

Hauraki Herald

Thieves hit new low

JILL CLEAVE

Di Wood of Paeroa died on June 1. That same morning her husband Ken, who has cancer, was taken into Accident and Emergency at Thames Hospital. That same day a thief, or thieves, stooped to a new low and burgled the Woods' home. A long-time friend of the elderly couple has been left speechless by the thoughtless act of someone, who she referred to as a pathetic low-life. Morag Neale first befriended Di and Ken Wood when she arrived in the country over 16 years ago. "They were very welcoming people and their son John invited us to spend our first Christmas here with them as we had no family here," said Neale. "About eight years later our daughter Hannah returned from overseas for a visit and John told us he would try to keep her in the country – and married her, making Di and Ken her in-laws." She thought it was appalling that funeral arrangements for Di were disrupted in such a terrible way. "We spent most of the day at the hospital before taking Ken to another family member's place to be looked after and thought all we had to do was get home and start making funeral arrangements," she said.

“It was devastating for all the family. Di went to her grave without even her wedding ring as it had been stolen too.”
- Morag Neale

It was when they arrived at the Woods' home they discovered it had been broken into and someone had stolen all Di's jewellery and some antiques. "It was devastating for all the

Morag Neale looks at a picture of her good friend Irene (Di) Wood who was burgled the day she died.

family. Di went to her grave without even her wedding ring as it had been stolen too," she said. "Whoever did this is lower than the gutter and I hope they are proud of themselves for stealing from a dead woman. I want them to know she was a lovely, kind lady and to

have this done to her family not even 24 hours after her death, takes someone with no respect for others at all," she said. Paeroa Police Sergeant Phil Caldwell said they were following leads and making enquiries about the burglary.

"It is certainly a low blow for the family and if anyone is offered jewellery or they see some being sold online they should contact us here at the station," he said. Alternatively people can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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FROM THE EDITOR

I first came across Gary and Adrienne Dalton of Te Whangai Trust when Adrienne was named as Franklin’s Finest Person of the Year back in 2009 at a ceremony in Pukekohe.

Two things struck me straight away – their total passion and commitment to the trust and the fact that they were ahead of the game when it came to getting people who had hit hard times back into the labour force.

Their project started in 2008 at their Miranda farm and has since expanded into Glenbrook and Pukekohe. The trust has won numerous awards, with the latest being the supreme award at the national Green Ribbon Awards.

The trust has grown largely to the Daltons’ persistence. They’ve always believed the community needs to take more responsibility for those living in poverty. They have stood true to this belief and helped hundreds into the workforce through their eco-nurseries.

Te Whangai Trust is a success story and the Daltons and their team deserve all the recognition they are receiving.

- John Brown

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Te Whangai continues growing success

JOHN BOYNTON

An environmental organisation from Miranda has been honoured with the supreme prize at the 2016 Green Ribbon Awards.

The environmental based awards were presented at Parliament on Tuesday night and Te Whangai Trust (TWT) was named the overall supreme champion and also received the Community Leadership award.

Now in their 26th year, the Green Ribbon Awards recognise exceptional environmental achievements by individuals and organisations around New Zealand.

TWT co-founder Adrienne Dalton said she was stunned to see the organisation scoop the night's biggest prize.

"It's pretty humbling really, when you look at some of the big companies that were in the competition."

The trust provides 500,000 eco-sourced native plants, education, advisory skills and more than 156,000 volunteer hours each year to help restore ecosystems, wildlife corridors and waterways in the Waikato and Auckland regions.

Dalton said they strived to leave the environment in pristine condition for future generations.

In addition to its environmental focus, the trust weaved strong social elements into their

work, Dalton said.

The trust offers courses where beneficiaries can upskill and gain qualifications.

For Dalton, this social element is about changing the perceptions of unemployment.

"We believe that we can change the system, people will be

able to upskill while they are on the benefit," she said.

In February, the first crop of trust graduates received their diploma of Horticulture and Agriculture Level 2 and Numeracy and Literacy qualifications.

"It's about getting people to belong to their community and

making sure everyone has a turangawaewae, and they're not isolated."

TWT works alongside such companies as New Zealand Steel and also with the Franklin Local Board and the Department of Conservation.

Dalton said she was pleased to

engage with so many different sectors of the community.

"It's about trying to change a system that doesn't work."

Coromandel MP Scott Simpson said he was delighted to see TWT pick up the award.

"I've had an opportunity to visit their nursery at Miranda."

MP for Coromandel Scott Simpson with Te Whangai Trust founders Gary and Adrienne Dalton at the 2016 Green Ribbon Awards in Wellington.

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Cairns threatens to upset men

ANDY MCGECHAN

Thames dirt bike rider Natasha Cairns has been winning national titles in the women’s ranks for quite a few years and now she’s closing in on the men too.

The 31-year-old building company salesperson again dominated the women’s class when the five-round New Zealand Enduro Championships wrapped up near Tokoroa on Sunday and, remarkably, she also scored highly against the men when she finished overall runner-up in the intermediate grade.

Cairns came very close to stealing away with overall honours too after she won the intermediate class at the fourth round of five at Waimiha the day before.

But early series leader Josh Dando, from Loburn, bounced back after finishing third outright in the grade at Waimiha to win the day at Tokoroa and eventually clinch the trophy by six points from Cairns.

“I was pretty stoked to do so well against the men, but I’d rather have won it overall,” she said.

“When I won the day at Waimiha it was the best result I’ve ever achieved at the nationals. Traditionally, Waimiha

has not been a good place for me, but it all fell into place.

“Actually, the day was nearly all over for me at the first section when I got stuck in a bog.

“It was just poor line selection on my part and I was just grateful that another rider was kind enough to stop and help me out,” Cairns said.

“But I was riding more conservatively at Tokoroa and Josh (Dando) was certainly on the case ... he smoked me and I congratulate him.”

Fellow Thames rider Rob Howe finished 14th overall to win the expert veterans’ (over-40 years) class.

After retiring from enduro riding 10 years ago, Howe made a comeback this year and won the class against strong competition.

At prize-giving Howe thanked his fellow riders, who had been a lot of fun to compete, the volunteers and and his pit crew.

“It’s a great sport to be in, you get to see a lot of beautiful countryside, farms and forestry that are usually close to the public,” he said.

“I do it because it’s a challenging sport with lots of obstacles and endurance.

“You’re usually riding for five hours a day and up to five-day events.”

Thames rider Natasha Cairns on her way to winning the women’s class and finishing runner-up in the intermediate grade at the 2016 National Enduro Championships final round at the weekend.

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Fowler’s dedication to community earns a QSM

CLAIRE FITZJAMES

A Queen’s Service Medal was the last thing Gary Fowler expected when he was informed of his achievement in April. The Pauanui resident was recognised for his services to the community and agriculture in the Queen’s Birthday Honours.

Many will associate Fowler with the annual fundraising concerts he held in his backyard that attracted more than 1500 people and raised over \$150,000 for local emergency services including Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Coastguard, St John Ambulance and the Pauanaui Volunteer Fire Brigade.

His ambitious vision has also seen the construction of the 25-kilometre cycle and walkway that will connect Pauanui and Tairua. So far 4.2km of the trail has been successfully completed comprising 80 metres of board-walk, seven bridges, 15 donated named seats, native tree planting, instigation of a pest eradication/predator control programme and installation of a user counting device.

When he was informed of his award, he said it was in recognition of what the volunteers have done together. “I’m just the poor bugger who has got the recognition for it. You can’t get through all by yourself. It’s the people around you,” he said.

Gary Fowler and his wife Anne are ensconced in the Pauanui community.

Before his dedication to improving local facilities for the Pauanui community, Fowler contributed to a range of agricultural organisations while farming in Matamata. He was a disputes conciliator for Federated Farmers from 1984 to 2000 and an advisor to the New Zealand Dairy Board on research priorities.

Fowler was a member of the Regional Animal Health Advisory Committee from 1989 to 1994 and has been involved in deer farming organisations since 1988.

Over the years, Fowler said he had many favourite memories, including helping develop the Tirau Golf course when he lived in Matamata. He added that seeing the enjoyment on people’s faces at his concerts would always stick with him, enough to consider holding another concert. “I think we might have a one-off. I’ve been wavering on the fact one day we will have the final concert.

“Once we complete the trail, we will have a concert to celebrate,” he said.

Roading savings ‘tip of the iceberg’

CAITLIN MOORBY

Waikato councils have already jointly shaved about \$350,000 off roading costs and now think there’s potential to save millions of dollars annually through more co-operation. The Waikato Road Asset Technical Accord (Rata) was set up in 2014 to trial ways of cutting the \$160 million road maintenance bill. The \$350,000 is the first year’s result, but participating councils have their sights set on millions more. As a result, the nine councils involved in the Waikato Road

Asset Technical Accord (Rata) trial project have decided it will go full-time to assist better spending decisions. They are the Waikato District Council, Hamilton City Council, Waipa District Council, Otorohanga District Council, Waitomo District Council, South Waikato District Council, Matamata Piako District Council, Hauraki District Council and Thames-Coromandel District Council.

Rata chair and Hauraki Mayor John Tregidga said the declared savings to date are just the start. In its first 18 months,

Rata has generated \$350,000 in savings and it’s members estimate between 5 and 10 per cent of total costs could be cut annually through efficiencies gained by working together. Tregidga said Rata has made leaps and bounds in terms of knowledge sharing, overcoming skill shortages and working together to improve the management of road maintenance. “Establishing it for the long haul through a more permanent arrangement makes great financial sense if we can drive the sorts of savings being envisaged.”

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Conversations

“If people can steal from the dead, who knows what other despicable acts they are capable of.

POINT OF DIFFERENCE

The price of milk is much debated including in *Hauraki Herald* of May 27.

Little seems to be said of Fonterra’s recent offer of over \$9 and relating to the world demand for product certified to the United States Department of Agriculture National Organic Program standard.

While this may well be a challenge it is far from impossible. Through the whole period of volatility the organic price has remained relatively stable so should be worth further investigation.

Fonterra has been calling for value added products for some time. In this case the value is added inside the farm gate rather than just by factory process.

For those needing a little support for the change process there are a number of consultants available as well as input suppliers.

The main thrust of marketing is about having a point of difference and always listening to what the market is calling for.

If a supplier or producer wishes to remain successful in the long term one needs to react to

market signals.

