

## ARRIVAL OF RANGIRIRI

## PIONEER OF HAMILTON

### MRS BRYANT TELLS HER STORY

### SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS IN TOWN

In this, the 100th anniversary year of the colonisation of New Zealand, it is more than cheerful to record that many of the comparatively early settlers are still in the land of the living, in full possession of their faculties, and thus permitted to avail themselves of the wide range of amenities which march hand-in-hand with an ever-increasing, intelligent, and progressive population.

In this connection, attention is drawn to the possibly little-known fact that one of Hamilton's very earliest settlers, Mrs S. A. Bryant, who claims to be the oldest living representative of the first batch of pioneers, is today, at the age of 84 years, hale, hearty and mentally competent to calmly look back and recount the wonderful transformation from dense bush to busy city, which has placed Hamilton second only to Palmerston North as the leading North Island inland centre, from both commercial and residential viewpoints.

Mrs Bryant, who resides at No. 5, Avon Street, Frankton Junction, has furnished a representative of the Waikato Times with the following details of her long residence in Hamilton, which, with due regard to the quality of originality, are here reproduced in her own words.

#### Tablet in Memorial Park

For the benefit of those who have recently taken up residence in Hamilton and are not yet conversant with points of interest, it may not be out of place to here mention that two vital features connected with the earliest settlement of Hamilton are embodied in the attractions of Memorial Park, on the eastern side of the Waikato River. The more important of these historical features is a marble tablet commemorating the landing of the Pioneer Fourth Waikato Regiment in August, 1864. This enduring reminder, located in a sheltered hollow, has a pleasing setting of artistic creeper-covered brickwork, flights of stairways giving access from three separate directions, to

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a welcome seat beneath the tablet. A flanking of nikau, variegated fax, cabbage trees, aloes and rhododendron bushes imparts a semi-tropical aspect and combines to create a beauty spot which reflects no small credit on the designers.

The other interesting link with the past centres in the mouldering remnant of the iron hull of the old stern-wheel paddle-steamer Rangiriri, in which other early settlers, made the trip up the Waikato River. Whether it was by design or a chance dispensation of Fate that the "bones" of the ancient river tramp should be laid to rest in the shallows of the waterway on which she plied for many years, and within sight of her usual destination, it seems appropriate that her remains should be intimately associated with the landing place of her first complement of passengers to Hamilton, for only a couple of hundred yards intervene between the old hull and the marble tablet.

#### Wreck of the Rangiriri

An attempt was made some years ago to raise the hull to a high and dry position, but removal of the silt in which it was embedded disclosed the lamentable fact that the hitherto covered portion was so corroded that further work on the project was considered useless and the job was abandoned. It may, however, be not yet too late for civic pride to assert itself and rescue what remains of one of the most tangible relics in the early history of Hamilton.

Although New Zealand is already rich in mementos of the past, there have been many instances of the gradual demolition of priceless memorials of early settlement, often through sheer apathy on the part of local authorities. Realisation of this regrettable circumstance is brought home to us as we recall countless obliteration of redoubts, blockhouses and terraced, rifle-pitted Maori fortresses throughout Waikato and Taranaki areas.

As time rolls on, such souvenirs of primitive occupation become national assets, and there is little doubt that in years to come there will be wailed to the high heavens a righteous howl that many reminders of the vicissitudes of early settlement in this comparatively young Dominion were allowed to drift into the realm of forgotten or neglected things.

A striking example of what can be done in the way of preservation of historical features may be cited in the extensive and intricate British redoubt at Turuturu-Mokai, a few miles on the northern side of Hawera. In recent years, under the inspiring influence of the late Mr J. E. Campbell (then Mayor of Hawera), this redoubt was completely restored to its original condition, and is now a source of admiration and wonderment to hundreds of tourists who annually visit the locality.

#### The Genesis of Hamilton

"A wilderness of bush, fern and manuka—a wild and desolate prospect; and now, 75 years later, a large and prosperous city, the busy centre of a wide and fertile district. A flight of remembrance carries me back over the long span of years, and today, as

one of Hamilton's oldest pioneers, I can recount the experiences of years beyond the ken of most of this generation—a story of men and women in a new land, fighting to carve homes out of the wilderness.

"The eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Benjamin Young, I was born in London 84 years ago, and as a child of two and a-half years left England with my parents in a sailing ship bound for Melbourne, safely arriving there after a long and stormy passage. My family remained in Melbourne for about four years before deciding to emigrate to New Zealand by the sailing ship, Swiftsure. Another ship, the Thomas Fletcher, had left Melbourne six weeks earlier, but ran into bad weather and was fortunate to escape shipwreck. We reached New Zealand before she did.

"In those days Onehunga was the first port of call for Australian vessels, and it was there that the immigrants landed in a further stage of the journey to their new homes. The colonists were in charge of Captain Steele, a well-known figure in the early days of Waikato. The Maoris at that time were restless, and we were established in barracks for many months before setting out for the various settlements.

#### Life in Barracks

"Long sheds constituted the barracks, in which each family was allowed only one room. The bread ration issued daily consisted of one and a-half pounds, one pound and a woman and child. All cooking was carried on outside and, despite hardships, everyone maintained an optimistic outlook.

"Later, our family left for the Waikato in the Rangiriri, one of two small steamers commissioned to transport prospective settlers, who, in small batches, left the comparative safety of Onehunga to brave the unknown. As we steamed up the river we got our first sight of the Maoris who ran naked along the banks, pelting us with beautiful ripe peaches which we enjoyed. When we arrived at our destination I was nine years old. My father was a member of one of the first detachments of the Fourth Waikato Regiment to reach the site of Hamilton, and, like his fellow soldier settlers, was not daunted by the dense bush and scrub which everywhere abounded.

