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## Fiery object hits school

Moanataiari School's security camera caught the moment an unknown flying object crash-landed on the school field. Photo: SUPPLIED

By KELLEY TANTAU

At 9:19pm on a Friday night, something mysterious happened at Moanataiari School.

Footage captured on surveillance cameras showed an object falling from the sky, ablaze.

It crash-landed on the school's field and burned for roughly one minute.

Witnesses reported hearing a "whipping" noise, followed by a loud bang.

"It sounded like a car crash. I ran out back and there was a really bright glow coming from the school field," nearby resident Rita Moore told *The Profile*.

By daybreak on Monday, there was another development.

A thin chain, with a small hoop at one end, sat between a charred strip of grass.

Teachers began investigating. Rumours started to swirl.

Was this the work of *Men in Black* or extraterrestrials? Was it the remnants of a Chinese rocket or space junk?

Only one thing was certain: the blackened strip of school field had piqued the interest of staff and pupils, and they were determined to get to the bottom of it.

"There's no health and safety action plan to cater to something like this," Moanataiari principal David

Brock said. "And we'll probably never see anything like it again in the rest of our lives."

University of Otago masters student Daniel Burgin, who specialises in martian meteorites, told *The Profile* there were "strange" elements to the object that seemingly fell from the sky.

On one hand, it was unlikely the thin material of the metal chain could have survived the re-entry into earth's atmosphere if it came from outer space. On the other hand, it was "a rare feat" for something to get so hot to burn the way it did.

"If it was the atmosphere that heated it up that much, it would've had to have come from space, because stuff that is orbiting around the earth is going tens of thousands of kilometres per hour," he said.

"Say if someone dropped something out of a plane, you wouldn't get anything like that; it would just fall."

Mr Burgin said NASA tracked around 500,000 pieces of space junk orbiting the earth that were larger than the size of a marble.

However, there were millions of other smaller pieces orbiting at different heights and directions.

"We've been putting stuff up there since the 60s, so there is a fair bit, but for it to fall back down to earth is pretty rare."



Josh Dennis, left, Lilly-Anne Sands-Gage, Jacob Kidd, and Liam Corbett with the burnt grass left behind. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

The school has done its own research into the mysterious crash-landing, with some pupils taking compasses out onto the field to determine the object's trajectory.

Wayne Howes' Room 9 students have also drawn pictures and written news reports about the enigma, with some children now having aspirations to become astronauts.

The school will be sending a fragment of the remains to the university, where Mr Burgin will analyse it using a scanning electron microscope.

He said the school could rule out the debris coming from the Chinese rocket that was launched on April 29. The entirety of it burned up and landed somewhere in the Indian Ocean, he said.

Despite this, it was "worth it" for the school to seek further explanation.

"The odds of ever seeing something fall from space is so incredibly tiny, so it'd be bloody awesome if it was [from there]," he said.

"And I would highly recommend anyone wanting to go into space to follow their dreams."

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# HDC town promotion plan likely to go ahead

By KELLEY TANTAU

Hauraki District Council faced strong opposition at its long term plan (LTP) hearings last week to its proposal to cut funding to town promoters and employ its own staff member instead.

Following a joint submission by the district's three town promotion organisations - Go Waihi, Positive Paeroa, and Positively Promoting the Plains - the *Valley Profile* understands councillors decided to go ahead with its recommended option to cut town funding.

However, Hauraki District Council declined to confirm its decision when approached by *The Profile*. "Unfortunately, although the council is deliberating on the decisions, we're unable to confirm the final outcome of the Manaaki Toiora proposal, or any other decisions, until the minutes are ratified and the long term plan is adopted," a spokesperson said.

"This will happen at a meeting on June 23."

Council's proposal would see \$411,000 set aside for town promotion, visitor information services and district events co-ordination for the 2021-2022 year, and a reduction in funding to the three town promotion organisations to \$10,000 each per year.

Spokespeople for the three town promotion organisations Greg Whyte, Judith Jamieson, and Sarah Sheehy told councillors there was no value in council establishing a full-time, in-house role to undertake the work the organisa-

tions have been doing up to this point. Judith said if the new model went ahead, Positive Paeroa will "cease to exist" come June.

Meanwhile, also at the hearing, Hauraki Plains College environmental leaders Morgan Harris and Sophie Scott suggested council converse with its younger generation by visiting schools, because its social media strategy didn't seem to be working.

"We want it to be made easier for youth to submit feedback," Morgan said. "I was the one who went through the Alice in Our Place [LTP consultation document] and I found it quite hard to navigate. I feel it could be changed to make it easier for young people to submit feedback and be a part of the conversation."

