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Protestors voice their message outside Hauraki District Council's Paeroa office. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

Ngāti Hako says 'no'

Protestors took a stand outside Hauraki District Council's Paeroa offices last week in a fight for their maunga, **KELLEY TANTAU** reports.

A fight for mauri and maunga is weighing heavy on Ngāti Hako's shoulders.

Outside Hauraki District Council's Paeroa office, the Iwi calls for the restoration of their Tirohia maunga (mountain), Rae o Te Papa, which has been used as a landfill for the past 21 years.

The plea takes the form of a peaceful protest, and occurs concurrently with a hearing of

Waste Management's application to construct a second landfill at the site.

"We're here to fight for our rights, for them to leave our maunga alone, and to get our mauri back," Hine Clarkin tells *The Profile*.

"Hako is always going to say no."

Waste Management's resource consent with the Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council asks to establish, operate and maintain a second landfill site for the collection of around three million cubic metres of waste over an area of 15ha.

The proposed landfill cell is

estimated to provide between eight to 10 years of additional waste capacity.

But Ngāti Hako kaumātua Paranapa Otimi says the pro-

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- Hine Clarkin

posed second landfill goes against a memorandum of understanding (MoU) agreed to in 2003 between the Iwi and former landfill owners HG Leach.

He says it was agreed the landfill was not to be extended and once at capacity, it was to be closed.

"We believe we've suffered since the day [the application] was first granted back in 2001.

"Our personal view is that the council thought we had forgotten about it... we haven't."

In a statement, Hauraki District Council said it only saw the MoU a few months ago.

Mayor Toby Adams said Ngāti Hako reached an agreement with former owner HG Leach in 2003 that the Iwi would withdraw its objection to the company's resource consent application on the condition there

would be no further landfilling or extension of quarrying beyond the limits described in the application, and that no activity would occur beyond 2038.

HG Leach then sent the proposed wording for the condition to council and Ngāti Hako, and asked for it to be included in the consent, council said.

However, Mayor Adams told *The Profile* the condition was left out of the consent.

"Regretfully, no parties picked up on the omission in the condition put forward by HG Leach," Mayor Adams said in the statement.

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Iwi fights for return of its maunga

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“Unfortunately, due to a disconnect between the intent of an MoU between Ngāti Hako and HG Leach & Co Ltd in 2003 and the wording of a condition that was subsequently put on the Tirohia landfill resource consent, the covenant that was registered against the landfill site does not reflect what was agreed between the two parties.”

“They thought they had secured a time and scope limit on the landfilling at Rae o Te Papa but the covenant that was registered against the titles by the council in good faith did not prevent further quarrying and landfilling on the property within that time frame, which is what was clearly agreed to in the MoU.”

Mayor Adams said council was not denying responsibility for the omission, and was willing to work with the Iwi to help “remedy that action”.

Council had no power to withdraw the current consent application or make a decision on the outcome, but was willing to support Ngāti Hako in an application to rectify the covenant, he said.

A statement released by a Waste Management spokesperson said because the resource consent application was in an active hearing process, it was not appropriate to comment on specifics.

However, the company was “respectful of mana whenua’s position and wants to work through concerns constructively”.

“Technology used in modern, engineered landfills has evolved significantly to protect Papatūānuku,” the statement said.

According to its website, the existing landfill at Tirohia is expected to be full in the next five years.

To continue to manage and dispose of the region’s waste, the company is proposing to build new landfill cells within the boundaries of the land it already owns.

If the additional space for waste receipt is approved, it is expected the company will stop accepting waste at Tirohia between 2032 and 2035, depending on the volumes of waste received.



Firefighters work to extinguish the fire that destroyed a Thames home. Photo: THAMES VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Family ‘loses everything’ in Thames house fire

A Thames family has “lost everything” after a fire ripped through their home on Saturday afternoon.

Thames Volunteer Fire Brigade, with assistance from the Turua and Puriri brigades, responded to the house fire on Mackay St, in central Thames, around 3.40pm on June 19.

All occupants got out of the house safely.

According to a Givealittle page set up by a friend of the

family, the fire meant the family “have lost their whole life”.

The page said four children lived in the home, aged between 6-11 years.

They were calling for monetary donations, or donations of clothes, to help the family “get back on their feet” after the devastating fire.

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Set 5:20am Rise 3:32pm	Set 6:35am Rise 4:24pm	Full Moon Set 7:47am Rise 5:24pm	Set 8:51am Rise 6:31pm	Set 9:44am Rise 7:42pm	Set 10:27am Rise 8:51pm	Set 11:03am Rise 9:57pm

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TIME DIFFERENCES FOR OTHER PLACES

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

PLACE	Hr	Mn	Hr	Mn
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

Ngatea gets behind Starship shave fundraiser

By KELLEY TANTAU

Come Saturday, Samantha Tweedale and Chris Spilsbury will be donning a new look, with the two Ngatea Hammer Hardware staff set to shave their heads for Shave 4 Starship.

Organised by the Ngatea Volunteer Fire Brigade, and supported by many within the Hauraki Plains community, the day will see men and women shave heads and faces, all for a good cause.

