdom to show up, but there we are. One of ours got sick and sadly died, so I needed to drench the others as a precaution. Sounds simple enough. Except the first alpaca had other ideas. The moment I tried to hold her — chaos. She bucked me off. And even came at me trying to spit at me. The next attempt ended with both of us rolling down a hill through alpaca poo while my kids screamed as though I was wrestling the life out of the poor thing. I was frustrated, determined, and fully in fight mode. My wife, being the wise one in the marriage, suggested we calm down and try later. Naturally, I ignored that excellent advice and kept chasing an increasingly athletic alpaca around the paddock. Because sometimes, when we're emotionally invested, we confuse intensity

with progress. Eventually I stopped. Took a breath. And remembered something I'd read earlier — alpacas calm down when they're closely contained. So we changed tactics. Grabbed a rope. And lassooed her... no that did not happen. Walked her gently into a corner using the rope as a moving guide. Pinned her against the fence. And suddenly... the whole job was easy. No rodeo. No poo-covered chaos. No drama. The solution had been there the whole time. I just couldn't see it while my emotional brain was running the show. And isn't that often how life works? When emotions spike, we react instead of think. We push harder in an argument. Double down on a bad strategy. Force something that isn't working. All while the wiser path is often sitting quietly nearby, waiting for us to calm down enough to notice it. There's good science behind this too. When stress rises, the emotional parts of the brain can hijack clear thinking. We literally become less able to problem-solve. Which is why pause is powerful. Sometimes the most productive thing you can do is stop. Breathe. Let wisdom catch up. Because not every problem needs more force. Sometimes it needs less. Sometimes leadership isn't charging harder. It's stepping back far enough to see clearly. And if I'm honest, I reckon a lot of our best decisions in life come after that pause. So maybe that's the question today: Where are you chasing an alpaca in your own life? Where might pushing harder not be helping? And what if the smartest move right now... is simply to pause long enough for clarity to arrive? Sometimes wisdom comes from books. Sometimes from failure. And occasionally... from an alpaca.

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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Saturday 31 October 2026 at 10am
at Te Pai o Hauraki Marae
1 Papatūroa Avenue, Paeroa, 3600
Purpose: To elect five new trustees to fill the current vacancies, hear from nominees about their aspirations, skills and contribution to the marae, and share the Trust's priorities for the next 12 months.
Nominations: Nominations must be emailed to tepaiohaurakimarae@gmail.com by 30 October 2026.
Nominees must provide their full name, contact details, confirmation they wish to stand, and a current CV outlining relevant skills and experience. Nominees must also attend the SGM and speak about their aspirations, skills and contribution to the Marae.
Voting: Beneficiaries 18 years and over are entitled to vote. Voting will be by show of hands, or by secret ballot if nominations exceed vacancies. No proxy voting.
We warmly invite all whānau to come along, have your say and be part of shaping the future of our marae. We encourage whānau to send through any pātai before the hui to: tepaiohaurakimarae@gmail.com
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Plains Ward Forum/Hui

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9 Sweepstake (6)

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17 Water-loving animal (5)

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20 Had (9)

21 Wrote (6)

24 New York island (9)

25 Underside (6)

26 Roundabout way (6)

29 Thwarted (10)

31 Cereal plant (3)

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37 Epic tale (4)

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40 Travel plan (9)

41 Boat's rear (5)

42 Illegally imported (8)

47 Cowboy films (8)

51 Water birds (5)

55 Record for TV replay (9)

56 Self-service restaurant (9)

58 Settlement (4)

59 Road-making substance (3)

60 Surprise attack (4)

61 Theatre guides (6)
- 62 Self-image (3)

63 Unattainable ambitions (4,6)

66 French brandy (6)

67 Keen discernment (6)

69 Lack of prejudice (9)

72 Health professional (6)

73 Have an effect on (9)

75 Dodging (7)

77 Mimic (3)

80 Marsupial (5)

81 Halts completely (5,2,1,4,4)

82 Matching (5)

83 Burlesque (6)

84 Allergic rhinitis (3,5)

85 Perch (5)

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2 Police officer (9)

