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'The Board of Pestees'

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

An apple a day might keep the doctor away, but it was certainly a lure for "one hungry little possum" at Hikutaia School.

That's because a group of students, who put their heads together to create a pest control initiative called The Board of Pestees, left some apple in a possum trap in the hope it would entice the pest.

The board of keen trappers, made up of 11-year-olds Patrick Casey, Noah King, Ollie Silvester, Beau Brown, and 12-year-olds Kaea Koia-Hamling, Evan Brett, and Nehemiah Bennett, had a clear goal.

"We are a group of kids that trap around our school and out the back of our school," they said.

Their main targets were rats, mice, ferrets, stoats, weasels, wasps, magpies, hedgehogs, koi carp and of course, possums.

"We are trying to make our school and community pest free," the Pestees told *The Profile*.

The enviro-kids are determined to help make their dream a reality by the year 2050.

Part of their mission involves handing the torch off to students who will follow in their footsteps after they graduate from Hikutaia School.

Following a recent rugby trip, the young trappers arrived back at school where fellow classmates told them there was a possum in one of the traps.

"We bolted down the back and to where we had put the trap and there it was, a possum feeding on an apple core staring right at us.

"We all jumped with joy, so excited we sprinted back to class to ask Whaea Janna if we could show the whole school what we caught. It was the first time we had caught something rather than a rat or mouse."

The idea to kick off the Board of Pestees was inspired by a literacy school unit.

Teacher Whaea Jana said the unit was focussed on hunting as a theme, so they looked into different deer, and also the rules around hunting and duck shooting.

"[The Board of Pestees] realised that to get the duck numbers up for duck shooting, the best thing was to do pest control, and so then it just went whoosh from there."

It wasn't clear just how many pests the young trappers had caught around the school so far, but there were "a lot", including hedgehogs, possums, rats and mice.

"We got heaps of mice in the bucket traps, and then there was that time where the rats all came out."

Whenever the students checked their traps, which are located along the back of the school, they said they were accompanied by the caretaker.

"They need to come with us so we're safe. If it's all kill traps we just need to do it once every two days, but if it's all live traps you have to check every day.

"And if we don't catch anything in that trap for a few days, we just move them."

The pest controllers said the school's garden shed had something mysterious underneath it: they couldn't quite figure out what it was. They placed several traps under there and had to

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The 'Board of Pestees'.
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Young trappers' pest-free goal

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remove one of the traps because it "got absolutely smashed", they said.

"The back door got booted in. It's like a mystery, [we] don't know what it is."

When it comes to the sort of bait they used, the board members said "it's never really the same" as they tried a range of different options such as peanut butter and chocolate.

"We start off with peanut butter and pilchards and then we move towards some of the shop-bought stuff like chocolate and cinnamon paste."

One pestee said the pilchards were "good as" for the water rats. "And now we've got reset bait things for our new Goodnature traps."

Whaea Janna said at the moment, one of the boy's fathers would collect the pests' remains from the traps for disposal.

"This is a problem we need to come up with a better solution for and we are brainstorming some ideas," she said.

The Board of Pestees is currently completing a statistical investigation to find out if there is interest among the junior students to become future members.

"They are looking into planting to encourage the native birds to visit more now that the pests have been eradicated, and they are also looking into making more traps to supply local households and educating the school students on how to make, set and clear a trap," Whaea Janna said.

The posse of Pestees is also on a mission to get more traps and a trail camera for their cause. So far the crew has raised money toward their mission through sausage sizzles and smash burger sales at their school gala.

The most important part was that the young trappers were passionate about the cause.

"We actually get out and do what we like doing."

DETAILS: To make a donation to the Board of Pestees, call 07 862 4708 or email office@hikutaiaschool.nz.

In Brief

TUTOR INVESTIGATED

Police and Oranga Tamariki are jointly conducting an investigation involving a community-based tutor. The tutor has previously provided tuition through a number of schools and community organisations in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. The agencies have been working with schools and the Ministry of Education to identify children who may have had contact with the tutor, and have begun meeting with affected families.

"Our focus is on ensuring that enquiries are conducted thoroughly, professionally and with the wellbeing of children at the centre of the process," Waikato Police detective inspector Kevin McNaughton said.

"Parents and caregivers are being asked not to question their children about the matter or undertake their own enquiries. We appreciate that parents naturally want answers and reassurance. However, conversations of this nature are best undertaken by trained professionals to ensure children's wellbeing is protected and information obtained is as reliable as possible."

The Police have emphasised that being contacted as part of the investigation does not mean that any particular child has been harmed.

They are continuing to assess information as it is received and encourage anyone with information they believe may be relevant, to contact Police by calling 105, or via 105 online, referencing file number 260919/1953.

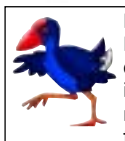
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DOMAIN UPGRADE

Plans are underway to replace Paeroa Domain's ageing metal halide sports field lights with modern LED lighting, Hauraki District Council said.

The $200,700 project will see new lights installed on rugby fields one and two and the netball courts, improving evening training and events while using up to 75 per cent less power. The council will contribute $100,000, while Sport Waikato has committed $50,000 subject to evidence the project will increase participation by rangitahi (youths).

The remaining $50,700 will be sought through community grant applications. Installation is expected to take place in winter next year, subject to successful grant applications.



