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By **KELLEY TANTAU**, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

Princeton University will be a far cry from the rural Puriri Jared Sewell has grown up around.

But the 18-year-old is taking everything in his stride as he embarks on his latest journey: studying electrical and computer engineering at one of the USA's Ivy League colleges.

The former Hauraki Plains College student was awarded scholarships to both Princeton and Yale universities, and opted for the former as it had a stronger engineering programme.

He'll be heading across oceans come August, and told *The Profile* he was looking forward to learning alongside people from all over the world under the tutelage of distinguished, Nobel Prize winning professors.

"I've spent a lot of time away from home travelling since finishing high school at the end of 2022, so I'm comfortable making the move," he said.

Jared started taking his NCEA exams in Year 8 and was NCEA Level 3 endorsed with excellence by Year 10 - three years ahead of the curve.

While at high school, he also completed six university papers towards an engineering degree with A+ results; and graduated from the Universal College of Learning with a certificate in IT.

Since leaving school, he has walked the Te Araroa Trail - documenting his efforts on his YouTube channel, *On the trail NZ* - and has spent time in Norway, France, Montenegro, and Germany.

Eventually, he would like to create his own start-up company.

"I would definitely say I enjoy the process of learning - every little piece of knowledge helps me understand the world a little better," he said.

"Higher education is just another



Taking on the World

Jared Sewell, 18, atop the Lofoten Islands in Northern Norway last month. Photo: SUPPLIED

er step towards my goals."

Jared said that after he'd outgrown his primary school's curriculum, he was fortunate to be in full-time correspondence school from Years 6 to 8.

When he started full-time at Hauraki Plains College in Year 9, the school was "very accommodat-

ing" and placed him into classes at the level he was working at.

His advice for anyone wanting to follow in his footsteps was: "to always go beyond what is required and show initiative anywhere you can".

"These highly prestigious universities really value these things.

They want to see that you can think for yourself, make and achieve your own goals, and not just go along meeting the requirements.

"Always set the highest goals, even if they sound crazy - at least if you don't reach them, you will still have achieved something great.

"I'm really excited to be enter-

ing this next stage in my academic journey," he said, "and I'm just really happy that my work has paid off.

"The work is far from being done though - this is just the beginning."



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TBA to operate info services at original site

By **KELLEY TANTAU**, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

The Thames Business Association is the new operator of the town's information services, bringing it back to its original home in Mary St.

Thames' i-Site ceased operation in 2021 and was replaced with the Thames Information Kiosks at the Goldfields Shopping Mall - the contract for which is coming to an end with Thames-Coromandel District Council on June 30.

After putting a call-out to manage and operate a new Thames Information Centre, council received five expressions of interest, and while Goldfields Mall did put its hand up for continuing the service, utilising AI technology to make it affordable in place of a face to face resource, it was the Thames Business Association which the Thames Community Board voted to be the preferred operator of the info site, to be based at the Civic Centre on Mary St.

Association chief executive Sue Lewis-O'Halloran told *The Profile* it was invited to put its name forward to operate the information services "by a number of people in the Thames ward".

"I suspect it was in part due to our involvement in the re-branding of Thames - as part of the recovery process - as we sought to position Thames as a destination, not just a gateway."

She said there was "real synergy" in tying the association's new website 'Explore Thames' to the work of the information centre.



Information services will return to the Civic Centre in Mary St. File Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

"It was also another way to support our local community, including accommodation providers, plus the hospitality and retail sectors and our local attractions. And finally, we anticipate it will provide additional revenue in our goal to have diversified revenue streams so that the association can continue to support our businesses."

The four other candidates who put their names forward to operate the information service were: Thames Taxis Limited; a collaboration between Thames School of Mines and the Treasury Research Centre

and Archive; Goldfields Shopping Centre; and Nick Ward.

Staff reviewed all five applications using a rating and weighting system, and the applications by the Thames Business Association and Thames Taxis were rated the highest.

The findings were presented to the Thames Community Board at its April 10 meeting and the recommendation was that the business association was the preferred operator of a new Thames Information Centre to be based at the Civic Centre office at Mary St.

Sue said the Mary St site was a "good location" and while the association would like the centre to ultimately become an i-Site, it will start out as an Info Centre.

Before it can get up and running - which could be by the end of July or beginning of August this year - Sue said there were first "a number of steps to take".

These included having the space made available - it is currently occupied by Destination Hauraki Coromandel; doing a proper refit of the space in order for it to function as both an Info Centre and a business association office; training staff and volunteers; and securing inventory.

"To achieve all of that will require time, so it's hard to predict a possible opening," she said.

A further report will be presented to council at a later date.



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PLACE

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Whitianga	-0	01	-0	04
Tairua	+0	11	+0	21
Whangamata	-0	02	-0	05
Waihi Beach	-0	11	-0	12

Council cautioned against 'mindless spending'

By KELLEY TANTAU, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

Thames-Coromandel district councillors were cautioned against budget "blow-outs" during its two days of Long Term Plan hearings last week.

They were also advised by one Thames ratepayer to cease the "mindless spending" - by making their own lunches in lieu of catered meetings.

Residents from throughout the Thames and wider Coromandel communities either presented their submissions orally or through written feedback, and over May 1 and 2, council staff and elected members gave ear to their words.

"How about pull your bloody spending back! The ratepayers are not an endless source of money," one Thames submitter wrote. "Our wages don't keep going up so what right do you have to put the bloody rates up continually? Outrageous."

To avoid a "significant spike in rates" of 20 per cent for its ratepayers, the district council earlier announced its preferred LTP option of "spreading the increase".

This would see an average rates increase of 12.9 per cent in the 2024-25 year, an average 7.2 per cent increase in

2025-26, and an average 8.1 per cent increase in 2026-7.

But while spreading the proposed rate increase over multiple years may ease the immediate burden on ratepayers, Age Concern Hauraki-Coromandel expressed its anxieties for older people, particularly those on fixed incomes.

In its submission, it stressed the importance of responsible spending, especially concern-

"How about pull your bloody spending back! The ratepayers are not an endless source of money."

ing proposed increases.