Morgan said while the younger generation was on social media, that did not guarantee them seeing the council's alerts or updates.

"At the end of the day, going to schools and advertising through that means will be a lot more beneficial, because not everyone is going to be following your pages."

Also discussed during the hearing was the state of the district's cemeteries and sports fields, and new additions to benefit the area.

One submitter asked council to look at establishing a "bird interpretation centre" on the Wharekawa Coast, complete with a shop and food supply for cyclists, while another wished to see the council develop a number of wetlands in Paeroa, including by Paeroa's wastewater treatment ponds.



Thames Bridge Club's Ted Cliffin and Barbara McFarlane. Photo: SUPPLIED

## Thames Bridge Club champions set for finals

The Bridge partnership of Barbara McFarlane and Ted Cliffin has struck gold for the second time for the Waikato and the Thames Bridge Club.

A club spokesperson said the pair played superbly in Tauranga recently, winning the Interprovincial Trials competition and the right to represent the Waikato Region against teams from around New Zealand.

Auckland will be the host club for the Interprovincial fi-

nals later this year.

"We will be sending them off with our very best wishes for a victorious tournament.

"Your club is very proud of you both."

The club meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from February until November, at its Brown St clubrooms.

More information can be found online at: www.thames-bridge-club.org or Ph 07 868 8132.

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PLACE	Hr	Min	HIGH	Hr	Min	LOW
Coromandel	-	0	04	-	0	04
Whitianga	-	0	02	-	0	06
Tairua	+	0	10	+	0	20
Whangamata	-	0	07	-	0	08
Waihi Beach	-	0	12	-	0	13

# Kiwi journey began at library for new manager

By KELLEY TANTAU

To learn English, Ania Biazik turned to the one place she knew best: the library.

She was working as a volunteer in Auckland and had to skimp on lunches to be able to afford the subscription, but now, as Thames-Coromandel's new district libraries manager, her dedication to learning the language has seen her come "full circle".

Ania moved from Czestochowa, in Poland, to Auckland in 2004.

"I wanted to go as far away as possible for as long as possible, so I signed up to a student exchange programme called ISEC (International Student Exchange Center), and thanks to the programme, I landed an appointment in New Zealand and worked with people with intellectual disabilities," she said.

"My motivation was to explore a country that was very different to where I grew up, because it would be the only opportunity in life I would have to do something so radical."

After falling in love with the country, Ania began volunteering at Auckland Museum to learn more about Māori culture and values. She also joined the city's libraries to expand her English vocabulary.

"I knew very little English, just hello and thank you - the polite words," she said.

"I could see the world changing around me and to have better opportunities in life, I had to learn English, and I thought



Poland-born Ania Biazik used libraries to learn English when she moved here in late-2004.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

there was no better place than the library to start my learning."

With the few words she knew, she was able to "navigate the system" and sign up for a library card. "I wasn't able to go to an English school - that was financially beyond me - and I worked as a volunteer, so I didn't have any income."

"I had some savings, and at that time I remember paying for my library subscription which was about \$40, and I made a budget and thought: If I just stick with [simple] lunches, I would be able to afford the library card."

For 13 years, Ania worked at Auckland Libraries, and recently

made the move to Thames to start work as its district libraries manager. She said the library had become her second home, and the removal of fees to join had made a difference to people's lives - and lunches.

She also believed the Kiwi accent was "the best", and found the country's conversational quirks "fascinating".

"I don't think I use [the words] that often, but I think my biggest achievement is when I give an impromptu speech and I have a chance to weave in some slang or expressions I otherwise wouldn't use."

Ania also said crosswords,

quizzes, and games of Scrabble helped her hone her English-language skills.

"Libraries are more than just a book on a shelf. They're community hubs."

"About a year ago, when we were in lockdown, I attended a lecture about how the world has changed, and the lecturer used an acronym: VUCA. It stood for volatile, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity," she said.

"I reflected on libraries, and thought, if we turned this phrase around, we could instead say libraries were vibrant, they were universal, they were creative, and they were ambitious."

# Cyber-attack plagues hospital

By TERESA RAMSEY

It could take another week or more for Waikato DHB to get its systems back online after a cyber-attack crippled its computer systems and telephones last week.

Elective surgeries at Thames Hospital were postponed, all outpatient activities deferred and a number of specially outpatient clinics cancelled after a cyber-attack on the DHB's hospitals last Tuesday morning, which is now under criminal investigation. The DHB said on Sunday good progress was being made to bring systems back online following the attack, however, it could take this week "and possibly beyond" to restore services.