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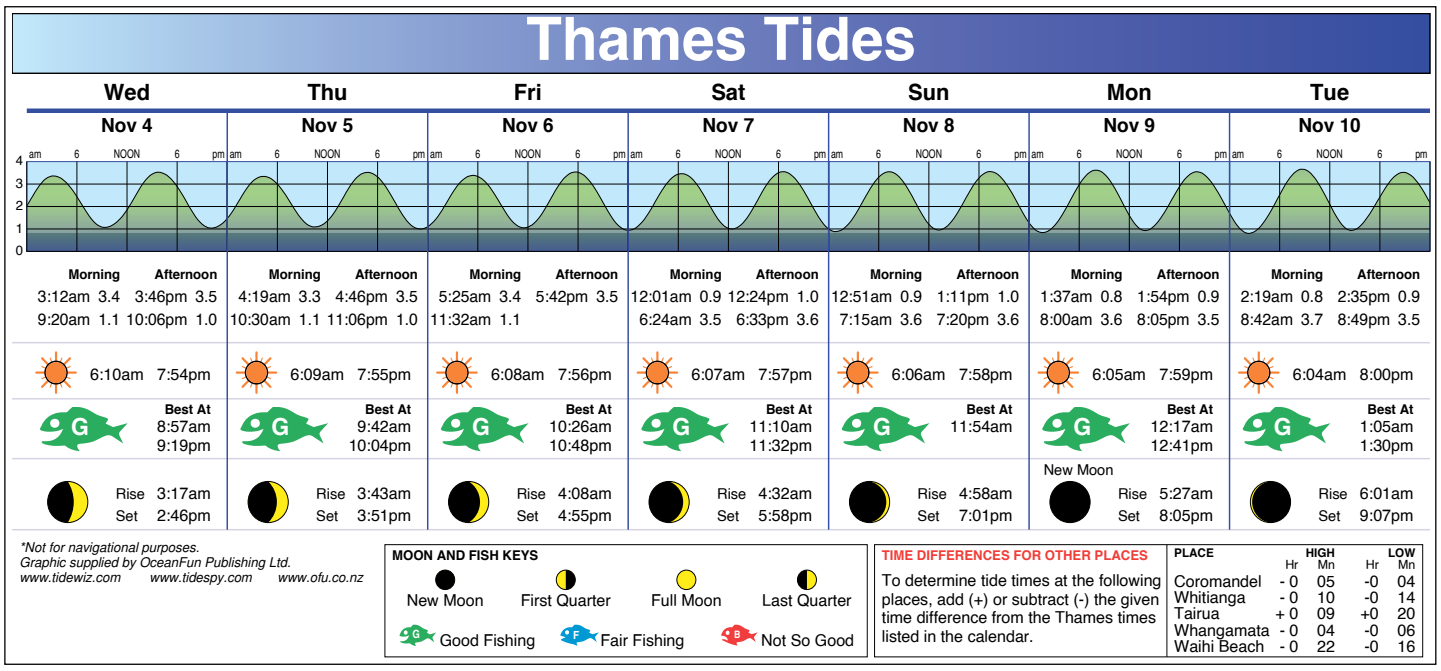
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Waihi Beach	- 0	22	-0	16

ELECTION 2026

Candidates pinpoint Coromandel priorities

As part of The Valley Profile's coverage of the 2026 general election, reporter KELLEY TANTAU asks Coromandel candidates the same question: What do you see as the biggest challenge facing the Coromandel electorate, and what would you do to address it if elected?

SCOTT SIMPSON, NATIONAL



National candidate Scott Simpson.

In the Coromandel electorate, we're not isolated from the issues that confront our nation or immune to global impacts.

It's as important here as anywhere that our local economy grows to create jobs, that taxes are kept low, that crime is cracked down on, and that we have improving education, healthcare and infrastructure.

Financial responsibility and National's long-term plan for the economy is how we deliver jobs, opportunities and higher wages for Coromandel people. That is how we keep taxes low. And it's how we keep investing in local roads, bridges, schools, health care, Police and other public services.

It's all about fixing the basics and building the future. By sticking to National's plan, there will be a more secure future for Coromandel and New Zealand.

That's why I'm asking you to give National your Party Vote and to vote Scott Simpson to remain your Coromandel MP this election.

STEVE HART, INDEPENDENT

An Independent has far greater connection to the electorate, directly to you and your community.

Steve will stand up for issues specific to Coromandel and you.

An independent is accountable to you, the community, the electorate, not to the Party Line or the Party Whip.

Coromandel is the most vibrant, dynamic, varied community in NZ with landscapes and quality of living richness which will be enhanced through strong creative leadership that Steve Hart brings.

Creating a Business Innovation Hub, Steve will inject wider dimensions of richness across the entire electorate.

He will focus on what each community's individual wealth is and enhance that quality, generating specific business enterprise for that community.

Steve will drive and facilitate weekly "People's Assemblies" bringing out your skills, experience, qualification, expertise and wisdom to build the solutions to every concern you raise. You will drive this country.



Steve Hart, Independent.

PAMELA GREALEY, GREENS

The biggest challenge facing the Coromandel electorate is ensuring everyone can access timely, accessible healthcare wherever they live.

Too many people cannot afford a GP visit, while others wait months for appointments. The Green Party will fully fund primary care publicly, including GP services, and provide free adult dental care.

Our dental plan includes annual checkups and cleaning, fillings and extractions, supported by local clinics and mobile dental services reaching rural communities.

We will improve recruitment and retention of doctors, nurses and other health and care workers, with fair, equal pay.

We will also strengthen care and support for elderly and disabled people, helping them live with dignity and independence.

For many senior citizens and people on low incomes, the cost of living crisis means going without healthcare because it is unaffordable or unavailable. The Greens will provide accessible, affordable healthcare in every Coromandel community.



Green candidate Pamela Grealey.

GLEN BENNETT, LABOUR

Our biggest challenge is building a resilient local economy where people can afford to live, access healthcare and rely on roads that keep our communities connected.

As Labour's Tourism and Hospitality spokesperson, I see a thriving, sustainable tourism sector as vital to local jobs and businesses.

Attracting visitors throughout the year supports our cafés, shops, accommodation providers and tourism operators, creating opportunities across the electorate.

That depends on resilient roads. Closures affect livelihoods and access to essential services. I would advocate for long term investment to strengthen our vulnerable roading network.

We also need healthcare closer to home, access to GPs, timely treatment and reliable emergency services. I would champion stronger local services and support for our health workforce.

My community development background is about bringing people together. I would work alongside councils, iwi, businesses and residents to find practical solutions and be a strong voice for the Coromandel in Parliament.



Labour candidate Glen Bennett.

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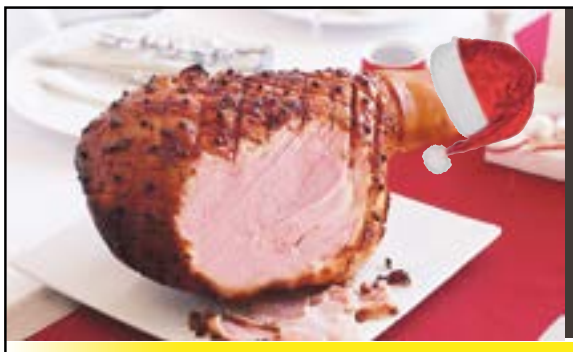
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The clock stops: 20 December 2026 – 10 January 2027. This means the standard 20 working day processing timeframe is paused during this time. Any applications still in progress by 21 December may also be put on hold until 10 January.

