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Sailing a 'sanity pill'

Chrys Alice Anderson stands in front of the two hulls of her 20m catamaran.
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By KELLEY TANTAU, Public Interest Journalism funded by NZ On Air

Chrys Alice Anderson always had the vision of cruising to Seattle on her 20-metre, six sail catamaran.

She also pictured it winning the Coastal Classic yacht race, which takes place each Labour Weekend between Auckland to Russell.

But the boat hasn't been able to live up to any of its builder's

expectations, and will be put on the market after a series of health set-backs has stopped Chrys Alice from seeing it finished.

Chrys Alice, who is non-binary and prefers to go by she/her, started sailing in Christchurch in her early teens.

She began building boats at age 14, and from 16 to 23, she built four 'A Class' 5.5m catamarans.

The passion took her around

the world, from racing under San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, to travelling from French Polynesia to the Bay of Islands on a 38ft fast-sailing trimaran.

While living in Auckland, she started constructing a 20m catamaran known affectionately as 'Ah!' - which now sits in a purpose-built Turua shed, but in 2003, she suffered her first stroke.

"It paralysed the right side of

my body; all I could move was my thumb," she said. "But I was back at work after four weeks."

After the boat spent two years at Sylvia Park in Auckland, two years at Otāhuhu, and 11 years at Eureka, in the Waikato, it was transported to the site in Turua in Easter, 2017.

Less than four years later, Chrys Alice suffered a second stroke while she was attending

the Pleasant Point Yacht Club's 100-year jubilee as a guest speaker.

"I cut the cake, gave the speech, went for a sail, and the next day I was watching races, just sitting there, and had another stroke," she said.

"I am deep in debt with carbon... [Waikato Hospital] flew a twin engine jet with a pilot and

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Street upgrade to be 'staggered'

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

Council has vowed that it won't "just dig up" the length of Thames' main drag during its infrastructure upgrade of Pollen St.

Instead, "the burning desire" of council's project delivery manager is to do the job "properly".

Andrew Boden told staff and elected members of Thames-Coromandel District Council that the upgrades to the underground stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water infrastructure which ran underneath Pollen St would be done in a staggered approach.

He said the project would be "significantly more challenging" than any other main street upgrades undertaken elsewhere around the district.

"Pollen St is approximately two kilometres long, and the cross-streets - from Grey St to Campbell St - are 250m. My burning desire is to make sure that we have enough funds in the Long Term Plan to do the project properly," he said.

"We won't just dig up 2km of the street and leave it for two years - we won't be doing that. This is just the start of probably the most challenging project we have in the Long Term Plan at the moment."

On October 4, council approved bringing forward \$240,000 from the project's budgets from 2023-24 to this financial year, in order to fund an underground survey which



According to TCDC, the upgrade to Pollen St's infrastructure will not begin before July 1, 2023. Photo: GORDON PREECE

will confirm the size and location of all underground services, as well as the existing roading conditions.

The survey will start in late-October and is expected to take two months.

It will be carried out at night to avoid disturbing Pollen St businesses and to minimise any traffic management issues along the main drag.

According to a council release, the Pollen St infrastructure upgrade will not begin before July 1, 2023.

It will take place in stages, ensuring that the entire length of the street will not be dug up

at the same time.

"The footpaths in front of businesses will remain open while any stretch of the street is being worked on," council said. "Meetings with affected businesses and other stakeholders will be held in advance of construction starting to discuss the work programme and receive feedback and input from affected parties."

Approximately \$16.4 million has been budgeted for the entire project.



Sailing dream halted by health

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co-pilot, and medical officer down to pick me up from Christchurch."

Chrys Alice spent almost four weeks recovering in Thames Hospital, and the stroke has left her with dizziness, as well as problems with her balance and strength. To top it off, she had a heart valve replacement in August this year.

"My sister said: 'Chrys, you've got to get your affairs in order', and I said: 'You're right, but it's hard, and it's going to take a while'."

So, after two decades of working on *Ah!*, Chrys Alice, now 73, has decided to list the fast-sailing catamaran for sale, but the goodbye will be bittersweet, she said.

"It was my sanity pill. I'd leave work, walk home, and be thinking and planning and designing the boat," she said.

"I want it to go to someone somewhere who can take advantage of the work that I've done. The genesis, the evolution of my thinking... has all led to this."

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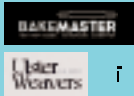


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Whitianga	-0	02	-0	06
Tairua	+0	10	+0	21
Whangamata	-0	07	-0	07
Waihi Beach	-0	12	-0	12

'Historic' day for NZ's seaweed industry

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

Scientists will be waiting with bated breath to see how their first hatchery-grown seaweed is doing on its own out in the Hauraki Gulf.

They'll be back on the water in a month to pull in the 200 metres of Ecklonia radiata seaweed, which was outplanted within the mussel farms of Coromandel last week.

The innovative project - the first of its kind in New Zealand - is important to its collaborators because of its potential to create regenerative ocean farming and a sustainable seaweed aquaculture industry in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Led by EnviroStrat, the GreenWaveNZ pilot is taking place in the Hauraki Gulf and Bay of Plenty, and on October 11, those involved and in support of the project took to the waters of the Coromandel to watch as the first hatchery-grown seaweed was outplanted beneath the surface.

"They very much feel like our babies that we're sending off into the world and hoping they do well and survive," Waikato University senior lecturer and researcher Dr Rebecca Lawton told *The Profile*.

"When we come back and pull up the lines and look, we're always a bit anxious."

The team, which also included Lucas Evans from Premium Seas, Waikato University tech-

nical officer Peter Randrup, and University of Auckland thesis student Matthew McArthur, dropped spools totalling 200m into the water.

The project will see a total 36km of Ecklonia radiata outplanted, with 24km of that situated in the Hauraki Gulf.

"You seed lots so that, hopefully, some of them will grow and grow really nicely. Also, the more we seed on the line at this early stage stops other things from coming and settling on it," Dr Lawton said. "We're out-planting every



Some of the team who outplanted 200m of seaweed in Coromandel last week. INSET: The seaweed gets weaved around rope before being dropped into the water. Photos: KELLEY TANTAU

throughout New Zealand, using a regenerative ocean farming model developed by GreenWave US in the United States.

Paeroa company AgriSea will contribute their market and processing expertise, with the seaweed potentially going on to be used in a raft of agricultural and beauty products.

Dr Lawton said it was exciting to get to the stage where the seaweed industry could become a reality in New Zealand.

"There is still a long way to go but to be able to, for the first time, grow it as you would do in a commercial operation has been great, and the project is really good because you get to work will all the key players that would be involved, so it's real world applications at all the different points of the process."

EnviroStrat chief executive Nigel Bradley said hard work underpinned the "historic" project. It had created some-

thing that was regenerative by design, that intended to "put the farmer in the middle", and help create what he hoped was a successful new part of the aquaculture sector.

"We've been working on it pretty hard for the last while; it's been tough; it's taken probably longer than we would have liked but it's a huge honour for us to be where we are."





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LABOUR WEEKEND CLOSURE

Here’s to a relaxing, safe Labour Weekend. Please note changes to our services and rules over the holiday weekend.



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Rubbish and recycling collections are one day later following the Monday 24 October Labour Day public holiday. Check the Kerbside collection schedule for your area: tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Our seven Refuse Transfer Stations are open on Labour Day Monday to their Sunday hours.

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Tararu author fulfils lifelong passion

By GORDON PREECE

Wearing a polar bear suit is one technique Thames author Paul Heffernan has used to promote one of his whimsical books.

