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From the editor...



The wealth of talent and innovation we have in Southland never ceases to amaze me. For this edition of The Life, we wanted to bring you the stories of the region's young people who are making waves in their industries and communities. Of course, there was no shortage of candidates. Our cover story is Joshua Harrington (page 12), a self-taught game developer who launched his game, XERA: Survival, in mid-2019, which has gone on to

be a huge success in its short lifetime.

Continuing our youth edit are passionate Cabot Lodge hosts Breidi and Brad Alexander (page 132), sweet success story Steph Munro of Munro Honey (page 94) and powerhouse singing talent Libby Fraser (page 16). And many more!

This is a region of entrepreneurs and start-up markets. With the arrival of COIN South, visionary businesspeople now have a hub for innovation (page 102). Some are already experiencing huge demand since opening their doors, like the budding dress rental market (page 67) and businesses like Auld Farm Distillery are creating new paths built upon family legacies (page 76).

Thank you to everyone who has given so much time and love to make edition 7 an absolute knockout.

It is always a pleasure to see The Life in the hands of so many and enjoyed by all. I hope you'll find this edition inspiring!

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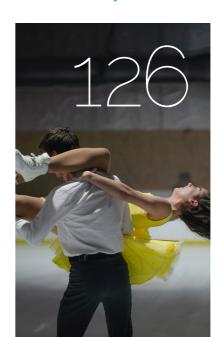
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