"This is a significant cyber security event, which will take some time to remediate and investigate. We have a substantial team of specialists working around the clock to bring the DHB's services back," the DHB said.

The cause of the cyber-attack is thought to be the opening of an email attachment.

Waikato DHB Chief Executive Kevin Snee believed the DHB's hospitals had suitable plans in place for the coming week for patient care. "While we continue to resolve this situation, our staff have shown their ability to adapt to an unprecedented situation... keeping patient care at the front of mind," he says.

More info: [www.waikatodhb.health.nz](http://www.waikatodhb.health.nz) or Ph 0800 276 216. Anyone with queries about the urgency of their outpatient appointment should contact their GP. If it is an emergency, call 111.

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# Newborn baby found dead



*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 a mid-December morning in 1882, the body of a female infant was found floating behind the Pacific Hotel in Thames, at the intake formed by the railway works. Three little boys were standing over the pigsty looking at it.

Once Constable Hogg was summoned he wrapped the baby in a red tablecloth and laid it in a small box, then took it to the police station. The infant was about 12 hours old.

The police believed they had a clue to the mother.

Charles Curtis, proprietor of the Pacific Hotel, was suspicious of his servant, 19-year-old Annie Stackpole. She had come to work in his hotel two or three months previously. She appeared shy and anxious to avoid him, often carrying a towel or duster. About 1.30 that morning he had heard a heavy sigh in one of the halls upstairs and looking out saw Annie leaning at the linen closet door with her sister Mary Jane, who

also worked at the Pacific. Mary Jane asked Mr Curtis to get her a small glass of brandy, which he did. She said Annie was getting stout, but denied anything was the matter. In consequence of this information, Constables Hogg and Herbert went to the house of Mrs Stackpole in Abraham St, and saw Annie upstairs in bed.

Asked the cause of her illness, Annie would give no direct answer. Her mother said Dr Callan came at 3.30am and told her Annie suffered from a tumour. The constables found clean linen from the Pacific Hotel in the parlour all quite dry and ironed.

Nightclothes were soaking in a tub in the yard. Mrs Stackpole said whoever put the baby there did not belong to her family as could be seen by her daughter's good health.

But finally Annie told the terrible truth. She had done a heavy day's washing at the Pacific Hotel while fending off a constant headache. About 10pm she watched some of the Pinafore performance from the back of the adjoining Academy of Music's stage then went upstairs to bed. She fell asleep then woke up in pain and sat on the bed for a long time.

She then went barefoot out into the passage and down the back stairs into the yard. She didn't know

what the matter was and sat down in the yard. Annie then fainted and when she came round a baby was lying there dead.

She fainted two or three more times. Stupefied from pain and cold, she crept up the back stairs and was falling at the door of the linen closet when Mary Jane came and caught her and Mr Curtis appeared.

Mary Jane went for their mother. Annie fainted six or seven times on the way home. Neither her mother nor sister was aware of her having given birth until after the doctor had visited her. At the inquest Dr Callan was an unwilling witness but eventually conceded he found all the symptoms of a recent delivery.

When questioned if he had asked what became of the child, the doctor declined to answer on the grounds that it was not a medical question. A verdict was given that the child came to its death from want of proper attention at its birth, through the mother being in a state of insensibility at the time and no other person being present to render any assistance. Annie was then charged with concealment of birth and stood trial at Auckland Supreme Court in January, 1883. She was found not guilty.

Annie's baby was buried at Shortland cemetery.



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# Pretty in pink

More than 74 people painted the former Paeroa Racecourse pink for the Pink Ribbon Brunch on May 19. With live music, raffles, and good food and drink, the event raised money for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. Organiser Lyn McHugh said being able to host an event back at the racecourse was "really special". Reporter **KELLEY TANTAU** witnessed the fun.



Mary Nordberg, Christine Wakem, and Theresa Day enjoy the brunch held at the former Paeroa Racecourse.



The workers behind the Pink Ribbon Brunch: Winsome Ansty, left, Maggie Martin, Kaye Morrison, Lyn McHugh, Barry Morris, and Noellean McHugh.



Raewyn Steel, Lana Krafft, and Helen Raine attended from Longridge.



Sue Towler performs for the guests.



Kayla Kemp and Vicki Thomas help out serving drinks.



The 'Ngatea Lionesses That Were' participated in the day.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 28: Waikato Students Instrumental Group** will perform at St Georges Church, Thames, 12:15pm. Entry is free but koha appreciated.

**May 29: Ebony Boutique Fashion Show:** 7pm, Paeroa Baptist Church. Tickets: \$10, from Ebony Boutique or at the door. Ph 027 224 7349.