The former Auckland art teacher, school principal and restaurant owner has written and illustrated seven picture and chapter books at his Tararu home in the past two years.

The books include *Robert the Polar Bear*, *Jingle Jangle Street*, *Sponge Cake Man*, *Ikky Sticky*, *The Impossible Tasks*, *The Last Dragon Family* and *Vikings, Sailors and Sea Monsters*.

Paul, or Mr Heff, told *The Profile* he'd always wanted to be an author and had ideas for stories dating back 30 years, but only put them into practice when he retired in 2009.

"When you're out there in the real world, you're busy wanting to be the best school principal on the entire planet, you've got a family and you've got a mortgage so you haven't got that luxury of retreating to a room to write," he said.

"Then I had a restaurant in St Heliers for a while and because we had an apartment upstairs I started to write there, and then I had a cottage in Huia.

"But the stories were stored away in boxes, I've got boxes full of story ideas, and then my



Paul Heffernan with his children's books at his Tararu studio.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

friend Bruce and Kathy my wife said 'come on Heff you need to get cracking and write your stories because you're going to shuffle off the planet soon mate'."

Mr Heffernan said his books were inspired by British authors Roald Dahl and David

Walliams, and British illustrator Quentin Blake.

Being an independent publisher meant he could decide on the content of each book.

"It's very hard to get a publisher because they've got around 300 submissions coming across their desk each day

and then it will take up to 18 months to do a book," he said. "I haven't got 18 months - I can get six books out in that time, and that's what I did and I want to shoot the stories out there and give people a chuckle.

"*Robert the Polar Bear* for instance has polar bear facts

like polar bears like online shopping, and not many people know that, and I had one lady say 'you can't say that', I said 'yes I can, it's my book therefore I can decide the content'."

Mr Heffernan said his books were available at Carson's Bookshop in Thames, on his website, at local art galleries, Thames Library and he has also promoted his books at Moanataiari School.

"When you're self-publishing, it's all up to you. You get your first initial rush of friends buying your book, then there's a big drying off period because they've bought the book and then you need to advertise," he said.

"I've done some advertising on Facebook and nothing happened there but I think my best market will be visiting schools.

"I've done that once or twice and that was highly successful, the pupils had a ball and we all had a rocking good time.

"Usually I wear a polar bear suit and that sets the scene to promote *Robert the Polar Bear*."

Mr Heffernan said he planned to visit more schools in Thames and Auckland to promote his books, and he also planned to publish a new book titled *Roger Jolly the Pirate* early next year.

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School ball funded by dog biscuits

By GORDON PREECE

Five Goldfields School senior students have made and sold dog treats this year to raise funds for the school ball.

Teacher Anna Walters told *The Profile* the project was part of the school's Young Enterprise Scheme, which involved its senior students developing a business idea for when they leave school.

"We've done [dog treats] for a few years and it's a really good way to keep the students cooking, and it's a healthy treat and most of our young people and whānau have animals," she said.

"The money that we raise from it goes towards the school camp which is held every two years and for our school ball this year, which is for the students over 16."

Anna couldn't say how many dog treats had been sold but said students continuing to make more would suggest "quite a lot" had been sold.

"You can always smell the dog biscuits on a Thursday in the staff room, they actually smell really nice and they're actually edible for humans," she said.

Teacher Todd Robinson, who led the five students in the dog treats production, said they were made from ingredients such as oats and peanut butter and were baked before being kneaded and cut with cookie cutters.

Anna said the school ball was set to be held on November 10 at Falls Retreat in Waikino, and hoped dog treats would continue



Goldfields students Ella Collis, left and Amy West with a basket of dog treats.

Photo: SUPPLIED

to be sold up until the date.

"The ball is just a fun, nice, sit down meal, all the students get dressed up and there's a disco and they absolutely love it, and the local businesses support us really well," she said.

Anna said the remaining funds from the dog treat sales would go

towards the school camp set to be held next year. "The school camp is certainly a massive financial intake so we're looking at raising lots and lots of money... last year we went to Waihi Beach and the year before we went to Rotorua," she said. "It's always been popular and perhaps what a lot

of people don't seem to realise is that a lot of our students don't go away for weekends or nights very often, so for them to go and have a sleepover with their mates is massive."

DETAILS: The dog treats cost \$3 a bag or \$10 for four bags. Orders and enquiries to: todd@gfs.school.nz.

In Brief

BLUES TOUR IN THAMES

Kicking off his 35-date, six week Aotearoa tour, Grant Haua returns to the local stage after time in Europe, which included a live television concert at the Rockpalast in Germany, as well as a number of festival shows in the Northern Hemisphere. He will be visiting Thames over Labour Weekend for an afternoon ticketed show at The Back Room. Gig starts at 4pm on Monday, October 24. Tickets available at Lotus Realm or on www.eventfinda.co.nz.

SOUP BIZ GOES REGIONAL

Paeroa College student Hamish Buchanan and his freeze-dried AstroSoup business (*Valley Profile*, October 5), has made it through to the Young Enterprise Scheme Waikato regional finals, which will be held on November 1. The national awards will be on December 6.

XTERRA TRAIL CHALLENGE CANCELLED

A significant slip and rockfall on an essential track between Karangahake Gorge and Dickey's Flat has caused the 2022 Xterra Trail Challenge Waihi to be cancelled. The event was set to take place on November 19 and organisers had hoped the track could be repaired but were told by the Department of Conservation that track repairs would go later than November. The event has been rescheduled to November 18, 2023.



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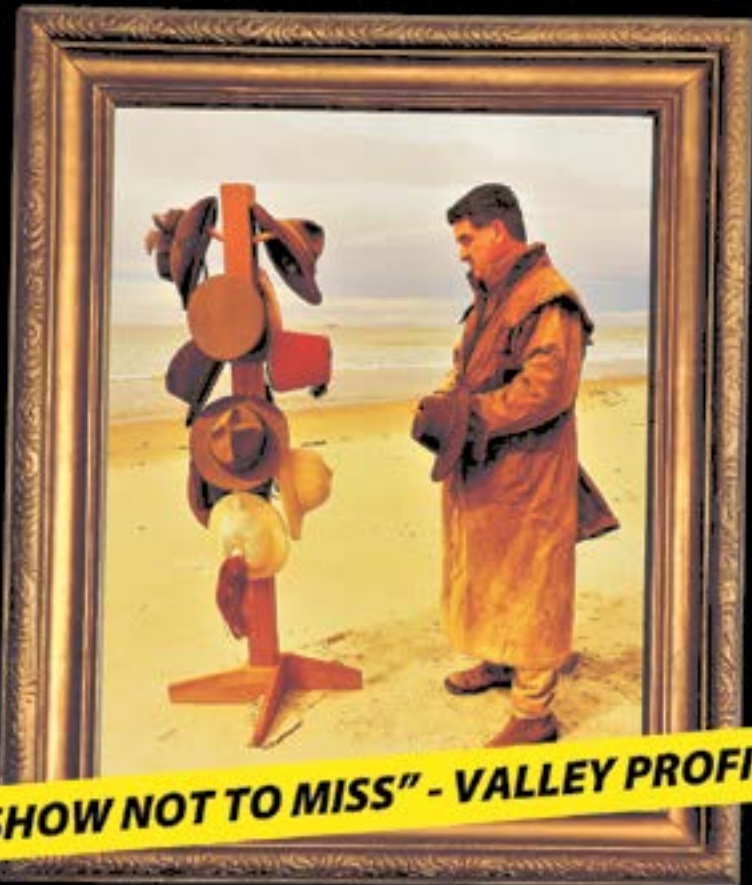
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Paeroa MenzShed gears up for action

By GORDON PREECE

Tools will clatter at Paeroa MenzShed once a week after a raft of community support to spruce up the organisation's space.