“Why not do it while you can?” Hammer Hardware owner Chris Spilsbury said. “Because one day in life, it might happen anyway.”

His colleague, Samantha Tweedale, who has worked at the store for six months, said she’d always wanted to take part in the fundraiser, but never had the courage to.

Now, having a good cause to support and the backing of her boss had given her that courage, she said.

“I’m a little bit nervous, but it is just hair, it grows back, and there are people out there who don’t get the choice to shave their hair. They lose it, and it’s not something they can control.”

Across the road at Ngatea Four Square, store owner Richie Saunders said he did not hesitate when he was asked



Ngatea Hammer Hardware’s Chris Spilsbury and Samantha Tweedale are set to shave their heads for Starship on Saturday.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

to shave off his “messy” ‘do.

“When I was approached to do the shave, I’d basically only been doing the old Damian McKenzie cut on the sides,” he said.

Richie, who was expecting his first child the Friday following the shave, said family was a big

driver in going under the razor.

He has two more boys in the family - aged 14 and 11.

“It’s such a worthy cause, and you never know when yourself or someone you know is going to need Starship, so if you’re in a position to spare a couple of dollars, don’t hesitate.”

All funds raised will go to Starship Children’s Hospital in Auckland.

“It’s not for us, it’s for Starship,” Chris said.

“The fact that we’re shaving our heads really means nothing, it’s the funds for Starship that mean the most.”

Donations can be made at either Hammer Hardware or Four Square, or through online banking into the account: 38-9002-0546884-08.

DETAILS: Shave 4 Starship, Saturday, June 26, 3pm at Ngatea Volunteer Fire Brigade, Dent St, Ngatea.

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Celebrating VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Week, June 20-26



St John Thames' Deidre Donnolly works on the front line. Photo: SUPPLIED

St John, LandSAR call for volunteers

Deidre Donnolly picked up a local newspaper and saw an ad calling for St John volunteers.

So, she sent off an email, became a front-line staffer, and has never looked back.

John Sanford, spurred on by the 2006 search of a British hiker lost for five days in the Kauaeranga Valley in Thames, decided to do his bit and join Thames Land Search and Rescue (LandSAR).

Fifteen years later, he wants others to do the same.

This National Volunteer Week, which runs from June 20-26, both Deidre and John are calling for new recruits to join their organisations, and say there's a lot on offer for a wide range of people.

"It amazes me sometimes, looking back and thinking: How'd I get here?" Deidre says.

"But I often think, 'Thank God I sent that email!'"

Deidre completed her national diploma in ambulance practice in 2020, and got offered a casual contract with St John in Thames.

She says people shouldn't be hindered by their age.

"People of middle-age have a lot to offer and a lot of life experience, which is ideal for St John," she says.

"So take that first step, send that email, or make that call, because even if it's not for the front-line, there are a lot of other options, like Friends of the Emergency Department, the health shuttle, and the opportunity shop."

Thames Land Search and Rescue is made up of a group of trained volunteers who search for and rescue lost, missing, and injured people in urban and bush areas.

Chairman John Sanford says they work under NZ Police, and often alongside other rescues around the Coromandel and Thames Valley.

There are a variety of roles available within the non-profit, including radio operators, computer experts, navigators, and even people who keep an eye on potential exit points.

They are always looking for new recruits, John says.

"It's a great organisation for people who enjoy being in the bush, and a great opportunity to learn new skills and help people."

DETAILS: To volunteer with St John, contact your local station; call 0800 ST JOHN (0800 785 646); or visit join.stjohn.org.nz

To contact Thames Land Search and Rescue, email: thamesland-sar@gmail.com.

Awards nominees announced

Three people and one team from within the Thames Valley have been nominated for awards as part of this year's Volunteer Excellence Awards, run by Volunteering Waikato. In the mix is a primary school teacher, a college student, and an experienced team member. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in Hamilton on Thursday.

Volunteer of the Year Youth Award: Jared Turlington

"Team player" would be the best way to describe Jared. He is reliable, willing to help whenever he is asked, has a great attitude, and motivates those around him to give things a go. Jared also leads by example, role modelling positive behaviours and encouraging all the kids to participate. Without committed volunteers like Jared it would be difficult to run our children's programmes. He is also a Community Leader at Hauraki Plains College and plays a number of sports in addition to his volunteering commitments.

- Nominated by the Paeroa Community Support Trust



Jared Turlington

Volunteer of the Year: Todd Robertson

In spite of an incredibly busy full time role as a primary school teacher, Todd finds the time to support the Paeroa Community Support Trust children's programmes. He is a regular volunteer at the fortnightly Friday Night Friendly evenings, the Breakaway youth programme and holiday events. The children and youth who take part in the programmes appreciate having Todd to support them. He is dependable, reliable and honest. Todd treats all the kids with respect and is using his skills and experience as a teacher to build a community based on trust.