"The camp site was on the church hill, near the present traffic bridge, and was later removed to provide spoil for the bridge approach. Our first duty was to erect tents for temporary homes, pending the arrival of timber, which was hauled from Te Awamutu by bullock drays. An iron shed, built by the Government, was used as a ration depot.

#### Grants of Land

"Each soldier received a grant of one town acre and 50 acres of rural land. Our house was of two rooms in which the only flooring was of clay, and the bed frames of manuka were furnished with raupo mattresses. It was not long before a brick kiln was turning out chimney material.

"While we were still occupying

tents, the Maoris were a bit troublesome and I well remember the military patrolling up and down to keep them from setting fire to our tents. Now and then could be heard their 'All's well!'

"No. 2 Company was located round about where Thackeray Street is now. My father, who was a carpenter, and my brother did the bulk of the building at that time, erecting the present St. Paul's Methodist Hall (which formerly occupied the site of Wesley Buildings) and the original Commercial Hotel. The latter police station stood next to the latter building.

"Mention of police reminds me that I filled the position of police matron for 24 years. Most of the militiamen, however, were tradesmen and helped each other. Things were very hard for many years, but the pioneers toiled early and late, the settlement expanded, population increased with constant new arrivals, and the social spirit became more evident.

#### Drowning in Lake

"A fatality occurred at the Hamilton Lake 63 years ago, when one of my brothers, aged 12 years, was drowned. Much difficulty was experienced in locating the body until a friend told us to set adrift, in still water, a loaf of bread charged with quicksilver, assuring us that it would be drawn to where the body lay. We followed this advice, procuring the quicksilver from Mr. Sanders, who had the only chemist's shop in the settlement. The body was found where it went down.

"Among the military officers stationed here in the early days were Captain Steele, Colonel Lyon, Colonel Mile, Captain McPherson and Dr. Kenny. The last-named was the first doctor appointed to the Waikato Hospital, at the opening of which I was present and saw the first patient taken in.

"I well remember the first bus service to Auckland. The driver was Mr McGuire. Horses were changed at Rangiriri. This was some time before Hamilton was served by the railway, and the roads were not too good. Most of the men left their land and went to the gold rush at

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## STRIKE SETTLED

### TROUBLE OVER SHIP

### SATISFACTORY DECISION

(By Telegraph.—Press Association)

AUCKLAND, Monday.—With the co-operation of the Railway Department the trouble on the overseas vessel has been settled without time penalty on the men. It has been decided to discharge the cargo with grabs and to eliminate bagging in the hold.

The cargo is to be carried by trucks to storage centres and bagged there. Work on the ship will resume tomorrow morning.

The Waterside Workers' Union secretary states that it is the most satisfactory agreement, to employers and workers, ever reached in Auckland.

## LARGEST CHURN

### ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

### NEW ZEALAND PRODUCT

The largest internal worker churn, which makes 5,600 lb of butter in one churning, is the outstanding exhibit in one section of the Engineering and Electrical court at the Centennial Exhibition, Wellington. The churn, made of kauri and with its machinery machined and assembled in New Zealand, is entirely a Dominion product. As it is a working model its interest is greatly enhanced. The churn can handle two and a-half tons of butter in a churning of one and a-half to two hours.

The barrel of the churn is a beautifully made receptacle built from specially hand-selected kauri by experienced craftsmen. Both kauri and teak have been used in the construction of churns, but the New Zealand wood is just as good as teak and is easier and lighter to handle.

There are about four of these 5,600 lb churns at present in operation in large Waikato dairy factories. The barrel has a diameter of 9ft. 8in., and in it are four revolving "workers," in opposite direction to the barrel itself, when the churn is in motion. A special set of valves is fitted to drain off butter milk, and all of the machinery is neat and simple in operation. The barrel weighs eight tons and the complete churn, with machinery, has a weight of 15 tons. The churn revolves at a rate of 27 revolutions a minute.

musicians or women for household work. Money spent on these lines would circulate within the United Kingdom and in many cases lighten the burden of unemployment payments from public moneys and thus benefit the Exchequer.

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## ASIATIC PEOPLES

### INTEREST IN EUROPEAN WAR

### UNITY OF BRITISH EMPIRE

### NATIVE MIND IMPRESSED

(By Telegraph.—Press Association)

AUCKLAND, Monday.—Paradoxically the ultimate outcome of events in China and the rest of the Far East depends on the European war," said Mr Ivan Palmer, a former Auckland journalist, who returned by the Mariposa to-day on a brief visit after four years' adventures in the Far East.

He said that in French Indo-China and the Philippines on the way from Singapore to Auckland he found the native peoples reading news of the developments in Europe more avidly than the news of the Sino-Japanese war, which was on their very doorstep.

"Britain's stand against aggression had done a tremendous lot for British prestige in the East," said Mr Palmer. "What has impressed the Asiatic peoples particularly is the splendid way in which all the countries of the Empire have rallied to Britain's cause."

Mr Palmer said land and air defences play an important part in the defence of this strategic stronghold. It is no secret there that thousands of trained soldiers are there to do their part should the Pacific become a theatre of war for the British Empire.

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In this, the 100th anniversary year of the colonisation of New Zealand, it is more than cheerful to record that many of the comparatively early settlers are still in the land of the living, in full possession of their faculties, and thus permitted to avail themselves of the wide range of amenities which march hand-in-hand with an ever-increasing, intelligent, and progressive population. In this connection, attention is drawn to the possibly little-known fact that one of Hamilton's very earliest settlers, Mrs S. A. Bryant, who claims to be the oldest living representative of the first batch of pioneers, is today, at the age of 84 years, hale, hearty and mentally competent to calmly look back and review the wonderful transformation from dense bush to busy city, which has placed Hamilton second only to Palmerston North as the leading North Island inland centre, from both commercial and residential viewpoints.