"We reiterate our concern regarding rate adjustments, particularly for those relying on fixed incomes, as the potential impact on vulnerable populations, including those living on a pension, is of utmost concern," they said. "We hope that the long-term planning prioritises initiatives that directly benefit older adults, such as improving access to essential services, including better parking, more accessible footpaths, and pavements

with wheelchair and mobility scooter-friendly kerbs."

Another Thames ratepayer argued that rates should only be used for "essential TCDC core business - not for social welfare related projects or arts and craft sculptures", while Federated Farmers lodged a submission which stated it was good to see council was proposing a "just the essentials" budget which harkened back to the "no frills" emphasis given to the 2021 Long Term Plan.



Other issues brought to the attention of elected members included: the lack of safe walking and cycling infrastructure; the expansion of Thames to the south; and the loss of events district-wide.

"What is your line-up of events for the next 10 years?" one submitter asked. "Where are your ideas for bringing tourists and funds into our towns? Especially in regard to Thames - there is never anything exciting in this little town."






Before adopting the final 2024-2034 Long Term Plan at a full meeting on June 27, council will deliberate and discuss the submissions on May 21 and 22.



Community theatre group Thames Music and Drama is tackling another Broadway hit. This time, it's a "fun and light look at a dark subject", particularly defined by the style of dance moves made famous by Bob Fosse - *Chicago*. Bob Fosse choreographed the original 1975 stage musical with his distinctive knees in, shoulder rolls and 'jazz hands'. He was nominated for numerous awards for his directing and choreography for *Chicago*, along with *Cabaret*, and worked with musical icons such as Doris Day, Shirley McLaine, and Liza Minnelli. Thames Music And Drama's version of *Chicago* is playing from May 17-25 at Thames Civic Centre. Tickets at www.thamesmad.co.


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Education

'Do Days' debut at Hauraki school

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Imagine the opportunity to “walk in the shoes of” people in careers connected to one’s school subjects.

Fortunately, students of Hauraki Plains College don’t have to rely on their imagination, following the roll out of a new learning initiative that takes place at the end of each term.

“Do Days” were designed for students to be active in their learning, allowing them space to engage in education that might not normally fit into their regular class setting, such as learning from professionals in the school’s wider community.

Deputy principal Jonathan O’Neil developed the initiative and said it was great to see so many students broaden their understanding of the curriculum by being engaged in these learning experiences.

Assistant curriculum leader of science Rachael Clelland said feedback from her students so far had been overwhelmingly positive, which made the time and effort into planning the extended activities worthwhile.

When asked what a highlight had been so far, Ms Clelland said it was hearing students’ conversations, particularly when they had a “eureka moment”, making connections



A year 10 science class with Aerospace Education’s Gerry Munden, centre, and teacher Rachael Clelland, right.

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between theory and real world experience.

Year 10 student Ella Morgan said she liked experiencing new things. Ella’s science class was visited by Gerry Munden from Aerospace Education, who taught students how to build rockets.

“I’d never done that before,”

Ella said.

Gerry had all the equipment to launch it up into the air, she said. Ella wasn’t sure about what she wanted to do in the future, so the Do Days were really helpful, she said.

Year 12 student Liarah Anderson said the Do Days helped her spend more time doing

what she loved. “I see myself maybe one day owning my own dance studio. I wanna be a dancer.”

For her dance Do Day, Liarah said the teacher from her studio, Thames Hauraki Dance Theatre, visited the school to teach her class a group dance they could use for performanc-

es. When asked if there was something interesting Liarah had learned, she said it was seeing a different side to people.

“It’s kind of brought me and my classmates closer together. It really made us bond more,” Liarah said.

“It would be nice to have [Do Days] again in the next term.”

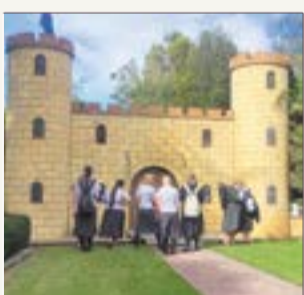
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Creative Writing

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Reuben: It was cool looking at these old things and the gardens were awesome!



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Makayla: Great opportunity to help out our local kindy and work with the kids



Bush Clean Up

at Kaihere School

Fergus: I’ve never enjoyed a class so much



Garden Design

at Hamilton Gardens

Seth: It would be a boring world without bees



Archaeology

Zoom with Auckland Museum

Prajwal: It was a great experience, I admire and appreciate the firefighters



Sociology

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Child Care - Kindy

Ngatea



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with Dr Michelle Taylor - Plant and Food Research



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Ngatea Fire Service

Cadets part of St John supreme team

It was "all on" during the school holidays as teams of St John Youth Cadets from across the country came together to battle it out in the annual National Youth Competitions.

This year, teams converged in Auckland in a bid to be crowned winners of the prestigious competitions that put first aid and communication skills to the test.

Hauraki Plains Youth Member, 17-year-old Makayla Holtham, was part of the Northern Region team, made up of 17 cadets from Waihi to Kaitiaki.

The team spent six weekends training hard on their drill, first aid, and communications skills, both individually and working as a squad.

Makayla, who has been involved with the Youth Division in Ngatea since she was six-years-old, was joined by her mum and divisional manager, Marie Holtham, who was the contingent manager of the team.

Marie said the yearly festival was the "culmination of months of hard work and training", and gave competitors the chance to showcase their abilities on a national stage.

"Over 48 hours, a series of team and individual competitions played out with elaborate set ups designed to mimic real life medical emergencies.

"This year, the drills included a simulated drowning, cardiac arrest, and motor vehicle crash as well as other everyday scenarios that Hato Hone St John responds to," Marie said.

"Teams were given a set amount of time to assess the



St John Youth Cadets from across the country battled it out in the annual National Youth Competitions. BELOW: Makayla Holtham and mum Marie were part of the team which won a supreme award.

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situation, make a decision on how to best proceed and treat the patients. They were carefully watched over by a group of eagle-eyed judges who assessed them on how well they collaborated and how accurately they chose to respond."

The Northern Region, of which Makayla was a part of, took out the coveted Champion Region title for the first time in 12 years.

"It was incredible to win the supreme award of Champion Region, which is a combination of all our team and individual results," Marie said. "It really showed the consistency across all the tests by the whole squad,

and was a testament to how hard everyone in the squad has worked."

