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Weekend success at biggest comp ever

Over the weekend of 19-21 June the local populations of pigs, fish and assorted pests each took a dive as hunters and fishers scoured the hills and valleys, farms and the sea in search of what they hoped would be prize-winning catches, in this year's major fundraiser for Hikuai School.

Hikuai School's Hunting Competition drew its largest number of entries so far! Three hundred and ten entrants, made up of 175 adults and 135 children, were in with a chance to win from a massive prize pool of \$26,000!

At the weigh-in on Sunday afternoon 48 pigs were put on the scales, along with some

prize snapper and assorted 'critters'. The result sheets make impressive reading! The heaviest pig weighed in at 73.25kg, caught by Cory Nicholson. The runner up in the adult (open) section was Nirvarna Porter with a 71.15kg catch, which topped the women's section! Nirvarna also took third place in the women's section with a 51.30kg pig! In total, the 48 weighed-in pigs tipped the scales at over 2,200kg!

In the snapper section, a whopping 9.06kg fish saw Shaun Perry take the top spot. One hundred and six snapper were weighed-in.

My favourite, the Kid's

The array of pigs at this year's hunting competition, the heaviest weighing in at 73.25kg.



Photo supplied

Critters sections, accounted for 91 possums, 30 rabbits, 26 magpies and 17 hares! Pests be gone!

One of the Competition organisers, Stacey Clarke, said that the event was a huge success due to the generous supporters, the keen entrants, the Friends of Hikuai School Charitable Trust and the

wider community. Organisers estimated that 300 people turned up to the weigh-in on the Sunday! The event proved so successful that organisers have already announced next year's competition dates, 11-13 June 2027!

To see the full result sheets, go to <https://www.facebook.com/hikuaihunting2021/>

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Local government reform further update

The speed of the reform process is catching many of us out! You are probably aware that Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) has signalled that it is now considering three amalgamation options based on the feedback from their first questionnaire. The District, that is me and you, now has the opportunity to consider those options and provide more feedback as to our preferences.

The first of the amalgamation options (and they have not been presented in any Council-preference order) is termed "Greater Waikato" and takes in ten councils (Hamilton City, Hauraki, Matamata-Piako, Otorohanga, South Waikato, Taupo, TCDC, Waikato, Waipa, Waitomo), 530,000 people, 230,000 rating units and \$960m in rates.

The second amalgamation option is termed "North Bay

of Plenty" and takes in four councils (Hauraki, Tauranga City, TCDC and Western Bay of Plenty), 256,00 people, 116,000 rating units and \$546m in rates.

The third amalgamation option is termed "Eastern Waikato" and takes in four councils (Hauraki, Matamata-Piako, South Waikato and TCDC), 120,00 people, 66,000 rating units and \$260m in rates.

TCDC has produced a booklet, "Which Way Should TCDC Go?", available via the TCDC website, which outlines and details the options, the process and provides the feedback form. If we want to make local voices heard, we need to submit our feedback by 15 July. The outcome is too important for us to be spectators. Take the time to read and digest these options and make your voice heard.

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