Mrs Bryant, who resides at No. 5, Avon Street, Frankton Junction, has furnished a representative of the Waikato Times with the following details of her long residence in Hamilton, which, with due regard to the quality of originality, are here reproduced in her own words.

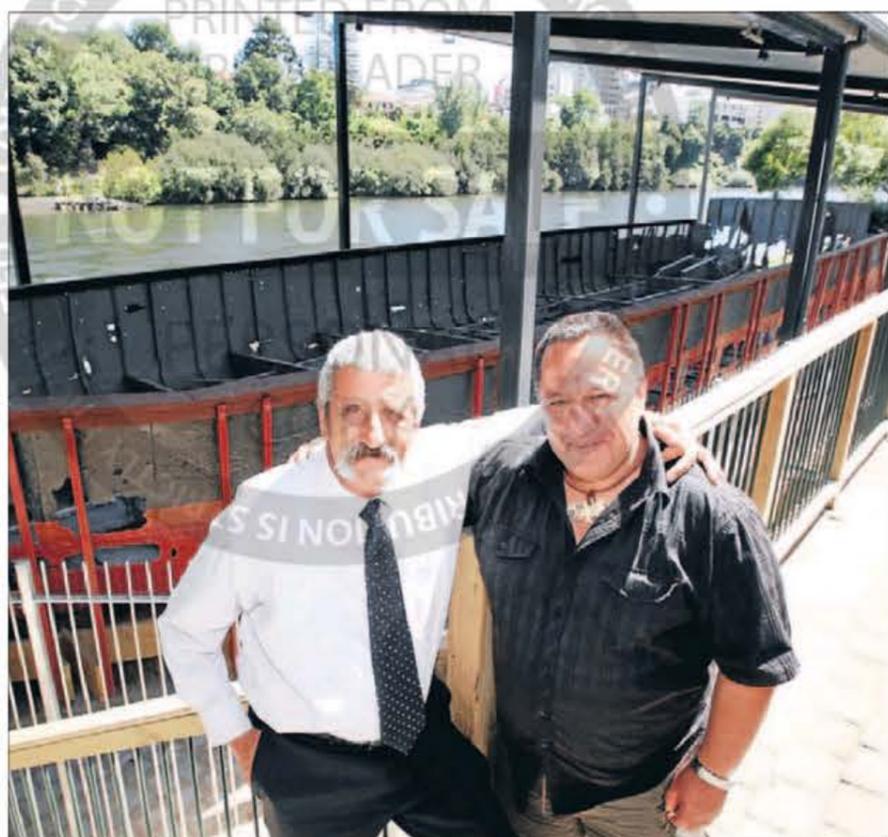
For the benefit of those who have recently taken up residence in Hamilton and are not yet conversant with points of interest, it may not be out of place to here mention that two vital features connected with the earliest settlement of Hamilton are embodied in the attractions of Memorial Park, on the eastern side of the Waikato River. The more important of these historical features is a marble tablet commemorating the landing of the Pioneer Fourth Waikato Regiment in August 1864. This enduring reminder, located in a sheltered hollow, has a pleasing setting of artistic creeper-covered brickwork, flights of stairways giving access from three separate directions to a welcome seat beneath the tablet. A flanking of nikau, variegated flax, cabbage trees, aloes and rhododendron bushes imparts a semi-tropical aspect and combines to create a beauty spot which reflects no small credit on the designers. The other interesting link with the past centres in the mouldering remnant of the iron hull of the old sternwheel paddle-steamer Rangiriri, in which the subject of this narrative, with other early settlers, made the trip up the Waikato River. Whether it was by design or a chance dispensation of fate that the "bones" of the ancient river tramp should be laid to rest in the shallows of the waterway on which she plied for many years, and within sight of her usual destination, it seems appropriate that her remains should be intimately associated with the landing place of her first complement of passengers to Hamilton, for only a couple of hundred yards intervene between the old hull and the marble tablet.

An attempt was made some years ago to raise the hull to a high and dry position, but removal of the silt in which it was embedded disclosed the lamentable fact that the hitherto covered portion was so corroded that further work on the project was considered useless and the job was abandoned. It may, however, be not yet too late for civic pride to assert itself and rescue what remains of one of the most tangible relics in the early history of Hamilton. Although New Zealand is already rich in mementos of the past, there have been many instances of the gradual demolition of priceless memorials of early settlement, often through sheer apathy on the part of local authorities. Realisation of this regrettable circumstance is brought home to us as we recall countless instances of the almost wanton obliteration of redoubts, blockhouses and terraced, rifle-pitted Maori fortresses throughout Waikato and Taranaki areas.

"A wilderness of bush, fern and manuka—a wild and desolate prospect; and now, 75 years later, a large and prosperous city, the busy centre of a wide and fertile district. A flight of remembrance carries me back over the long span of years, and today, as one of Hamilton's oldest pioneers, I can recount the experiences of years beyond the ken of most of this generation—a story of men and women in a new land, fighting to carve homes out of the wilderness. "The eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Benjamin Young, I was born in London 84 years ago, and as a child of two-and-a-half years left England with my parents in a sailing ship bound for Melbourne, safely arriving there after a long and stormy passage. My family remained in Melbourne for about four years before deciding to emigrate to New Zealand by the sailing ship, swiftsure. Another ship, the Thomas Fletcher, had left Melbourne six weeks earlier but ran into bad weather and was fortunate to escape shipwreck. We reached New Zealand before she did.