Vice chairman Alan Hughes told *The Profile* the sprucing by its members began in February after the organisation was given the use of an old shearing shed at Paeroa's former racecourse by its developers Wayne and Chloe Wright.

"It had stages in it and part of the floor was a dead floor so we had to take the staging out and dig the floor out," he said.

"We started digging it by hand but it was going to be a major job so we needed a contractor to do it so JA Lynch offered to do it for us."

Alan said the spoil removal was paid for by JA Lynch Contractors and HG Leach & Co, and Mr Wright also donated resources for the site.

"Corrie Leach rang me and said he would send a truck to lay gravel for us for a driveway, and they donated three trucks full of metal," he said.

"Wayne then got a contractor to layer the concrete floor [inside the shed] for us at his expense."

Alan said Paeroa MenzShed members also applied themselves to weatherproof the shed, fix the doors and check



Paeroa MenzShed vice chairman Alan Hughes, left, secretary and treasurer Ross Cox, and member Paul Maurice.

Photo: GORDON PREECE

the power, and along with the wider community donated tools and equipment including workbenches, table saws and a spindle moulder. "It's very pleasing, without the generosity we certainly wouldn't be in the position we are now to look at making an open day at all," he said.

Paeroa MenzShed held its first open day on October 13 and Alan said it planned to reopen each week on Thursdays between 9:30am and 12:30pm. "Hopefully we get a good crowd of visitors that will come along and assist with anything they're capable of or if anyone wants to come along

and do something small themselves we can help them out with that too," he said.

"MenzShed is a community place for not only males but also females to come and socialise and do projects for themselves or if there's any community projects they want us to be involved

with, they can do those things as well."

Alan said dates and times for open days could change to cater for members' availability.

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Information officer Michael Tansey said the centre was rebuilding after the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"[Covid-19] killed us... but I'm very lucky I have a council that had enough foresight to understand that Covid, although it was an absolute nightmare, it wasn't going to be here forever," he said.

"It's also given us the opportunity to look at ourselves and reassess and reprioritise what we're doing.

"We've still got a way to go before we're anywhere near to what we had prior to Covid, but we've got to thank our own local visitors from New Zealand that have really stepped up to the mark when we didn't have overseas visitors."

Michael said the hub was warmly welcom-

ing the return of international visitors.

"It's our job to be good hosts and to show people as much as possible," he said.

"Our claim to fame now is the Hauraki Rail Trail and Paeroa in itself is becoming a destination.

"I have a group coming from Canada in February and they're basing themselves in Paeroa purely for their ability to ride the rail trail."

Michael also encouraged locals to continue visiting the centre for assistance.

"It's the passion of the local people wanting to sell their local area that you're not going to get from an online search," he said.

"I would like as many people that are in Paeroa and the greater area to visit us and see what we've got, we'd like to be in a position to start offering local products to the local people.

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Boe Leach, left, Zayden Barry, and Blake Leach display their threaded yarn artworks.

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Hemi Vaimagalo, left, Sena Hayashi, and Joseph Gurnick display their origami.



Tandri McHaffie, left, and Macy Cameron tuck into their chocolate mug cakes.



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Love YOUR HOME

Glass artist relocates, renovates home and studio

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

Now that Jenny McLeod has moved to Thames, living above the renovated gallery which will soon showcase her glass art, she's reached the "finale" of finding the perfect lifestyle.

For 19 years, she and her family have resided in Henderson, West Auckland, and she has been making glass art which she supplies to galleries across the country.

But with an eye on the future - and a dose of fearlessness - she has decided to move her studio to the main street of Thames and operate a retail store for the first time.

"We were looking at all sorts of real estate. In our minds, we wanted to work and live in the same place, and for a lot of the time we were imagining being more rural, but we needed it to be where people could find us," she told *The Profile*.

"I was doing some Google searches and for some reason, I came across a property down the road. I'd never imagined a main street anything, but that planted the seed."

Jenny and her partner Peter Bell put offers in for several



Jenny McLeod is moving her glass art studio to a renovated building along Thames' main street.

Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

places, but after speaking with Bounty store owner Fiona Cameron, they set their sights on 644 Pollen St, which was formerly Nectar.

"They were not on the market, so it seemed a bit weird

and I was scared, but we had nothing to lose by asking," Jenny said. "After one visit, we bravely negotiated a private sale."

They moved into the 1896 building in January this year,

and started the renovations at once.

The property boasts three bedrooms, a living/dining area, and small kitchen on the upper level, and two shops downstairs, which Jenny and Peter

have converted into the gallery and studio, which will house two electric kilns.

They've had to install new windows, a modern bathroom, feature lighting, and fix the sloping floorboards, among other things.

Throughout the whole process, Jenny and Peter have re-used materials and have honed their skills in upcycling.

"The very first time we were here, Peter was pulling wallpaper off the wall," Jenny said. "He's actually a really big part of the glass making now, and he's really proud of it too."

"I never would have taken on a building like this if it wasn't for him."

Like many emerging artists, when Jenny was just starting to make glass creations, she had to borrow money from her parents. She also secured a grant to buy her first kiln.

"And I had a million part-time jobs," she said. "I was glass making during the day and working at a movie theatre during the night."

She was, and continues to be, attracted to the challenges the medium presented, and said she was "excited but scared" to relocate her studio

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Stromanthe Triostar, left, with gorgeous pink and green foliage is a stunning choice for your home; and Cordylines Electric Flash and Electric Star will brighten the duller part of your outdoor living space.

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Glass artist renovates home and studio

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to Thames.

But with her son Hunter moving down ahead of starting at Thames High School next year, and with familiar sights like Thames Hospital - where Jenny was born - right outside her back door, the fear has made way for anticipation.

"I know I'm never going to make a lot of money, and that doesn't matter. I'm doing a job that I love and this step, moving into this building, is the finale of 'lifestyle'," she said.

"We're really looking forward to that lifestyle change of being able to come downstairs and just open the door."

Jenny's glass art studio will be opening "as soon as possible", once the necessary renovations are complete. To follow the process, find Jenny McLeod Glass on Facebook.