3 Different (5)

5 Tangible (4)

6 Lacking (7)

7 Quirk (12)

8 Donates (5)

9 Deference (7)

10 Total failure (4)

11 Soapsuds (6)

12 Demon (5)

13 Wander without aim (7)

14 Bestowed (7)

16 Drum-shaped (11)

22 Affix (6)

23 Hold (7)

24 Ford car model (7)

25 Multiplies (6)
- 27 The outdoors (4,3)

28 Laud (6)

30 Affair of honour (4)

32 Completely demolished (5)

34 Void (5)

36 Finest (4)

38 Furnish with weapons (3)

42 Cut off (5)

43 Downfall (7)

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46 North Britons (5)

48 Group of northern European countries (11)

49 Very severe or serious (7)

50 Novel (3)

51 Protection system (7)

52 Filter (6)

53 Easily (12)

54 Organ knob (4)

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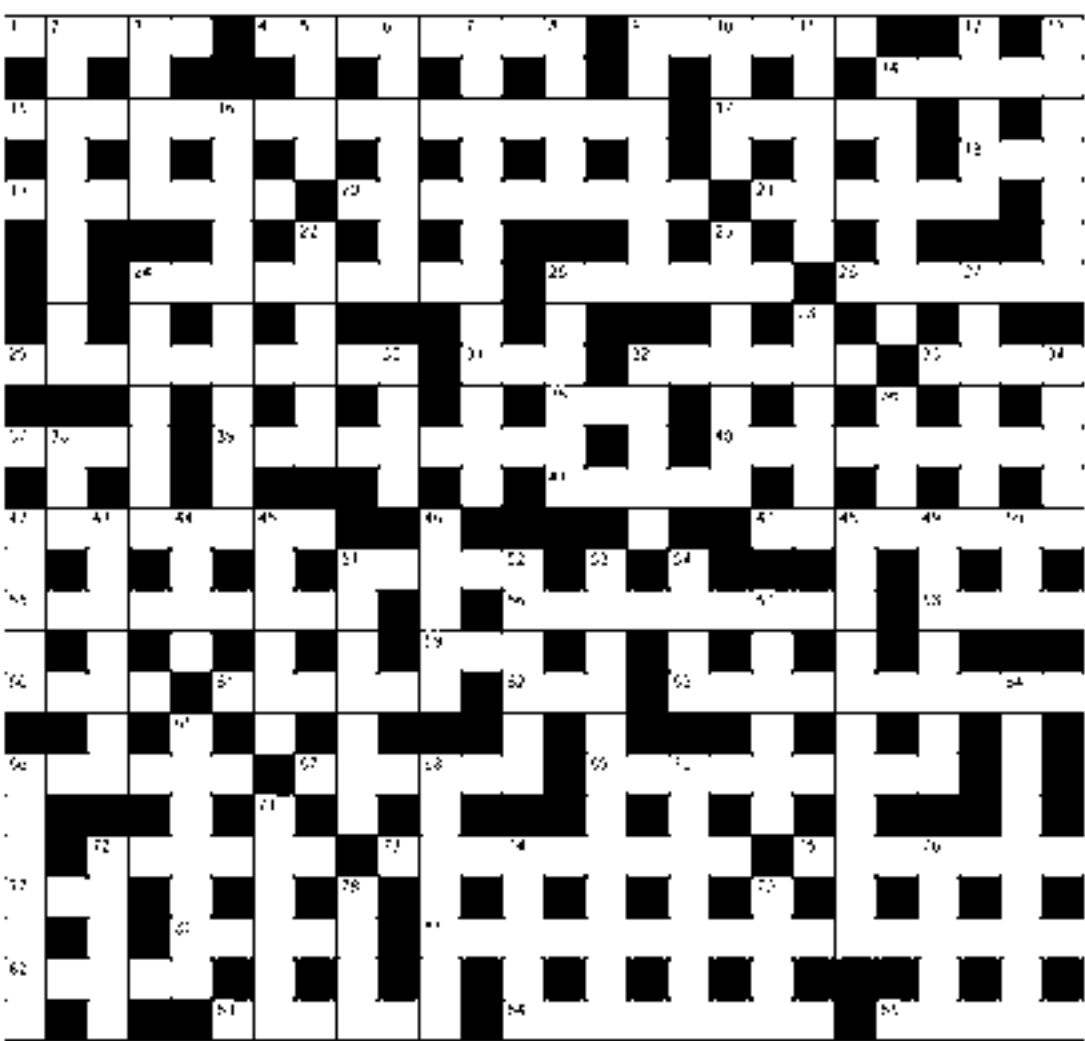
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