According to Hato Hone St John national youth manager Kerry Mitchell, the cadets who competed represented "the pinnacle" of the programme.

"It's difficult to regularly simulate real life medical emergencies and to create the same sense of urgency and skill that goes into assessing and treating patients, so this was a great opportunity to test their capabilities," she said.

DETAILS: Hato Hone has Youth Divisions around the Hauraki-Coromandel area who meet weekly during term time to learn first



aid, drill and life skills, as well as teamwork and leadership. For more info, email Marie at marie.holtham@stjohn.org.nz.

Youth Week events on in Thames

By KELLEY TANTAU, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

A Thames Police Constable is organising two events for the area's rangitahi this Youth Week, celebrated between May 20 and 26.

Senior constable Gareth Carter has organised a three-vs-three basketball competition at the Thames High School gym on Tuesday, May 21, between 4pm-7pm.

There will also be a free, fun night at The Aviator Experience in Pollen St, Thames, on Wednesday, May 22.

Youth aged between 12-15 years can have a go on the flight simulator between 3pm and 6:30pm, and those aged between 16-24 years will take the pilot's seat between 6pm and 9:30pm. Dinner will be provided at 6pm.

Youth Week is a nationwide festival of events organised by New Zealanders to celebrate the talent, passion, and success of local young people.

'Youth' are categorised as those aged between 12 and 24-years-old, with the 2024 Youth Week theme being: 'We may not have it all together, but together we have it all'.

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Paeroa Marine & Cycle Centre owner Gary Johansen, right, and his team.

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Celebrating 45 years in business is a monumental achievement that Gary Johansen and the team at Paeroa Marine & Cycle Centre are proud to celebrate this month - but that's not all.

"I am actually the longest standing Yamaha dealer in New Zealand... we've been 45 years in business and 45 years in association with Yamaha New Zealand," he said.

Gary wanted to thank the customers who have supported him for the past 45 years.

"What's made it enjoyable is the friends I've met. They come as customers and become long-term friends."

Gary started his business on Normanby Rd, Paeroa, in 1979 as a Yamaha motorcycle dealer, which led to taking on the Yamaha outboard franchise.

"The company back in those days was called Bike Shop Paeroa Ltd."

After a change in business name and location, Paeroa Marine & Cycle Centre moved to 29 Puke Rd in 2002.

"And ever since then the company's slowly been growing." With a focus on providing quality and friendly service, Gary said the main parts of his business were outboard repairs and Yamaha outboard sales.

Fishing and hunting gear, push bikes and marine chandlery are also available.

Gary started with a team of three, and now there are seven. Workshop manager Sam Johansen and head mechanic Dylan Harris are the mobile mechanics.

Even though servicing is mainly in the Coromandel Peninsula and Clevedon - "we travel as far as Parengarenga up north, and as far south as the Chatham Islands".

Based out of the workshop and office are the rest of the team - office manager Cath Crosby, retail/shop representative Carly Roff and apprentices Steven Dee and Hadlee Marshall. To celebrate this momentous occasion, Gary and his team have been running a few giveaways and a spend and win promotion in store.

- Davidda Hikatangata

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Historic update for school classrooms

By ALICE PARMINTER, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

Moanataiari School's classrooms have undergone an identity change, bringing the whenua closer to the students.

The classrooms are now known as Waihoanga, Tararu, Kuranui, Moanataiari, Waio-tahe (traditional spelling), Te Karaka, Waiwhakaurunga and Waihou, after significant awa (streams and rivers) in the area. Other new names are Pukehinau for the kitchen, Te Kirikiri for the library, Hongikore for the additional learning space, and Tikapa Moana for the office.

Teacher aide Wendy Davies said the project was an enormous task two years in the making.

"The [classrooms] were just numbers, and we wanted to have them with names to bring some more meaning," Wendy said. "The streams seemed like a really good option."

"We're so lucky because Thames has a more interesting history than a lot of places have."

The teachers visited all the local water bodies and learned about their history, before each choosing a namesake that resonated with them.

"Tikapa Moana (The Firth of Thames) was a name principal David Brock chose for the office as this is where all the streams flow into," Wendy said.

"One of the teachers has a pet eel he goes to visit up in the Karaka stream... And then the



Moanataiari School students with their new classroom name signage. File Photo: SUPPLIED



younger classes picked streams that were easier to access so they could get the junior kids there more easily."

Each classroom now sports a large sign with its new name, historical photographs, and additional information about the awa including any other names it is known by.

In researching the names and sourcing photos, the school

sought guidance from a number of people including local historians Dave Wilton and Althea Barker, Ngāti Maru kaumatua, journalist Meghan Hawkes, staff at the Treasury, The Thames School of Mines, The Thames Museum Te Whare Taonga o te Kauaeranga, Auckland Library and the Auckland Museum; as well as referencing work from Alistair Isdale, Hoa-

ni Nahe, William (Toss) Hammond and Taimoana Turoa.

"Each class will visit their stream during the year and learn about the stream as well as the history of that area."

"It's a great way for the students to connect with the place we live in."



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Fishers encouraged to name craypots

Fishery officers have seized a range of illegal fishing equipment in the Coromandel, and are urging fishers to properly name their gear.

"We have over a dozen pieces of equipment – mostly craypots and set nets that we've seized because they were set illegally," Fisheries New Zealand regional manager fisheries compliance Andre Espinoza said.

"If you are using craypots or set nets, mark your gear clearly with your initials and surname. Most of the gear we haul out of the ocean is seized because people

failed to do this.

"We've seized a lot of gear and most of the owners never come forward to claim their equipment, so it is eventually destroyed."

Fishery Officers patrolling the area actively encourage fishers they come across who are heading out to set craypots or nets, to mark their gear with the name and contact details.

"We talk with people, and even carry a marker pen, however fishers need to take responsibility. We're always there to help people understand the rules but

will take action to protect the fishery including seizing illegal equipment and issuing infringement notices," Andre said.

People are encouraged to download the free NZ Fishing Rules mobile app. Once downloaded, the app will work in areas where there may not be mobile coverage, so users will still have the latest rules and regulations at their fingertips.

DETAILS: Fisheries New Zealand encourages people to report suspected fishing illegal activity through MPI's 0800 4 POACHER number (0800 47 62 24).