**Peter Bacchus
Coromandel**

PROTESTERS DESERVE SUPPORT

I was amazed to see the photo of protester Lucy Aitken-Read atop their drilling rig near Mt Karangahake (*Hauraki Herald* May 27). The accompanying article is certainly food for thought.

Lucy and the people of Karangahake deserve our support.

It brought back a flood of memories from the early 1970s to 1992 when several Coromandel communities were threatened in the same way.

Our perceived victories at the time were unfortunately short lived. The monster has never really departed, only changed its tactics.

Coromandel, with one of the world’s most beautiful and pristine coast-lines, beaches and reserves, unfortunately also contains very attractive (to the world’s mining giants), highly toxic mineral deposits, containing not only the target metal gold but even larger amounts of lead,

mercury, arsenic, zinc and cadmium.

A little research shows that the tailings leachate takes up to 200 years to show up in the environment – sometimes very destructively as far away as 100km from the actual mine. It sure doesn’t simply evaporate.

It would be very interesting to drill, say around the perimeter of the Waihi tailings dam today and test the ground water.

And for those who may think this activity should be part of our environmentally sensitive peninsula with its high rainfall just remember that the combined total of New Zealand’s mining/ quarrying industry contributes a paltry point 5 of 1 per cent to New Zealand’s GDP (compare that to tourism’s 12 per cent).

The Waihi mine of multinational giant Oceania Gold produces around 100,000 ounces of gold (not even refined/processed in New Zealand) per year but remember, about 99.999 per cent of the Waihi profits are remitted off shore. As for royalties? Check it out. They are a joke!

Come to think of it, much of Germany’s gold reserves are stored in a vault in New York.

GET IN TOUCH ONLINE

“Whoever did this is lower than the gutter and I hope they are proud of ... stealing from a dead woman.”

- Morag Neale from P1

Ergo, then why not simply estimate the amount of gold here, sell it, leave it in its present ‘natural’ storage and pay the Thames Coromandel District Council to keep it safe?

**John Macassey
Whitianga**

HEROES AT THE HOSPITAL

It’s been six weeks since I was discharged from Thames Hospital Medical Rehabilitation Ward after treatment for a long standing health issue.

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I could see how the doctors, nurses, cleaners, administration and kitchen staff have a job that would test the strongest fortitude but show nothing but smiles and positivity.

Thank you all so much for helping me heal and showing me that there are still heroes in this world.

Anthony Archer

ONLINE CHATTER

Stealing from the dead? That is sickening. I sure hope karma gives that person 10X the dose. I hope they never have a peaceful night’s sleep ever again.

- Karin Gabrielsen on Facebook

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Protect Karangahake in pavlova protest

CAITLIN MOORBY

Protesters hiked for three hours through native forest to deliver a pavlova to the site of a drilling rig on Queen’s Birthday, Monday.

Lucy Aitkenread baked the pavlova, but unfortunately couldn’t hand deliver the treat, as the last time she visited the rig she was arrested and charged with wilful trespass.

She made her first appearance in the Waihi District Court on Wednesday, along with two other Protect Karangahake protesters Alec Johnston and Ruby Powell.

“The good news is that we may be getting diversion, which means they will drop the charges, if we pay \$3000 reparation, and there will be no criminal record.”

However, Aitkenread said this is entirely dependent on an attitude test, where they must show great remorse in an interview.

Protect Karangahake member Nina Mayhara said the group delivered a traditional Kiwi desert to the Newcrest Mining drilling rig, which is on the edge of conservation land at Mount Karangahake.

“We wanted to deliver a message to the Australian mining company: there may be some confusion about the origins of a pavlova – but there mustn’t be any confusion over the purpose of New Zealand conservation land.”

Newcrest Mining representatives met with Protect Karangahake last week to discuss the company’s drilling intentions.

Aitkenread said this is what sprouted the pavlova idea, as Newcrest made it clear it didn’t understand the importance of New Zealand DOC land at the meeting.

“Unlike my pavlova Newcrest must be full of hot air if they think they can convince us all that mining on conservation land is acceptable,” said Aitkenread.

Aitkenread, who cannot go within 100 metres of the drilling site, attempted to watch on from the boundary.

She said a digger was operating when the protest group approached the site.

“Once the digger left, the protesters all sat down together, and ate a delicious pav in a beautiful setting.”

Aitkenread said it was the first pav she’d ever made, and it turned out a bit flat after the battering it got on the hike up.

A Newcrest Mining spokesperson said an excavator was undertaking rehabilitation work on three completed drill sites when the protesters approached.

“We acknowledge their right to protest but would ask that they respect the wishes of the landowners on whose land we are drilling.”

When asked whether or not the digger driver was offered a slice of pav, the Newcrest spokesperson replied: “doubtful...”.

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Thames Grey Power president Barry Young updates his knowledge of cell phone usage with the help of Britney Thompson, left, and Sophie Harsant.

Pensioners learn to use cellphones

JILL CLEAVE

Thames Grey Power members are busy learning that old dogs can be taught new tricks.

They are taking cell phone usage tuition from some young pups at Thames High School.

It all came about when Grey Power president Barry Young’s wife asked him why he wasn’t answering her texts.

“I realised us “oldies” could do with a few lessons on using the technology we are being given so I approached the Thames High School about getting some of the kids to teach us just what these marvellous machines can do,” said the 73-year-old.

He was put in touch with Year 13 student Evan Chang who said for a fee, mainly cakes and biscuits, he was sure he could round up a group of students to do the job.

Young said the youngsters were great and facing 14 senior citizens didn’t faze them at all.

“We met in the school library and

“I realised us ‘oldies’ could do with a few lessons.”

Barry Young

they split us into groups depending on which phone we used. Of course this made total sense from the get-go and we had a wonderful session, even going so far as downloading pictures,” he said.

The group has booked in for four weeks of tuition and have now found they can transfer a lot of their new skills to their i-Pads.

Chang said he was impressed with the ability of the older set to pick up the technology.

“They are all at different levels but all keen to learn, it has been a good experience and we have been glad to help them,” he said.

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Passion for science takes teenager to Australia

JILL CLEAVE

A Hauraki Plains College student is one of seven year 12 and 13 students to attend the Youth Australia New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science in Brisbane in July.

Julia Baraugh, 17, said she was excited to be chosen to take part in the five-day residential science camp to be held at the University of Queensland.

“I was one of over 120 applications for a spot on the camp which is targeted at students who have a passion for science and technology and have demonstrated an interest out of school hours,” she said.

The New Zealand students will join 40 Australian secondary school students for a full science programme which will include both lectures and hands on learning in the areas of engineering, soil science, marine biology, animal anatomy, chemistry and genetics at the University of Queensland and Griffiths University.

This trip is funded by The Talented School Students Travel Award, administered by the Royal Society of New Zealand and funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment for passionate science students who have been selected on a national basis to attend international science or technology events.

Hauraki Plains College student Julia Baraugh will be attending the Youth ANZAAS in Australia in July.

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Midweek meatballs

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Thyme potato mash

600g potatoes, peeled and diced 2cm
1 tablespoon butter
3-4 tablespoons milk
2-3 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme leaves

Cheesy meatballs

450g beef mince
½ cup dried wholemeal breadcrumbs
1 carrot, grated
1 courgette, grated
1 egg
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon tomato sauce
½ teaspoon salt

1 cup grated colby cheese

Cherry tomato spinach salad

2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon runny honey
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 punnet cherry tomatoes
1 apple
2-3 handfuls baby spinach leaves

Preheat oven to 220C. Bring a large pot of salted water to the boil. Line an oven tray with baking paper. Cook potatoes in pot of boiling water for 12-15 minutes until soft. Drain, return to pot with butter, milk and thyme and mash until smooth. Place all cheesy meatball ingredients (except cheese) in a large bowl, season with pepper and mix well to combine. Use a heaped tablespoon measure and damp hands to roll into

Adding chopped, fresh thyme leaves to mashed potato really adds the x-factor.

large golf ball-sized balls. Place on prepared tray and gently press the top of each ball to flatten slightly. Sprinkle cheese over each ball. Bake for 10 minutes. Turn grill to high and grill for about 2 minutes until cheese is golden brown, checking regularly to avoid burning. While meatballs are cooking prepare the salad. Whisk vinegar, mustard, honey and olive oil together in a bowl; cut cherry tomatoes in half; dice apple 1cm; place all in bowl with dressing and spinach leaves and toss to coat.
To serve Divide thyme potato mash and cherry tomato spinach salad between plates and serve cheesy meatballs on the side.

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China trip opens a world of opportunity

Their tickets are for China, but Paeroa College head girl Miranda Hodgson and Waihi College head boy Luke Fraser will have feet in many camps from August 1 to 9. The 17-year-olds have been chosen to attend the Jiading International Youth Friendship Camp with students from Japan, Korea, Ireland, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Serbia, and Montenegro – whose cities or districts, like Hauraki, have sister city partnerships with the Shanghai district of Jiading.

The young friendship ambassadors will share information about their respective homes and cultures, visit local tourist spots together, and take part in cultural experiences such as learning calligraphy, handicrafts and Chinese traditional manners. As guests of the People’s Government of Jiading they’ll be hosted in a hotel, paired with roommates from other countries.

Miranda and Luke are sharing in the expenses of their actual travel (airfares, visa and insurance), together with the Council. Part of the cost will be met from our sister cities fund, which we also use to support local students taking part in the Hauraki-Jiading annual educational exchange.

The pair will be accompanied by Councillor Julie Bubb, who with the other ward chairs interviewed six camp nominees and then had the tough job of settling on just two promising leaders: outgoing, high achievers able to speak clearly about their district and country. “We would have loved to send them all,” says Julie.

In her own words, Miranda is an “enthusiastic, determined and confident young Maori woman; a leader by example who’s committed to guiding and motivating others within a team environment”. The accomplished all-round student and athlete has already travelled to Australia to represent New Zealand on the touch field, and says sporting opportunities have opened the door to many friendships. “Different cultures have always appealed to me. Now I want to broaden my horizons through exposure to the rich culture that China has to offer.”

Meanwhile she has had an introduction to

Mandarin, thanks to lessons offered at Paeroa College as part of the Mandarin language programme established in the Ohinemuri Schools cluster in 2014.