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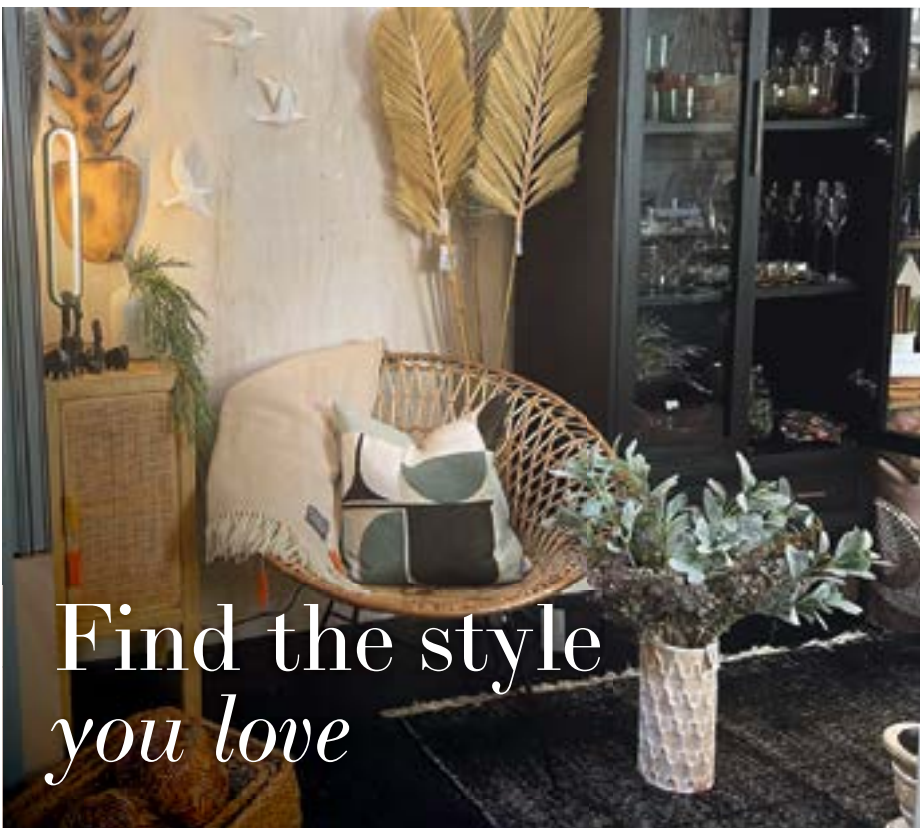
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Emissions reduction plan slammed

By GORDON PREECE

“The straw that broke the camel’s back” is how a local farming spokesperson describes a recently-announced government proposal to reduce agricultural emissions.

The “world-first” plan, announced by the government on October 11 and currently open for consultation, will make farmers pay for their emissions from 2025 to meet government agricultural methane reduction targets by 2030.

Hauraki-Coromandel Federated Farmers president Robert Craw told *The Profile* the government plan would be “the straw that broke the camel’s back” for many farmers in the area and may cause them to abandon farming.

“It would be devastating. The rural communities at the moment are struggling to hold it together anyway and are becoming more and more isolated due to logistical issues,” he said.

“If this was to unfold the way [of the] worst case scenario of more families exiting rural communities, you’re going to lose the fight against pine trees [replacing farmland], that’s where it would go.”

Federated Farmers said the plan aimed to reduce sheep and beef farming in New Zealand by 20 per cent and dairy farming by five per cent to achieve greenhouse gas emissions targets.

“Any remaining dry stock farms will pretty much go out of business, I’m not 100 per cent sure how the dairy guys would be poised to absorb that cost, but it’s just detrimental to the industries across the board,” Mr Craw said.

“We’re already the most efficient farmers in the world yet we’re going to be the ones who are going to get hammered through this and we’re going to lose our market share, and we’re



Forestry replacing Hauraki-Coromandel farms could now be “a reality”, Fed Farmers says. File Photo: UNSPLASH

never going to get them back, which is hugely concerning.

“We’ll lose that production to countries who are producing food at a far greater carbon footprint to us and far less efficiently than us.”

The government said it accepted most of the recommendations made by the He Waka Eke Noa Partnership, which included government departments, iwi, Māori and primary sector organisations like Federated Farmers.

The government also incorporated feedback from the Climate Change Commission.

According to the consultation document, Te tātai utu o ngā tukunga ahuwheua - Pricing Agricultural Emissions, the He Waka Eke Noa partnership was

established in 2020 to take action to reduce agricultural emissions and support the transition to farm-level emissions pricing from 2025.

But some recommendations, which included farmers setting their own emission prices, was rejected by the government.

Mr Craw said the decision was “frustrating from a Federated Farmers point of view”.

“This reaction from the government pretty much takes away all the good stuff that was making [the plan] workable and kicking that to the curb and adding some more nasty stuff which makes the whole thing unworkable,” he said.

“The concern is who is going to set the emission pricing now.

If they can put a group together of the industry bodies that can come up with a tangible calculation to set those pricings then we could look at accepting that.

“But if the government’s going to pull a number out and slap that on the table then that’s very concerning.”

According to the consultation document, the decision was made to ensure levy rates were more aligned with emissions pricing for the broader economy of emission reduction targets in New Zealand.

The final decision on levy prices would be informed by advice from the Climate Change Commission and set following consultation with iwi, Māori and the agriculture sector, the document

said.

The recommendation for farmers being financially rewarded for on-farm sequestration, such as planting trees next to rivers, was also not put forward by the government.

According to the consultation document, the government proposed an alternative pathway to recognise sequestration with a short-term solution that could recognise additional vegetation on farms in 2025, which will transition to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme.

Mr Craw said the move was a “big concern” and that forestry replacing Hauraki-Coromandel farms could now be “a reality”.

“We’re the only country in the world that allows 100 per cent offsetting, and that’s why we’re having a lot of forestation,” he said.

“The worst part about all this is when you speak to the guys who are crunching the numbers, we’re already on this road of improvement, it’s been happening for years, we’re getting better and better at it and our trajectory is looking really good.

“There’s been a lot of planting going on, there’s been a lot of land retirement and genetics as well, but there’s no silver bullet... there’s a lot of little things that all go hand in hand to improve or reduce our emission output.”

Consultation for the plan closes on November 18 and once submissions are considered, final proposals will go to ministers for approval next year.

“There’s going to be some backlash coming, I can assure you of that, this is only the start of the process and when you’ve got a bunch of farmers who are ticked off, you’re going to see some reactions pretty quick,” Mr Craw said.

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Rural Life

Riders wanted for fundraiser

By GORDON PREECE

Kaihere and its nearby rural communities are being encouraged to saddle up for a horse trek fundraiser through farmland and forestry hosted by Kaihere School PTA on November 26.

PTA member Clare Ward told *The Profile* the fundraiser aimed to raise funds to employ one of the school's junior room teachers for additional hours.

"The Kaihere School PTA hopes to raise funds to support additional hours for the schools junior teacher above what is funded by the Ministry of Education," she said.

"This enables increased learning opportunities, differentiation and consistency for our tamariki."

Clare said the PTA hoped a maximum of 100 people would participate in the event.

Those taking part needed their own horse and a \$60 entrance fee, she said.

The trek would depart from Patetonga Speedway on Waikaka Rd 10am and end at the same place at 3pm.

"We'll be going from Waikaka Rd in Patetonga, up through the forestry and then we'll come out on another farm on Top Rd," she said.



Brad and Rebecca Johnson will lead the horse trek on November 26.

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"Then we'll head back to Waikaka Rd, we'll be on top of the ridge in the forestry so hopefully we'll get some nice views from the top."

"There is also a stop for lunch at 12pm, and at 3pm there is a

sausage sizzle with cold drinks available to purchase.

"At 3:30pm we're going to have a raffle draw," she said.

Clare said riders needed to bring their own lunch.

Details: Kaihere School Fund-

raiser Horse Trek, November 26, 10am to 3pm, start and finish at Patetonga Speedway on Waikaka Rd, must bring own lunch and horse with good feet, \$60 entry, email clarew@kaihere.school.nz for a registration form.

'Get Kiwis on Farm' initiative returns

Federated Farmers and the Ministry of Social Development have announced another round of support for the "Get Kiwis on Farm" project, one of the government's most successful worker placement Covid-19 initiatives.

The programme started in 2020 and to date has helped 605 people get jobs in farming.

MSD Industry Partnerships provides \$323,000 of funding for 100 starter kits, to get the right gear in the hands of wannabe farm workers, and it also goes towards support with recruitment and pastoral care for those people.