Get your application in early - don't leave it to the last minute and find yourself waiting until the new year.

Building Inspections

Our building inspectors will be hanging up their hard hats for the holidays. There will be no building inspections: 22 December 2026 – 10 January 2027.

Land Information Memorandum (LIM) applications

Want your LIM sorted before Christmas? You'll need to get your application and payment in by these dates:

- 7 December 2026 for a Standard LIM (10 working days)
- 18 December 2026 for an Urgent LIM (2–3 working days)

The LIM process pauses from 20 December to 10 January, so applications received after these dates will be completed in the new year.

Holiday Deadlines for Special Alcohol Licences

Planning a special event over the holidays? Applications for Special Alcohol Licences must be submitted at least 20 working days before your event. No late applications will be accepted.

Alcohol licensing has a statutory shutdown period from 20 December to 15 January each year. Applications received after the second week of November are unlikely to be processed before the shutdown, so we recommend applying as early as possible.

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LGOIMA Requests

We're committed to being open and transparent - even over the holidays! But if you need information from us under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, please get your request in early.

Submit your LGOIMA request by: 18 December 2026

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Coromandel candidates quizzed

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VINCENT ANDERSEN, NZ FIRST

The biggest challenge facing the Coromandel electorate is ensuring our communities have the infrastructure, services and economic opportunities needed to thrive.

Across our electorate, we face challenges with roading, healthcare, education, flooding, infrastructure, tourism and economic growth.

These issues are interconnected and require more than election promises and short-term fixes.

If elected, my approach will be straightforward. First, listen to our communities and understand their priorities.

Second, work alongside local councils, businesses and community groups to develop practical solutions. Third, engage directly with government departments to ensure projects are properly scoped, costed and included in long-term plans.

Finally, I will advocate relentlessly for funding, clear delivery timeframes and accountability for results.

Our communities don't need more hollow words and photo opportunities. They need a rock-solid plan for delivery and an MP prepared to do the hard work to make it happen.

I'm asking you to Party Vote New Zealand First.



NZ First candidate Vincent Andersen.

RAY COBB, OUTDOORS & FREEDOM

The issue is corporate and government overreach now in all areas of our lives.

The bureaucratic process is bloated and wasteful.

Take a walk back to what built our country and apply the technology now available to enhance not hinder progress.

Local business and residences should have first priority of resources and their use.

As we move into the AI era, more people from all over the world will want to have a real experience over a virtual experience. We need to offer world class experiences to meet those needs.

There is a wealth of knowledge and expertise to cover all aspects of a well functioning district. Service and infrastructure can and should be given to local businesses and contractors first. Wealth should not be exported via corporate entities, support local.

Personal responsibility should be encouraged, resilience and adaptability is paramount.

I will continue to work for this regardless of the election outcome as I have a vested interest in the Coromandel from tip to toe.

Working with our natural environment is paramount whether it be farming, forests, harbours or ocean.

Co-ops before corporates, self sufficiency not dependence. This is realistic and achievable.



Outdoors & Freedom candidate Ray Cobb.

MIKE MCCORMICK, ACT

Hearing from people out in the community, the biggest challenge people tell me they face is the cost of living.

The single biggest cause of high costs that voters can control is government spending and regulation.

ACT will promote competition to make life more affordable, from groceries and electricity to rent and school uniforms. We will cut red tape and taxes that add costs, balance the government's books sooner, and pay down debt faster, without new taxes.

Affordability isn't just about lower costs, it's also about higher incomes and more opportunities. ACT will make New Zealand a country where businesses want to invest, grow, and create opportunities for Kiwis, so that young people don't have to look overseas for exciting, well-paid careers.

I'm asking for your Party Vote for ACT, to re-elect the Coalition, and make it go further and faster on the issues that matter to you.



ACT candidate Mike McCormick.

HOW TO VOTE:

Voting for the 2026 General Election will close at 7pm on election day, Saturday, November 7. The Coromandel electorate has 57 voting locations, including:

PAEROA: Miller Avenue School; Paeroa & District War Memorial Hall.

THAMES: Kauaeranga Hall; Pārāwai School; Moanataiari School; Thames High School; Thames South School; Thames War Memorial Civic Centre.

WAIHI: Waihi East School; Waihi Memorial Hall; Waihi Beach Community Centre.

NGATEA: Ngātea War Memorial Hall.

KAIAUA: Kaiaua School, 1061 East Coast Rd, Kaiaua.

THAMES COAST: Tapu School; Te Puru School; Te Wharekura o Manaia.

COROMANDEL TOWN: Coromandel Citizens' Hall. COLVILLE: Colville School.

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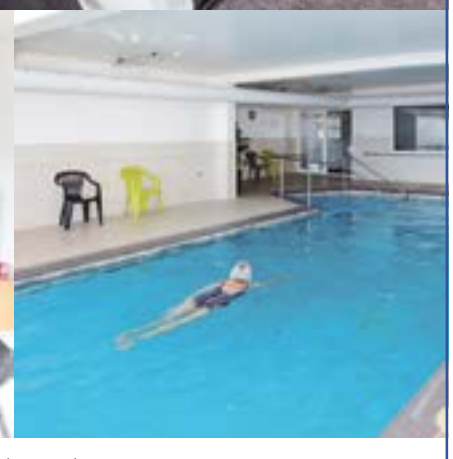
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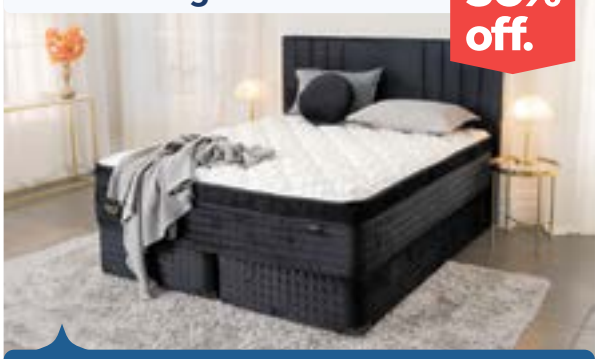


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Fresh coat for pool despite replacement

By KELLEY TANTAU

The Thames Centennial Pool will undergo a $35,000 repainting project over summer to keep it operating while decisions are made about its replacement.