Luke has likewise stood out academically, as a leader, and as a competitive sportsperson – particularly in basketball and football – as well as being a keen musician. He’s looking ahead to university studies in health and medicine; and after visits to Australia and a year living in Papua New Guinea is “passionate about travelling and experiencing different cultures”.

He adds that one aspect of cultural immersion he’s especially looking forward to is “the food” – and Miranda says the same.

Julie has made one previous visit to China as a member of a Council sister city delegation. “This is an amazing opportunity for our students to mix [with their overseas peers] on a different level and get a wider view of the world,” she says. I’m excited to be going with Luke and Miranda.”

Last year, Joseph Goddard of Paeroa College and Tyla Watford-McGraph of Hauraki Plains College attended the inaugural Jiading International Friendship Camp, together with Hauraki Plains College teacher Denise Casey. Julie says Denise’s tips and insights have been much appreciated and will definitely help in preparations for the 2016 trip.

“We didn’t know what to expect,” remembers Denise. Only on arrival in China did the group realise they should have prepared a power point presentation and a cultural performance. And despite English being the official language of the event, not everyone was proficient, so communication was a challenge – as was acclimatising to temperatures in the 40s. However the mixing and mingling was definitely unforgettable.

This year’s Hauraki representatives are taking everything on board, and are meeting and planning to make the very most of what Miranda describes as a “once in a lifetime opportunity”.

It's a Doggy New Year

As the saying goes, every dog has its day. For our District’s approximately 4300 canine residents, that day is Friday, 1 July: the beginning of the new registration year for all dogs aged three months or over.

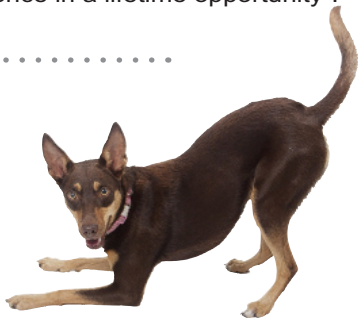
Want to take care of registration from home?

If you’re renewing an existing registration and there are no changes to the registration details, you can head to the Council website - www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz - and make the appropriate payment using the online credit card or debit card payment option we introduced last year. (Or you can pay by internet banking, but you will still need to sign and return the registration form).

If you have any changes to make to the information on your notice, or are registering a dog or puppy for the first time, you’ll need to contact us so we can enter the correct details in the system.

Prefer the “old dog” way?

You can continue to register your dog by mail; or in person at our Ngatea, Paeroa or Waihi offices. There we can accept payments by cash, Eftpos, credit card or cheque; and can issue tags on the spot.



Want to pay less for registration?

Prompt payment of fees will ensure there are no penalty fees.

Apply before July 15 for our Responsible Owner scheme. For approved owners who meet the conditions, annual dog registration is reduced by \$30.

Have your dog de-sexed, thus qualifying for a \$15 rebate (a veterinary certificate must be supplied).

Where does the money go?

Registration fees pay for the administration of an up-to-date dog database; educational and adoption programmes; dog pound facilities including feeding, care, and homing or euthanasia of stray dogs; general advice on dog care; property visits by Council staff; animal control; and a 24-hour call out service.

We strive to keep registration costs as low as possible, and have been able to hold them at the current level for the coming year. The only change to the fee structure is the introduction of a Responsible Owner Licence transfer fee, for people bringing dogs into Hauraki from another council district where they already hold Responsible Owner status.

Are you entitled to a Rates Rebate?

Good news for low-income homeowners: the government has increased the thresholds for its rates rebates scheme, making more people eligible for a subsidy.

Ratepayers can now have a maximum annual income of \$24,440, plus \$500 for each dependant, to qualify for a full \$610 rebate. People with an income of up to \$40,000 may still be entitled to some assistance, depending on the rates amount and the number of dependants in the household.

Council will send out letters to Hauraki homeowners who have previously received a rebate, encouraging them to apply again. The Department of Internal Affairs requires people to apply every year for their rebate. Brochures are also being distributed with newsletters from all schools, so those that may be eligible because of dependants have a better chance of becoming aware of the eligibility criteria.

Rebate applicants can make a 15-minute appointment at a council office, with a Customer Services Adviser. Customer services staff are authorized to take the statutory declaration required by the Department of Internal Affairs. Every endeavour is made to ensure that these short interviews are friendly and private.

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If you are completing the form yourself you will need to get the Statutory Declaration witnessed by a Solicitor, JP, Notary Public, Court Registrar or MP, before mailing it to Council.

If you are unable to come into a Council Office, home visits are available by arrangement. Council staff really will go the extra mile to assist!

Wage or salary earners need to bring a summary of earnings and a bank interest statement, for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 to their appointment. Self-employed workers need to supply an income summary for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 from IRD or an accountant. Those receiving income assistance need only bring their bank interest statement for the previous financial year, as the council has been instructed to use pre printed benefit schedules for this calculation. If you have received accommodation supplement throughout the year you do need to supply a statement showing the amount of accommodation supplement received.

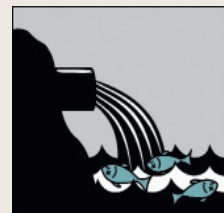
Applicants must have been living at the relevant property as at the 1st July 2015.

The deadline for applications is 30 June 2016, but we encourage you to apply early in order to gain the benefits of the rebate throughout the rating year.

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Keep it clean

To clean up any spills or dirt outdoors, don’t just wash the mess down the stormwater drain. Soak it up with rags, sand or newspaper, or sweep it up, for disposal with general rubbish.



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- Plant riparian margins.
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Let’s talk about death

JILL CLEAVE

The town of Thames will experience its first Death Café event next week.

The event comes with the invitation: “While it’s cold and rainy we will venture into the dark...to meet and talk about Death!”

Host Doris Sippl said death was the only thing we can be sure will happen to us.

“It has been pushed into the background but it is a part of life so at Death Cafes we review how we want to embrace it,” she said.

The Death Cafe get-together concept was first introduced in 2004 in Switzerland when Swiss sociologist and anthropologist Bernard Crettaz organised the first one with the aim of breaking the secrecy surrounding the topic of death. He has written a book, *Death Cafes: Bringing Death out of Silence*.

Sippl said there have been 3234 Death Cafe events in 36 countries so far.

At a Death Café, people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death. The goal is to raise death awareness with the view of helping people make the most of their lives.

New Zealand has held regular Death Café events in Auckland, Canterbury, Christchurch, Nelson, Southland, Tauranga, Warkworth and Wellington.

The Thames Death Cafe will be held in Thames on Wednesday, June 15 from 7pm to 9pm at Tea Rose Cafe in Grahamstown.

Kerepehi Bowls and Sports Club life members are Harry Woods, left, Ian Sara, Bev Fisher, Noel Ipsen, Terry King and Hugh Fisher.

Kerepehi bowler awarded club life membership

JILL CLEAVE

Joining the Kerepehi Bowls and Sports Club turned into a fulltime hobby for one man.

Harry Woods, who joined the club in 1998 and soon became a very competitive player, was awarded a Life Membership at the club’s annual general meeting recently.

The award is limited to six current living members and Woods joins Ian Sara, Noel Ipsen, Bev and Hugh Fisher and Terry King in the position.

Club secretary Terry King said shortly after Woods started he became involved with Bruce Doughty, who was at the time a Thames Valley coach, on the

coaching school held at the club.

“These coaching schools were both for our own members and Thames Valley development squads. He teamed up with T Barry in 2000-1 season to win the Thames Valley under 5’s Pairs Championships,” he said.

The following season Woods skipped winning team of Leon Matthews, Peter Pharoah and Gary Thorburn in the Thames Valley under 5’s Open Fours.

At club level Woods won the junior singles, junior pairs, pairs, triples and was in the team which won the Taylor Shield in 2002-03.

Woods became greens superintendent at the club in 2009 and is still in that position.

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Guest speaker: Karen Botting, Waikato regional Council Zone Manager
All welcome
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Karangahake Hall Committee AGM

Sunday 19th June, 3pm, Karangahake School
All welcome, afternoon tea provided

Paeroa Co-Operating Parish Monthly Morning Tea

Wednesday 22nd June, 10am, Church Hall
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Author, Preacher, Speaker, Politician & Social Worker
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BA5 - Business After 5 Meeting

Wednesday 29th June, 5.30pm, Advance Insurance/Mikkelsen Gallery, Paeroa
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Salsa...

Thursdays, 4.30pm, Ohinemuri Village Hall
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Paeroa RSA Pool Club Night

Wednesdays, 6pm, Paeroa RSA
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Elim Church Community Meal

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Coromandel MP Scott Simpson, left, Aaron Beattie, Christina Beattie, Judge Denise Clark, Bess Kingi-Edmonds, Lena Thompson and Hauraki Justices of the Peace Association chair Peter Pritchard.

New justices honour an ancient tradition

JILL CLEAVE

Bess Kingi-Edmonds has become the first Maori to be made a Justice of the Peace in Whitianga. She and Pipiroa accountant Christina Beattie were appointed as JPs last week, bringing the number of JPs in the Thames-Coromandel/Hauraki region to 110. Kingi-Edmonds took her oath in Te Reo. “For the last year I have been on a journey with Te Whare Tahuhu Korero o Hauraki learning my language and I believe I am the first Justice to use Te Reo as when I asked if I could do that I had to have the oath translated,” she said. Kingi-Edmonds joins only two other Maori women in the Hauraki

Justices of the Peace Association. Beattie was encouraged by a friend to become a JP and she said she was proud to have made it into the ranks. “A good friend of mine, Marise Morrison asked me to consider the role to try to encourage more young people to get involved,” she said. Six hundred years ago the Act of 1361 provided, amongst other things, “that every county of England shall be assigned for the keeping of the peace, one lord and with him three or four of the most worthy of the county...”, and so began the history of Justices of the Peace. The first appointment of a Justice of the Peace in New Zealand, missionary Thomas Kendall, was in 1814.



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GO WAIHI UPDATE

It's happened again. You get the extra day, you like it, and there isn't another one next week. We want more, we want more! OK, it's Labour Weekend near the end of October before the next public holiday, but we can handle it, we're tough, we can make the long haul without that one day off, just one, surely, can't we!! If not now's a good time to think of when to take some you time in the next month or three. Out with the winter woollies and on with the report.