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Rural Life

Young and ambitious: farming family's big goals

By ALICE PARMINTER, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

For young couple Brad and Courtney Edwards, farming is a way of life.

The ambitious 23-year-olds have two young sons, a 50/50 sharemilking position on the Hauraki Plains - and a handful of awards under their belts.

"I love it, absolutely love it," Courtney said.

"The best thing we ever went was share-milking. Just the lifestyle - and having two young kids, and having that little bit more freedom... It's good to have that balance of farm work/family life."

From their first farm together in Otorohonga - Brad as farming manager and Courtney as a farm assistant - the couple have now grown into a fully-fledged business, sharemilking with 240 cows on a 90 hectare property.

They aim to be the best that they can be, in all aspects of the farm. One way Brad and Courtney have embraced that ethos is by becoming certified milk suppliers with sustainable milk company Synlait.

"To us, to be saying we're 'Lead With Pride' certified, it means that we are portray[ing] dairy farming in the best possible light," Courtney said.

"You're looking at greenhouse gases, animal welfare, social responsibility, milk quality... You're fully transparent about everything."

Entering the Auckland Hauraki



Brad and Courtney Edwards are dedicated to building a sustainable, ethical farming business. Photo: ALICE PARMINTER

Dairy Industry Awards was the next step in developing their business, and Courtney said they were thrilled to come runner-up in the Share Farmer of the Year category, as well as receiving the Federated Farmers Leadership Award and the Diprose Miller Business Performance Award.

"[We entered] to look in depth into the business a bit more and what our practices are against

what other people say they'd be doing on their farm, because no two farmers are the same," Courtney said.

"You think you know your business until you sit down and you pull apart each part of your business."

Brad agreed, saying the financial insights they gained through working with the experts was invaluable.

"It's a good exercise regardless, and the awards pushed us to do it a little bit more," he said.

But among the new business goals and day-to-day work, Brad and Courtney still have plenty of scope to follow their own interests.

"Business and milking and cowshedding and calves is my domain, those are my strong points; and pasture management and the

breeding side of cows - that is Brad's," Courtney said.

"Us wanting to progress with our production targets and breeding targets is the biggest thing," Brad said.

"We've gone on a new venture doing sire proving, so all the younger bulls for [herd improvement company] LIC.

"And we're real pasture-renewal-based this year. Within six years, we'd like to have all the farm to be in new grasses, more or less."

For now though, the couple are focused on growing their young family and their business, and they're thrilled with the community they've chosen to do it in.

"With hockey and Young Farmers and just the neighbours and friends that we've made over here, it's been amazing," Courtney said.

"They've been really welcoming, and Young Farmers has been amazing - it's just a good way to get out in the community and meet like-minded people."

"The last two years, it's been good," Brad said.

"It's the next generation that's going to be the hardest, I think, for the industry. Because trying to get your head wrapped around the sustainability stuff, all the legislation that will come into industry, dealing with the likes of global warming, changing seasons, I think, will be the hard one."



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Dog incident leads to death of Thames miner



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** explores our local history by seeking out stories of life and death in the Thames Valley

When a dog fell on him it was the beginning of the end for Thomas Bennett Hicks.

The Thames mine manager was climbing down a shaft in the City of London mine when at about 150ft the dog struck him on the chest with such force that one of his lungs was permanently injured.

It was 1878 and Thomas, from Cornwall, was second to none on the Thames Goldfield as a mine manager. He had initially worked in tin mines before travelling to North America to try the copper mines.

In 1854 he was lured to Australia by gold discoveries there. He held responsible positions in several mining centres but it was at Daylesford in 1865 that he was first appointed mine manager.

Here he displayed the great energy which would characterise his career. After a return to England he migrated to New Zealand's West Coast goldfields finding his way to Thames with his wife Barbara,



Thames School of Mines, 1900.

Photo: SUPPLIED

known as Annie, in 1868. Here he helped sink the first framed-set shaft on the field at the Kuranui mine.

Soon afterwards he was appointed manager of the Golden City and Grand Trunk mines at Punga Flat, for several years confidentially advising Warwick Weston, who was involved with several mining companies and commercial interests.

The dynamic Thomas then took charge of the Deep Lead mine in the Shotover Creek, and afterwards the Inverness mine. Next was the City of London, which he successfully worked for several years but now weakened by the blow from the dog he decided to leave mining alone for a spell.

He bought a farm at Pokeno. Before he left he was present-

ed with a testimonial from his Thames friends.

In July, 1881, Thomas lost his wife Annie who died aged 43. The couple had been childless. In December, he had a farm clearing sale and it was leased out.

He had been persuaded to take over the management of the Caledonian mine at Thames where he returned. By 1888, with his health failing, he went overseas for twelve months.

He returned to Thames in much the same condition, the trip having failed to do him much good.

Despite this in early 1892 he took over the management of the May Queen mine but by late 1893 even with his strong constitution, he was compelled to resign and for two months was

mostly confined to his bed.

Thomas was a man of great determination and force of character but in the end he could not fight off this last adversary. He died around twenty to five on a late January morning in 1894, aged 61.

Thomas was known for his kind-heartedness and modesty, his purse and helping hand gave many a fresh start in life.

His death in every way was a loss to the district. A few weeks before his death, Thomas had presented the Thames School of Mines with his private collection of ores and minerals, together with a handsome showcase made of mottled kauri to exhibit them in.

The collection included specimens of silver ores from Broken Hill, horse-flesh ore, grey glance, bell-metal and other ores of copper from South Australia.

There were fine gold specimens from the old City of London, Caledonian, and other Thames mines, all of which were of considerable historic value.

In making the presentation, Thomas said all through his career he felt he needed technical training, and he strongly urged all young miners to make the most of their opportunities and attend the school.

Only those who possessed sound technical training would succeed as the mine managers and battery managers of the future.

Thomas was buried at Shortland Cemetery, alongside Annie.