The Thames Community Board approved the spend at its October 12 meeting, with the work expected to take place between December, 2026, and April, 2027.

The pool was previously closed over a two-week period last summer following an outbreak of black mould, and Thames-Coromandel District Council told *The Profile* that repainting it now was critical to maintaining water quality and keeping the facility open.

"The work has to take place in summer so the pool can be emptied and completely dried before the repainting takes place. The pool needs to be washed and waterblasted, and any defects identified and repaired. The surface will then be smoothed out to remove any loose or flaking material. Once the pool is completely dry," council said, "a skim coating will be applied followed by an epoxy primer and two-to-three topcoats."

The $35,000 project comes as the future of the 50-plus-year-old facility remains undecided.

Council previously gave an undertaking to Ngāti Maru to close the pool in mid-2027 and remove it from its site at Taipari Park by the end of that year, as the land is an urupā (burial ground).

However, Thames Community Board chair Adrian Catran said the iwi had "graciously and without fanfare" agreed to the pool staying on the site for longer to allow a smooth transition to a new facility.

He said the current pool could remain until it reached the end of its usable life or Thames-Coromandel District Council made a decision on a replacement.

Council is planning a replacement facility at Thames High School and intends to include funding for it in the first three years of its 2027-2037 Long Term Plan, covering the 2027-2030 financial years. The draft plan will go out for public consultation in early 2027.

Once a final funding decision has been made, council will confirm arrangements with Ngāti Maru for decommissioning the existing pool.

Mr Catran said the pool served the wider Coromandel district, with swimmers travelling from places including Tairua and Whangamatā. He recalled one particularly dedicated user who flew to Thames from the Coromandel to swim, using a taxi to get between the airfield and the pool.

He said replacing the ageing facility had been on the community board's agenda for 20 years before the issue was referred to council in 2025.

"It was built to celebrate the 1973 Borough Council Centenary... it's got a lot of history, that pool," he said.

"But we've looked after the child now for 20 years - the community boards - and we're no further ahead than we were 20 years ago."



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Reserve nets new $65k basketball court

By ALICE PARMINTER

Construction has begun on a new D-shaped basketball court at Paeroa's Railway Reserve.

Hauraki District councillors Rino Wilkinson and Jo Tilsley were on hand on October 28 to turn the first piece of sod at the site, where the court is expected to be completed by mid-December.

The project was identified as a must-have feature during the council's consultations on upgrading the reserve in June, 2025, with many schools and locals requesting a place to gather and play ball. However, it has been on the council's radar for significantly longer.

"Previous councillor Carol Daley was always passionate about getting a hoop reinstated here," Mayor Toby Adams said. "It always came back to what was available [in the] budget, but getting outside funding has been fantastic to be able to cover this."

The project will cost an estimated $65,000. Council will pay $20,000 and has received a grant of $45,000 from the New Zealand Community Trust.

"Jo and I went around and visited all the potential users of this facility... just to get the feedback from the schools and the kids, what their vision was to have down in this vacant area," Rino said.

"The one that came out on top, obviously, is the basketball court."

"I'm stoked. It's been a really long time coming, and we know that our community is going to take full advantage of this facility once it's up and running," Jo added.



Rino Wilkinson, left, Mayor Toby Adams, and Jo Tilsley turn the first sod.
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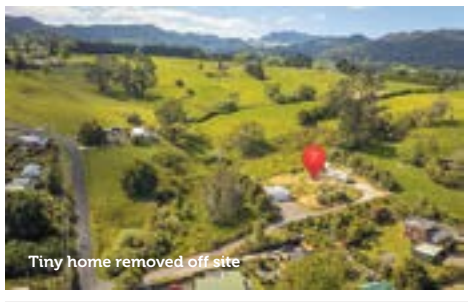




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Public asked to report pest plant sightings

Waikato Regional Council is calling on the public to report any sightings of two pest plant species currently in flower which can be found in "significant patches" in the Coromandel.

The two pest plants - Nassella tussock and Mexican feathergrass - are similar in appearance and are both difficult to get rid of once they get established.

"We're aiming to eradicate these pest species from the Waikato region, but to do that we need to know where they're hiding," council team leader for pest plants Darion Embling said.

"If you see these plants on your own property or in the general area, please contact us either by calling 0800 800 401 or completing the reporting form on our website.

"It would be very helpful if you could take a photo and include this along with the precise location when you complete the form. Do not attempt to control these pest plants yourself. Our council is responsible for the management of high threat pest plants and has protocols for Nassella tussock and Mexican feathergrass."

The pest plants represented a considerable threat to the environment, council said. "They are extremely successful invaders and can dominate pasture or sparse coastal faces by outcompeting other species," Darion said.

"They are indigestible for livestock and form balls in their stomachs, contributing to ill-shrift. In addition, their seeds contaminate wool and can even cause blindness in lambs."



Sightings of the pest plants should be reported to Waikato Regional Council. Photo: SUPPLIED

Both Nassella tussock and Mexican feathergrass spread easily.

Nassella tussock, for example, can produce up to 100,000 seeds per year.

The seeds can be blown long distances in strong winds, more than eight kilometres in some cases, and Nassella seeds can last 30 years in the soil.

"Although they are not well established on the Coromandel Peninsula, we are seeing significant patches between Thames to just north of Colville, including around Coromandel harbour. They have also been found around Whitianga and Whangamatā," Darion said.

The two grass-like plants look similar and tend to be densely clumped.