**June 4: Punch & Platter for Pink Ribbon:** Punch, bubbles and all you can eat gourmet platter fundraiser for the Breast Cancer Foundation: 6pm, 72 Puke Rd, Paeroa. Tickets: \$30, Ph 021 022 36997.

**June 13: Gliss Harp Quartette:** at St Georges Church, Thames, at 2pm. Tickets at the door or at Carson's Bookshop.

**June 26: Shave 4 Starship:** Ngatea Volunteer Fire Brigade from 3pm at the Ngatea Fire Station. Get involved and fundraise. All proceeds go to Starship. Bank Acc details 38-9002-0546884-08.

**July 3-10: Thames Music and Drama** presents *Peter Pan & the Medallion's Secret*, at Thames Civic Centre, July 3-10.

**August 13-15: 150 Years of Thames Rugby:** Thames Rugby & Sports Club, Rhodes Park, catch up function, invitational game and celebration dinner. www.trsc.co.nz/150years.

**August 21: Thames Valley Chess Championship:** at the Thames Civic Centre Conference Room, Mary St. Must be level one to play. Free entry.

## LOCAL MARKETS

**Kaiaua Seaside Market:** Opposite the garage in Kaiaua, last Sunday of the month. Set up a stall or come along to hunt out a bargain. Ph 021 130 1851.

**Karangahake Hall Market:** Fourth Saturday of the month, 9am-2pm, 12 Crown Hill Rd. A great variety of stalls selling handcrafts, preserves, plants and more. Ph 027 678 2035.

**Paeroa Car Boot Market:** First and third Saturdays of the month, 101 Normanby Rd, weather permitting.

Treasures, creative wares and yummy food. Ph 07 862 7833.

**Thames Market:** Every Saturday in Grahamstown, 8am to 12pm. A huge range of stalls, fruits and veggies, arts, crafts, collectibles.

**Turua Market:** Third Sunday of the Month at Turua Hall, 9am to 1pm. Homemade food, lots of stalls. Contact Betty, Ph 027 696 7644.

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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**Corinthian Masonic Lodge, Thames:** Colin, Ph 07 868 8196 or 021 259 6699

**Craft Market:** Lynette Mapson, Ph 027 617 4470

**Diabetic Support Group:** Thames Hauraki, Barry Young Ph 07 868 6353

**Goldfields Women's Institute:** Ph 07 868 8984

**Hauraki Bowling Club Mangatarata:** Pene Koch, Ph 07 867 3380

**Hauraki Cardiac Support Club Thames:** Ph 07 868 6148

**Hauraki Country Music Club:** Tina Haakma, Ph 07 868 3443

**Hauraki Golf Club:** Len Cameron, Ph 07 867 7660

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**Hauraki Plains Diabetic Support Club:** Ryan Corr, Ph 07 868 8551

**Hauraki Plains Lioness Club:** Jill McIntosh, Ph 07 867 7373

**Hauraki Plains Rural Show:** Sonia, Ph 027 431 5825

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**Paeroa Walking Group:** 9am Mon Wed Fri, Elaine Lally, Ph 07 862 8409

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Saturday 29 May, 7pm, Paeroa Baptist Church  
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Saturday 29 May, from 8pm, L&P Café  
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Thursday 10 & Friday 11 June  
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# Utemaster's growth calls for local talent

A Hauraki-based ute accessory manufacturer is calling on local talent to help it grow.

Utemaster, located in the Kerepēhi Industrial Park, was established in 2007 by the Cartwright family, and is headed by brothers Tony, Sam, and Jacob.

Since Christmas, they have hired 20 staff, with more jobs still available.

"From humble beginnings with a team of only three, we now have more than 60 staff," general manager Tony Cartwright said.

"We're now looking to hire more locals to join us in the next stage of the business."

Utemaster creates ute accessories such as hard lids, canopies, flat decks, and service bodies, as well as a variety of other recreational and commercial ute solutions.

After outgrowing three facilities throughout the Thames Valley, Utemaster moved into its purpose-built facility in Kerepēhi in 2018.

"Moving into a bigger premises allowed us to bring more manufacturing capability in-house, which improved our product quality and lead times," Tony said.

"In this facility, products for up to 450 utes across New Zealand and Australia are made in one month alone."

In 2018, Utemaster started exporting to Australia. This has since contributed to an increase in demand, Tony said.

The business has also worked hard to build strong relationships with resellers nationwide, allowing them to provide customer support on a national level.