WAIHI MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

It's time for another round of New Year Resolutions with the Maori New Year Matariki, and some community celebrations over the next month. On Thursday June 23 there's the ECE Matariki Sports Day with a BBQ lunch at the Waihi Marae Reserve from 9.30 am to midday. Friday June 24 there's a Hikoi through the centre of Waihi with combined schools ending up at the Pumphouse for lunch. Wednesday June 29 you're invited to the community celebration from 5 pm to 7 pm at Waihi Memorial Hall, as well as the Dawn Viewing on Sunday 3 July at 6 am at Bowentown Heads, followed by a cup of tea at Otawhiwhi Marae. There's also a Tapuwai Tournament coming up on July 7.

WHIRITOA LIBRARY DINNER SOON

Friday June 11 is the time to book in your diary for the annual Whiritoa Library Dinner. A BYO affair, except for the mulled wine, it's a great way to enjoy good food, entertainment and raise some funds. The theme is a Touch of Red this year so think outside the square and include red in your outfit somehow. Included in the \$25 is the mulled wine, soup, your main and dessert.

SMALL TOWN, FUN EVENTS, GREAT COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Waihi's proud to be a busy little town with a heart of gold. There's always something on, and plenty of things coming up. Our website gives you an idea of what's happening. Like Goldfest across October, the annual Trolley Derby and Market Day early in October, our Christmas Parade and Market Day leading up to Christmas, the ECHO Walking Festival in March and April, Waihi's Warm Up Party for Beach Hop – the next one's Wednesday March 22 2017 – and a myriad of other events put on by locals, and not just FOR locals, you're always invited. Get involved and be part of the community. Contact me at GO Waihi for more information and any ideas.

GOTTA SAY A QUICK WELL DONE

With visitors galore and locals always keen it was great to see so many things on across the long weekend. Good on those who put these events on, creating some fun things to see and do, to add to the bush, beach and boutique shopping. Your hard yards are appreciated and sometimes go unmentioned. Here's a for example; Waihi Beach Art & Craft Fair, Waihi Lions Book Fair and Waihi Art Club's Art Exhibition.

D R A M A CLUB INVITE TO

Dance, Read scripts, Act, Mprovis, At Waihi Drama Society Family Nights. Held on the third Friday each month it's an opportunity to have some fun, develop performance skills and confidence in a supportive atmosphere. Perform a musical or dance item, take part in improvisation games and enjoy the refreshments too, all for a gold coin donation. Join them next Friday night from 7 pm to 9 pm at The Theatre in Boyd Rd.

SQUASH B GRADE AND UNGRADED TOURNAMENT

Here's a challenge. Waihi Squash Club is hosting this tournament from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June at their courts in Baker St. The \$35 fee includes dinner on the Saturday night and they're taking entries up to Sunday June 19, just over a week away. If you're up for it email waihisquash@gmail.com, and remember the warm ups eh!

HERE'S A THOUGHT: There just aren't enough days in the week - end!

By Brian Gentil Go Waihi Coordinator
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Old-school RAV4 still the most enjoyable

DAVID LINKLATER

First, the facts: this is an entry-level GX-specification Toyota RAV4 with a clattery diesel engine and AWD. Second, my humble opinion: driving this seemingly very traditional iteration of New Zealand’s best-selling SUV made me wonder whether the old ways might still be the best. I rather liked it. Looked forward to driving it every morning, even. I couldn’t help but compare this RAV4 to the last one I drove, the top-specification Limited with the 2.0-litre engine and 2WD,

because it’s within \$1000 of the GX diesel. That’s probably applying unfair circumstance to the former, because there are nine different RAV4s from \$38k to \$61k. There’s no shortage of choice. Nonetheless, what strikes me about the Limited 2WD in this context is that although it’s very 2016-SUV and makes perfect sense (luxury equipment with the entry powertrain for urban drivers), it isn’t a package that gets the best from the RAV4 platform. It has lots of goodies but it’s lacklustre to drive. No character. You might think that an everyman model like RAV4 and

Diesel engine and automatic/AWD drivetrain bring character to the RAV4 driving experience.

“character” are mutually exclusive. But the GX has it.

I’m a sucker for the businesslike tick of a turbo-diesel anyway, but Toyota’s 2.2-litre engine makes a useful (if not class-leading) 340Nm at 2000rpm, and drives through a proper six-speed gearbox. It makes the Limited 2WD’s 187Nm/3600rpm and continuously variable transmission seems turgid at best. The RAV4 – any RAV4 – has an accomplished chassis, but you need a decent powertrain and AWD to appreciate it. That’s two ticks for our test car, then. True, you can get Toyota’s compact-SUV with a 2.5-litre petrol engine that also boasts a six-speed ‘box

and AWD, but it can’t match the diesel for sheer verve. The oil-burner does cost an extra \$2000 over the equivalent 2.5 petrol, but it’s almost as quick to 100kmh (there’s only 0.6sec in it) and it sips two litres less fuel per 100km (notwithstanding the dreaded RUCs, of course). The GX doesn’t have the latest Toyota Safety Sense (TSS) package of driving aids fitted to other RAV4 variants, but it doesn’t feel bargain-basement. It’s tempting to say that this is a good, honest compact-SUV. But that’s underselling it a bit. It’s also quite an engaging one.

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Jason Douthett

I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all newcomers, your friends and your family to the Hauraki and Thames-Coromandel districts.

The district has presented me and my family the perfect opportunity to balance a hectic work life with an active and enriched home life.

Scenic walks, beach getaways or getting the boat out on the water for some terrific fishing are among my favourite ways to unplug and I consider myself privileged that I do

not need to travel great distances to make the most of my downtime.

My interaction with people in the community, from schools and clubs and different businesses and organisations, has been positive. I particularly like the down-to-earth attitude and feel I get from most of the people I deal with in the area and the support and focus on supporting and contributing to the community is impressive.

There are many great things I enjoy about being a part of the region and there is always plenty of ways to get amongst it.

Steampunk The Thames is a fun, creative and quirky experience I

would recommend to all. If you love seafood and good times, the Scallop Festival in Whitianga is coming around again in September.

Paeroa's V8 and Motorcycle Show and Swapmeet and Paeroa's Battle of the Streets are great end-of-summer events for us motorheads also.

I want to take this time to thank the residents and businesses in the district for their support of the Hauraki Herald. I invite newcomers to the district to also actively participate in our online communities via social media website Neighbourly.

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To get the best out of this community, I encourage you to get involved. There's a variety of groups and activities to suit most interests.

■ Jason Douthett is area manager at Hauraki Herald

Jason Douthett

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The farming industry in our district is well supported by the P3 Trust which has been functioning for just over five years now and focuses on profitability and progress in the dairy industry.

It has built an excellent reputation with not only the local farming community, but with rural professionals, both local and further afield.

Fit4Farming is another initiative that aims at getting you off farm and into other physical activity.

The Elephant in the Paddock project, initiated by Hauraki District Council, is another initiative to address and raise awareness of farmers mental wellbeing.

The district has much to offer by way of sport, recreation, climate and scenery, as well as high quality land for farming so I hope you join in with the many opportunities there are here for social and community involvement.

I encourage you to get involved with your local community, get to know your neighbour and take part in the many opportunities available.

The Hauraki Rail Trail which runs from Thames to Waihi, and is due

John Tregidga (right) encourages newcomers to try out the Hauraki Rail Trail.

to be extended to run from Kopu to Kaiaua, is a major attraction for the district.

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Looking after mental wellbeing of the community

If you're new to the district and are feeling the pressure of working in the dairy industry, which can be a stressful environment at present, help is at hand.

The Hauraki District Council Plains Ward initiated a forum and invited members from across the rural and health sectors to help identify areas of concern within the farming community.

They identified the rural and social isolation of farmers, the stigma they faced getting help, not knowing where to go to get information as well as impending financial and environmental pressures.

Hauraki Plains Ward Chair Gill Leonard says the forum also highlighted concerns from people at the front line supporting farmers - for example, accountants, vets, rural suppliers - who felt they were lacking some of the skills to help farmers who were showing signs of stress and mental unwellness.

"They wanted to help but did not know how," she says.

A project group aptly named The Elephant in the Paddock and comprising members from Hauraki District Council, The Waikato District Health Board and Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki, was set up to address the identified gaps.

"It was not about reinventing the wheel but capitalising on the great resources already available and empowering the community to be knowledgeable and accepting of the mental wellbeing of our community," Gill says.

The Elephant In The Paddock group has since activated several

initiatives including:

- Holding two Dairy NZ *The Good Yarn* workshops to help people identify stress and know how and where to seek help
- Creating a localised pamphlet for farmers with information on services and help available

- Organising a Suicide Prevention Workshop - date to be advised.
- Talking to six Hauraki Plains farming families and writing a series of articles about their journeys and stress-coping strategies. These articles are published weekly in the Hauraki

Herald for six weeks. (see opposite)
Gill hopes that by sharing these stories, not only will farmers and others in the community appreciate that mental wellbeing is as important as physical and financial wellbeing, but that local community groups will come together to host

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Farmers like Jemma and Matthew Morrissey have shared their story as part of The Elephant in the Paddock project.

community functions where farmers can get off the farm and socialise.

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Talking and giving things a go work wonders

Jo Belworthy

Out of sight, out of mind is the philosophy Pipiroa couple Nikki and Martin Keane have to take the attention off the stresses of the day-to-day running of their farm on their occasional weekends off.

“You’ve got to get off the farm,” Martin says. “If you’re at home and you hear the machines starting up or the cows coming in, then the farm will be constantly on your mind.”

Getting off the farm doesn’t necessarily mean spending a lot of money – visiting friends and family is high on this couple’s agenda and Nikki often takes the kids for walks in the Kauaeranga Valley.

Between them the couple have five children – Georgia 10, Corbin 13, Hunter 17, Ruby 25 and Darcy, 23.

They appreciate the value of community and for total rest and relaxation, they often head to the family bach at Whangamata, or, to get the adrenalin pumping, Martin, who confesses to being a broken down hockey player, gets out on the field for a run-around.

He encourages people to give something a go and says Hauraki has a lot to offer for sports-minded adults.

“You don’t necessarily have to know anyone, just join up with a group and you’ll quickly meet up with a few friends and mutual interests. It takes a certain degree of courage but that’s short-term.”

For those who may lack social contact he suggests helping out with coaching kids’ groups.