Chris' Quiz

Weekly quiz compiled by Chris Parminter

1. True or false? The feijoa tree (acca sellowiana) is native to New Zealand.
2. Which number Mount Pleasant St is mentioned in the Crowded House song Weather With You?
3. Most of the products sold in New Zealand as wasabi are in fact made from which plant?
4. Who is Mr Krabs' business rival in the TV show *SpongeBob SquarePants*?
5. Who played Dorothy Gale in the 1939 movie *The Wizard of Oz*?
6. In what year did it become illegal to import any asbestos-containing products into New Zealand?
7. In the year 2009, which breed surpassed Holstein-Friesians as New Zealand's most popular dairy breed?
8. In what year did Microsoft release its first version of Microsoft Excel?
9. The first coffee shop is generally believed to have opened in the 16th century in which city?
10. How long is each quarter in a regulation game of netball?

ANSWERS: 1. False; 2. 57; 3. Horsesradish (Sheldon J.); 4. Plankton; 5. Judy Garland; 6. 2016; 7. Kiwifrost (Friesian x Jersey); 8. 1985 (for Macintosh computers); 9. Constantinople (now Istanbul), Turkey; 10. 15 minutes.

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RUGBY

HAURAKI NORTH DIAMONDS

The Hauraki North Diamonds headed out on the road this week to Te Kuiti, to play against the Waitete Women's team. Having come off the back of two close losses, this was a must win game for the Diamonds if they were to keep their hopes of a top four position alive.

While the Waitete ladies, hungry for their first win of the season, came out with a sustained strong attack. A dropped ball metres from the Diamonds try line saw centre Carmen Samson jumping on the loose ball and offloading to fullback Natasha Forsythe who ran the length of the field to score the first points of the game, with halfback Josey Hansen adding the conversion.

A string of penalties against the Diamonds and some strong pick and go work from the Te Kuiti-based team saw them cross the line not long after. However, the Hauraki Taimana regrouped and scored two more tries before the half-time break through co-captain Tiare Dixon and young winger Naketa-Rose Tauatevalu.

The second half once again saw a strong passage of attack from Waitete, but the Diamonds weren't without their opportunities. A fantastic steal from prop Beady Williams-Rikiriki saw flanker Chloe Burgess beat five defenders down the sideline, only to have the ball knocked out from her arms as she crossed over the try line. It was Waitete, however, that scored three unanswered tries, to take a one-point lead with less than 10 minutes to play. This seemed to fire up the Diamonds, who knuckled down and kept fighting to score in the final minute of play with prop Jess Delany getting her first points for the season and Hansen once again adding the conversion. A bit of redemption for last week's loss in the final minute. Final score 26-20 HN Diamonds.

Forward of the Day performance from English import Phoebe Wickens. Co-Captain Cory Middleton's excellent attacking and defensive efforts earned her Back of the Day, and a solid 80 minute effort from Jess Delany saw her awarded the Forsythe family Player of the Day award.

- Vita Dryden

CLUB RUGBY

Round 5 (part 2), *Silcock Shield*, compiled by Tighthead Ted and Whispering Will:

The second half of the split round unfolded over the last three days. Thursday seeing the Paeroa Green Machine, under lights, take home the Buck Duck Cup in their clash with the Hauraki North Blue Bulls, and Saturday, in blazing sunlight and factor 15 suntan oil, Mercury Bay and Whangamata battled out a draw in Whitianga.

PAEROA v HAURAKI NORTH

Paeroa Domain, referee: S Watts. On a cold, dewy, windless night, which was a great advertisement for daytime rugby, the mighty Green Machine that is Paeroa rugby in 2024 rolled on. Hauraki North, struggling for results in 2024, after making the final in 2023, battled on gamely as they



Fraser Anderson makes a break for it during the Hauraki North vs Paeroa fixture.

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have done all season, giving Paeroa a real 'Fright Night' experience. It may have been the conditions, it may have been Paeroa taking North too lightly, but the match turned into trench warfare, with gains measured in inches, and sweeping backline movements few and far between, but the big win that most expected (bar the North faithful), never arrived, and with North leading 7-5 after half an hour, there would have been a fair few Paeroa fans puckering.

But a cheeky Hendrix Beazley try with five minutes to go in the half put the Green machine back in front - a debatable score perhaps, a pick and go from a ruck when perhaps Beazley was in front of the ball - but a score none the less, and Paeroa were in front again, 12-7, and did not relinquish the lead.

Both teams lineouts suffered in the first spell, looking like the hookers had only been introduced to their jumpers ten minutes before kickoff at times; scrums were messy, and ball security a vicious rumour that all had heard about, but no one was practicing. The Paeroa forward pack was perhaps gaining a little ascendancy, but it was a pretty equal and dour struggle.

The second 40 became a tense affair, as neither side could bust open the others defence, and the game remained wide open. North dominated the middle period of the spell, with halfback Matty Fisher the ring master, always dangerous with sniping runs, relishing the close quarter combat. He was denied what could easily have been a penalty try when hit with a double high tackle - but not to be, a scoreline of 14-12 to the Blue Bulls with ten to go would certainly have changed things up.

Paeroa in the last ten lifted their intensity, centre Taimua Malielegaoi started to make inroads into the North defence, and their big forwards started to punch holes close in.

With time almost up on an invisible clock, William Faasavalu finally crashed over from close range, with the try duly converted by Nathan Em-



Cory Middleton breaks through Waitete defence.

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ery, and a final score of 19-7.

North, to a man, tackled and harried and chased anything that moved in green as they almost tore up the form guide in this match. Leading the way was captain Jordan Matson, livewire halfback Matty Fisher, and intercept try scorer Fraser Anderson.

Paeroa had yeoman service from One-one Faaf'ou at number eight, rampaging prop Bryson Williams and Faasavalu added impetus from the pine. Malielegaoi was the pick of the backs in a match made for the low numbered shirts.

Paeroa: 19 (O Siosio, H Beazley, W Faasavalu tries; N Emery 2 conversions) beat Hauraki North: 7 (F Anderson try; E Fiavaai conversion). HT: 12-7.

MERCURY BAY v WHANGAMATA

Lyon Park, Whitianga, referee: R Rogers.

It was sixth versus seventh as coastal rivals Whangamata and Mercury Bay went down to the wire in Whitianga. The clear sky and light wind was an open invitation for both teams to play the expansive rugby their clubs are historically known for, but it was in the forwards where this game was largely played.

The home team had all the territory and possession after Whangamata failed to secure the opening kick off and then spent the next ten minutes defending wave after wave of Mer-

cury Bay attack. But their defence held strong and soon it was their turn to camp in the Marlins' half. Like Whangamata, Mercury Bay didn't let their opposition through and it was evident by the physicality that they were up for the contest.