- Nominated by the Paeroa Community Support Trust



Todd Robertson

Long Service Award: Chris Hale

The level of Chris' commitment to Goldfields Railway cannot be expressed in words. Chris brings a significant amount of professional knowledge and experience to Goldfields, and has steered the railway through significant changes over the years, and his ability to face challenges and work through them when others may have walked away is something to be admired. For 27 years he has been one of the driving forces responsible for moving the railway from a rail preservation society/club to a major tourist attraction in the area.

- Nominated by Goldfields Railway Inc.



Chris Hale

Team Excellence Award: Team Goldfields Railway

A dedicated team of 26 volunteers help to operate one of the Hauraki District's premier tourist attractions, transporting over 25,000 passengers annually. The contribution they make to preserving local history, along with the economic contribution to the Waihi area can not be underestimated. The team's commitment, level of enthusiasm and willingness to share knowledge with other tourism and heritage operations is to be admired.

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Celebrating VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Week, June 20-26

Giving back to the community for 46 years

By KELLEY TANTAU

Four years away from his double gold star and Miles Shelley is still as passionate about the fire brigade as the day he started.

“The first fire I ever went to was at a meatworks way back in ‘75. Most people do tend to remember their first big one,” he told *The Profile*.

“I was only 16 then, and you started as a runner, running backwards and forwards after the officers.”

Miles has been chief fire officer of the Ngatea Volunteer Fire Brigade since 2010. He started volunteering there 46 years ago.

The work has changed a lot over the past four decades, he said, with medical call-outs and car crashes becoming a regular part of the job.

Over the past three years, 40 per cent of calls were for motor vehicle accidents, with 33 per cent of calls relating to fires.

He can remember a large dairy factory fire he attended at Kerepēhi back in the 80s.

That same decade, he was in-

involved in helping out after the Paeroa floods, and the crew got stuck in town and had to bunker down under desks at a primary school.

And while part of the brigade, Miles also spent every Tuesday night for 40 years as a first responder with Hauraki Plains St John ambulance.

He also organised a quad-bike system for retrieving patients who could not be reached by ambulance.

“It’s something you can do for your community to give back, and it can be very enjoyable.”

- Miles Shelley

In 2017, he was awarded a Queen’s Service Medal for his services to the New Zealand Fire Service and the community.

“I was never into rugby or club stuff, so I did it, in a way, as a different class of sport,” he said.

“It’s something you can do for your community to give back, and it can be very enjoy-



Hauraki Plains Motors owner Miles Shelley has been involved with the Ngatea Volunteer Fire Brigade for nearly five decades. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

able.”

Miles’ son Adam has completed 18 years in the same brigade, and there were also a number of members who were coming up to 25-30 years, Miles said.

“We’ve retained a lot of members, so that’s got to be saying something for the brigade. People enjoy staying there.”

With National Volunteer Week this week, Miles said they were “always looking for new

recruits”, and encouraged people to come along and have a go.

Those interested can pop into the Ngatea brigade on Dent St on training nights, Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

St John Thames



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We have a range of volunteer roles available, so if you’re interested in being part of our crew we’d love to hear from you.

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WHAT'S ON

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 23: Continuing Education Group speaker: Charles Cato, retired Judge of the Supreme Court of Tonga, 10am, Thames Civic Centre, all welcome.

June 25: Thames High School Music Students: Free Concert at St George's Church, 12:15pm.

June 26: Shave 4 Starship: Ngatea Volunteer Fire Brigade from 3pm at the Ngatea Fire Station. Get involved and fundraise.

June 26: Divas of Country Rock: Paeroa Country Music Club Fundraiser, Paeroa War Memorial Hall, 1:30pm. Tickets: \$20 at Forget Me Not. Ph 021 247 6789

July 1: Kiwi Fusion Food Lover's Celebration: 5.30pm-7pm, July 1 at Saint George's Parish Hall, Thames. Bring a plate of food and a gold coin. RSVP: kiwifusionthames@gmail.com.

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

July 4: Renaissance meets Jazz: Denise Norton concert, St George's Church, Thames, 2pm, www.thamesmusicgroup.com.

July 13: Bowel Screening Seminar: 10.30am, St James Parish Hall, morning tea provided. Ph Phone 07 868 9790 to book.

July 23: The Kumeu Vintage Brass Band: Free concert, 12:15pm at St Georges Church with soup and a bun following for \$5, cash only.

August 8: Barbershop Men's Chorus, Mighty River Harmony: St Georges Church, 2pm. Tickets: cash at the door, adults: \$20; members: \$15; kids: \$5.

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. Must be level one to play. Free entry.

LOCAL MARKETS

Kaiaua Seaside Market: at The Boating Club, Kaiaua, 9-1pm, last Sunday of the month. Ph 027 489 7850

Karangahake Hall Market: Fourth

Saturday of the month, 9am-2pm, 12 Crown Hill Rd. Ph 027 678 2035

Paeroa Car Boot Market: First and third Saturdays of the month, 101 Normanby Rd, weather permitting. Ph 07 862 7833

Thames Market: Every Saturday in Grahamstown, 8am to 12pm.