"We understand how our customers use their vehicles, so we aim to design products to make it easier for them to get their



Utemaster, located in the Kerepēhi Industrial Park, is looking for 10 new staff. INSET: general manager Tony Cartwright.

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job done and enjoy their adventures afterward," Tony said.

"People are choosing Utemaster because we believe in the continuous improvement of product, service, process and people."

Ten roles are currently vacant across many facets of the business, including welding and fabrication; auto electrical;

mechanical engineering; warehouse supervision; as well as an HR and recruitment advisor.

Utemaster has created its own website, Hauraki Jobs, in order to find local "movers and shakers to contribute to the company's rapid growth".

"Going forward, we plan to continue to bring new products to the market and

further increase our export operations," Tony said.

"To do this, we need to build a strong team of skilled players to enable us to keep manufacturing local in the Hauraki Plains and produce quality products."

To find out more about available positions, visit: [www.haurakijobs.co.nz](http://www.haurakijobs.co.nz).

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# Rural Life

## Planting days planned for Paeroa Streamcare



Dr Mairi Jay, from Paeroa Streamcare Trust, stands by the Aorangi Stream, which now provides a home for native fauna.  
Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

By KELLEY TANTAU

An old tip site in the Paeroa suburbs is unrecognisable now that its concrete, rubber, and wire has been replaced with manuka, flax, and totora.

What now resides on the corner of Arangi and Ainslie Rds is a pocket of native bush, and its transformation is owed to volunteers from the Paeroa Streamcare Trust.

The trust was set up in 2017 with the goal to reverse the man-made damage to the streams from chemicals and refuse.

Its members have been hard at work at the Aorangi stream - the location of which was once a "tip site", Dr Mairi Jay told *The Profile*.

"They just threw everything in... concrete, rubber, fabric, wire, backpacks, and personal items.

"It's been very hard work, but it is starting to look like it's cared for, which is nice."

The group has also been working at the Aorangi Millennium Forest, which was planted at the beginning of 2000 by students from all of Paeroa's schools.

Dr Jay says the trees have grown, but so have the weeds.

"The trees that they planted are quite big and have formed a canopy, and under the canopy, we can now put in natives like kawakawa that like the shade.

"This year, we're inviting all those schools [that originally took part] back again."

The group has planned a three-day planting of around 350 native trees and shrubs at Aorangi Millennium Forest from June 3-5 with the intention to "take back the forest from the weeds".

It's a mission close to Dr Jay's

heart.

"I spent my college years in Canada and my childhood in Kenya, and when I came to New Zealand in my 30s, my relatives took me to the Waitākeres, and I was blown away," she says.

"It was completely unlike anything in Canada or Kenya, and I think if you're born and brought up in New Zealand, you don't realise how really unusual its native plants are."

Dr Jay says she soon came to realise how "damaged" a lot of the countryside was. She wondered where all the native birds were, and, after visiting Tiritiri

Matangi Island in the Hauraki Gulf, she realised: "They're here".

Her goal is now to bring native flora and fauna back to Paeroa, with the work at Aorangi Stream a great starting point.

"I hope I'll one day be able to see all of the kahikatea, and the totara, and the tanekaha."

**DETAILS: Paeroa Aorangi Millennium Forest planting, June 3-5. Signs will be out on Aorangi Rd and Shaw Ave. Find Paeroa Streamcare on Facebook for any changes on the day. Schools welcome, Ph: 07 820 2699, email: mairimacintyre@gmail.com.**

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# Rural Life

## Govt immigrant decision 'disappointing' for farmers



By ROB CRAW

It has been nice to have a slight reprieve from the dry, we received 91mm of rain last month which was very nice, it was interesting to hear how the amounts of rainfall differed throughout the area.

Stock condition is improving which is nice as we lead into winter. I have heard many reports of people saying they are green but not a lot of length so we need to be mindful of what the winter may bring and ensure we have enough supplements on hand for the stock that you are planning on carrying.

Young stock need to be given consideration, many calves during the drought (R2s now) are still behind targets and will need good plans heading into this winter if farmers are to get good performance out of them.

In general beef scanning results were back on last year, in calf rates were down as the prolonged dry has had an effect. Dairy remained fairly static in comparison to last year. It will be interesting to see how the sheep scanning goes this year, we started receiving more regular rain at the beginning of tugging but whether or not it was too little too late remains to be seen.



It was disappointing the government's exception announcement shows it could not find a way to bring 500 desperately needed skilled dairy employees into the country.

Feds believes the pressure some farming families are now under, due to a severe lack of people to work on farms, is already taking a toll on stress levels, wellbeing and health.

It is concerning what this labour shortage might mean for the peak calving season.