“It’s a lot of fun and all coaches need help, so if you’re feeling lonely go down and run with the kids – that’ll take your mind off it,” Martin says,

He adds that coaching is not just for parents and children.

“We had granddads coming and we had different people just wanting to be a part of it.”

But it’s the Kopuarahi Indoor Bowling Club that holds Martin’s heart dear.

“It’s a bit of an institution now of farmers and ex farmers who get together and have some fun,” he says. “And really, if you want to

Nikki and Martin Keane, with daughter Georgia, on their 130-hectare dairy farm in Pipiroa.

have a gripe, gripe at someone that understands and they do. Some of the guys at bowls are in their 70s and have been there, done that”.

Martin grew up on the 130-hectare farm that has been in the family since 1911. Though he knew he always had farming up his sleeve, his first career was designing sleeves of a different kind – as a clothing machinist making men’s clothes.

He returned to the land he now owns when he was 29, with Nikki joining him five years later, the couple coming together after meeting at a mutual friend’s wedding.

Nikki recognises that good communication is the key in any partnership and knows when Martin

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Nikki Keane

reverts to what she calls ostrich-like behaviour, where he goes into an almost denial state.

And while Martin agrees that he sometimes hides his head in the dirt, he says he does actually address the issues when he needs to.

“Sometimes it is just far more comfortable when you don’t have to face it. It may be ostrich-like but I tell you what, if you constantly dwell on it, it would chew away.”

Nikki acts as the driving force and stresses the importance of sitting down together and talking things through.

“We’re in a partnership and we know the financial pressures,” she says.

“And while we have the regular calving and seasonal stresses, now it’s pretty much all financial stress, so talking helps us not to feel so vulnerable and foolish that we got ourselves in this situation, because

everybody is going through it.”

Martin says more information is needed in the community as to other services farmers can call on if they need it, including for mental health.

“Starting with your doctor – everyone should have a relationship with their doctor.”

But in the end Nikki and Martin know there are others worse off than themselves.

“We need to take a step back and ask what are we grateful for – we still wake up and live in a beautiful country, we’re fed, we’re clothed, we’re not war-torn, and if we lost it all tomorrow, we’ve still got family,” Nikki says.

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We are blessed with some of the country's best weather and nearby bush, beaches, rivers and cycleways provide recreational activities that are internationally famous.

Coromandel MP Scott Simpson says the volunteer culture in the district is strong, including sporting volunteers like Paeroa College Netball's Bronwyn Buchanan, left, and Annette McCloud.

From fishing in the Firth of Thames or in the ocean off the eastern coast, to bush walks, mountain biking and hunting opportunities in the ranges, the region has loads for outdoors folk

to do, plus it is rich in history too. They are right on our back doorstep and I invite you and your families to make the most of every opportunity to enjoy all our region has to offer.

I am always keen to meet people from around the electorate and there are lots of ways we can keep in touch. Please never hesitate to make contact by phoning my local office

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The Coromandel gets under your skin like no other part of New Zealand, according to Glenn Leach.

Roll up your sleeves and be part of a great community

Glenn Leach

Welcome to the Coromandel!
You've moved to the best spot in the country and I encourage you to get in amongst it.
I can tell you from experience it's a great place to raise a family, run a business and roll your sleeves up and become a part of a great community.
The clubs, sports teams, organisations and business here are in it together and made up of many who had only planned to come for a few years but who

ended up staying for decades.
That's what the Coromandel is like. It gets under your skin like no other part of New Zealand.
And it'll become a part of you too.
We're a legendary Kiwi summer holiday and visitor destination, our region is very diverse, from productive farmlands on the plains to glorious beaches and fishing grounds that offer up everything from snapper, mussels and oysters on the west coast to scallops and world-renowned game fish on the east coast.
This diversity extends to the

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Once again, welcome to the Coromandel.
■ Glenn Leach is Mayor of Thames-Coromandel District Council

Glenn Leach

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Jo Tilsley

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We have clubs and community groups to cater for a myriad of interests and needs.

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Brian Gentil

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Waihi has a good variety shops, including gift and specialty stores along with a great selection of shops for your day to day needs, from men’s and ladies surf and fashion clothing to all your farming needs at our rural outlets, and with that friendly small town down-to-earth service.

Waihi has a great choice of reasonably priced eateries whatever your taste and budget, with cafes, restaurants and fast food outlets including Indian, Thai, German, European and sushi.

We have a great backyard, with some of the best walks in the country, some of the top beaches and lots of history too.

Children are well catered for with several preschools and kindergartens, a number of primary schools, Waihi College takes children from year 7, intermediate age, and we have an international college on the outskirts of town.

For visitors and locals alike we recommend taking the Waihi Gold Mine Tour and checking out the

Waihi has a great variety of shops and a great backyard of walks, historic attractions and beaches.

Photo: MIKE MATUTINOVICH

Gold Discovery Centre.

The Waihi Art Centre and Museum is full of Waihi’s mining history and the historic Victoria Battery is a must-do too.

Annual events to look out for through the year include Waihi’s

Warm Up Party for Beach Hop on March 22 in 2017, Goldfest through October with a variety of events including our annual GO Waihi Trolley Derby and Market Day, annual art exhibitions, the Nugget Multisport Event in May, our annual

Christmas Parade in December, the A&P Show in November and ECHO Walking Festival across March and April with 40 plus walks around the region.

Visit our website www.waihi.org.nz regularly for a

background to Waihi and to find out what’s happening around the area; and for more information email info@waihi.org.nz or call 07 863 3030 at Go Waihi.

■ Brian Gentil is the co-ordinator of Go Waihi.

We’re proud to support our community and businesses, connecting people. That’s what makes Paeroa the best little town in the middle of everywhere.

Call in or phone for all you need to know about what’s happening around town.

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Welcome to a tradition of excellence

Ngaire Harris

A warm welcome to new families in our community.
As a rural secondary school, we stand for traditional values intending to promote respectful and responsible young people who have the motivation and capacity to take their place as contributing citizens in the world beyond school.

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In 2015, our pass rate in NCEA Level 1 was 98 per cent, 99 per cent for Level 2 and 97 per cent for Level 3.

We also track our school leavers, 98 per cent of whom continued with further education or entered

full time employment.

We believe that all students are ‘smart’ and that our key task as educators is to support students to develop their unique talents and interests.

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Coming to a new school is not easy, but our “one student at a

time” approach means that we take the time to assist students with adjusting to their new environment.

Although we have an enrolment zone in place, we welcome all inquiries.

For more information check out our website aurakiplains.school.nz or contact me on principal@aurakiplains.school.nz

■ Ngaire Harris is principal of Hauraki Plains College.

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Hadley Dryden

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Renowned for its natural beauty, green pastures, misty rainforests and pristine golden beaches, The Coromandel is blessed with hundreds of hideaways, making it an ideal place to escape - or live if you're lucky.

The Hauraki Rail Trail has energised towns and businesses along its path in recent years. Visitors and locals alike are getting back on the bike as a means of exercise and exploration all year round.

The Karangahake Gorge is the jewel of the trail and paints a picture of the past with gold mining relics found along the way.

Cycle to Waihi or transfer aboard the Goldfields Railway from Waikino and you'll find The Coromandel's latest attraction. The award-winning Gold Discovery Centre is an interactive experience that tells the story of this gold town.

Along the way you'll have plenty of options to fuel your engine, the Hauraki Rail Trail is noted for its dining options as much as it is the scenery.

The Coromandel is known for its homegrown fare, typically serving the best locally sourced food of the season.

The area is blessed with beautiful scenery, even if you're just out for a bike ride.

Stray Dog Café, on the Seabird Coast, is one of many places that are worth a Sunday drive, if not for the food then the art gallery.

Of course there are plenty of galleries around the region, with much of the work featuring nearby coastlines and landscapes.

No doubt they'll inspire you to explore a little further, this time of year is perfect for walking the Pinnacles and the Coromandel Coastal Walkway, both world class attractions right in our backyard.

Much like the fishing that continues to lure boaties week

after week.

The 400km of coastline means there are plenty of accessible spots to drop a line.

Along this coastline are the must do's that help the Coromandel buzz all summer long.

But to truly appreciate their

significance go and visit New Chums Beach, Cathedral Cove and Hot Water Beach now to appreciate why locals say this place is good for your soul.

■ Hadley Dryden is manager of Destination Coromandel

Te Puru School

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The Virtues

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Sarah Oxford, Jayne Bolsover and Caroline Auld nurture unique classroom environments for their students that are full of aroha and the joy of learning.

The Zoneswork is unique to our school and has been developed over years of inquiry.

The skills that are taught in the morning; structured reading, writing and maths enable personal exploration to take place.

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A fit farmer is a happy, healthy farmer

Ian Handcock

The Fit4Farming Trust extends a warm welcome to all the new families who have moved into the Coromandel and Hauraki districts. Our aim is to drive initiatives to build a vibrant, energetic farming community to improve the wellbeing of our people. The Fit4Farming Trust was set up to address farmer wellbeing with a focus on physical fitness and health. Local riders recently cycled from Ngatea to Bluff to bring awareness to farmers' health. Farming can become stressful but it is how we react to these stressors that is important if we want to live happy fulfilling lives. This is where exercise can help. Exercise is important not only for physical health but also mental health as it releases endorphins and dopamine, the happy drugs, which have a positive effect on us. Healthy fit farmers have more confidence and generally have a positive attitude to life. They create positive workplace cultures which result in more profitable businesses. The added benefit of being fit is fewer workplace injuries and less burnout. Farmers can take control of their health by going to their local doctor for a check-up before calving starts and begin implementing some exercise into their week to prepare their bodies for calving. To help farmers start an exercise programme, Fit4Farming runs monthly coffee rides and welcomes anyone along.

A group of farmers recently complete a cycle ride from Ngatea to Bluff. Here they are enjoying a break at Molesworth Station.

These rides are a way to get some activity in and connect with others in a positive forum. The rides are low key and use the Hauraki Rail Trail. The next scheduled ride is on July 5 .

Go to the Fit4Farming Facebook page for more details. There is also a very supportive cycling network in the community where everyone is open to sharing information. There are weekly spin

classes and rides and low key Sunday cycle rides for those who want to get back into it or simply give it a try. Look out for more exciting Fit4Farming events coming up this

summer. Contact me on 0274870447 for any more details. ■ Ian Handcock was the organiser of the Farmstrong Fit4Farming Cycle Tour.