New recruits get free farm and wet weather gear, and there are dairy farm and general farm starter kits for arable, sheep and beef, and deer workers.

Recruits also receive pastoral care and the first year of a Young Farmers membership free. The employer gets the price of the employment contract refunded and opportunity to apply for the flexi-wage subsidy.

Federated Farmers employment relations spokesperson Richard McIntyre thanked MSD for their ongoing contribution to the initiative.

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Treating your pet's itchy, scratchy summer skin



By Dr Ivan Petch
BVSc

With summer coming and the weather warming up, we now start seeing a lot more skin-related issues.

The skin has many roles including protecting against physical environmental damage as well as immunity to reduce the risk of bacterial infection.

Thermoregulation or temperature control is also an important function, as is hydration. Cats and dogs do not have sweat glands and pant to cool down so excessive water loss through unhealthy skin can cause problems.

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Skin allergies are very prevalent in cats and dogs with the number one allergy being fleas. These start an itch-scratch cycle and deeper infections which can lead to pyoderma (hot spots) and folliculitis.

Fleas can be controlled by a range of very effective flea products. These need to be used regularly and all household pets need to be treated at the same time, as fleas are very adept at transferring from one animal to another.

Many animals that are sensitive to



A hot spot on a dog's tail.

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one allergen often have multiple allergies such as pollens, grasses, or food allergies. These allergies will be present for the whole of a pet's life, however, can be controlled. Food allergies can be eliminated by using prescription diets available from your vets that have hydrolysed protein that the animal doesn't recognise as a specific allergen.

Unfortunately, if your pet has a food allergy, even a small treat of the allergenic food can cause skin inflammation.

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Community policing as it used to be



By **RON AGNEW**

In the 1970s the country was different. Thames was different and policing was different.

One couldn't walk down Polen St in those days without meeting locals and having to stop and chat about the state of things and catching up with the activities of each one.

The police were different; being told on graduation from the New Zealand Police Training School at Trentham that they were paid to be on duty as required, and their warrant was valid 24 hours each day at work or at rest, and to respond to crime at any time in their life.

Thames and other towns were served extremely well by their police, who responded to incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week with only



Former Thames Police officer Ron Agnew says policing has changed a lot since the 1970s. Photos: SUPPLIED

five staff and one receptionist having to take and respond to calls overnight, every night, as the station phone was diverted to the home number; and still having to be back at work at 8am the following morning!

The old brick station at 730 Queen st (now a private home) was open to all; and although our Scottish receptionist, Betty Rosoman, occupied the first office on the left, many who

knew the policemen could walk past her and straight into another office, looking for Ron or Dave White, Gary Kitson, Sel Hunter or myself. These were some of the finest and most dedicated policemen I have ever met. Many came back in on their days off to finish a case they felt strongly about.

The station was a lovely old two-storey building with a large fireplace in each room,

but very cold in winter. There were old stables out the back, from when constables rode horses to get about up the coast or south past Kōpū.

The constables lived in rooms upstairs, until walls were removed and it became a social area with a bar and pool table, and was enjoyed by not only the police, but many locals also on social nights.

The sergeant lived in the

house behind, and the old Thames courthouse was right next door, where the Supported Life Style Hauraki Trust is now. There was only one police car, an old police grey Holden Belmont, a manual car with a small red flashing light on the roof.

The government, years earlier, had taken the use of sirens from the police, I had heard for improper use in the old days. But we had a loud speaker behind the grill of the car and found that holding the portable microphone out the car window created a similar siren effect.

Many locals came out patrolling with us, because we worked alone mostly. They were classed as Civil Defence Police and were very motivated and great value. When we took a driver back to the station to interview or arrest, they would often search the car and find all sorts - bags of drugs, knives, bayonets, baseball bats, stolen items etc.

Each constable also had to take on a responsibility for a local response in Land Search and Rescue, Marine Search and Rescue, and later Neighbourhood Watch and Victim Support. Things have certainly changed a lot in life from those free and easy days.

- Ron Agnew is a former Thames Police officer

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Hauraki house prices, sales fall

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

A drop in Hauraki house prices compared to the same time last year doesn't mean the market is in for any significant change, a local realtor has said. Instead, September data released from the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ), showing the Hauraki district having the biggest year-on-year fall in price within the Waikato - from \$630,000 to \$555,000 - highlights the different properties being sold.

"The properties that have sold, especially between last September to this September, have been different types of properties," Richardsons Real Estate Paeroa and Ngatea branch manager Rhys Carmichael said.

"Back then, there were a few higher-end properties selling which lifted the medians, however in the last few months, the majority of properties selling have been properties in the middle of the market," he said. "That naturally has changed the [median] price."

"Now, if I was looking at the market as a whole, we haven't really seen the property prices shift much. It's more about the time to sell a property that is taking longer."

According to the REINZ September data, it takes on average 54 days to sell a property, four days longer than August findings, and longer than the 10-year September average of 39 days.



According to the latest REINZ data, it now takes on average 54 days to sell a property in the Waikato. Photo: KELLEY TANTAU

"Six months ago, buyers were trying to get their hands on anything," Rhys said. "Whereas now, with more listings available, buyers have more choice and the time to compare properties, as there isn't the same sense of urgency that we saw in the peak of the market."

Overall, it was crucial for sellers to understand the local market and be realistic when listing a property, Rhys said.

"There are some listings that have been given overinflated price expectations which has resulted in these properties sitting on the market, so more than ever it is important to ensure your property is priced competitively in comparison to other properties for sale."

"It is equally important to have a local agent, who lives in and understands our local market," he said.

The REINZ data also showed that year-on-year double-digit sales drops were recorded in Hauraki, with a decrease of 19 per cent. The Thames-Coromandel district however, was bucking the trend, with double-digit sales increasing by 42.5 per cent.

REINZ regional director Neville Falconer said in Thames, vendors' price expectations were still above market value, but some were starting to get more realistic as their property sat on the market for longer.



ENTERTAINMENT

Songwriters to perform

Three Waihi songwriters will take to the Waihi Drama Society stage on October 29 to perform songs they have written during Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns.

Singer Sarah Spicer has been collaborating with producer Liam Ryan on new songs in his Waihi studio, including a series of musical positive "Affirmations".

Waikato's Amir Yussuf has produced a new single *Hey God* with Liam Ryan, which was released in July. The concert will feature their new songs along with some of their top hits like Sarah's *Mr Johnson* and Liam's *Narcs Heart and Soul*.

The trio will be accompanied

by Leith Milson on double bass.

"We are fortunate to have created our musical whanau here in Waihi, Ryan said.

"We have all worked internationally as musicians but to have found each other in this small town has been a blessing. We can't wait to play our new music to a local audience and in our own local theatre".

Sarah Spicer will be on guitar and vocals, Liam Ryan keyboards and vocals, and Amir Yussuf vocals, guitar and percussion, with Leith Milson, bass.

TICKETS: \$25 available from www.waihidramasociety.co.nz. Boyd Road Theatre, Waihi, October at 8pm. (Bar open from 7pm).



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SPORTS

Tennis club plans to bounce back

By GORDON PREECE

The Paeroa Tennis and Squash Club is encouraging more community involvement in the sports after two years of Covid-19 faults.

Committee member Shane Mitchell told *The Profile* membership and tennis activity at the club had “taken a hammering” due to Covid-19 and he encouraged the public to become involved to keep active and potentially boost membership.