"In those days, Onehunga was the first port of call for Australian vessels, and it was there that the immigrants landed in a further stage of the journey to their new homes. The colonists were in charge of Captain Steele, a well-known figure in the early days of Waikato. The Maoris at that time were restless - and we were established in barracks for many months before setting out for the various settlements.

"Later, our family left for the Waikato in the Rangiriri, one of two small steamers commissioned to transport prospective settlers, who, in small batches, left the comparative safety of Onehunga to brave the unknown. As we steamed up the river, we got our first sight of the Maoris, who ran naked along the banks, pelting us with beautiful ripe peaches, which we enjoyed. When we arrived at our destination, I was nine years old. My father was a member of one of the first detachments of the Fourth Waikato Regiment to reach the site of Hamilton and, like his fellow soldier settlers, was not daunted by the dense bush and scrub which everywhere abounded. "The campsite was on the church hill, near the present traffic bridge, and was later removed to provide spoil for the bridge approach. Our first duty was to erect tents for temporary homes, pending the arrival of timber, which was hauled from Te Awamutu by bullock drays. An iron shed, built by the Government, was used as a ration depot. Each soldier received a grant of one town acre and 50 acres of rural land. Our house was of two rooms in which the only flooring was of clay, and the bed frames of manuka were furnished with raupo mattresses. It was not long before a brick kiln was turning out chimney material. "While we were still occupying tents, the Maoris were a bit troublesome, and I well remember the military pacing up and down to keep them from setting fire to our tents. Now and then could be heard their 'All's well!' "



Team effort: Peter Bos, left, and Wiremu Puke in front of the restored remains of the Rangiriri which go on show to the public tomorrow. Photo: PETER DRURY

# All hands on deck: gunboat restored

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# To have or not to have



Louise Upston

Debating issues in the public domain is a cornerstone of our democratic society. One such issue will come under the spotlight on Monday night when the public receive their chance to voice their opinion on whether the Waikato should have its own anniversary day.

I will co-host a public discussion at Waikato University along with Hamilton Mayor Bob Simcock. We will be joined by *Waikato Times* acting editor Roy Pihl, university deputy vice-chancellor Professor Doug Sutton and historian Professor Giselle Byrnes. Appropriately Prof Byrnes will provide an overview of Waikato's key dates in history.

In January I promoted the idea that Waikato should celebrate its own anniversary day (appropriately the story was published on the front page in the *Waikato Times* on Auckland Anniversary Day).

It became the subject of intense media coverage for a number of days as I fielded numerous interviews from television, radio and newspapers and many of my constituents took the time to let me know their feelings.

My reason for raising the anniversary day topic was quite simple.

I believe that we should at least give consideration that whether after 160 years it is overdue for our Waikato region to stand on its own two feet and mark its own anniversary day.

Auckland Anniversary Day was instituted in 1841 and back then Waikato was part of the Auckland Province.

For 160 years the Waikato region has had the Monday closest to January 29 as our provincial holiday.

Calling for a Waikato anniversary day can be seen to be parochial – and why not, because I am proud of living in this region.

The greater Waikato has come a long way over this 1½-century period and has developed its own sense of tradition, pride and culture – as well as significant increases in population.

Possible dates for our own Waikato anniversary day will undoubtedly be canvassed during a healthy discussion on Monday night.

Dates already on the table are in November at the time of the new Cambridge Melbourne Cup community event. Another option which could be considered is the Friday of the iconic Fieldays week in June.

However, the response I have had from many people to date generally points to a Monday or Friday of a summer month and a *Waikato Times* readership poll agrees with this.

In a *Times* reader panel poll of 180 people, taken in early February, 57 per cent thought the Waikato should have its own anniversary day.

Most wanted the day to remain the same as Auckland but to be known as Waikato Anniversary Day while 27 per cent said they wanted a different day but still in summer.

Only 17 per cent agreed that having it coinciding with Fieldays was a good idea.

My preferred option in this case is the Friday of Labour Weekend. Such a date will provide the Waikato people with something to look forward to as the warmer weather of summer kicks into gear.

As we know, there is no holiday between Queen's Birthday and Labour Weekend so a four-day weekend would be welcomed. I am not in favour of changing the name to Waikato Anniversary Day but retaining on the same day as Auckland. I personally can't see much point in that.

There are a number of ways of changing a province's anniversary day. It may be a local or regional council process, require a local bill in Parliament or a change to the Holidays Act.

A local body referendum is a way of raising the issue further in the public domain and Whanganui did this in 2007.

The anniversary day debate will take place at Waikato University's Academy of Performing Arts Concert Chamber, on Monday at 6.30pm.

I look forward to seeing you there and hearing your views!

■ Louise Upston is the MP for Taupo.

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# Simcock defends Murray investigation

AARON LEAMAN

Waikato DHB chairman Bob Simcock is defending the call to stop an investigation into disgraced boss Nigel Murray part-way through, saying it was a "balancing decision".

Simcock has come under increasing pressure to step down following Murray's resignation on October 5. Murray resigned part-way through an investigation which found evidence of unauthorised spending, estimated to be less than \$50,000.

The heads of the country's two

biggest doctor unions, as well as the New Zealand Taxpayers Union, have called on Simcock to step down and urged the DHB to relaunch the investigation into Murray. Simcock said the board's decision to end the investigation following his resignation was the right one and couldn't be restarted.

"The decision was a balancing decision between our preference to have the investigation completed and published versus legal advice that we risk significant legal action," Simcock said.

Since Murray's resignation, leaked information has surfaced alleging Murray spent unauthorised funds on travel and accommodation for two women and deleted data off his cellphone. Simcock said the ongoing leaks left the DHB vulnerable to legal action.

"You have to recognise the information that has been leaked around Nigel [Murray] potentially breaches his rights to a fair hearing and that represents a legal risk for the DHB," Simcock said.