On the upside it was good to hear some shearers and agricultural contractors have been approved to enter the country for the peak demand period.

If you or anyone you know are struggling please reach out to someone, there are people out there to help, Rural Support Trust 0800 787 254 are just one of the many fantastic agencies that do a fantastic job.

- Rob Crow is the provincial president of Hauraki-Coromandel Federated Farmers

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# Prepare your winter garden

Winter is almost upon us. Deciduous trees are losing their leaves, days are shorter and the nights are longer. Although it is still warm, frosts aren't far away. The ground can quickly become water logged so begin digging over soil and fertilise in preparation for spring.

#### VEGETABLES

Further sowings of broad beans can still be made. Winter beetroot seedlings need occasional cultivation to aerate soil and control weeds. Foliar fertilise to stimulate growth. Cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and brussels sprouts – main season winter harvest continues. Give late autumn transplants regular cultivation and fertilise. Carrots and parsnips – harvest those sown in December and January as ready. Parsnips are subject to root diseases if wet soil conditions persist. For celery, use the outer stalks to allow an extended harvest throughout winter months. Garlic is traditionally planted on the shortest day or over the next few months. Garlic cloves should be completely under the soil but only to a depth of 3-5cm and 20cm apart. Continue planting winter lettuce. Choose cut and come again varieties like the red leafed lettuces which cope with winter chill. Rhubarb – Old crowns which have been lifted and stored can now be divided and planted in a permanent growing position. For silverbeet and spinach, harvest the outer larger leaves to help plants to continue producing through winter. Make further sowings of spinach.

#### FLOWERS

As gaps appear in spots around the Early season winter annuals beginning to bloom are alyssum, calendula, pansy, poppy, snapdragon, stock, cineraria and primulas. Plant our new season's bulbs and perennials. Bulbs already planted out, daffodils and



Prepare strawberry beds now for Christmas fruit.

freesias, are well on the way due to the continued warm weather. Dutch Irises are also starting to flower.

#### FRUIT

For apples, pears, begin mid-winter pruning to regulate fruiting characteristics and improve fruit bearing. Citrus - severe winter cold damages shoot growth and fruit. Where possible lightly cover trees on clear frosty nights. Feijoas - continue harvesting. Now is the time to sort your strawberry bed if you want strawberries for Christmas. They need full sun with free draining soil. Dig in strawberry fertiliser and liquid feed every fortnight. Raspberries, boysenberries and loganberries - prune out last season's cane growth, tie new seasons growth onto supports, select strongest and prune out spindly shoots. For stone fruit, leaf fall is almost complete – mid-June apply a winter copper spray especially on varieties prone to bacterial canker.

#### COMPOST HEAP

Turn all heaps this month, add garden lime, sulphate of ammonia and nitrogen fertiliser to stimulate decay. Old compost ready for the garden can be applied as mulch or incorporated into the soil when preparing gardens for spring.