With both teams lineouts misfiring at times it was tough to exert any constant pressure for either pack. The deadlock however, was broken on the 30 minute mark when a series of penalties got Mercury Bay deep in the Red 'n' White 22 and, after their rolling maul fell short of the line, they patiently recycled the ball until midfielder Dane Mathew made it over the line. The final act of the first half was a TJ Wise penalty for Whangamata to make it 7-3.

The opening half of the second stanza was marked by a step up in physicality and both teams trying to open the game up. Mercury Bay had a scoring opportunity thwarted after a lovely left foot step from midfielder Charlie Best broke the Whangamata line, but his team couldn't capitalise as Whangamata stole the ball a few phases later.

Irishman Finn McCall was injected into the game for Whangamata after 45 minutes and his impact was immediately felt. Throughout the second half and, as Whangamata were picking and going near the Mercury Bay try line, he stretched out and scored

to make it 10-7 with 15 to play. Two indiscretions in kickable areas handed the lead back to Mercury Bay and first-five Connor Curran slotted both penalties. Whangamata levelled it up with a penalty of their own and then had the chance to snatch it with a penalty on full time. The kick from out wide sailed just past the right upright and the match ended in a 13 all draw, meaning that Whangamata retained the Coastal Shield.

The two standouts from the match were the aforementioned McCall and Best. Mercury Bay were also well served by their half-back Connor McCauley whose crisp passing put his team on the front foot and whose box kicks were tough for Whangamata to defuse.

Try scorer Mathew and Adam Clauge also shone for the home team. For Whangamata, Ben Laurie was tireless in his carries and regularly got over the gain line against a confrontational Mercury Bay pack, he was well supported by Jake Barfoot and Tim Bond.

Mercury Bay: 13 (D Mathew try; C Curran conversion, 2 penalties) drew with Whangamata: 13 (F McCall try; TJ Wise conversion, 2 penalties). HT: 7-3.

SENIOR B RESULTS | Round 5
Coromandel, 56, beat Waihi, 0.
Waihou, 31, beat Ngata, 20.
Whangamata, 10, lost to COBRAS, 46.
Thames won by default over Mercury Bay.

Hauraki North - bye.
WOMENS
Waitete, 22, lost to Hauraki North, 26.

UNDER 21
Pirongia, 37, beat Rugby United, 12.

FOOTBALL

WAIHI FOOTBALL

It was a top of the Waikato Division 2 clash between two unbeaten sides, Waihi and Claudelands Rovers, at Waihi College. And at half time the score line was 1-1.

A strong finishing Rovers side scored twice to win 3-1. Bryn Simpson smashed in a pile driver goal from a corner after 17 minutes for Waihi. The Waihi side came close to scoring a second with Ahman smashing a shot against an upright. Waihi keeper Budgie made three crucial saves with exceptional positioning and handling to keep Waihi ahead.

Rovers were gifted their equalising goal by Waihi with untidy defence in the penalty box 1-1 halftime. Rovers took the lead in the second half after only five minutes then wrapped the game up with their third. Waihi battled away but were up against a more efficient and precise Rovers. Cheers to independent referee Peter Thom. At Ngatea, the Waihi Mens Division 4 side had an excellent 4-2 win over Hauraki Plains. More good news on Sunday when the Waihi women hammered Northern United 7-1 in a goal laden match at Waihi College on Sunday.

Draw Saturday, May 11 will be the Mens Division 4 at Waihi College, Waihi v Melville United, 2.45pm kick off; Division 2 at Korikori Park, Hamilton: Waihi v Northern United Humblebees.

- Donald Mackay

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Death Notice

CASTLE, Gladys Maud:
Passed away peacefully
at Waikato Hospital,
on Tuesday, 30th April
2024, aged 82 years.
Much loved Wife of the
late Viv Castle. Beloved
Mother of Michael,
Vivian, Donna, William
and Aroha. Adored Nana
to her 10 Grandchildren.
In keeping with Gladys'
wishes a private
cremation has taken
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Death Notice

ALLEN, Peter Gordon:
On Sunday 5th May
2024 aged 78, passed
away peacefully
surrounded by family at
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Manaaki Care Centre,
Papamoa.
Son of the late Colin
and Margaret Allen.
So very much loved by
Margarita. Treasured
Father and Father-
in-Law to Renee and
Sefton, Jacob and
Angela. Cherished
grandfather to Jessica,
Alex and Ashton. Loved
and adored brother and
brother-in-law to Carol
(dec), Gaile and Eric,
Valerie and John, Karen,
Linda and Nancy. Uncle
to Jason and Paulette,
Brendon and Daniel,
Keegan, and Neil.
Special thanks to
Pacific Coast Village Te
Manaaki Care Centre for
all their wonderful care
and love they gave Dad
over the last 9 months.
*At peace now, no longer
lost and confused.
Done some work in
the orchard then gone
fishing with his Dad.*
Rest in eternal love Dad,
Renee and Jacob
A Celebration of
Peter's life will be held
on Wednesday 8th
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Public Notice



Temporary closure of the Paeroa Service Centre Reception until Friday 24 May

Our Paeroa reception area and adjacent office space is currently being remodelled to better optimise our limited space and improve functionality. We apologise for any inconvenience while this work is being completed.

Our friendly Customer Services team have relocated to the Paeroa Library, 5 Mackay Street, until Friday 24 May, where they'll be able to provide all their normal services from 8am - 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. The usual hours for the Paeroa Library will remain in place - Monday to Friday 9:30am to 5:00pm and Saturday 9:30am to 12:30pm.

If you're scheduled to meet with one of our staff at the Paeroa office, please phone us on 0800 734 834 when you arrive so we can arrange for you to be met at the side door, next to the main front entrance.

Courier deliveries are being directed to our back entrance, off Marshall Street for drop-offs and pick-ups. Please call 0800 734 834 for a staff member to meet you at the back entrance.

Love This Place (Long Term Plan) Hearing

If you're speaking to your Love This Place submission on the 14th and 16th May, you'll be welcomed at the side door, next to the main front entrance by staff.