A prolonged investigation could also have stalled the DHB's search for a new chief executive. Simcock said the Health Ministry has requested a briefing on the Murray investigation.

Reports that the Health Ministry planned to launch its own investigation into Murray were false, Simcock said.

"What I think will be in the briefing, without actually knowing, will be a timeline that says this is when we became aware of some issues and this is the steps we took. There will also be some commentary around the basis for the decision the board took."

Simcock said the ministry briefing wouldn't go into specific allegations about Murray. He didn't know the timing of the briefing. Simcock's briefing report is expected to be put on the DHB's website.

Meanwhile, health board executives will meet on Friday to draft terms of reference for a review of the DHB's controversial virtual health initiative SmartHealth. DHB member Dave Macpherson, speaking at the board's October meeting in Taumarunui, asked for the review to address allegations SmartHealth had overrun its budget.

Macpherson also asked to be given documents used to support SmartHealth's business case. The DHB has consistently declined to reveal the cost of SmartHealth, citing commercial sensitivities.

SmartHealth uses an app to connect users to a health professional via a smartphone, computer or tablet. Speaking after the meeting, Simcock said allegations Murray's resignation was linked to the upcoming review of SmartHealth were incorrect. Simcock said the pending review would look at the HealthTap platform which underpinned SmartHealth.

"This review is about whether this is the right platform and have we approached the whole thing the right way. It's not an investigation in an employment sense. SmartHealth is about a strategy for using digital technologies to reach out to members of our community to support them to stay healthy or get treatment. HealthTap is a technology platform which we chose to use about two years ago."

"We were always clear that the use of HealthTap would be reviewed in a couple of years as the contract came to an end." At October's board meeting, the travel and accommodation expenses of all health board executives, including Murray, were detailed for September 2017. Simcock said the monthly reporting was a new initiative which flowed out of the Murray investigation.

## Solution for crash hot-spot junction

LIBBY WILSON

One of Hamilton's most dangerous intersections is getting an upgrade.

Increasing traffic and regular crashes have put the spotlight on Rotorua's Gordonton/Thomas Road intersection and it's now at number 18 on a national list of risky crossroads.

Now Hamilton City Council will press fast forward on major upgrade work - probably a roundabout, but possibly traffic lights.

Staff needed funding to start, general manager of city infrastructure Chris Allen said.

"We're very keen to progress this one as probably our number one safety project in the city at the moment," he told councillors at a Tuesday growth and infrastructure meeting.

Design and preparation would take about a year, so staff would ask the design team about options - such as temporary traffic signals - for the meantime.

The upgrade would probably be a roundabout, a report said, and would cost about \$6m.

Councillors voted unanimously to give staff money now to start preparing for the upgrade, and to consider construction funding in 2018/19.

The decision still has to get through the finance committee and long-term plan deliberations.

People are delighted a solution is coming, Councillor Mark Bunting said, but many questioned the estimated \$6m roundabout cost.

Allen said expenses are likely to include buying land, altering the camber of the road, and moving infrastructure such as overhead electrical cables.

Locals are demanding a solution and soon, Cr James Casson said. "The intersection is no longer fit for the amount of traffic it handles every day."

Councillor and former traffic cop Leo Tooman thought the Waikato Expressway would reduce traffic numbers, but Allen said they would soon climb back up.

The intersection already has variable speed signs.



Bruce MacKay will commemorate the Waikato Wars at Steele Park, Hamilton, on Saturday.

KELLY HOEDEL/STUFF

## Red ribbons for fallen Kiingitanga fighters

DONNA-LEE BIDDLE

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All are welcome.

### In brief

#### Woman named

A woman who died in a collision in Waihi last week has been named. She was Margaret Cronwright, 68, from Auckland. Cronwright was the driver of a car towing a caravan that collided with a truck on State Highway 2 last Tuesday. Emergency services were called to the smash to find the woman had died at the scene. The other driver was not seriously injured. The Serious Crash Unit was still investigating.

#### Cops foil robber

Off-duty cops managed to foil a robber's escape, nabbing him with his loot within five minutes of the crime. But it wasn't before the 32-year-old allegedly punched the worker at a Hamilton East dairy in the face on Tuesday night. The man, who was to appear in Hamilton District Court yesterday, allegedly entered the Manhattan Dairy on Grey St around 8pm. He was armed with a spanner and demanded cash and cigarettes from the attendant. He then punched the shop worker and ran from the shop but was seen by two police constables. They arrested the alleged thief who was found still hanging onto his bag of stolen cigarettes. He has been charged with aggravated robbery and was to appear in Hamilton District Court yesterday.

#### Founders' future

Public consultation on the future of Hamilton's Founders Theatre opened yesterday. The theatre was closed in February 2016 due to safety concerns. Hamilton City Council is now asking ratepayers what they think should happen to the building, providing three options. Those are: bowling the building to create green space; partial demolition and repurposing; and reinstating the building - with some modifications. The public consultation runs until November 26. There is an online portal accessed from [haveyoursay.hamilton.govt.nz](http://haveyoursay.hamilton.govt.nz) or physical submission forms.

#### Water consultation

A new way to manage water services could be on the cards for Hamilton and Waipa. The city and district councils are asking residents what they think of having a separate company to manage water, wastewater and stormwater. Each council would still own their water assets and make the major decisions on capital spending and how to charge for water. Consultation is now open until November 27. Verbal submissions will be heard on December 1.

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**New Zealand Herald, 4 May 2003**  
**FUN OF THE FAIR ON VILLAGE GREEN**

It was a far cry from the quiet village green of old, as descendants of Hamilton's earliest settlers celebrated the city's 125th birthday yesterday. An "olde world" market day at Steele Park marked not only the anniversary but also acknowledged the early families who settled in Hamilton all those years ago.