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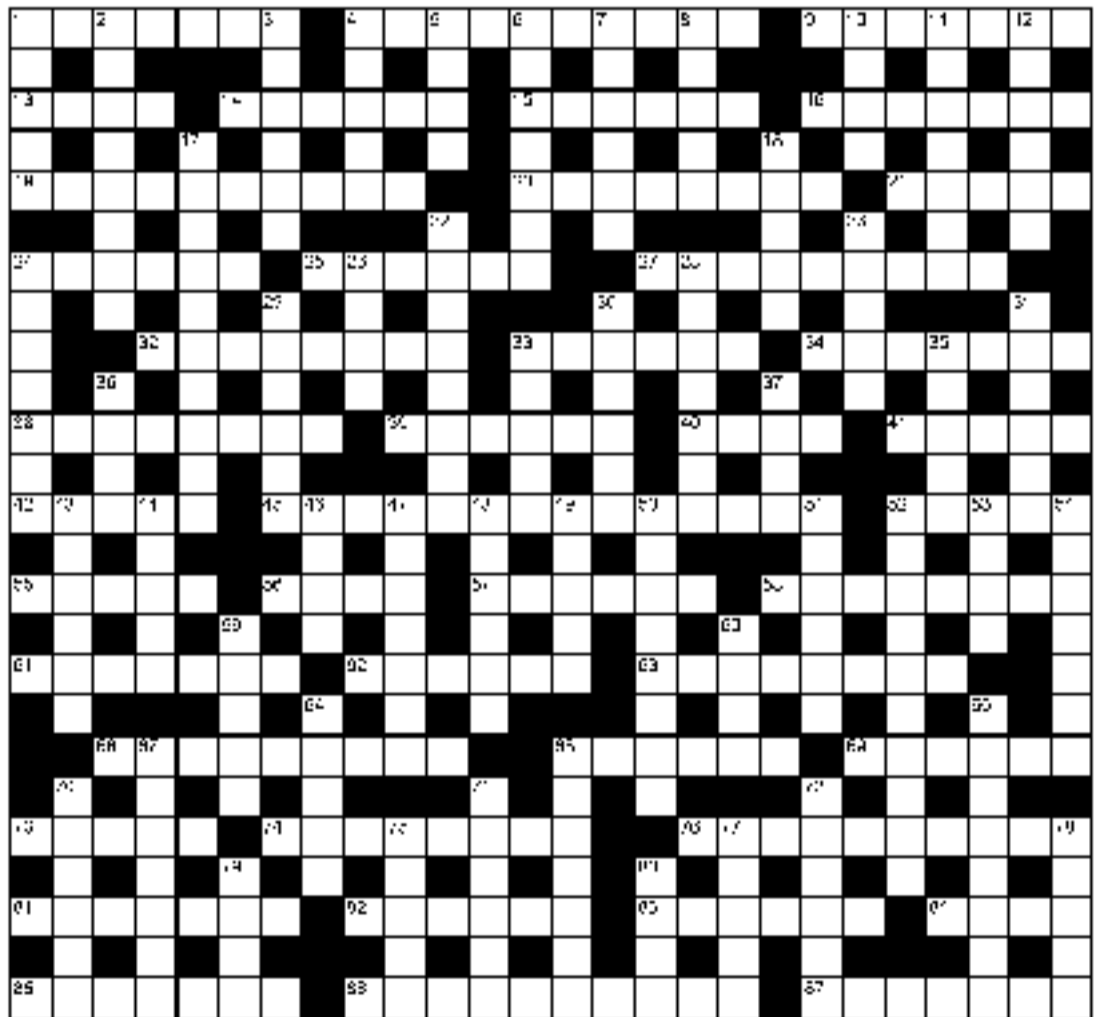
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Waste gases (7)
  - 4 Enticement (10)
  - 9 Soldier's water-flask (7)
  - 13 Brass instrument (4)
  - 14 Hollow globule (6)
  - 15 Snobbish (6)
  - 16 Game played on one's knees (7)
  - 19 Withdrawal (10)
  - 20 Take unawares (8)
  - 21 Throbbled (5)
  - 24 American state (6)
  - 25 Plump (6)
  - 27 Early years (9)
  - 32 Hungarian capital (8)
  - 33 Licentious (6)
  - 34 Ripped off (7)
  - 38 Amount (8)
  - 39 Split up (6)
  - 40 Metal (4)
  - 41 Engineer's block (5)
  - 42 Dodge (5)
  - 45 One's counterpart in another organisation (8,6)
  - 52 Buried bombs (5)
  - 55 Once more (5)
  - 56 Unpolluted (4)
  - 57 Bandage completely (6)
  - 58 Flowering houseplant (8)
  - 61 Alfalfa (7)
  - 62 Waxy light (6)
  - 63 Tallying (8)
  - 66 Ran away (9)
  - 68 Coats with metal (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Come in (5)
  - 2 Customary (8)
  - 3 Mocking remarks (6)
  - 4 Forbidden (5)
  - 5 Organised sports event (4)
  - 6 Tied up (7)
  - 7 Repeat (anag) (6)
  - 8 Exterior (5)
  - 10 Slightly open (4)
  - 11 Smoked leaf (7)
  - 12 Lace hole (6)
  - 17 Dull (10)
  - 18 Sacred song (5)
  - 22 Drapes (8)
  - 23 Ledge (5)
  - 24 Old object (7)
  - 26 Portent (4)
  - 28 Young thug (7)
  - 29 Military display (6)
  - 30 Not observed (6)
- ACROSS**
- 31 Say from memory (6)
  - 33 Card game (5)
  - 35 Boredom (5)
  - 36 Molten rock from volcano (4)
  - 37 Aromatic herb (4)
  - 43 Energy (6)
  - 44 Ambition (5)
  - 46 Added bonus (4)
  - 47 Perform surgery (7)
  - 48 Within (6)
  - 49 Rub out (5)
  - 50 Violent disturbance (8)
  - 51 Poems (6)
  - 52 Sad (10)
  - 53 Without sensation (4)
  - 54 Ray of light (7)
  - 59 Bump (5)
  - 60 Liberate (4)
  - 64 Trap (5)
  - 65 Imaginary place abounding in gold (8)
  - 67 Fetched (7)
  - 68 Sugar pill (7)
  - 70 Glossy paint (6)
  - 71 Racial (6)
  - 72 Gracefully slender (6)
  - 75 Puts to death (5)
  - 77 Torment (5)
  - 78 Vision (5)
  - 79 Family (4)
  - 80 Pudding ingredient (4)