Encouraging more people to be more active more often

On behalf of Sport Waikato, welcome to all newcomers to the Hauraki/Thames-Coromandel region.

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful region and you will be impressed by our backyard and the sport and recreation opportunities it provides.

Sport Waikato is a not-for-profit regional sports trust whose purpose is to inspire and enable our people to be active and healthy for life through sport, recreation and physical activity.

Sport Waikato's head office is based in Hamilton, but our region is served by district co-ordinators in both Hauraki (Julie Stephenson) and Thames Coromandel (Justine Baverstock).

The district co-ordinator's role is to identify the sport and recreation needs of our communities and link with Hamilton based staff to help meet those needs.

Sport Waikato programmes cover such things as Under Fives (working with parents and service providers to promote the benefits of being active from day one), KiwiSport (promoting sport to school aged children) and Project Energize (improving nutrition and physical activity in primary and intermediate aged children).

Other programmes include SportsForce (supporting sport at a grassroots level), Club Development (encouraging people to play and volunteer in sport, and supporting clubs) and Pathway to Podium (getting our pre-performance athletes ready for life

Keeping fit and active helps the whole community.

as a high performance athlete).

Other roles undertaken by the district co-ordinators include organising the annual District Sports Awards to recognise local sporting achievement, working with the Thames Valley primary and secondary schools to help with school sports competitions, and

providing opportunities for the community to be physically active through events like the ECHO Walking Festival and upcoming Trail Trilogy Fun Run and Walk.

Sport Waikato's vision is "Everyone out there and active", so every day we advocate for 'more people to be more active, more

often'.

Physical activity, sport and recreation are important to the health and wellbeing of our community.

■ To find out more about Sport Waikato and our wide variety of programmes plus all of our community sport clubs and

recreation groups, please visit www.sportwaikato.org.nz.

Contact Julie Stephenson - hauraki@sportwaikato.org.nz or 027 486 4955 (Hauraki)

or Justine Baverstock - thamescoro@sportwaikato.org.nz 027 434 1565 (Thames Coromandel)

Franklin Vets Kopu – Driven by our clients success

We offer a great service and veterinary expertise to farming clients throughout the Hauraki Plains and Coromandel Peninsula.

Our modern facilities also cater for companion animal consultations, laboratory work and customisable health plans for all stages in your animals life. We stock an extensive range of veterinary recommended production and companion animal products,

The Kopu team is made up of Greg Lindsay (Franklin Vets Director and Veterinarian), Timothy Batchelor (Veterinarian), Nina Mical (Rural Trading manager), along with front desk support team of Teresa Higgins and Karen Peacock. We will also have the assistance of David Moors this Spring – an experienced dairy vet, with us again having returned from his trip to the UK.

We strive to go the extra mile for clients and focus on delivering an exceptional level of service.

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- Smart on-farm decision making using the latest technology and data analysis.
- Access to the latest equipment/techniques (Infonet, Backpack scanners, Toughbooks etc) to ensure every job is completed as well and as efficiently as possible.
- Structured companion animal health programmes (puppy/kitten, dental, weight-loss, old-age).
- Companion animal support from our clinic in Pukekohe. This includes access to high grade surgical suites, ultrasound, digital x-ray and in-house laboratory technology.

David Moors BVSc

Greg Lindsay BVSc

Being Neighbourly down on the farm

If you spend more time with your herd than you do with humans, perhaps it's time to sign up to Neighbourly.co.nz.

A free and private website that encourages community togetherness in neighbourhoods all over New Zealand, Neighbourly fosters interaction and conversation between neighbours by creating an easy way for them to talk and share online.

It's about sharing local news, views and advice and getting to know the people we share a friendly nod with as we pass one another on our tractors.

Farming clichés aside, Neighbourly isn't just for the major cities across the country.

So why is Neighbourly a good tool for rural communities to connect?

Nicole Garner, an arts-based community development facilitator said the community platform's biggest advantage is localised social inclusion.

"It can sometimes be difficult and take quite a long time for people new to an area to build relationships with the locals," Garner said.

"They may find it difficult to find out who lives where and what's happening when because rural communities often communicate via word of mouth. Neighbourly can fast-track their participation and involvement in local events because it makes it easier for them to find out what's happening in their local area."

Garner said it could also be hard for new neighbours to make valuable connections with

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Meth contamination of houses increasing

The government needs to focus on setting national testing standards for drug contamination, the real estate industry’s governing body says.

The number of houses polluted by methamphetamine – also known as P, or ice, use – is steadily increasing and the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ) wants urgent action.

This week New Plymouth grandmother, Kerryanne Hopkins, called for testing to be made mandatory when a property changes hands after the sale of her home fell through when it was discovered to be contaminated.

REINZ spokesman Bryan Thomson said methamphetamine was a serious issue for New Zealand.

“With varying degrees of testing and no national standard, there are challenges around who does the testing, how it is done and when it is done,” Thomson said.

“The Government urgently needs to address the lack of testing standards.”

Thomson said there were many types of meth test available and the results could vary

depending on the skill and qualifications of the tester, which was a challenge for anyone buying, selling or looking to rent a property.

“REINZ has raised the urgent need for national testing standards and legislative intervention around meth issues with MPs and with Government at a min-

contamination was a serious problem with up to 25 per cent of houses checked showing the drug’s presence.

“We are dealing with the tip of the iceberg at the moment,” Kilburn said.

One session smoking the Class A drug could be enough to produce a positive test result.

“It may not contaminate the property to above the Ministry of Health guidelines but we’ve seen properties where meth has been smoked, perhaps in a party situation in the course of one weekend and the property has been severely enough contaminated to require quite extensive decontamination,” he said.

Kilburn said there had been a definite increase in the number of people getting properties checked before purchase or renting.

“There are real estate agents now who are prompting them to do that, solicitors prompting them to do that and banks who are now prompting them to do that.”

He believed having a property checked for contamination could soon be a mortgage condition imposed by banks.


The number of houses polluted by methamphetamine is increasing and testing needs to be improved says REINZ.

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isterial level and will continue to advocate for regulation in this area,” Thomson said.

“REINZ has established a Methamphetamine Working Group, which is considering how meth-related issues can be addressed for everyone, whether buying, selling or renting.”

Envirocheck general manager David Kilburn said methamphetamine

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Waitawheta marks Winter Solstice

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Magick Earth, a family friendly community who celebrate earth and nature faiths, religions and beliefs, is holding a Winter Solstice gathering at the Waitawheta Camp next week. Organiser Pete Wyatt said the gathering will be held over three days from 3pm Friday, June 17 and families, with children of all ages are welcome. “The venue has dorm space for 70 people and there is plenty of room for tents but remember it is cold at this time of year so bring plenty of warm bedding and suitable clothing,” he said. The weekend will start with a communal dinner on Friday night. Tickets include the cost of

dinner Friday and Saturday night and breakfasts. Lunches are available to purchase from the Magick Kitchen. Saturday starts with a Sunrise Ritual and then breakfast before workshops begin at 9am with yoga with Megan Troup. Wyatt said day-visitors are welcome on Saturday. “They are welcome to take part in workshops and children are welcome and get in free.” There will also be workshops on moon time cycles, Matekite healing and Chakra balancing by Rachel Leatham. ■ For more details phone or text Jeanne on 0273798660 or email Pete on pete@mindbodyandspirit.co.nz

The public is invited to celebrate the Winter Solstice at the Waitawheta Camp.

Visit eases school transition

Making the transition from primary to high school can sometimes be a daunting prospect, but students at Hikuai School are feeling more confident, thanks in part to a visit from year 9 Thames High School pupils. The visit was organised by Hikuai School principal Jared Stein to help ease the way for his senior students, who were able to ask questions first hand about both the opportunities and challenges that come with secondary schooling. As part of this programme, the Hikuai pupils wrote letters to Thames High students and they brought their replies along to read to the Hikuai pupils. Accompanying the high school students was Thames High principal Dave Sim and guidance counsellor Susan McInnes. Stein was pleased with the response to the visit. “At Hikuai we aim to be the pinnacle of high school preparation for our senior students” he said. “This doesn’t just apply to academic readiness – at this stage in their life it’s about their social readiness too. The fact that David Sim took time out from his busy schedule to join us for this event really highlights the value and quality of our transition programme here at Hikuai School.”

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JUNE 16

Hauraki Thames Scottish Country Dance Club, meets in the Thames Citizens Band Room Queen Street Thursday evenings 615 pm to 830 pm. (contact 07 8689526).

Weekly meditation class: Mindfulness Meditation & Guided Meditation, 9am – 10am. At Embassy of Friendship, 5 Coghill St, Whitianga.

Info: Hedwig 021-08333091.
Thames Croquet Club, Monday and Thursday afternoon golf croquet at 12.45pm. New players have their first game free and five more games at \$3 per afternoon before deciding if they want to continue playing. 101 Beach Rd, Thames. Ph Nola 07 869 0390 evenings.

Yoga Flow, every Thursday night, 6-7.30pm. Paeroa Co-operating Parish, 5 Mackay St, Paeroa. \$10 everyone welcome. Enquiries: Jo: 021 027 48490.

JUNE 17

Waihi Drama Society, ‘Family Nights’ are open to anyone in the community to bring a pre-prepared skip, reading, dance or musical item to perform, or they can participate in script reading, or improvisation games organised by the Society, or they can simply sit back and enjoy being an audience member. The Theatre on Boyd Road from 7-9pm.

JUNE 18

Thames Music and Drama presents Grease, at Thames Civic Centre, 7.30pm, tickets available from Thames i-Site.

Waihi Lions Market, from 8.30am until 1pm at the Waihi Memorial Hall, Seddon St rain or shine, plus street stalls. Great variety of stalls, products and bargains available. New

The Waihi Herb Society meet on the last Sunday of the month in the Salvation Army Hall on Upper Seddon St and often have talks and demonstrations about herbs, gardening in general, companion planting and soil and plant conditions. They are mixing things up for June 26 with a quiz and soup meeting. Anyone is welcome to come along from 2pm and join in for a companionable afternoon of the earthy kind. Phone Shirley on 863 6164 for details.

stallholders welcome, enquiries to Lions 022 6508253 email waihimarket@gmail.com.