Public Notice

Review of Representation Arrangements

Under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Hauraki District Council is required to carry out a review of its representation arrangements for the triennial local authority elections to be held in 2025.

On 24 April 2024, Council resolved to adopt as its initial proposal for the representation arrangements review the following:

- (i) Hauraki District Council to comprise the mayor elected at large and 12 councillors elected under the ward system, specifically 10 general ward councillors and two Māori ward councillors.
- (ii) Hauraki District Council be divided into four wards, these being:
 - Plains General Ward (three councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on LGC-012-2013-W-2 deposited with the Local Government Commission, less three meshblocks to be moved into the Paeroa Ward (1065300, 1064900 and 1065000);
 - Paeroa General Ward (three councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 57980 deposited with Land Information New Zealand, plus three meshblocks to be moved from the Plains Ward (1065300, 1064900 and 1065000);
 - Waihi General Ward (four councillors), being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on SO Plan 57979 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;
 - Hauraki Māori Ward (two councillors), comprising the whole area of the district as delineated on Plan LG-012-2013-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission.
- (iii) no community boards be established;

The population that each general ward councillor represents is within the range of 1,914 +/- 10% (1,722 - 2,105) in compliance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001; and the number of Māori ward councillors complies with Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001:

Ward	Population*	Councillors	Average	% Variation
Plains General	6,150	3	2,050	+7.11
Paeroa General	5,660	3	1,887	-1.43%
Waihi General	7,330	4	1,833	-4.26%
Hauraki Māori	3,210	2		

*population estimates as at 30 June 2023

In accordance with section 19K(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the reasons for the proposed changes to the current representation arrangements are:

1. To reflect the establishment of a Māori ward (in accordance with Council's resolution on 25 October 2023);
2. For the minor boundary alterations to the Plains General Ward and Paeroa General Ward, to ensure the population that each general ward councillor represents is within the range of 1,914 +/- 10% (1,722 - 2,105) in compliance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001;
3. The reason the total number of councillors is proposed to reduce to 12 (from 13) [plus the mayor] is to provide more effective representation to Hauraki District residents and ratepayers (whilst still ensuring accessibility to a large area made up of populated towns and villages and sparsely populated rural areas).

Submissions

The initial proposal has been submitted for formal consultation, including inviting written submissions for any interested person or organisation in the period from 3 May to 7 June 2024.

Submissions should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than 4.00pm on Friday 7 June 2024.

Submissions sent by post should be addressed to: John McIvor, Community Growth Manager, Hauraki District Council, 1 William Street, Paeroa, or PO Box 17, Paeroa 3640. Submissions can also be sent by email to info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz

Council will read and consider all submissions. Please clearly state if you wish to speak in support of your submission and note that any submission made will be available to the public. Hearings and meetings on the review will be open to the public.

For more information, see the consultation pages on our website: <https://hauraki-dc.govt.nz>

Langley Cavers
Chief Executive, Hauraki District Council
Phone: 07 862 8609 or 0800 734 834
3 May 2024



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Public Notices



NOTICE OF AGM

The AGM for the Thames Music Group will be held on Friday 24th May 2024 starting at 1.30pm at St George's Church, Mackay Street, Thames. ALL WELCOME

Rachel Gamby
Chairperson

Public Notices

Hauraki District Council
May 2024 Meetings



Pursuant to Section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, public notice is hereby given that the following meetings will be held during the month of May 2024 in the Council Chamber, Hauraki House, William Street, Paeroa unless otherwise stated.

Adaptive Planning and Emergency Management Committee
Monday, 13 May, 1.00pm

Council - Hearing and Deliberations on Long Term Plan 2024-2034
Tuesday, 14 May, 9.00am

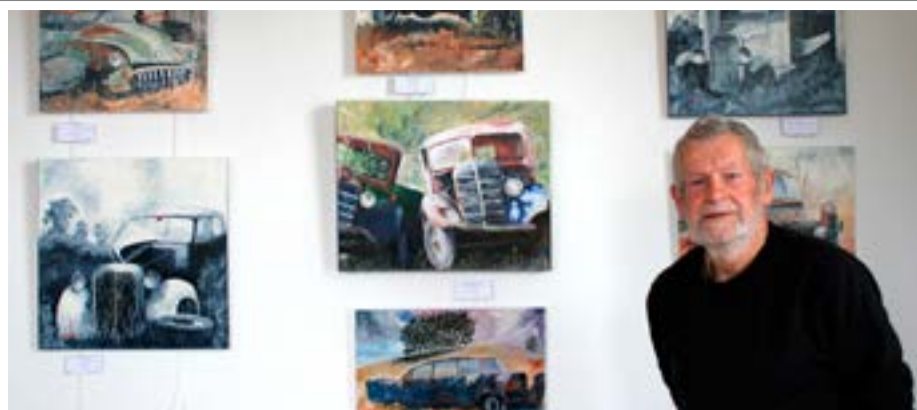
Thursday, 16 May 9.00am
Friday, 17 May, 9.00am (if required)

Council
Wednesday, 29 May, 9.00am

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Artist and sculptor Dennis Baker is inspired by his life as a mechanic. Photo: DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Dennis' art on display

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Looking around the room, it's not hard to see that the works of artist and metal sculptor Dennis Baker tell a story.

Metal sculptures sit with purpose in two corners - a little creature in one, and a bass guitar in the other. Dennis plays the guitar, mandolin, and bass but "not that one" he says, as he leans towards the sculpture.

"[I] just made them up from bits and pieces because I was a mechanic. They're all car parts," he says.

For the month of May, Dennis' work is on display at the Paeroa Arts Centre, daily from 11am to 3pm.

One of the paintings takes pride of place in the centre of a wall. It's Dennis' favourite and is called Bedford Graveyard. The image is based off of a photograph Dennis took down in the South Island.

Making something similar to the artwork would take him about one week to complete, as he paints for roughly an hour and a half every night, he says.

While Dennis has been painting on and off since the late 90s, he tells *The Profile* he "only really got into it" when he retired.

"My whole family, they're all artists, going right back to my great grandfather. Aunties, sister, all my kids."

DETAILS: To find out more about Dennis and to see his artwork on display, visit the Paeroa Arts Centre this month.

Loyal companion needs loving home

PET PROFILE

By KELLEY TANTAU, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

Pound pup Jesse is ready for a new home.