“The first step is we could look at membership, community involvement and getting people connected, and the easiest way to do that was create an open day,” he said.

The club held an open day on October 9, which was attended by around 15 children and 10 adults, who were able to see what the club looked like and what it could offer, he said.

“They absolutely loved it. It wasn’t just about hitting the ball, it was reaction skills and all those things and there were also fun team-building games.”

Shane encouraged more people to attend open days the club planned to hold and participate in a team tennis social event held on Monday nights.

“It’s really taken off... this year we are fully stacked with 24 teams in all divisions with four people running every Monday night, which is just brilliant,” he said.

Shane said the club had also



Around 25 people attended the Paeroa Tennis and Squash Club open day on October 9. Photo: SUPPLIED

partnered with tennis coach Sven van Touw, who directed a regional initiative called Core Tennis to re-energise tennis clubs in Paeroa, Waihi, Waihi Beach and Katikati.

Sven said he established Core Tennis after he noticed tennis in the area was organised differently compared to his homeland in The Netherlands.

“We need to make the tennis courts more attractive to our communities again, and one of the core issues we have at the moment in small towns is we

don’t have a whole lot of people,” he said.

“It wasn’t worth it for clubs to organise a lot because there weren’t a lot of people attending so it sort of headed into a downward spiral, organising less and less engagement.”

“What I’m trying to build up here with those four clubs is a stronger base where people can have a much wider community of tennis players to play with and then we could get more engagement, activity, and draw more people in as well.”

Sven said he also offered coaching at the four clubs to promote “stronger interaction” between coaching and competition.

“Anyone who participates in coaching, I will try and offer them opportunities to have competitive play at their club or other clubs,” he said.

“Tennis is one of those sports for life, it’s a very balanced opportunity, it’s very healthy for you, it’s quite complex to learn, but it’s also known to be an extremely rewarding sport.”

Monologues to be heard

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

Mark Wright is reigniting his one-man play, *The Galipoli Monologues*, to coincide with Armistice Day and Steam-punk The Thames’ CircusPunk celebrations.

Hosted by Thames Music and Drama, the show will be performed at the Tararu Cultural Centre on Friday, November 11 at 7.30pm, and Saturday, November 12 at 3.30pm and 7.30pm.

Mark earlier told *The Profile* that he wanted the piece to be “engaging and entertaining, but also historical”.

“It’s putting humanity back into the facts and the figures. When you’ve got someone on-stage, live, speaking as a character as if they’re there, I think it brings it home because people can relate.”

Mark is an accomplished improviser and said the one-man play contained nine monologues based on different characters, symbolised by him changing hats throughout the production.

“[The play] is a bit of a roller coaster of emotions. Obviously, we’re dealing with a massive tragedy that has a massive impact on New Zealand to this day,” he said. “The people are gone but the families live on, and it’s important to keep the memories alive.”

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Waihi 'palatial edifice' planned



As part of a Valley Profile series, **MEGHAN HAWKES** searches through old newspapers to bring you the stories Thames Valley locals once read about themselves.

1881

At the newly surveyed township of Waihi nearly all the sites had been leased and liquor licenses granted to enterprising capitalists who were building hotels for the accommodation of visitors.

Plans and specifications were prepared for an imposing structure to be called the Waihi Hotel, and it was rumoured that Mr C Curtis, of Thames celebrity, contemplated erecting a palatial edifice, which, for size and comfort, would eclipse anything of the kind built in the North Island. At present there was no getting a meal, let alone a bed, nearer than Owharoa which was six miles distant from the mines.

The first omnibus from Paeroa to Shortland was driven by George Parker. He left at 6am with four passengers and reached Hikutaia in fifty minutes despite the road running through rough swamp in places. The bus drew up in front of the Shortland Hotel shortly after 9am, the journey being accomplished in a little over three hours, including some stoppages. Mr Parker believed his return to Paeroa would take about 2.5 hours but he didn't attempt it for



Owharoa Falls in the Karangahake Gorge.

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a few days. The state of local roads incensed Mr Alley of Hikutaia who described them as badly constructed patchwork. There were poorly-built culverts through the Karangahake Gorge and across the Waihi Plains. The road to the Hikutaia Bridge was mostly swamp crossings filled in with a little earth, forming a narrow passage for man and horse to cross in single file and in winter those crossings became nearly impassable.

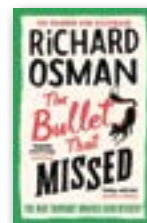
The County Chairman was a 'genius' who got his workmen to fill up the soft spongy portions with pulpy cabbage tree, fern or manuka scrub instead of stone. As well as filling up bogs annually with vegetable matter, the Chairman was organising very bold schemes declared Mr Alley. He wanted to form a railway to the moon, construct a bridge across the Waihou River, and run a railway up to Mr Bagnall's Turua sawmills.

Mrs Hampson, evangelist, held an open air meeting in a paddock adjoining Thames' Wesleyan Church which was attended by between two and three thousand people.

Long before the start of the service people were seen wending their way to the meeting and by the time Mrs Hampson arrived almost every available spot of sitting and standing room was taken up. Many climbed on to the roof of a house, and others perched in trees.

After the service Mrs Hampson requested all those who had benefited by her ministrations to step into the church and the building was immediately filled. During her mission at Thames, Mrs Hampson had a most extraordinary effect on the minds of the people. She later announced she was to take a short season of rest, as the services at Thames had been a severe strain on her.

BOOK REVIEWS



The Bullet that Missed, by Richard Osman

If you haven't met the Thursday Murder Club yet it's worth while doing so. If you have, you'll be eager for the third instalment and it doesn't disappoint. The Thursday Murder Club members all live at a retirement village and meet each week before the French class. Innocent retirees or sleuths to be reckoned with? An unlikely mix of characters with Elizabeth being a former MI6 operative who still has connections, Joyce who likes to bake and dabble in cryptocurrencies, Ron is an ex union boss and then there is Ibrahim a psychiatrist, and Bogdan who is a bit mysterious. Be prepared for a hilarious ride as these crime solvers put their lives on the line to solve cold case murders involving the KGB and other dodgy characters.

Exiles (#3 Aaron Falk), by Jane Harper

My favourite Aussie mystery writer returns with another "who done it" page turner. At a busy festival site on a warm spring night, a baby lies alone in her pram, her mother vanishing into the crowds. A year on, Kim Gillespie's absence casts a long shadow as her friends and loved ones gather deep in the heart of South Australian wine country to welcome a new addition to the family. Joining the celebrations is federal investigator Aaron Falk. But as he soaks up life in the lush valley, he begins to suspect this tight-knit group may be more fractured than it seems. Between Falk's closest friend, a missing mother, and a woman he's drawn to, dark questions linger as long-ago truths begin to emerge. The best of Aussie outback crime.



The Breach: The Untold Story of the Investigation into January 6th, by Denver Riggleman

Make no mistake: modern information warfare is here and January 6 was just the first battle. That day, an unhinged mind-set led to an attack on the Capitol, the most serious assault on American democracy since the end of the Civil War. And that thinking portends even darker days ahead. In *The Breach*, a former House Republican and the first member of Congress to sound the alarm about QAnon, Denver Riggleman, provides readers with an unprecedented behind-the-scenes look at the January 6 select committee's investigation. Riggleman, who joined the committee as senior technical advisor, lays out the full intent and scope of the plot to overturn the election. The book includes previously unpublished texts from key political leaders.