The market stalls, vintage cars, clydesdale horses, penny farthings and maypole dancers attracted thousands of people, many of them dressed in vintage clothing. But for hundreds of them the day was more than just a shopping excursion - it was a chance to acknowledge their ancestors, who planted 50 oak trees around what was then known as the village green.

Great and great-great-grandchildren of Hamilton's early settlers gathered around the now giant oak trees where their forefathers stood in the late 1800s. For many, the event reinforced the importance of heritage and family.

"It's very important. This is part of our roots," says Anne Lalich, whose great-grandfather, Daniel Hyde, planted one of the trees. "It's just great knowing that they walked on this ground." Ms Lalich was joined by many members of her extended family, including two Hyde descendants who travelled from Australia and America for the celebrations.

Other people came from all around the country to join in. The Settlers' Day organiser, city councillor Mavora Hamilton, said she was delighted at the number of descendants who attended the event.

"We thought we might get 100 to 150 people but somewhere between 500 and 600 have turned up," she said. "It's just been overwhelming. "There's a huge pride in our history and origins."

Hamilton Mayor David Braithwaite marked the occasion by planting another oak tree and posing for a photo with the settlers' descendants.

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Kihikihi, July 1, 1881.

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GENTLEMEN,—In fairness to my numerous friends and supporters in the Waikato I think it right to inform you that I shall be a candidate for your suffrages at the coming general election.

I am aware that it is unusual to announce such an intention at a date so early as the present, but I am driven into the position by the rumors that are being so industriously circulated throughout the district at the present time.

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SALES BY AUCTION.—THIS DAY. MR. ALBERT HUGHES AND—At the Komera Yards.

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And so day by day they held their own, fighting, dividing, talking, showing no sign of weariness or disaffection, until they should have accomplished the objects they had in view—the salvation of New Zealand from national bankruptcy.

The other side got a severe blow. One day queer rumors filled the lobbies, floating in the air, shadowy unrealities for a time, but gradually assuming definite form and shape, until at last everyone knew what they meant when the four members from Auckland left the world know that they would vote for the men they thought best fitted to save the country.

From all quarters of the Opposition came open denunciations, statements that large bribes had been given and an unholy compact entered into, and the Press, many-tongued, joined in the cry long since proved fallacious. It was not the compacts, it was not the bribes that carried those four men to cast in their lot with the HALL Ministry; it was the moral courage and force inherent in the irresistible conviction that in the desperate circumstances of the colony there was no salvation but in the strength of a body of men honest and patriotic.

But mark the effect of the action upon the Opposition. Despite the eloquence of Sir G. GREY, the untiring whipping of Mr SHEPHERD, of all the efforts that were put forth by the other prominent members of the party, the organisation was dissolved—was annihilated—ceased to exist for a time.

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This is a lesson which should be laid to heart in the consideration by the country of the respective sides to the possession of those powers which alone render it possible for a party to govern, cohesion, firmness, and strength of purpose.

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We regret to state that Mr. Fred. Gault met with a serious accident on Tuesday, which prevented his taking any part in the proceedings connected with Tawhiao's reception, or directing the final arrangements in connection with the banquet catered for by him.

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His Worship the Mayor of Hamilton, as chairman of the Hamilton Volunteer Hall Trustees received a telegram from the member for the district, Mr F. A. Whitaker, on Tuesday, stating that he had got a promise from the Government that they would place the sum of £100 upon the supplementary estimates towards the erection of the proposed hall. The statement appearing in the Auckland Herald's "Waikato News" that a meeting of the Trustees was held on Tuesday evening, was incorrect, inasmuch as the members were not together at such short notice. A meeting will be held on Friday evening.

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Menu:

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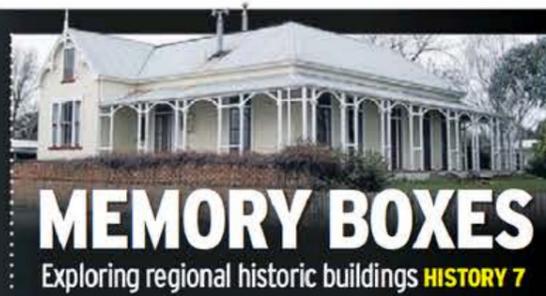
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# Coverup fears at city pool

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A Hamilton woman who pulled a lifeless-looking pre-schooler from a pool at Waterworld believes the city council is trying to protect its own staff.

Sandra Jenkin called on a man to help pull the 3-year-old from the 50m pool after two girls, aged 11 and 12, saw what they thought to be a floating doll on May 8.

The pre-schooler was face down in the water for 4½ minutes before being rescued and revived.

Mrs Jenkin came forward after reading the *Waikato Times* coverage of the incident and subsequent investigations. She could not see any lifeguards in the pool area at the time of the incident and said she was surprised Labour Depart-

ment and Hamilton City Council probes had not found any fault with the council-operated complex.

"They're pretty distinctive with their red and yellow shirts on... it wasn't even a busy day, there was hardly anybody there which makes you think is that better or worse. Do they get complacent because there's not many people there? I don't know."

Mrs Jenkin raised the alarm by running to the hydroslide next door where there were two lifeguards.

"It [Waterworld] is a great facility but if someone misjudged something they need to front up and say so."

Mrs Jenkin said she was also surprised

there had been no mention by the council of members of the public who first saw the girl and dragged her out of the pool.

Mrs Jenkin said two girls, aged 11 and 12, first spotted the "doll" floating in the water.

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quite a while [not knowing] she was already in there."

Mrs Jenkin, who was at the pool with her 12-year-old daughter, said when she reached the girl, "I thought she was gone, but was thankful she did not have to perform CPR herself."