Found dodging traffic on the main road in Ngatea, Hauraki District Council's animal control officer said the bearded cross was "initially quite shy and unsure of the world".

She has since been in foster care with an "amazing" dog trainer in Waihi named Rhonda who has been teaching her "all the best doggo behaviour" as well as some agility.

"[Jesse] is eager to learn; great with other dogs and children," the council spokesperson said. "She is full of fun and a little mischief and would suit an active family willing to take her out on new adventures and continue with her training."

"She is growing in confidence daily and will be a loyal companion."

Council believes Jesse is around one-



Jesse was found dodging traffic on the main road in Ngatea. Photo: SUPPLIED/HDC

year-old; a bearded cross who will grow into becoming a medium-sized dog.

DETAILS: Pre-adoption application forms are on the HDC website or, to enquire about adopting Jesse, phone the council on 0800 734 834 (in the district) or 07 862 8609.



THAMES WORKMEN'S CLUB (Inc.)

Notice of AGM Saturday 25th May 2024 10:00am

AGENDA

- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM
- Matters Arising
- President's Report
- Manager's Report
- Presentation of Statement of Accounts
- Subscriptions
- Confirmation of Returning Officers
- Election of Board of Appeal
- Election of Auditor
- Election of Committee
- General Business

President
B. Harper
CARD CHECK AT DOOR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tokotoru Tapu o Parawai Church
14th May 2024
6pm Saint Georges Hall Thames
Everyone welcome - please bring a plate to share
Contact: Rachael Te Karu +64211347093



Dr Ben is back at Evergreen Chiropractic after surfing for four months in Indonesia. He is so excited to be back in practice looking after his patients again. Give us a call on 07 8686665 and we can book you an appointment with him.

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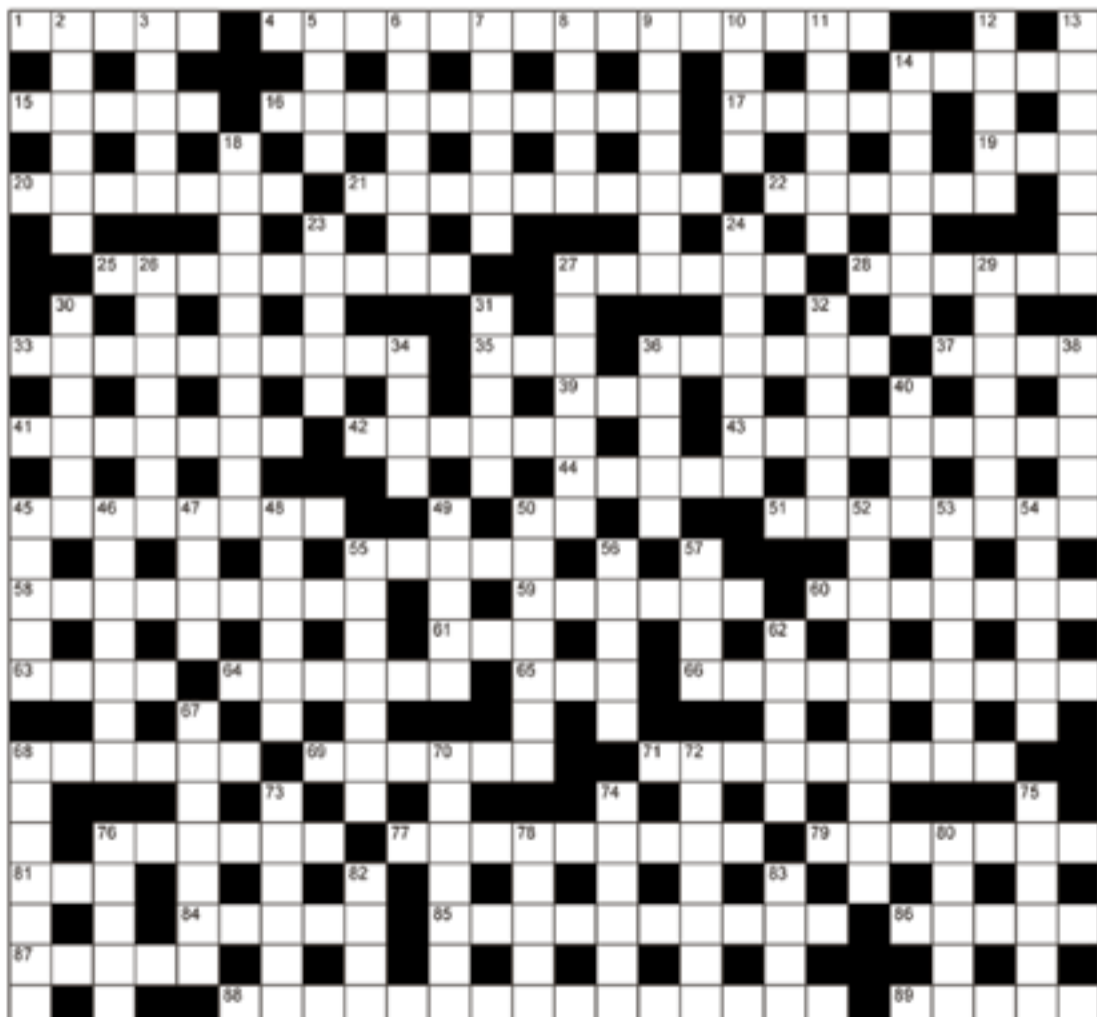
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- 3 Planet's course (5)
- 5 Dutch cheese (4)
- 6 Mexican liquor (7)
- 7 Cricket team (6)
- 8 Path (5)
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- 30 Prisoner (6)
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- 45 Male duck (5)
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- 70 Fizzy confectionery (7)
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- 73 Swallow up (6)
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SPORTS

First round success

Thames Football Club's men's team faced the Northern United Knights in the first round of the Knockout Cup on April 27. The local lads came away with the win, slotting four goals into the back of the net while goalkeeper Luke Steward kept a clean sheet not letting any goals in at the other end. The men will now face tougher games and head into the cup round to see if they can get all the way to the finals and bring it home.



Goalie Luke Steward had a great game on April 27.



Matt Baines strikes the ball during the Round One match.

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