Waihi 50+ Cycle Group, start at Karangahake, Crown Hill car park 9am start. Ride As far as you like towards Tirohia, then return. Drive from Karangahake to Waikino Station café. Coffee at Waikino Station Café.

Hauraki Country Music Club 12:30pm @ Ngatea War Memorial

Hall Johnny Cash and June Carter tribute date. All welcome

JUNE 19

###Thames Music and Drama presents Grease, at Thames Civic Centre, 2pm, tickets available from Thames i-Site.

JUNE 20

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Belly Dance Class, every Monday 7pm at Parawai School Hall. Phone Iris 0273 292 288.

JUNE 21

The White Heather Group, part of Hauraki Thames Scottish Country Dance Club, meets Tuesday afternoon in St. James Hall Pahau Street Thames 330 pm to 530 pm. (contact 07 8689526).

Thames 50+ Cycle Group, meet at Thames Wharf at 9.00am. Cycle plan will be decided by the group. All welcome.

Yoga Flow, every Tuesday night, with Jo, 6-7.30pm, Church of St Paschal Hall, 56 Pipiroa Rd, Ngatea. \$10. Everyone welcome. Enquiries: Jo: 021 027 48490.

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“We are thrilled to have the support of these two local businesses and are so grateful for their financial assistance” said Denise Bracken, president of Trust Waikato Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club.

“It costs a lot to train lifeguards, run rookie lifeguard programmes and to offer the junior surf programmes we do on the beach over summer, so it’s fantastic to have this support and it will help the club greatly.”

This season has seen another busy year for the club, with 161 lifeguards attending training and development and leadership courses (first aid training, marine VHF radio training, junior surf badges, instructor training, etc) as well as running several successful development camps through the year to keep the team focused on upskilling, to build team morale and general fitness.

Trust Waikato Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club lifeguards Amy Peploe and Caitlin Alison with new sponsors Alyce Rowe, co-owner Harcourts Pauanui and Amanda and Matt Iggulden of SuperValue Pauanui.

Although SuperValue has been in Pauanui for some time it has over the past year changed ownership and Matt and Amanda Iggulden are really enjoying their involvement in the community.

“We don’t get to the beach ourselves much during summer, as it’s very busy for us in the store making sure we keep up with the demands of the increased population over the summer period, but we do know how much work that the Pauanui Surf Life Saving Club

do and so we wanted to show our support for the great job they do to keep our beach safe,” said Amanda Iggulden.

Harcourts in Pauanui co-owner, Alyce Rowe was also keen to support the club.

“My sister has been a lifeguard at Pauanui and I know the hours that they put in on the beach all day, every day during summer and the training they do off season, so it’s a real thrill for us to be involved. We wanted to show our support and give back to the community.”

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Sport Waikato is proud to support the Hauraki and Thames Coromandel communities in their goals to achieving healthy lifestyles, which includes being active through both sport and recreation. The core focus for Sport Waikato is and will always be to inspire and enable our people of the Waikato to be active and healthy for life.

Simply put – Sport Waikato’s role throughout the whole community is to help people to help themselves. So let’s take the journey together – everyone, out there and active!

MIDLANDS HOCKEY ACADEMY FOR YEARS 5-8 Starts today at 5.30pm and will be led by the new Midlands coach, Reiner Vellinga from The Netherlands. Reiner has been working as a professional coach for five years providing high performance coaching and youth development. Take advantage of this international coach by registering at secretary@valleyhockey.org.nz or call Alison on 027 978 7229.

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Get a group together and give yourself something to work towards over the winter months. Join in our fun run/walk series on the spectacular Hauraki Rail Trail.

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The Midlands Hockey Academy for Years 5-8 starts today.

August 14 and Paeroa to Thames (28.7km) on September 18 which includes our new event, an Ultra 100km leg. Find out more at www.sportwaikato.org.nz

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The coaching workshop will be held on Monday June 20 at Sport Waikato, Brian Perry Sports House, Akoranga Rd, Hamilton. 5.30pm – 7pm. It’s \$10 per person – refreshments provided. Please register with Mark McLaughlin – markm@sportwaikato.org.nz or ph 0272785254.

INTRODUCTION TO COACHING

WORKSHOP

This free event is on August 16 at Thames Centennial Pool from 4.30pm – 6pm.

It is aimed at new/beginner coaches and covers the basics of being an effective coach, as well as planning sessions, games approach and more! This is an interactive workshop, so be prepared to participate in group activities. To register please contact Guy Schwikkard, 07 858 5388 or guys@sportwaikato.org.nz.

– Julie Stephenson is Sport Waikato’s Hauraki District sport co-ordinator, 0274 864 955, hauraki@sportwaikato.org.nz

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BOWERS, Graeme Earle (Earle):
1938 – 2016. After a long illness Earle died at his home in Hahei Beach on 6 June 2016. He was much loved by his wife Mary, sons Andrew and Martin (Marty) and granddaughters, Bethany, Lydia and Madeleine and Laura and Jessie. A Memorial Service for Earle will be held at the Hahei Community Hall on Saturday 11 June, at 1pm.
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ISGROVE, Winifred Tiniwai:
Passed away peacefully on 7th June, 2016. Much loved wife of the late Dave, and Mum of Donna and Grant and the late Greg. Adored Nana of Kiriana, and Teagan.
‘At peace at last’.
A service for Win will be held at Twentymans Grahamstown Chapel, Kirkwood Street, Thames, today (Friday) 10th June, at 2pm, followed by private cremation.

MAXWELL, Thomas James (Jim):
On May 30 at Thames Hospital. Loved father and father-in-law of Natalie and Michael James, Susan and Kerren Adams, Teresa and Glenn Ramsey, Jenny Maxwell, Yvonne Maxwell and Pete Phillips. Much loved grandfather of Ashlee and Mitchell Adams, and Charlotte and Liam Ramsey. Sadly missed by family and friends. A private family gathering has been held. A huge thank you to Thames Hospital and Booms Rest Home staff for your care and support.

PHILIP, Joan Ruth:
Passed away peacefully at Tararu Homes, Thames on 1st June 2016. Beloved sister and sister-in-law of Bill and June (Kapiti Coast), Margaret and Colin (Tapu) and much loved aunty of Jenny and Ces, Carol, Cameron and Mariah. A lovely lady so sadly missed by us all.

SMITH, John George:
(Formerly of Orkney Isles), peacefully at Waikato Hospital. Dearest husband and best friend of Margaret for 56 years. Treasured father and father-in-law of Carol and John Oldham (Tahuna) and Adored grandad “Chock” of Mackenzie McClelland, and Lochlan McClelland. Brother and brother-in-law of Lawrence and Lorraine (Hamilton) and uncle of Lance and family (Canada) and Shane Smith and Brendon and families (Cambridge, NZ). Brother and brother-in-law Annie and James Lyon (deceased), Alexander (deceased), William (deceased) and Betty, Victor (deceased), Christina and John Corse (deceased), Margaret (deceased) and Mary (all of Orkney Isles) and Charles and Gwen Smith (Canada) and Arthur Smith (Canada). A celebration of John’s life will be held at the Morrinsville RSA, Studholme Street, Morrinsville, on Saturday, 11 June 2016 at 1pm followed by burial at Piako Cemetery, Seales Road, Morrinsville. In lieu of flowers donations preferred to Alzheimer’s NZ Waikato or Hospice Waikato and these may be left at the service. All communications to the Smith family C/- 358 Thames Street, Morrinsville, 3300.

VISSER, Jan:
Unexpectedly but peacefully at Thames Hospital, on 4th June, 2016; aged 78 years. Dearly loved Dad of Veronica and Gary Reid, Jackie and Shane Doddrell, Stephanie and Trent McDonald. Cherished Opa of Benjamin, Caitlin, Alec, Cameron, Finn and Kieran. Family and friends are invited to a farewell gathering for Jan to be held at Twentymans Grahamstown Chapel, Kirkwood Street, Thames, today (Friday) 10th June, at 11am, followed by private cremation.
Messages to: 13 Benner Drive, Ngatea 3503

WATERS, David John:
On June 6th 2016, suddenly aged 64 years. Loving and loved husband of Margaret. Loving step father of Jess, Nathan and Kelly, Melanie, and Jared and Alina. Proud poppa of Tama, Ryan, Ethan, Seth, Zac, Bethanie; and Theo and Lili. Forever with the Lord.
A service to celebrate David's life will be held at St James Presbyterian Church, Moresby Avenue, Waihi, today Friday June 10th at 11am to be followed by private cremation.
Communications to the Waters family, C/- PO Box 108, Waihi 3641.
Waihi Funeral Services Ltd, FDANZ.

FISHER, Paul Douglas:
Sadly passed away one year ago on 10.06.2015. Time has gone so fast but not a day goes by that we dont think of you.
Love you, miss you.
Liz, Robert, Casey and Haylee, Kirsty and Royce.

HARRISON Frederick James:
Passed peacefully 12/6/2015. Dearly missed by Andrew, Kim and grandchildren Angela, Jeff, David, Fi, Richard and Sam. Grand greatchildren J.Jay and Bailey.

ROWE, Jack Seddon:
One year ago today.
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10.00am Steve Garland

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10.00am Cliff Kershaw

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SALE AND SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL ACT 2012 SECTION 101

Michael Adam Robert Huitema, a director of M & K Huitema Limited, has made application to the Thames-Coromandel District Licensing Committee for a new on and an off licence in respect of the premises situated at 5 Kapanga Road Coromandel and known as Star and Garter Saloon Bar. The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is that of a Tavern. The days on which and hours during which alcohol is to be sold under the off licence are: Monday to Sunday 9:00am to 9:00pm The days on which and hours during which alcohol is to be sold under the on licence are: Monday to Sunday 9:00am to 1:00am the following day The application may be inspected during ordinary hours at the office of the Thames Coromandel District Licensing Committee at Thames-Coromandel District Council, Mackay Street, Thames. Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than fifteen working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee, Thames Coromandel District Council, 515 Mackay Street, Thames. No objection to the renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in Section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This is the second publication of this notice.