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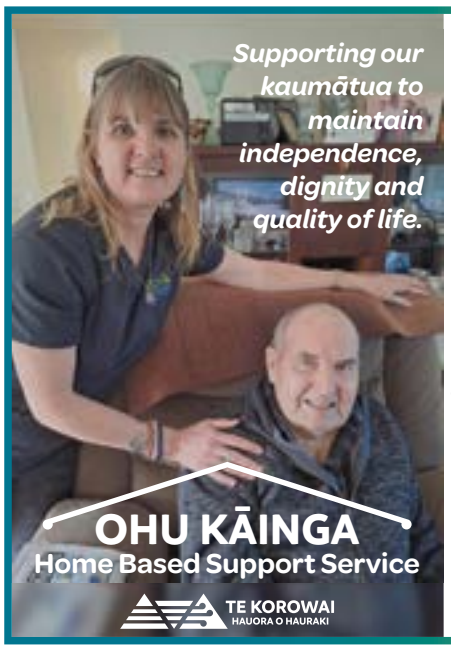
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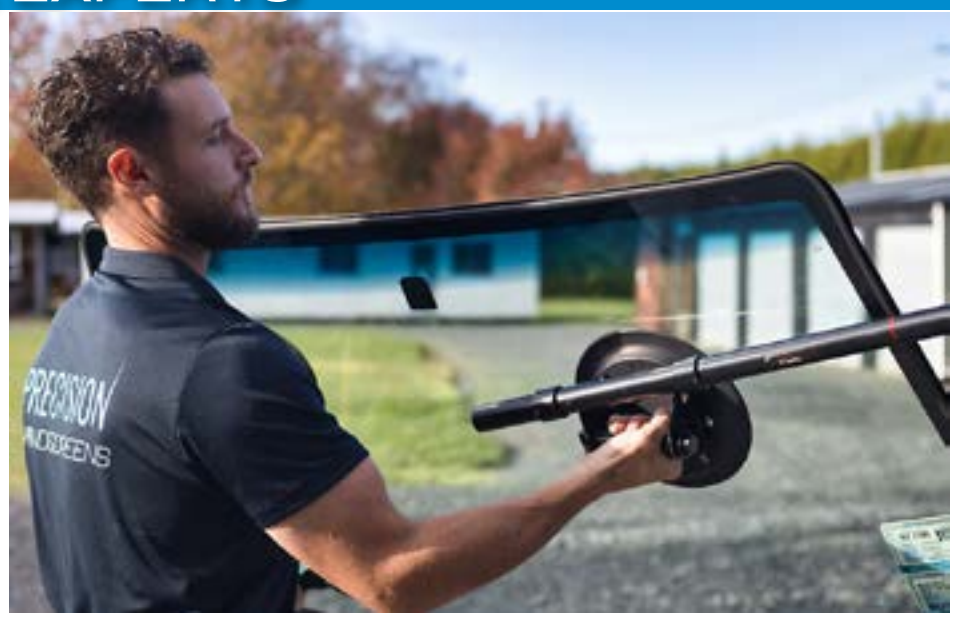
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Miner falls to his death



*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*

Richard Hancock didn't bother to change into his work clothes when he went down a shaft in Waihī's Consolidated mine. The 38-year-old was carrying out a contract of sinking for the company in July, 1898, and as it was not paying he was considering throwing it in.

Sinking a goldmine meant digging straight down to access deep underground gold bearing quartz reefs. It was gruelling work involving drilling into hard rock by hand or with compressed-air piston drills, packing the holes with explosives, blasting, and removing the broken rock by hand shovelling it into buckets hoisted to the surface. The sinkers also had to install timbering to prevent the shaft walls from collapsing.

Before Richard gave up entirely he decided to examine the rock face - if it had not softened he would call it quits. He descended in the bucket with his mate Hollis to No 2 level. Richard then exited the bucket and inexplicably walked straight over the side of the shaft, falling 100 feet to his death.

There was bafflement at his actions - there was a light in the chamber and though the men had just come from the surface, and the light consequently was dim, there was enough to see clearly.

The tragic occurrence spread a gloom through the town. Much sympathy was expressed for his widow, Elizabeth, and their young children.

Richard was from Australia, and had married Elizabeth, who was from Cape Town, South Africa, in New Zealand in 1884.

Keenly interested in community service, he was one of the founders of the Loyal John Leydon Lodge, a branch of the Odd Fellows order. At the inquest, Richard's mate Hollis said he thought that when the bucket stopped at the No 2 level, Richard must have been thinking of something else, and as he turned round in the chamber he mistakenly thought he was at the No 3 level consequently stepping forward into the shaft.

Dr Wright said that Richard had lately been under his care for influenza. He had been very depressed in spirits and melancholy, and about a week previously said he believed he was going mad. Dr Wright thought that the motion caused by the descent in the shaft had caused a kind of dizziness, and he would not have been at all surprised if Richard had been mentally asleep.

The jury returned the verdict that Richard met his death by falling from No 2 to No 3 level. A rider was added that the Mining Inspector should enforce the law as to gates or bars in chambers.

The Waihī Consolidated Mining Company paid all expenses connected with the accident and funeral, and made a donation to the family. Public subscriptions were also taken and lists were left at mines in Waihī, Paeroa and Karangahake, as well as the office of the Thames Miners' Union.

Richard's funeral at Waihī was attended by all sections of the community including Odd Fellows, Foresters, and Druids dressed in full regalia. A sprig of thyme was thrown into the grave, the symbol of the Odd Fellow's order bidding farewell to an unassuming man, popular with his mates, and an affectionate husband and father.

Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. The movie *Cool Runnings* tells the story of a bobsled team from which Caribbean nation that competed at the 1988 Winter Olympics: a) Antigua, b) Bermuda, or c) Jamaica?
2. True or false: the number of seats in the New Zealand Parliament is always 120?
3. The city of Amsterdam in the Netherlands is how far under sea level on average? a) 10cm, b) 1 metre, or c) 2 metres?
4. The nursery rhyme *Rub a Dub Dub* mentions a candlestick maker. What is a candlestick: a) A long, thin candle, b) a holder for a candle, or c) another name for the wick of a candle?
5. What name change did Donald Trump order for the Gulf of Mexico in January 2025: a) American Gulf, b) Gulf of America, or c) Liberty Gulf?
6. Which of these tropical fruits is famous for having a strong, unpleasant smell but is often described as tasting delicious: a) Dates, b) dragon fruit, or c) durian?
7. The first Melbourne Cup was run on November 7th of which year? a) 1861, b) 1911, or c) 1961?
8. In the cult comedy film *Dogma*, which female singer was cast as God: a) Alanis Morissette, b) Björk, or c) Dolly Parton?
9. Wellington is closest to which other sovereign nation capital? a) Alofi, Niue, b) Canberra, Australia, or c) Nuku'alofa, Tonga?
10. What is the last month to be listed, if they are arranged alphabetically?