Turua Market: Third Sunday of the Month at Turua Hall, 9am to 1pm. Ph 027 696 7644

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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

Hauraki Plains Co-operating Parish: Jane, Ph 027 471 4654

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

Hauraki Plains St John: Call or pop into the Op Shop, Ph 07 867 8073

Hauraki Plains Youth Cricket: Anna Dondunski, Ph 027 466 4126

Hauraki RSA Memorial Club: Ph 07 867 7898 (evg) or 07 867 7301

Hauraki Vintage Machinery Club: Ph 07 867 7281

Jig Saw Puzzle Library: Mangatarata, Ph 07 867 3250

Kerepehi Brass Band: Rowan Garrett, Ph 07 867 6762

Kerepehi/Paeroa Indoor Bowls: Ph 027 418 4300

Kerepehi Women's Institute: Ph 07 867 6002 or 07 868 8582

Mahjong: Nola Walker, Ph 07 867 7301

Music and Movement: Suzanne, Ph

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July 4: Renaissance meets Jazz: Denise Norton in concert at St George's Church, Thames, 2pm. Go to www.thamesmusicgroup.com for more information.

027 337 2544

NAAM: 11am -12.30 Tuesdays, Thames. Leigh, Ph 027 497 8601

Ngatea Badminton: Jenny Adams, Ph 07 867 3028

Paeroa Bowling Club: Paul, Ph 021 0290 1508 or Gary Ph 07 560 9200

Ngatea Chinwag Cafe: 10am-12 Tuesdays, parish hall, Darlington St

Ngatea Community Garden: Jane, Ph 07 867 7245

Ngatea Garden Circle: Alice Douglas on 07 867 7463

Ngatea Indoor Bowling Club: Ph 07 867 6082 or 07 867 8015

Ngatea Lions Club: Bruce Foster, Ph 021 043 9280

Ngatea Playcentre: President, Ph 027 327 5536

Ngatea Pony Club: Nicky Hamblyn, Ph 07 867 7078

Ngatea Scouts: Kim Donaldson, Ph 07 867 7350

Ngatea Women's Institute: Nola Walker, Ph 07 867 7301

NZ Red Cross Thames: Betty Sutcliffe, Ph 07 868 6148

NZ Society of Genealogists Thames: Pam French, Ph 07 868 6492

Paeroa Citizens Advice Bureau: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-1pm, Ph 07 862 8093

Paeroa Community Knitters: Lyn Ph 07 560 9200 or Sandra 022 610 1734

Paeroa Grey Power: Secretary Gail Locke, Ph 07 862 6256

Paeroa Society of Arts: paeroaartsociety@gmail.com

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

Probud: Jill McIntosh, Ph 07 867 7373

Runner Runner Poker Club: Thursdays, 6.30pm at Punters Bar.

Scrapbooking: Pam Tonks, Ph 07 867 7780

Solarpunk Aotearoa: John McKeowen, Ph 021 063 5483

St Paschal's Catholic Church: Ph 07 867 7401 and 07 867 7056

Tai-Chi exercise Kaiaua: Stacy, Ph 09 576 3705

Tasty Books & Wine Tasting: Anne, Ph 07 867 3367

Thames 50+ Cycle Group: Chris, Ph 0274 998 159

Thames Bonanza Club: Meets third Thursday of month, Ph 07 868 6673

Thames Chin Wag Cafe: Mondays

10:30am, 608 Queen St, Ph 07 868 9790

Thames Continuing Education: Fourth Wednesday of month, Ph 021 564 339

Thames Creative Fibre Group: Dana Catley, Ph 07 868 7310

Thames Croquet Club: Dennis Karl, Ph: 07 868 2423

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Creepy crawly

Waitakaruru School was visited by Brian Lawton and Tikvah Chanquin from Hands on Creatures on June 17, and the kids were shown lizards, spiders, cockroaches, tortoises, and more. *Valley Profile* reporter **KELLEY TANTAU** went along to catch all the fun.



A huntsman spider hangs out on host Brian Lawton's cheek.



Mia Brocklehurst does not look impressed by the huhu grub.



Roman Burnett and Slater Gear cringe at the thought of a huhu grub being eaten.



Nicole Ato and Falco Mackwood-Smith fascinated by the green gecko.



Marcus, left, Deja and Annabel have a laugh at some creepy crawlies.



Charlie, left, and Marcus hold an Australian lizard that explores his sleeve.

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Rural Life

Mussel farming industry gets \$2m regional boost for wharf project

The Coromandel mussel farming industry has received a boost after Waikato Regional Council approved a \$2 million grant for the Ariki Tahī/Sugarloaf Wharf expansion project.

Council Chair Russ Rimmington said the project promised to deliver significant economic benefits to the region, including employment opportunities.

Councillors heard growth of the marine farming sector in the Coromandel Peninsula was contingent on appropriate wharf infrastructure to bring product ashore.

The wharf already handles 90

per cent of the North Island's mussel production and its expansion will ensure the movement and processing of product through Thames-Coromandel and other districts.

The funding agreement to be signed with Ariki Tahī/Sugarloaf Wharf Ltd (ATSWL) will include a number of conditions, including a requirement that all consents are first approved before the grant is paid, as well as the setting of performance expectations.