Peter Pritchard, a director of Taylor Pritchard Enterprises Limited, has made application to the Thames-Coromandel District Licensing Committee for the renewal of an off licence in respect of the premises situated at 50 Wharf Road, Coromandel and known as Coromandel Four Square and Lotto. The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is that of a grocery. The days on which and hours during which alcohol is to be sold under the licence are: Monday to Sunday 7.00am to 9.00pm The application may be inspected during ordinary hours at the office of the Thames Coromandel District Licensing Committee at Thames-Coromandel District Council, Mackay Street, Thames. Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than fifteen working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee, Thames Coromandel District Council, 515 Mackay Street, Thames. No objection to the renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in Section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This is the second publication of this notice.

SALE AND SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL ACT 2012 SECTION 101

Mangal Singh Sher Singh, the director of Rattan Deep Foods Limited, has made application to the Thames-Coromandel District Licensing Committee for the grant of an on licence in respect of the premises situated at 620 Pollen Street, Thames and known as Royal Kitchen Indian Restaurant and Bar The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is that of a Restaurant. The days on which and hours during which alcohol is to be sold under the licence are: Monday to Sunday 10:30am to 11:00pm. The application may be inspected during ordinary hours at the office of the Thames Coromandel District Licensing Committee at Thames-Coromandel District Council, Mackay Street, Thames. Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than fifteen working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee, Thames Coromandel District Council, 515 Mackay Street, Thames. No objection to the renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in Section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This is the first publication of this notice.

Simon Ward, a director of Mercury Bay Estate Ltd, has made application to the Thames-Coromandel District Licensing Committee for the renewal of an off licence in respect of the premises situated at 761a Purangi Road Whitianga and known as Mercury Bay Estate. The general nature of the business conducted under the licence is that of a Winery Cellar Doors The days on which and hours during which alcohol is to be sold under the licence are: Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 8.00pm. The application may be inspected during ordinary hours at the office of the Thames Coromandel District Licensing Committee at Thames-Coromandel District Council, Mackay Street, Thames. Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than fifteen working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee, Thames Coromandel District Council, 515 Mackay Street, Thames. No objection to the renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in Section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This is the only publication of this notice

A.G.M

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5.30pm
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SALE AND SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL ACT 2012 SECTION 101

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Your health

What is good for the thyroid?

I'm interested in the role nutrition plays in the health of the thyroid gland. What is good for the thyroid and what isn't? I have thyroid conditions in our family, so I'm interested in dietary factors. Thanks Diana.

Hi Diana. The main function of the thyroid hormones is to convert the calories in food into useable energy for the body. If thyroid hormone levels drop below normal levels, metabolism inside cells slows down and energy levels drop. If thyroid hormone levels become too high, metabolism and all body processes speed up. The thyroid gland requires numerous nutrients to produce thyroid hormones:

IODINE
This is mostly available in the diet in foods such as seafood, seaweed and good quality salt. With many people now avoiding table salt (having rock salt or sea

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salt instead), and soils in New Zealand being deficient in iodine, we are seeing a re-emergence of iodine deficiency and even goitre (enlargement of the thyroid gland) in New Zealand school-children.

SELENIUM
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Besides iodine and selenium,

The main function of the thyroid hormones is to convert the calories in food into useable energy for the body.

thyroid function can also be affected by a number of nutrients, including iron, zinc, copper, and vitamin A. Deficiencies in any of these nutrients have been shown to increase the risk of hypothyroidism.
Substances that suppress thyroid function through

interfering with iodine uptake are known as goitregens. Soy is a commonly consumed goitrogenic food. Cooking or fermenting these foods destroys most of their goitrogenic qualities.

I find myself overeating when I get stressed at work, do you

have any tips to prevent this? Thanks, Adele.

Hi Adele. For a host of reasons, people can find themselves looking for feel good factors in food.

If you find yourself gazing into the pantry or fridge thinking to yourself I want something but I don't know what that something is – you are often searching for soul food not physical food, particularly if you ate a main meal not long before your quest! Many people link food to comfort, not a form of nourishment and they can no longer identify other sources where they can obtain this feeling of comfort they are after.

When you to pause to think about it, food cannot comfort you. It cannot hug you or thank you for your efforts. Many people created a story a long time ago that food is comfort and this can hold them in a pattern of unresourceful eating.

Mindfulness is crucial when eating.

Of course there will be times when you eat food that has little nourishment in it, but if you find yourself looking for “soul food” at the office at a particular time ask yourself the question, what do I really want and is this really about food?

NEW ZEALAND CROSSWORD

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Across
5. Bring together (5)
8/10. Only New Zealander to have won a medal at the Winter Olympics, in 1992 (8,8)
9. Question (5)
10. See 8
11. Sports match between local rivals (5)
14. Secret agent (3)
16. Woman (Maori) (6)
17. Whole (6)
18. Pale (3)
20. Horse (5)
24. Important person (colloq) (3,5)
25. Start (5)
26. Splendour (8)
27. Coastal town north of Wellington (5)

Down
1. Observe (5)
2. Rebuff (5)
3. Shop assistant (5)
4. Slumbering (6)
6. Sicken (8)
7. Native bird known to Maori as matata (8)
12. Most distant (8)
13. Humorous rhyme (8)
14. Stitch (3)
15. Desire (3)
19. Bird house (6)
21. Pigs (5)
22/23. MP for Mount Albert, 1981-2009 (5,5)

THE TOP 10

1. What is the title of a 2014 film about flatmates who are vampires in Wellington?
2. What was named after 16th century German botanist Leonhart Fuchs?
3. Is the island of Zealand part of Denmark or the Netherlands?
4. Who wrote The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde?
5. In The Day of the Jackal, which French president is an assassin's target?
6. What nationality was Adolf Hitler?
7. In which century was the lawn mower invented?
8. What type of pastry is used for profiteroles?
9. Complete this quote by Maurice Chevalier: "I prefer old age to . . ."
10. Which theme song from Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves, was a UK No.1 for 16 weeks, and a hit worldwide?

NZ CROSSWORD

Across: 5. Unity, 8/10. Annelese Coburger, 9. Query, 11. Derby, 14. Spy, 16. Wahine, 17. Entire, 18. Wan, 20. Steed, 24. Big wheel, 25. Begln, 26. Grandeur, 27. Clak.
Down: 1. Watch, 2. Snubs, 3. Clerk, 4. Asleep, 6. Nauseate, 7. Fembird, 12. Farthest, 13. Limeck, 14. Sew, 15. Yen, 19. Avary, 21. Swine, 22/23. Helen Clark.

TOP 10

1. What We Do In The Shadows, 2. The Fuchsia, 3. Denmark, 4. Robert Louis Stevenson, 5. General de Gaulle, 6. Australian, 7. The 19th (1830), 8. Choux, 9. The alternative, 10. Everything I Do, I Do It For You.

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, column and every 3x3 box contains 1-9

JUNIOR CROSSWORD

Across
1. Between first and third (6)
3. Too (4)
7. On (4)
8. A lot of something (6)
10. Get better after being ill (7)
13. Imaginary line around the equator (7)
16. A digging tool (6)
17. A container for cut flowers (4)
18. A water hole (4)
19. Nearly (6)

Down
1. Bitter-tasting (4)
2. Shut (6)
4. Lengthy (4)
5. Life-supporting gas (6)
6. Against the law (7)
9. Bunch of flowers (7)
11. A puzzle with many pieces (6)
12. A root vegetable (6)
14. Sheep's fleece (4)
15. Finest (4)

SUDOKU

Across: 1. Second, 3. Also, 7. Upon, 8. Plenty, 10. Re-cover, 13. Equator, 16. Shovel, 17. Vase, 18. Well, 19. Bouquet, 11. Jigsaw, 12. Potato, 14. Wool, 15. Best.

ANSWERS ARE INCLUDED ON THIS PAGE

Out & About

Toby Adern makes a big splash in the muddy drain during the cross country.

Cross country in colour

Hikutaia School students battled it out on a muddy cross country course last Friday, followed by a colour run around the school field. Photos: **Teresa Ramsey**

Charlotte Ramsey, front, and Molly Maitland battle it out on the cross country course.

Jana Smith dresses up for the colour run.

Sydney Stuart takes a hit of colour during the colour run on the school field.

Cooper Robinson, left, and Kaeden Torstonson run through the water spray and coloured powder.

Abigail Cox makes a run for it during the colour run.

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Valley fight hard but are no match for Waikato

JOSEPH PEARSON

Thames Valley fought to the bitter end but Waikato kicked off their defence of the Ranfurly Shield with an 83-13 demolition job of Thames Valley at Paeroa Domain on Monday.

Hamilton Old Boys winger Iliesa Ratuva Tavuyara scored a hat-trick on debut as Waikato racked up 13 tries to ease to a comfortable victory.

Chiefs prop Atu Moli and No 8 Whetu Douglas also grabbed a brace as Waikato were simply too quick, too strong and too good for the Swamp Foxes.

But Thames Valley scored two tries themselves, courtesy of Brett Ranga and Jone Koroinsagana, to register their highest ever points total in a Ranfurly Shield game.

It was Valley's 15th challenge since their first in 1951 against North Auckland, but Waikato condemned them to their second heaviest ever defeat in Shield encounters as they started their 10th reign with a young side that included 11 debutants.

Paeroa's home crowd huddled around the field and excitement lifted when Josh O'Flaherty kicked a long penalty to reduce the early arrears to 5-3, after Latu Talakai scored the game's opening try for Waikato.

But the visitors gained the momentum and once they broke into their stride, there was no stopping Waikato's youthful team as they cut loose.

Six more tries followed in the first half, with University first-five Jason Robertson kicking four conversions on debut to give Wai-

Jone Koroinsagana scored the second try for Thames Valley against the run of play during the Ranfurly Shield match.

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kato a 43-3 half-time lead.

Waikato's handling and offloading saw them notch some brilliant tries that Valley could do little about, with the gulf in class reflected on the scoreboard.

Captain Ranga reached out to

the score their first try, with Waikato then hitting back courtesy of Hame Faiva's effort as replacements and changes on the field saw the visitor's dominance temporarily halted.

Irish halfback Isaac Boss came

off the bench to make his first appearance in 10 years and became the seventh player to represent Waikato in three different decades.

But his first involvement was to throw an intercept pass to Val-

Ben Bonnar of Thames Valley about to put the ball into play during a scrum.

Thames Valley's defence wraps up Latu Talakai.

ley's centre Koroinsagana, who sprinted 90 metres to take the hosts total up to 13, much to the delight of jubilant home crowd.

Waikato then turned up the heat again with four tries in the final quarter.