Wawata - Moon Dreaming, by Hinemoa Elder

Wawata is the follow-up to Hinemoa Elder's best seller *Aroha*. The Māori moon goddess Hina has 30 different faces to help illuminate life's lessons - a different face and a different energy for each day of the month and with her changing light, new insights are revealed. This book leads the reader through a full cycle of the moon, to consider 30 aspects of life. This book connects to the ancient wisdom of the old people and their reminders are a source of strength in our modern world.



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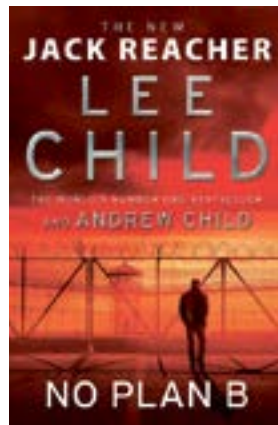


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Foodies



A decadent truffled mushroom risotto topped with a soft-poached egg, left, with ingredients, right. Photos: SUPPLIED

Truffled mushroom risotto

RECIPE

This is a decadent and delicious dish - forget your hips for this one!
- Supplied by Providence Pantry

INGREDIENTS

- 1 onion, finely diced
- 4-5 cloves of garlic, finely diced
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- ½ cup Verjuice, The Vine Co. Riesling
- 2 cups Ferron Carnaroli arborio rice
- 3 teaspoons Sabato Porcini stock powder
- ½ cup grated Parmigiano Reggiano
- Butter
- ½ chopped parsley
- ½ cup shaved Parmigiano Reggiano to garnish
- Olive oil

Seasoning - salt and pepper
Truffle oil

METHOD

In a pan heat two tablespoons of olive oil then add one teaspoon of butter, the mushrooms and half the garlic until soft. Season to taste, then set aside.
Add three teaspoons of Sabato Porcini stock powder to 1 litre boiling water. In a saucepan heat three tablespoons of olive oil and one teaspoon of butter, add the diced onion, remaining garlic and half a teaspoon of salt, cook until translucent, no colour.
Then add the rice, constantly stirring to coat all the grains - this process is called 'tostura' and will take about four or five minutes.
Deglaze with the Verjuice. Cook out

until the liquid has been absorbed.
Add two ladles of stock and stir continually and gently, this will start to build the creamy texture as the rice swells.
As the liquid is adsorbed, add another two ladles of stock. Continue this process until your risotto is cooked.
Add your mushrooms you prepared earlier.
The ideal risotto rice texture is "el dente" - a slight bite but totally creamy.
For the magical finale, stir in the grated parmigiano Reggiano, two teaspoons of butter and half a cup of chopped parsley. To finish drizzle with Truffle Oil. Check seasoning, serve with shaved parmesan and flat leaf parsley.
PS: a soft poached egg on top is gorgeous!

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The excavated stream. INSET: Forty eight dead eels were found in the excavated stream. Photos: SUPPLIED

Fines for damaging stream

A farming company and an earthworks contractor have been convicted and fined a total of \$76,500 for unlawfully excavating a north Waikato stream.

Gregan Farms Ltd and Steve Barker Limited were fined \$31,500 and \$45,000 respectively by District Court Judge Melinda Dickey in Hamilton recently.

They were each convicted on a single charge in respect of damaging nearly 1400 metres of a tributary of the

Waitakaruru River in February 2021. The case was taken by environmental regulator, Waikato Regional Council, following a complaint by a member of the public.

The subsequent council inspection discovered extensive damage to the stream, including 48 dead eels and significant sediment deposits into the water course.

"This behaviour is very disappointing," council's regional compliance manager Patrick Lynch said.

"The contractor in this case has 40 years' experience in the earthworks industry. Working around water courses without causing undue damage, and knowing the environmental regulations that apply, should be bread and butter for him.

"Many will see the fish kill in this instance as quite distressing and certainly not what we are aiming for in caring for our waterways," Mr Lynch said.

"The damage done here will take some time to remediate."

ENTERTAINMENT

Final free concert

Thames Citizens' Band will perform Thames Music Group's final show on October 28.

The band, which is now 153 years old, will be conducted by Linden Moyle and includes talented local musicians. It emerges from the constraints of Covid 19 to present a programme of band music for the thrill and enjoyment of our local audiences. "Playing blown instruments with a mask on is impossible," Mr Moyle said. "However, as always, Thames Citizens' Band does what it can

with what it has – tolerant and supportive people".

This year the theme of the band's concert is "inclusiveness". Every piece is of a different genre, time, style and instrumentation and includes, amongst other items, a fly, a wordless song, some improvising and a few pleasant surprises: something for everyone and every one worth hearing.

DETAILS: Free Lunchtime concert Friday 28th October at 12.15pm, St Georges Church Thames. Enjoy Soup and a bun after the concert for \$5



The Thames Citizens' Band.

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BOWLS

After a good turnout for their Have a Go Day on September 17, it was pleasing to have 12 teams registered for the inaugural Paeroa Bowling Clubs Twilight Tournament for non-bowlers, which started October 7 and runs for 6 weeks.

Twelve teams were entered including Karangahake School, Paeroa Upholstery, Golf Club, Longridge retirement Village, Police, Richardson's Real Estate, Franklin Vets, and four teams made up from individuals.

Easy Money and Shafa come to mind as individual teams

turning in good results as well as Karangahake School and Richardsons.

Teams played two matches of six ends and with all players being classed as non-bowlers, huge improvements were made over the evening with games getting extremely competitive but also played in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Round two of the competition was continued on Friday starting at 5.30pm with points for matches played accumulating until the final night on November 11.

Meat packs, supplied by Burton's Butchery, get drawn

each Friday as a random draw adding to the festive atmosphere of the evening.

September 30 saw the first Open Triples Tournament of the year sponsored by Build Link and David Buchanan was contested with 16 teams from around the area competing.

Unfortunately, rain washed the afternoon session out so only two matches were played, winners being a composite team skipped by Peter Glass from the Kerepehi Club.

Paeroa Bowling Club's next Open Tournament will be held on October 26 sponsored by Richardson's Real Estate.

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Waihi, Waikino	Friday 28 October	Rubbish bags only
Paeroa, Karangahake, Mackaytown	Friday 28 October	Rubbish bags and all recycling

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13 Has (4)