"Our council's funding will contribute to marine farmers having more confidence to invest in growing their on-water

operations, rather than on the expansion of the wharf," Cr Rimmington said.

The project involves extending and raising the wharf platform to account for rising sea levels, with four new berths to allow for increased commercial activity and a separate facility for launching recreational boats. The upgrade will unlock about \$822 million of economic benefit over 35 years and is projected to support 880 jobs.

"This is a fantastic boost to the project, which also benefited from \$19.95 million from the government's Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)," Thames-

Coromandel Mayor Sandra Goudie said.

During the public excluded Waikato Regional Council meeting at the end of March, a number of concerns were raised by regional councillors, including the increase in road usage and the dumping of dredged material.

Councillors were reassured Thames-Coromandel District Council and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency were committed to a \$2.2 million upgrade of the Te Kouma Rd intersection over two years, which will improve traffic flow to and from the wharf.

More work had also been done by the project team to look at dredging requirements, councillors heard.

In response to questions about engagement with Iwi, the meeting was told Ngāti Whanaunga had carried out a cultural impact assessment and Iwi representatives were deeply involved in the project.

A funding and partnership agreement will now be signed with ATSWL, which is jointly owned by Thames-Coromandel District Council, Coromandel Marine Farmers Association and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment.

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Probus marks 20 years

In 2001, 44 like-minded people formed a group for fun, friendship, and fellowship. Now 20 years later, that same group has grown to encompass 138.

For The Probus Club of Hauraki Plains' 20th birthday celebrations, a luncheon was held in the War Memorial Hall in Ngatea on June 16.

Club secretary Jill McIntosh took guests through the history of the group, and said at some of the early meetings the club would have up to 100 members attending. Subscriptions were to be \$20 dollars per member and that figure has not changed in 20 years. Membership was capped at 100 and then a waiting list started, she said.

Throughout the two decades, the club travelled near and far, with the first being to Coromandel town and the mussel barge.

They've been to the Wapiti Deer Park in Tirau; Norfolk Island; Tiritiri Matangi Island; Kaipara Harbour; Tauranga

Harbour; and Waiheke Island. They've enjoyed attending shows, such as *Mama Mia* and *Cats*, and every year the club puts on a mid-winter solstice lunch and end of year Christmas luncheon.

"Springhill Corrections Prison was a highlight for many [and] the trip to the Tree Church and cruise of the Waikato River many of us will remember. It could not have rained harder," Jill said.

"Wet and with umbrellas up, we stood there listening to the owner. Still, a very enjoyable day."

Within the club, a mah-jong group has started up, as well as a 500 card group for men, which has proved to be a great success. "Over 20 years, our club is one of the strongest in New Zealand and has been extremely well run," Jill said. "We all should be proud to be part of it in our special community here in Ngatea."

For more info: call Jill on 07 867 7373.

ENTERTAINMENT



Maria Richards and Babs Floan are Captain Hook's pirates in the upcoming show. Photo: SUPPLIED/JO HAAKMA

Peter Pan to land in Thames

A travel bubble to and from New Zealand has been opened, and Peter Pan and the Lost Boys have touched down in Thames.

Co-directors of Thames Music And Drama's latest production, *Peter Pan and the Medallion's Secret*, Sam and Diane Connors need all of that and a lot more by the sounds of it. "We need about \$6000 worth of sound gear; dozens of lights; special effects; extra staging; stunning costumes and a team of more than 50 people," Sam said.

"Seems it takes a lot to create the magic of live theatre."

The full scale production, which will be staged at the Thames Civic

Centre from July 3-10, is Sam's first time directing a major musical.

"I have loved being able to collaborate with other talented people in our community," she said.

Specialists were brought in to assist with certain aspects of the show, including sign language, stunt choreography and a ropes specialist. There was also a "huge youth focus" in the production. Out of a cast of 47, 35 of them are under the age of 17, and many of them hold lead roles.

"These young people come from far and wide and represent at least eight of the district's schools. They even have a nine-year-old on the

tech desk. Now, that's starting them young." *Peter Pan and the Medallion's Secret* is an original jukebox musical, written by former Thames High School teacher Alan Cumming as a school show back at the turn of the century.

"It's a great script," Diane Connors said. "Lots of interesting characters, plot twists, hilarious lines and some great hits from the 80s to keep the adults toe-tapping. After all the cancelled concerts, plays and live performances in 2020, it is wonderful to be able to gather together to enjoy the arts once again."

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Hauraki Plains Probus president Helen Baker cuts the anniversary cake with some of the club's past presidents. Photo: SUPPLIED

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Boom days of gold come to an end



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

Thomas Comisky was in a desperate state of destitution when he came to the Waiomu hut of Thomas Steers in August 1870. Steers, sympathetic to the poor fellow's plight, gave the man a job cutting firewood between Tararu and Te Puru and took him in to live with himself and a mate. Thomas Comisky at 43 did not seem to enjoy good health. He complained much of cold and pain. The men, in their rough and ready way, attended to him as well as possible. Thomas had lived with Steers for around three weeks when Steers went to Thames for a day or two leaving the unwell man with his mate. Steers returned home at an early hour on Monday and found Thomas to be very ill and suffering from weakness and pain, especially in his shoulder. Steers lit the fire and put the billy on, to make tea.