ANSWERS: 1. c) Jamaica; 2. False. If a political party wins more electorate seats than its proportional share of the party vote entitles it to, it keeps those extra seats; 3. c) 2 metres; 4. b) A holder for a candle; 5. b) Gulf of America; 6. c) Durian; 7. a) 1861; 8. a) Alanis Morissette; 9. b) Canberra, Australia (2253 km); 10. September.

Last month's winner of the lotto ticket was Nigel Chapman from Ngatea who found Pete in the October 13th edition in the Hauraki Taxation advert.

Go to page 2 for details on how to enter.



CLASSIFIEDS Deadline Monday Noon

Death Notice

DUFFIN, Colleen Ann (nee McCollum): Peacefully at Thames hospital on 24th October, 2026; aged 90 years. Dearly loved and caring wife of Stuart for the past 71 years. Loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Raymond and Heather, Michael, Lynlee and Gordon. Loved Nana of 5 and loved Grand-Nana of 8. 'Loved by all'. In accordance with Colleen's wishes a private cremation has taken place. Messages to: duffin01@xtra.co.nz

TWENTYMANS

DUFFIN, Colleen Ann: You were such a special Mum. We had some fun times together, you will leave a big hole in my life. Love you heaps Mum, catch up sometime. Michael.

DUFFIN, Colleen Ann: Loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Raymond and Heather. Loved Nana of Erin and Matt, Colin and Stewart, and loved Grand-Nana of Paisley and Wyatt. Forever in our hearts.

ROBINSON, Ngaire Mura-Tahi: Passed peacefully comfortably surrounded by her family on the 20th of October 2026 at Ohinemuri Home, Paeroa. Thanks to all staff for the very kind care provided in those 4 years. Thanks for the love and support, Ngaire and Geoff (deceased), from your sons Raymond, George and Ric. Thanks for creating the fun loving family around us all. Ray, Wendy, Stephanie, Napa & Addison. Travis & Sally (Vancouver). Joyce, Brian (deceased) Fiona, Greg, Annie, Cal ,Kiri, Felix, Sue & Stuart (Aussie). George, Staciegh, Josh, Luke, Ngaire-Lea, Raymond & Nicole (Aussie). Ric & Janine, Melanie Staz (Vancouver). Christmas won't quite be the same.

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HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Weather permitting, herbicide applications will be made to property administered by Hauraki District Council. This will include our parks and reserves, footpaths and walkways. Both Roundup and Versatill will be used between the months of November 2026 and March 2027.

This work will be carried out by either Council's Works Team department or other contractors. All applicators will be Grow safe accredited.

For further details please phone Hauraki District Council on 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834.

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Courage is found along the way

OPINION



By MICHAEL WILKES

Here's a simple truth I've come to appreciate, and one I regularly have to remind myself, my children, and the young people we work alongside.

Courage and confidence aren't always things we find before we start something hard. More often than not, they're things we discover somewhere along the way.

Last term, we took a group of students out for their end-of-term adventure. And let's just say, they weren't exactly lining up with excitement.

In fact, some were downright unimpressed. They'd already decided it was going to be too hard, too much effort, and something they definitely weren't going to enjoy.

A few students even pulled out altogether, with their parents supporting the decision. And I was a bit gutted by that. Not because every young person needs to love the outdoors, but because I knew what they might miss out on. See, the purpose of these adventures isn't simply to climb a mountain or spend a day in the bush. It's to give young people an opportunity to discover something about themselves.

And that's exactly what happened.

What started as a group of tired, grumpy students who would rather have been anywhere else slowly became a group encouraging each other, pushing through the hard bits, and discovering they could go further than they'd imagined.

By the end of the day, the grumbles had turned into laughter. The reluctance had turned into pride. And as we shared our highlights, it was pretty cool seeing just how stoked they were with what they'd achieved.

It got me thinking about how often we wait until we feel ready before we take on something challenging.

We tell ourselves we'll give it a go when we're more confident, when we're stronger, or when the fear has gone away.

But what if we've got it backwards?

What if confidence isn't the thing we need to begin, but something we gain because we began? As parents, mentors, and friends, perhaps one of the greatest gifts we can give someone isn't removing every difficult thing from their path, but walking alongside them as they discover they can do hard things.

Because sometimes the strength we need isn't waiting for us at the starting line.

It's waiting to be discovered somewhere along the climb.

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.

Pet Profile



Meet Marty, a handsome black puppy with adorable white features and a whole lot of love to give. Marty is a loving, affectionate boy who enjoys being around people and would make a wonderful companion for a family ready to welcome a puppy into their lives. He is very people-focused and loves attention, but he is equally happy in the company of other dogs and enjoys having four-legged friends to play with. He has also spent time in a foster home with cats.

Marty is a confident, friendly little guy who is ready to take on the world, preferably with a few belly rubs and cuddles along the way. Marty is health-checked, microchipped, up to date with his vaccinations, flea and worm treatments, and will be desexed as part of his adoption. Marty's adoption fee is $399, plus a $2.50 processing fee. Go to spca.nz for more information.

CLASSIFIEDS Deadline Monday Noon

Public Notices

Proposed Temporary Road Closure

Pursuant to the Section 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, notice is hereby given that for the purpose of a Motorsport Rally Tarmac Sprint event organised by Thames Valley Car Club, it is intended to close the following road to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder. During the proposed period of closure provision will be made for ordinary vehicular traffic, which would otherwise use the road, to use alternative routes.

Period of closure: Saturday 19 December 2026, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Road to be closed: Rotokohu Road (RP 6.270 – 7.720)

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic will be made with signs, cones and barriers to redirect traffic on detour.

It will be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised permit to use the road for ordinary vehicular traffic during the proposed period of closure.

Any objections should be directed to Transport Manager on 07 862 8609 or info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz by 25 November 2026.

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Chief Executive
Hauraki District Council

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Extraordinary Council Meeting

This is notification that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council was held on 28 October 2026 for the purpose of deciding on a property matter.

Council and Committee Meetings in November 2026

In accordance with section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, I advise the following meetings to be held during the month of November 2026 in the Council Chamber, 1 William Street, Paeroa (unless otherwise stated).