The child is understood to have made a good recovery.

Council leisure facilities manager Jason Rogers said the incident highlighted a failure in the watch kept on

the pool but defended his staff, saying there were two in the 50m pool area, standing in the northwest and southwest corners.

"We absolutely refute that there has been a failure by the lifeguards. Once the lifeguards were alerted to the situation they reacted within seconds and revived the toddler."

"It would be fair to say that the surveillance system has failed, even though we have had the system for over 10 years with no incidents. This incident has identified to us that our surveillance system needs improving. We have made those improvements by adding more eyes to the 50m pool."

"The little toddler moved from the 25m toddlers' pool into the 50m pool within about five seconds. The toddler moved so quickly that she wasn't seen."

Mr Rogers also confirmed the toddler was face down in the pool for 4½ minutes. He said the council investigation into the May incident found a lack of supervision by the mother was a "key factor".

It would now launch a parental supervision campaign for its busy summer season.

Mrs Jenkin agreed the mother, not lifeguards, were "first and foremost" responsible for the incident. "Your own child is your responsibility, not anybody else's."



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### WHAT THE VISITORS THOUGHT



**RITA PODMORE**  
Age: 44  
From: Newstead  
"I think it's fantastic, especially the arena. It's really great. You can just imagine the concerts and the sports events we are going to have in there. I'm just really impressed."



**BERNICE THOMAS**  
Age: 78  
From: St Andrews  
"It's a wonderful building. There's been a lot of controversy about it but it's finished, on time and on budget, so that's something we can be proud of."



**MARK BELL**  
Age: 54  
From: Temple View  
"It's really impressive. I mean it's just huge. When we walked in we just thought it was amazing. It looks really nice. It's certainly an asset for Hamilton."



**ANNA MCDONALD**  
Age: 32  
From: Lake area  
"It's really amazing. I think it's really positive for Hamilton, especially because now we can offer events like [Auckland's] Vector Arena."



**DAVID BUICK**  
Age: 82  
From: Flagstaff  
"It looks absolutely brilliant, they ought to be commended for what they've done."



**DAWN MURPHY**  
Age: 56  
From: Rukuhia  
"It's fabulous. It looks very good and it's going to bring a lot of business into Hamilton."

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IN BRIEF

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**Flamin' dishwashers**  
 Leading whiteware company Electrolux is recalling its Westinghouse dishwashers which can overheat and burst into flames. The models affected were sold after June this year. Electrolux said it would give free checks to affected appliances. Call 0800 277 542.

**Boy airlifted after fall**  
 A 15-year-old boy is thought to have broken both his ankles and lower right leg after falling from a climbing wall in Turangi on Friday night. He was flown from Turangi Domain to Rotorua Hospital in the Taupo-based Lion Foundation rescue helicopter, for treatment.  
 -NZPA, Times reporters

**Trivia time**  
 Q: What is considered New Zealand's oldest vineyard? A: Mission Estate (1851). Q: Which bird travels the furthest during migration? A: Pectoral sandpiper (travels 19,000km). Trivia Time plays weekdays just after 6am and 7am on The Breeze, 99.3FM

**Keno results**  
 Draw 5238: 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 21, 23, 26, 30, 35, 39, 47, 48, 49, 50, 56, 57, 64, 67, 79.  
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 Draw 5241: 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 20, 28, 30, 32, 43, 47, 48, 49, 55, 61, 63, 64, 69, 70, 71.

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### Cryptic

Saturday's cryptic solution:  
 ACROSS: 1. Name Tape; 5. See-saw; 9. G-old Mine; 10. Favorite; 12. E-arm; 13. Suit/coastal; 15. Adding Machine; 19. In The Same Boat; 23. Artichoke-on; 25. Red-e; 28. Thorny (uid); 29. F-rosade; 30. C-I-ever; 31. I n-die-ent.  
 DOWN: 1. Nugget; 2. M-d-l-as; 3. T-a-m-e; 4. P-e-r-g-u-i-n-e; 5. E-m-t-e (anag); 7. S-k-a-n-f-l-i-n-g; 8. W-i-l-e-w-h-i-s; 11. S-t-o-u-m; 14. I-d-l-e; 15. A-r-t-i-c-h-o-k-e (anag); 16. G-u-m (rev); 17. C-o-o-l; 18. G-i-g-a-n-t-i-c; 20. A-w-a-y; 21. E-m-o-t-i-o-n; 22. D-e-f-e-c-t; 24. D-e-n-s-e (anag); 26. O-l-j-e; 27. H-e-r-e.

**LOTTO**

**RESULTS**

1 3 14 33 38 40 5

Draw No. 1069

Div 1: \$500,000 (2 winners)  
 Div 2: \$21,372 (13 winners)  
 Div 3: \$719 (402 winners)  
 Div 4: \$59 (1166 winners)  
 Div 5: \$33 (17,836 winners)  
 Div 6: \$23 (24,792 winners)

**LOTTO STRIKE** 33 3 40 1

Strike 4: \$134,362 (1 winner)  
 Strike 3: \$760 (82 winners)  
 Strike 2: \$77 (4477 winners)  
 Strike 1: Bonus line (109,927 winners)

**POWERBALL** 7

Div 1: No winners  
 Div 2: \$33,782 (1 winner)  
 Div 3: \$1165 (29 winners)  
 Div 4: \$97 (95 winners)  
 Div 5: \$61 (1147 winners)  
 Div 6: \$44 (1550 winners)

**WINNING WHEEL SERIAL NO**  
 821-39736325-20xx Rotorua  
 The Winning Wheel winner from Hamilton spun to win \$100,000 Home Upgrade.

