

# THE LIFESTYLER

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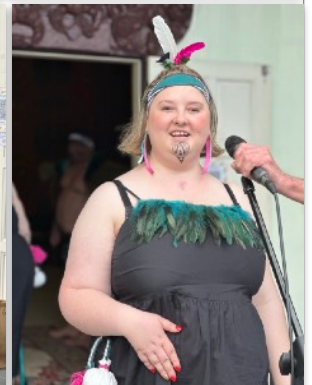
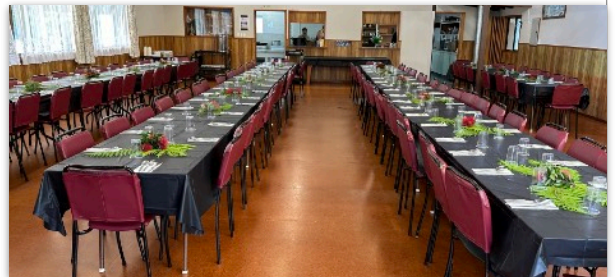


Trent Blok receiving his 'Worker of the Year Award' from Lesley Whitehead Executive Manager of Services.

### THE MURRAY LYNDS LIFE STYLER OF THE YEAR LUKE VOWLES



Luke Vowles receiving his 'Life Styler of the Year' award from Phil Wightman Executive Manager of Operations.



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## CE UPDATE

As 2024 draws to a close we are once again reflecting on a very busy year. Lots has gone on many of our Life Stylers have had new experiences and chances to do new and exciting things. We also remember those we've lost this year and will miss them on our first Christmas without them.

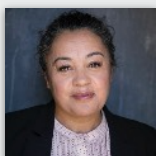
Our Christmas planning is well under way at this point with many Life Stylers heading home for the holidays with their families. As you'll be aware there is much planning needed going into supporting this travel so if you intend to have your family member home with you please let the staff know as soon as you are able to ensure everyone has time to plan.

We are already planning next years work and will be hitting the ground running. One of our first big pieces of work will be a review of our Emergency plan and we look forward to engaging with families on their plans so we can all work together smoothly in the event of a weather emergency.

From everyone here at the Trust, we wish you the very best of festive seasons and a safe and relaxing New Year.

And we'll see you in 2024 ( for our 30th anniversary).

Meri Kirihieme te  
Hape Nū Ia!  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!



**SAMANTHA LEE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## GRATEFUL THANKS

On behalf of our Kapa Haka Roopu: Te Pua Wai o Nga Kotuku Pounamu, we would like to acknowledge with our heartfelt appreciation, those who contributed and helped us on our journey and in our end of year performance. Your support enabled our roopu to grow, blossom and thrive.

Thank you especially to Matua Norman and Hauraki Plains College.

- Whaea Rawinia and Thames High School,
- Ngati Maru and Matai Whetu Marae
- Waste Management Ltd
- Thames South School
- Jo Thomas

- Peter Randall
- Brendon Wilkinson
- Wal, Terrianne and whanau
- Makanoa's whanau
- Anderson whanau
- Sue and Graham King
- Our maintenance crew, Trust staff who went the extra mile for us all (you know who you are).
- Family/Whanau, thank you for showing your awhi and shared appreciation.
- Wal, Terrianne, Rex and whanau.

And finally to Life Stylers, who beamed with confidence and pride in their performance - It has been a pleasure!!



## THAMES STEAMPUNK 2023

On Saturday 11 November between 10am and 11am I dressed up and supported the members who walked in the Thames Steampunk 2023 Festival. There was lots to do in town and I was the leader of the pack, supporting the Steampunk paradise fashion show. There were dance lessons, the markets, punk my pets competition and teapot racing it was a great family dress up day. The weather was perfect. The band was playing and there were people dancing to the music. Thank you Thames for an awesome weekend.

*Paul Rolton*





## FAMILY /WHANAU SURVEY

We will be undertaking a survey with family/whanau in the early New Year.

The 2024 survey will take on a slightly different appearance. The focus for feedback on the services your family/whanau member receives will be based on 3 topics:

1. the health of your family/whanau member
2. of activities/quality of life of your family whanau member
3. the communication between the Trust and yourself

The rating of these 3 questions will form a baseline which will be reviewed annually at the Celebration/Life Style Plan meeting.

I look forward to talking to you all in 2024.

Merry Christmas  
Sandra Higgs  
Family / Whanau Lead

## SANTA PARADE



What a fabulous day had by all at the Thames Christmas Parade. Thank you to all the staff and Life Stylers who worked so hard. Extra special thanks to Graeme Wright Transport (super special thanks to Cory) and Thames Farm and Industrial supplies yet again for their amazing support in making this happen.



## 104 AMY STREET – LIGHT SHOW

This year it was a first for 104 Amy Street to be adorned with festive lights.

Thank you so much to all those who donated to support the purchase of the lights. Please take note on the back page of this newsletter who the kind sponsors were.

Also big thanks to the Paeroa Maritime Park who lent us some of the more "heavy duty" lights. Adams Electrical provided a team of electricians and installed the lights on the building, trees and fences!! So many people have made this wonderful festive show happen.

The lights have not only lightened up 104 Amy

Street but also the faces of the Life Stylers. We wish everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

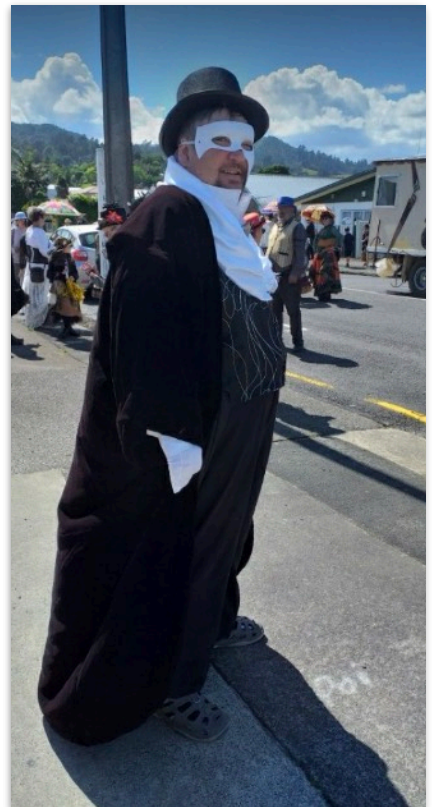
*Sandra Higgs*



		
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## SOME HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS



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