Thomas, after taking a little of the tea, was seized with a slight fit of vomiting and then lay back and appeared to go to sleep. The mate remarked on Thomas's ap-



A miner's hut, probably at Punga Flat on the Waiotahi spur. Photo: SUPPLIED

pearance, saying that he had had a similar fit the previous evening and looked as if he was in one again now. Steers examined Thomas and to his shock found that he was dead. The men put the body in a boat and took it up to Thames. The coroner found Thomas had died of an aneurism of the aorta. Thomas's plight would not have been helped by the hardships of poverty.

Destitution at Thames was starting to dominate headlines.

The boom days of gold were over. The *Nelson Evening Mail* reported that "A complete exodus is taking place from Thames and men are walking about the country begging for work and assistance." There were reports of 'monster meetings' of the unemployed and of three thousand starving diggers sending deputations to the Superintendent of Auckland asking for help. But the actual numbers of desperate men was called into question and the cries of destitution were seen as a ploy to get Ohinemuri opened for gold prospecting by a "clique of agitators at Thames". This "professional knot" of troublemakers also tried to induce Dunedin authorities to send ships to take the

destitute of Thames to Otago for work. Miners' wages were swallowed up by public houses, billiard rooms and other less reputable resorts, and in other countries the wages the 'destitute' refused would be dazzling wealth said the cynics. The police sergeant was directed to take a census of the goldfields population to enable the government to judge how far relief should be given from public funds.

Work was offered in the construction of roads between Grahamstown and Tararu and the remainder of the construction of the road between Shortland and Puriri for 2 shillings a day. There was an outcry that men with wives and families could not possibly exist on such a pittance.

The official census found that of a population of 12,496 men, women and children on the field, 1223 were unemployed and just 13 were destitute. It was pointed out that there was plenty of work in the colony. None of this helped Thomas Comisky - ill, down trodden, his last days made bearable by the kindness of strangers. The Ohinemuri goldfield was finally opened in 1875. Thomas Comisky is buried at Shortland cemetery.

Kids weigh in at family-friendly competition

The Ngatea Hunting & Fishing Club held its annual Little Tykes Hunting & Fishing Competition last month.

Twenty seven kids and their parents braved less than ideal weather conditions, especially for the fishing side of things.

Target species were snapper, kahawai, yellowtail, possum, rabbit and turkey. There were 71 species weighed during a very busy weigh in at the Ngatea Hotel.

Three people weighed all three species of fish and 10 weighed all land species. Two people weighed five species, a great effort. Well done to all the winners and to all children for getting out there and doing it. Also to the parents for supporting them by getting them

out and about. Thank you to all of our sponsors. The Ngatea Hunting & Fishing Club is a family-friendly club that welcomes new members. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, please email: ngateahuntingandfishing@hotmail.com.

RESULTS: 15 Snapper weighed, heaviest 3.34 kg Cody Hill. Cody is also a member of the Ngatea & Hunting & Fishing Club so won the Member's Snapper trophy. 7 Kahawai weighed, heaviest 2.14kg Jethro Schouten; 13 Yellowtail weighed, heaviest .32kg Mak Attack (Makenna Stratford); 12 Possum weighed, heaviest 3.28kg, Blake Leach; 11 Rabbit weighed, heaviest 1.84kg Jared Strawbridge; 13 Turkey weighed, heaviest 7.62kg, Reuben Dodunski.



Reuben Dodunski won heaviest turkey. Photos: SUPPLIED



Cody Hill won the Member's Snapper trophy with his catch.