By Matt Richens  
 Top sports people and performing artists have a new source of funding. The newly established Adastra Foundation is offering scholarships of up to \$25,000 each. The foundation was formed after the amalgamation this year of the Hamilton-based Perry Foundation, Scottwood Trust and Castle Trust, creating the country's third largest charitable trust. Applications close this Friday. Scholarships are available for individuals who exhibit dedication towards the development of an exceptional talent - with a focus on sport, performing arts and music. Adastra chairman Jim Bennett said. Preference would be given to those also committed to more education, but extraordinary applicants might also be accepted without that study link. Adastra's aim is "success for extraordinary young New Zealanders on the national and international stage". An unlimited number of scholarships are available throughout the country. Mr Bennett said the foundation wanted to help young Kiwis fulfil their potential in their chosen field while continuing their study. Olympic gold-medal rowing pair Georgina and Caroline Evers-Swindell received Scottwood Trust funding and Georgina said it made all the difference early on. "It was the first time we were able to ring up Mum and Dad and tell them to stop putting rent money into our bank accounts. "It was a huge deal to us. It meant we could just concentrate on the rowing and not worry about trying to make enough each week from work to pay for everything." Mr Bennett said there were several potential Evers-Swindells and Adastra's aim was to use gaming machine money to help those athletes and artists make the step from good to great by giving them more time in both their chosen fields and study. Mr Bennett said the foundation would also provide successful applicants with mentoring and general advice, to help them make the most of their potential.



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PICTURES: Iain McGregor

## Breathless moving morning

By Belinda Fook

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## Lift GST on veges: researcher 'Not guilty': Mallard

A university researcher says GST should be removed from fruit and vegetables to allow healthy eating targets to be more easily met. Massey University's Emma Dresler-Hawke said a study showed the cost of eating at least five servings of fruit and vegetables per day bought at various supermarkets ranged from \$1.13 to \$2.12 per person, depending on the supermarket and the season. This meant an average family of two adults and two children could spend \$59.36 a week on fruit and vegetables during winter, something some lower income

families could struggle to meet. "Some studies have found that higher fruit and vegetable consumption was associated with higher diet costs," Dr Dresler-Hawke said. "Low-income groups generally have a more restricted food budget so fruit and vegetables may be overlooked in favour of more energy-dense foods." Dr Dresler-Hawke recommended lifting GST on fruit and vegetables and providing free fruit to all school children. "There is also considerable public support for both these measures. The International Social Survey Programme role of

Government survey in 2006 found that 87.5 per cent supported removal of GST on fruit and vegetables, and 82 per cent supported providing fruit to schoolchildren," she said. Dr Dresler-Hawke surveyed prices at New World, Pak 'N Save, 4 Square, Countdown and Woolworths once in each of the seasons. Costs of meeting the five-plus a day recommendation per person were cheapest in summer, ranging from \$1.13 to \$1.98. Dr Dresler-Hawke said consumers could pay less if they bought some cheaper processed food.

An impassive Trevor Mallard entered a not guilty plea when he appeared in the dock of Wellington District Court today to face a private assault prosecution. The prosecution relates to the parliamentary bust-up in which the cabinet minister threw a punch at National MP Tau Henare in October after comments about his personal life. Mallard later apologised and Mr Henare said he would not take the matter further. But Wellington accountant Graham McCready launched a private prosecution after police rejected an initial complaint, deeming he was not an interested

party in the fracas. Mallard's lawyer, Robert Lithgow, today entered a not guilty plea on behalf of his client and asked to proceed with the full hearing immediately. But Judge Bruce Davidson said time had not been set down for a substantive hearing today. Mr Lithgow asked for a status hearing - where the prosecution will be expected to provide its evidence - as early as possible. The hearing was set down for December 18, despite protests from Mr McCready's lawyer, William Johnson. Mallard was granted bail.  
 -NZPA

## Hacker's family feeling hounded

By Natalie Akoorie

The Whitianga teenager under investigation over a \$26 million international cyber crime ring has fled the town with his family to attend his grandmother's funeral.

Eighteen-year-old Owen Walker, who is believed by police to have masterminded the "bot-net" ring which brought down more than one million computers, was not at the family home this morning. The Waikato Times understands intense interest in the case drove the family, including Mr Walker's younger brother, out of town a day earlier than planned for tomorrow's funeral.

Mr Walker's parents Billy and Shell Moxham-Whyte, who own Whitianga's Paradise Cabs, reportedly said they had no idea of their eldest son's alleged involvement in the computer hacking ring.

Mrs Moxham-Whyte said her son was an intelligent boy who had loved computers from a young age, but that the family had been advised not to speak publicly.

Mr Walker, who has asperger's syndrome, one of several autism spectrum disorders characterised by difficulties in social interaction, was taken from his home and questioned last week by police in an investigation involving New Zealand police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Dutch authorities.

With the cyber ID AKILL, Mr Walker is alleged to have been part of an attack that crashed the computer server at Pennsylvania University and infected a million other computers with a virus which resulted in an estimated \$NZ26 million economic loss.

Hamilton police today said investigations were continuing. It is believed police plan to interview him again after examining seized computers. They have been working on the case since February with the FBI.

A Paradise Cabs relief driver, Laurie Johnston, told the Waikato Times the death of Mr Whyte's mother had "compounded" the stress the family was under. "They rang me and said 'look we've got to get out of town - we're just getting hounded by everyone'."

Friends and employers praised Mr Walker as a brilliant computer programmer and the police national electronic crime laboratory manager, Maarten Kleintjes, said he was "very, very bright in terms of his ability to be able to produce that sort of code". He lost his job as a programmer at Trio Software Development but company director Glenn Campbell said he believed Mr Walker did not actively seek trouble.

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