**DOWN:** 1 Enter, 2 Habitual, 3 Tanned, 4 Taboo, 5 Meet, 6 Trussed, 7 Tapers, 8 Outer, 10 Ajar, 11 Tobacco, 12 Eylet, 17 Lacklustre, 18 Psalm, 22 Curtains, 23 Shelf, 24 Antique, 26 Omen, 28 Hoodlum, 29 Tattoo, 30 Unseen, 31 Recite, 33 Whist, 35 Ennui, 36 Lava, 37 Sage, 43 Vigour, 44 Drive, 46 Plus, 47 Operate, 48 Inside, 49 Erase, 50 Uplaval, 51 Rhymes, 52 Melancholy, 53 Numb, 54 Sunbeam, 59 Knock, 60 Free, 64 Snare, 65 Eldorado, 67 Brought, 68 Placebo, 70 Enamel, 71 Ethnic, 72 Svelte, 75 Kills, 77 Agony, 78 Slight, 79 Clan, 80 Sago.

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## Kids stand against bullying

Kaihere School was one of many schools across the region to take part in Pink Shirt Day on Friday.

Principal Richard Reid said the entire school of 31 pupils and their parents and caregivers got behind the annual event, which is dedicated to spreading kindness and stop bullying.

Senior student Teigan Lange, 13, said the whole school had been taking part in Pink Shirt Day activities in class throughout the week. Students had made banners, taken part in colouring

competitions, word finds, cookie decorating and making chalk silhouettes on the pavement, she said.

On Friday, students wore pink to school to help spread the message to "try and stop bullying", she said.

Mr Reid said the message of Pink Shirt Day tied in well with the school's motto - "They who stand, live".

"Our older children always look after the younger ones," he said.

"It's something that we promote and really get behind."



ABOVE: Kaihere School students took a stand against bullying last Friday.

LEFT: Kaihere School junior student Tasman Stamp, 8, left, and senior student Teigan Lange, 13, won the t-shirt colouring in competition.

BELOW: Getting into the spirit of Pink Shirt Day in the playground are, from left: Harry Lange, Mieke Staudinger, Celyddon Jordan and Tui Quilla.

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SPORTS

# Rugby jerseys mark 150 years

By KELLEY TANTAU

'The flying winger' has taken his skills from the rugby field to the drawing board for Thames Rugby's 150 year celebration.

Anthony Murray, a former player who was part of a Thames Rugby and Sports Club championship team, has designed the club's limited edition players jersey for the August 13-15 celebrations.

The shirts will be worn during the Thames vs Barbarians game on August 14.

Mr Murray, 35, said the shirts took around four months to design, and depicted the town's rich heritage. The addition of a stingray symbolised growth and strength, he said, while three rivers represented the Waihōu, Piako, and Kauaeranga.

The jersey also featured the names of the 39 Thames rugby clubs the town has had over 150 years.

Mr Murray said it was a "privilege" to design the shirts.

"I only had a short window of rugby, but I made sure I did my best when I was on the battlefield.

"It was an honour to have been asked to lift up the milestones and achievements of 150 years of Thames rugby. I love the game," he said.

The first recorded game of rugby in Thames was played in 1870 between a local team and a team from Auckland. It ended in a scoreless draw.

In these early games, the rules were certainly different, with one of the aims being to kick the ball through the posts, not over a bar but beneath a tape stretched between them.

In 1893, blue and black were registered as Thames colours.

Mr Murray started playing rugby for Thames as a winger at age 21. He was known as 'the flying winger' before his last game in 2015.

Now, his limited edition jerseys will be up for grabs at auctions over the celebration weekend, for which tickets were on sale now.

The programme of events includes a couch chat and catch up function on August 13; a Thames Invitational vs NZ Barbarians selection rugby match on August 14; and a 150-year celebration dinner featur-



ing rugby legends and celebrity guests. More info: [www.trsc.co.nz/150years](http://www.trsc.co.nz/150years) or email: [150yearsofthamesrugby@gmail.com](mailto:150yearsofthamesrugby@gmail.com).

ABOVE: Former Thames rugby player Anthony Murray has designed a limited edition players jersey for Thames Rugby's 150th celebrations.

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RIGHT: HF McLean's First XV team outside the Junction Hotel, Thames, in 1937.

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