Regulatory Hearings Committee (confirmed)
Tuesday, 3 November 2026, 9.00am

Citizenship Ceremony
Tuesday, 11 November 2026, 8.30am

Council Meeting
Tuesday, 11 November 2026, 9.30am

Waihī Ward Forum/Hui
Thursday, 12 November 2026, 5.30pm Waihī Memorial Hall, Seddon Street, Waihī

Regulatory Hearings Committee (if required)
Tuesday, 17 November 2026, 9.00am

Council Management Committee (if required)
Tuesday, 24 November 2026, 9.00am

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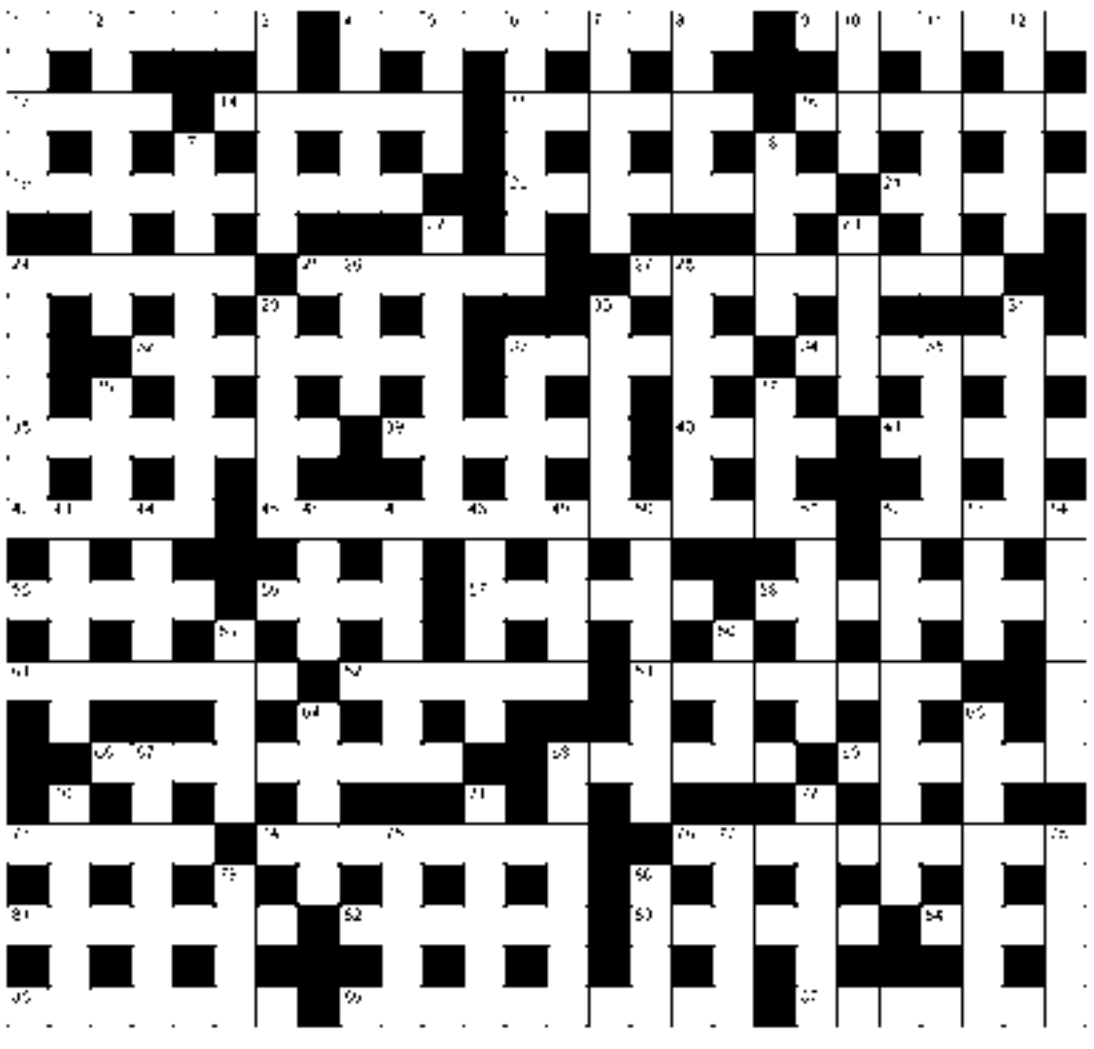
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13 Part of the eye (4)
14 Small child (6)
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16 Book of short biographies (4,3)
19 Not trustworthy (10)
20 Postponed (8)
21 Culpability (5)
24 Help (6)
25 Get back (6)
27 Washed and ironed (9)
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38 Kidnap for service at sea (8)
39 Be emphatic (6)
40 Well-ventilated (4)
41 Nincompoop (5)
42 Cook with dry heat (5)
45 Brainwashing (14)
52 Garden lakes (5)
55 Stall (5)
56 Coagulate (4)
57 Settle in advance (6)
58 Higher in rank, quality (8)
61 Big cat (7)
62 Plain-spoken (6)
63 Secret passenger (8)
66 Swollen (9)
68 Stately old dance (6)
69 Consternation and distress (6)
73 Tearful (5)
74 Ran amok (8)
76 Percussion instrument (10)
81 Depict (7)
82 Girl's name (6)
83 Body organ (6)
84 Untamed (4)
85 Long eventful journey (7)
86 Fixed guidelines (10)
87 Set off (7)

DOWN

1 Farewell (5)
2 Beekeeper (8)
3 Rejection of a request (6)
4 Speak with prolonged vowels (5)
5 Satisfy completely (4)
6 Forsake (7)
7 Inform (6)
8 Open sore (5)
10 Sound rebound (4)
11 Not easily understood (7)
12 Breathe in (6)
17 Torch (10)
18 Intended (5)
22 So rancid (anag)(8)
23 Poor (5)
24 Counsellor (7)
26 Compass point (4)
28 Lure (7)
29 Japanese floor mat (6)
30 Highland plaid (6)
31 Remove cargo (6)
33 Less wet (5)
35 Wireless (5)
36 Goodbye (2-2)
37 Therefore (4)
43 Complied (6)
44 Pointed (5)
46 African river (4)
47 Silhouette (7)
48 Bettered (6)
49 Bungling (5)
50 Hoarding (8)
51 Chewy sweet (6)
52 Likely to fall (10)
53 Carpenter's pin (4)
54 Doctor's rooms (7)
59 Pledge of fidelity (5)
60 Vanished (4)
64 Mix by pressing (5)
65 Having a tipple (8)
67 Momentum (7)
68 Act as intermediary (7)
70 Boxer's helper (6)
71 Meeting schedule (6)
72 Away (6)
75 Lively dance (5)
77 Book of maps (5)
78 Senior tribe member (5)
79 Steal (4)
80 Small island (4)