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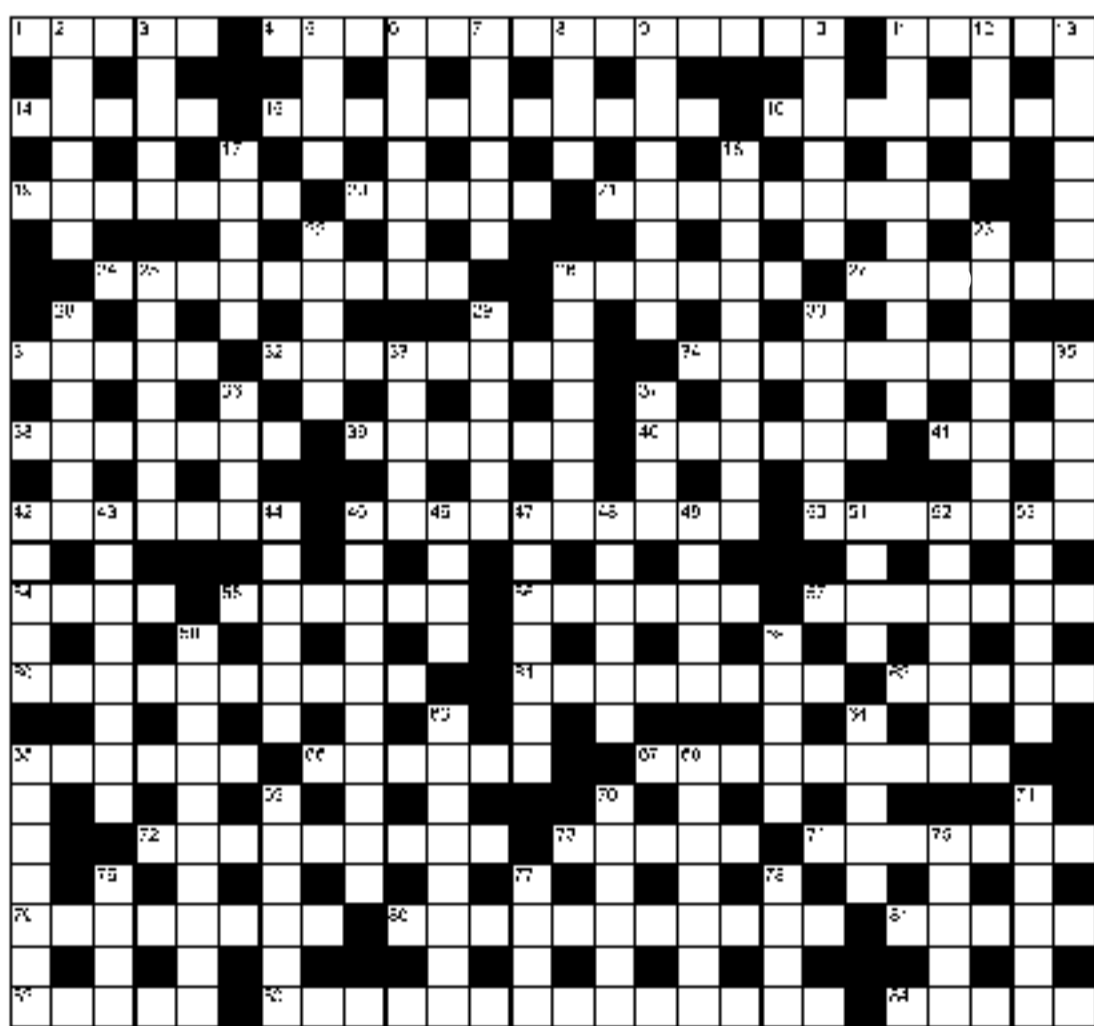
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 - 4 Deserted while in difficulties (4,2,3,5)
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 - 16 Cut short (8)
 - 19 Sports arena (7)
 - 20 Graze against (5)
 - 21 Method (9)
 - 24 Punctuation mark (9)
 - 26 Dairy product (6)
 - 27 Handy (6)
 - 31 Speed (5)
 - 32 Ratify (8)
 - 34 Resistance (10)
 - 38 Church tower and spire (7)
 - 39 Bird in clock (6)
 - 40 Destroys (6)
 - 41 Spouse (4)
 - 42 Visually offensive thing (7)
 - 45 Sweet gelatinous dessert (10)
 - 50 Wholly (7)
 - 54 Ill-mannered (4)
 - 55 Body organ (6)
 - 56 Mass departure (6)
 - 57 Egg-shaped wind instrument (7)
 - 60 From now on (10)
 - 61 Lacking definite form or limits (8)
 - 62 Mediterranean island (5)
 - 65 Day nursery (6)
 - 66 Split apart (6)
- DOWN**
- 2 Happenings (6)
 - 3 Was concerned (5)
 - 5 Test paper (4)
 - 6 Smoked plant (7)
 - 7 Inform (6)
 - 8 Dagger handle (4)
 - 9 Let out (8)
 - 10 Recluse (6)
 - 11 Of language (10)
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 - 13 Out of the ordinary (7)
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 - 18 eg rook, bishop (10)
 - 22 Outspoken (5)
 - 23 Office-holder (8)
 - 25 Non-stop train (7)
 - 26 Follow convention (7)
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Price guide Late \$200,000's upwards. Being sold "As is, where is" If you have a positive, can do, attitude then this fantastic opportunity is too good to let slip by. Make no mistake this home needs a massive amount of work to bring it back to life but don't look at what it is now, look at what it can be.

RT5645



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Built in the 1960's the property altogether comprises of a total land area of 2982m2 but is held under 2 separate titles. The dwelling would benefit to some maintenance & refurbishment so if you are not scared of rolling up your sleeves and getting the job done then this property is a must view. Peaceful, tranquil and privately set.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Exhibition set to celebrate Matariki

By KELLEY TANTAU

A fundraising exhibition celebrating Matariki through an artistic lens launches this week in Thames.

Curated by Bounty, a design store and gallery in Pollen St, the exhibition will feature ceramics, sculptures, paintings, contemporary weavings, jewellery, prints, and mixed media works by local and national artists. Bounty owner Fiona Cameron said the show had grown since its inception last year, and now included seven more artists.

“The first year, we had just come out of Covid, but we had a wonderful response from our artists and the Thames community,” she said.

“It’s grown this year and now I’ve probably got about 30 artists involved in the exhibition.”

Matariki is an important Māori celebration, signifying the start of the New Year in Māori culture. Fiona said it was often a time to reflect, to look to the future, and come together to share stories.