14 Sincere (7)

18 Talked terms (10)

20 Highest point (4)

23 Ore test (5)

24 Terrains (anag)(8)

26 Firm smooth cheese (7)

28 Fuel gas (7)

30 Furrow (6)

31 Cotton fabric (6)

32 Intelligent (6)

35 Unable to relax (5)

37 Sculpt (5)

38 Brass wind instrument (4)

40 Molten volcanic matter (4)

45 Jewish religious leader (5)

46 Fifth columnists (8)

47 Root vegetable (6)

48 Cotton crop pest (4-6)

49 Charges (4)

50 Answer (7)

51 Made well (6)

52 V-shaped cut (5)

54 Yours and mine (4)

55 Clumsy, ungainly (7)

56 Horse gait (6)

61 Poet-singer (10)

63 Motoring competition (5)

67 Jumping animal (8)

68 Yarn (4)

69 Cajole (7)

72 Gets (7)

73 Artist's workroom (6)

74 Two-piece beach outfit (6)

75 Seasoned dried sausage (6)

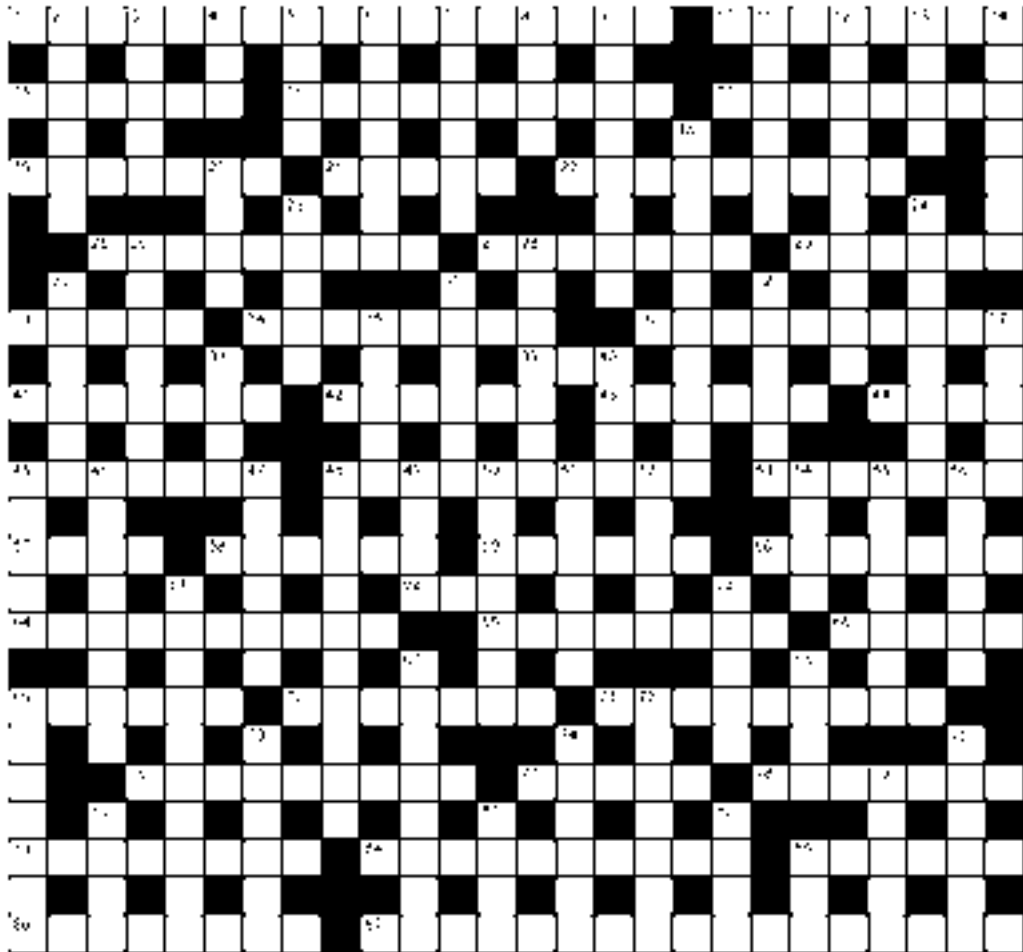
79 Private teacher (5)

80 Floating platform (4)

81 Aerofoil (4)

82 Deflated (4)

85 Fish egg mass (3)



PREVIOUS SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Run a tight ship, 8 Insist, 14 Swain, 15 Insomnia, 16 Rissole, 17 Trace, 18 Low, 19 Smitten, 21 Intensity, 22 Symbie, 25 Adolescent, 27 Verbatim, 28 Engage, 31 Magnum, 33 Guessed, 34 Nickel, 35 Smug, 37 Ivy, 39 Cage, 40 Neatest, 41 Sustained, 42 Schools, 43 Amethyst, 48 On the sly, 52 Saved up, 56 Miserable, 57 Look for, 58 Fake, 59 Ass, 60 Deal, 61 Warren, 62 Chateau, 63 Daring, 65 Skewer, 66 Schedule, 68 Threepence, 71 Dither, 72 Mint sauce, 74 Tsarina, 76 Fur, 79 Naive, 80 Tonight, 81 Au revoir, 83 Silly, 84 Meddle, 85 Ready, steady, go.

DOWN: 2 Unnamed, 3 About, 4 Inn, 5 Head, 6 Strengthened, 7 Issue, 8 Inertia, 9 Site, 10 Scanty, 11 Fable, 12 Entwine, 13 Horseradish, 14 Segment, 20 Easy money, 23 Sergeant, 24 Discuss, 26 Lenient, 27 Visits, 29 Almonds, 30 Lessen, 32 Alarm, 34 Nylon, 36 Giddy, 38 Bach, 43 Armed, 44 Enslave, 45 Hard, 46 Subway, 47 Avian, 48 Off guard, 49 Tiredness, 50 Enforce, 51 Liken, 52 Secrecy, 53 Discounting, 54 Please, 55 Domesticated, 64 Destiny, 65 Selfish, 67 Epistle, 69 Cunning, 70 Recipe, 71 Droll, 73 Argue, 75 Raved, 77 Held, 78 Bass, 82 Rue.

SPORTS

Valley out-scored by 'Butcher Boys'

HEARTLAND RUGBY

Showing greatly improved form, Thames Valley provided stern opposition for Whanganui in their Meads Cup semi-final at Whanganui last Saturday.

However, the Whanganui Butcher Boys out-scored the Swamp Foxes by 25 points to 18 and gained a place in the final against South Canterbury. The Valley limited Whanganui to three tries – one of which was highly questionable, as the ball did not appear to have been grounded correctly, but unfortunately no Television Match Official was in operation at this game.

At half time, Whanganui led 12-11 made up of a converted try from a "pick and go" plus the doubtful try. For Thames Valley, Todd Doolan had kicked two penalty goals and Ben Stephens scored an excellent try following a classic break by Harry Lafituanai.

After half time, the Swamp Foxes dominated the third quarter but no points were forth coming. At the 60-minute mark, Whanganui kicked a penalty goal to extend their lead to 15-11. Seven minutes later came the crunch point of the game when the Butcher Boys scored another converted try as the result of a strong drive from a lineout close to the Thames Valley line. To rub salt into Valley's wounds Whanganui's captain Dane Whale then drop-kicked a goal to give his team a 25-11 lead.

There were five minutes left on

the clock and the Swamp Foxes immediately went on to the attack. From a lineout, Lalea Mau Fangfangu made a strong run and a quick feed to Sam McCahon saw him cross for a try. Zak Stevens added the extra two points and at 18-25, the Swamp Foxes need a last minute converted try to even the score and go into extra time.

From the kick off, Valley ran the ball – first to the left and then to the right. Harry Lafituanai received the ball on the half way line and sped down the sideline bursting through several opponents before he was held up inside the Whanganui 22. The ball was turned over and the season ended for Thames Valley as it was immediately kicked out.

It has been a mixed season for the Swamp Foxes with five wins from the nine games played. They can take credit for their third placing in the Heartland competition but with a total of only 37 tries scored they are not quite in the same league as Whanganui with 53 and South Canterbury, 64.

The latter two teams meet in the Meads Cup final this weekend after the South Cantabrians overran the King Country Rams 76-9 in the other semi-final.

Whanganui 25 (Lindsay Horrocks, Aleki Vakarorogo, Timosi Serewalu tries; Ethan Robinson 2 con, pen; Dane Whale dropped goal); Thames Valley 18 (Ben Stephens, Sam McCahon tries; Todd Doolan 2 pen, Zak Stephens 1 con.).



Swamp Foxes form a strong line of defence against the Whanganui Butcher Boys.

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Valley wins the lineout.



Swamp Foxes power into a scrum.

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