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Talon, 4 Settle old scores, 14 Diner, 15 Smite, 16 Triplicate, 17 Uncle, 19 Vie, 20 Unsound, 21 Institute, 22 Ashore, 25 Pirouette, 27 Sermon, 28 Mended, 33 Helicopter, 35 Pie, 36 Accrue, 37 Opal, 39 Run, 41 Monitor, 42 Salami, 43 Dismissal, 44 Flute, 45 Employer, 50 If, 51 Athletic, 55 Cheer, 58 Buccaneer, 59 Ending, 60 Fantasy, 61 Ail, 63 Well, 64 Deacon, 65 Air, 66 Eventually, 68 Cuddly, 69 Jammed, 71 Celebrity, 76 Sienna, 77 Precipice, 79 Naughty, 81 Vat, 84 Lager, 85 Chocolates, 86 Lunar, 87 Risky, 88 Take to the bottle, 89 Stays.

DOWN: 2 Almond, 3 Outdo, 5 Errs, 6 Topknot, 7 Exists, 8 Least, 9 Shelter, 10 Onus, 11 Excuse, 12 Knave, 13 Grieved, 14 Demoted, 18 Entomology, 23 Petty, 24 Concede, 26 Initial, 27 Sheriff, 29 Deposit, 30 Deform, 31 Speak, 32 Sunset, 34 Real, 36 Annul, 38 Lilac, 40 Will, 45 Elbow, 46 Pickled, 47 Oval, 48 Eyelet, 49 Began, 50 Ireland, 52 Heartbreak, 53 Extract, 54 Insult, 55 Crucial, 56 Adorn, 57 Once, 62 Sever, 67 Elderly, 68 Convert, 70 Morocco, 72 Enchant, 73 Enigma, 74 Aplomb, 75 Steady, 76 Stash, 78 Cloth, 80 Gaunt, 82 True, 83 Veal.

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Miranda 880 Findlay Road

Gateway to the Coromandel coastline

Offering 12.07 hectares (more or less) of vacant land, this property combines open space with rural outlooks and views across the Coromandel ranges and Firth of Thames. Currently leased and grazed for dairying, it provides a practical rural setting with flexibility for the future. Pūkorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre, the Hauraki Rail Trail and coastal Kaiaua are all within easy reach, offering cycling, walking and waterfront attractions. Ngatea is approximately 24 kilometres (more or less) away for shops, schooling and local services, while Thames and Pokeno are approximately 36 and 32 kilometres away respectively for supermarkets, retail and additional services.

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12.0785 ha

Asking Price $749,000 + GST (if any)
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Karangahake 7638 State Highway 2

Rural living framed by the gorge

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Set within the distinctive landscape of the Karangahake Gorge, this substantial holding combines productive grazing land, a generous family home and direct river access. Across three titles totalling 17.3ha (more or less), the predominantly flat to gently rolling land is well fenced and has been used for grazing dairy heifers. The 312sqm (more or less) home offers five bedrooms, an office, spacious open-plan living, ensuite master and excellent heating. Outside, a full-sized lit tennis court, covered entertaining and established grounds add to the appeal, while river access provides fishing, jet boating and whitebaiting. Walks, recreation and Waihi Beach are all within easy reach.

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Auction (unless sold prior) 11am, Thu 26 Nov 2026
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NEW LISTING







Coromandel 1 Albert Street

Coromandels next neighbourhood

6.8689 ha

- Walking distance to Coromandel CBD
- Substantial 6.8689 ha (more or less) site
- Potential sea, town or bush views from future lots

Zoned residential and consented for a 53-lot subdivision, this significant development opportunity offers scope to meet growing housing demand in Coromandel. The return of the Auckland–Coromandel ferry service is expected to further support local businesses and future growth.

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NEW LISTING







Te Mata 866 Thames Coast Road

Summer is here! Classic Kiwi cottage on the beach.

1,515 sqm | 2 | 2 | 2

Your coastal escape awaits! Directly across the road from the beach, this immaculate property boasts spectacular 180° Firth of Thames views. Two double bedrooms in the main dwelling plus a separate sleepout with its own deck provide ideal family and guest accommodation. Enjoy spacious living, a separate dining room, well-equipped kitchen, two bathrooms and a full-length waterfront-view deck. Two garages, generous off-street parking and established gardens complete the picture. Just 20 minutes from Thames, this is the perfect spot for fishing, beach walks and summer relaxation.

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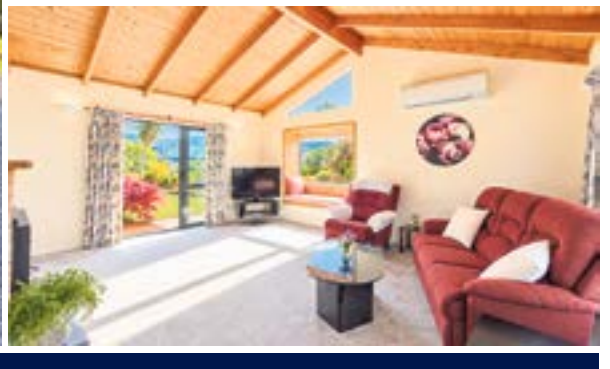
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NEW LISTING







Puriri 31 Puriri Valley Road

Sunny, peaceful and priced to please!

1,059 sqm | 3 | 1 | 2

Enjoy country calm at 31 Puriri Valley Road. This immaculate, newly carpeted three-bedroom home sits on a flat, northfacing 1,059sqm (more or less) section, offering sunshine, space and peaceful rural outlooks. Open-plan living flows to a sunny deck, while a heat pump, new wood burner and HRV ensure year-round comfort. The master bedroom features a walk-in wardrobe and Jack-and-Jill bathroom. A powered double garage/workshop, easy drive-on access and ample parking for vehicles, boat or caravan complete the picture. Close to the local primary school and just 15 minutes from Thames.

Easy living starts here!

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Bus Trip to Harness Races at ALEXANDRA PARK AUCKLAND FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2026

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Departing from Thames High School at 3.30pm.

Members travel **FREE**, Non-members only $15

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