“Matariki is a very important time for Māori, but it’s also an opportunity to explore the different ways people can share their culture and heritage,” she said.

“In a creative sense, my artists can explore all those themes in their work. It’s a celebration unique to New Zealand.”

Fiona has been a gallery owner for 25 years. She grew up on the Coromandel and had always celebrated Matariki, she



Coromandel artist Robyn Lewis’ *Hine-Ruru (Owl Woman)* will feature in the Matariki exhibition. Photo: SUPPLIED

said. “Last year when we had our opening, it blew me away... and I really feel that next year, with Matariki being a public holiday, it’ll be such a joy for us as a nation to recognise the Māori New Year.

“We’re all part of this nation, and it’s lovely to be able to honour that.”

The show also doubles as a fundraiser for St Francis School in Thames. The students have their own exhibition at The Vibe, Mary St, opening at 2.30pm this Thursday, June 24 and running for two weeks.

DETAILS: Matariki Art Exhibition, opening night: June 25, 5pm-7pm, at Bounty, 754 Pollen St, Thames, running until July 17. All proceeds to St Francis School.



Dr Ian Chapman and the *Cosmic Jive Trio* will play at Kauaeranga Hall. Photo: SUPPLIED

Bowie’s music to play at hall

Cosmic Jive Trio brings to the stage the superb acoustic arrangements of David Bowie’s finest songs, arranged especially for the show at Kauaeranga Hall on June 23.

The show, *David Bowie & the Art of Being Different*, is a wonderfully entertaining celebration of eccentric creativity, a testament to how the arts can empower, improve mental health, heal past traumas, and provide an essential blueprint for how to deal with bullying.

Dr Ian Chapman (vocals/percussion) is a musician, author, academic and motivational speaker. He is personally inspired by Bowie, one of the most complex and enduring performers in the history of popular music. Dr Chapman is currently co-convenor of the Contemporary Music degree course at Otago University, where he has been on

the Performing Arts faculty since 2002. He is a specialist in the life and work of David Bowie, having written a dozen books such as *Experiencing David Bowie: A Listener’s Companion* (2015), and *David Bowie FAQ* (2020). In the 1980s he was a professional drummer working with artists such as Rob Guest and Billy T James.

Doug Wright (keys/vocals) is a freelance musician, composer, and currently working as a performance tutor in contemporary music at the University of Otago.

Pānia Simmonds (bass/vocals) studied music at Otago University where she specialised in bass guitar and now teaches bass at Otago University.

DETAILS: Tickets: \$25, pre-book: \$22 txt: 021 912 993, kauaerangahallmusic@gmail.com or Lotus Realm, Pollen St, Thames

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Announcement

As a result of being unable to secure sufficient funding, we will unfortunately be saying goodbye to our Town Promoter at the end of June.

Jo has been in the role for just under nine years.

We’d like to acknowledge, with deep gratitude from both the committee and wider community, the time, expertise and energy she has given the role.

We’ll miss Jo and wish her all the very best in her next endeavour.

The Positive Paeroa committee will be taking some time to reflect upon its position and direction going forward. We’ll be sure to keep you informed of any decisions made.

You can still contact us on 07 862 6999, 027 605 1858 or enquiries@paeroa.org.nz

SPORTS

Teen to ride 400km for 40-hour famine

By KELLEY TANTAU

A Hauraki Plains teen is preparing to ride 400km in 14 hours for the 40-hour Famine.

Quinn Harris, 14, will share the ride with his dad Chris, with the pair starting the challenge this Saturday and hoping to finish up within the 14-hour mark.

Quinn, a Year 9 student from Hauraki Plains College, was inspired to do something different for the World Vision fundraiser after his sisters, Fairven and Morgan, also stretched their imaginations.

“Together we did no furniture for 40 hours in 2019,” Morgan said.

“Last year, I did 40 acts of kindness over the 40 hours, and when Fairven was in primary school, she stayed outside on our lawn with a friend and lived off of a backpack for 40 hours.

“They forgot to pack a can opener and had to use a rock from the creek by our house.”

Quinn’s idea to cycle 400km using an indoor trainer called a Zwift, was “by far the biggest” task, Morgan said.

The World Vision 40-hour Famine runs from June 25-27, and for more than 45 years Kiwis have taken up the challenge of not talking for 40 hours, going without screens for 40 hours, or, undertaking the traditional: barley sugars and fruit juice for 40 hours.

The funds raised will help protect children threatened by the hunger pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa. Quinn and Chris have already raised nearly half their goal of \$1000 for the event.

“Quinn normally does skids and jumps - he’s never really on the ground - so this is the complete opposite of what he normally does,” Chris said.

“But I’ve always told him we don’t know what we’re capable of until we do it.

“Quinn’s a very capable young man and I’m sure he’s going to do it just fine.”

To donate to Quinn and Chris, visit: my.worldvision.org.nz/ss/VGrIpx/quinn-harris.

Alongside his dad Chris, Quinn Harris, 14, will ride 400km to raise funds for the 40-hr Famine.

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