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4 page issue!

# Tairua Pauanui The Local Advertiser



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## Bridges, bridges, bridges

Tairua could be forgiven for what appears to be a preoccupation with bridges! In the two decades we have lived here we have seen developments in pedestrian bridges on the Pepe Loop walking track and Grahams Creek, and a planned cross-river suspension bridge as part of the Tairua River Trail. We all realised how isolated we were when SH25A gave way and how fortunate we were when a bridge was built in record time to reconnect us! And we have rued the existence of the one-lane bridges that still constrict our road network to the north and south!

Well, bridges remain the topic of conversation across the Coromandel this week!

Transport Minister Simeon Brown announced over the weekend that Tairua's Pepe Bridge is one of nine bridges across the country that is earmarked for replacement by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) in the next three years.

"Increasing productivity and economic growth is a key priority for the Government, and with many small bridges across the country suffering speed and weight restrictions due to their age and condition, it is essential these bridges are replaced with more modern and resilient structures," Mr Brown said.

He acknowledged the impact the current Pepe Stream Bridge has on the local community and motorists

who visit or drive through Tairua. Our very old single lane bridge is a serious bottleneck that causes severe congestion during holiday periods.

With a renewed focus on the importance of our roads, the maintenance and management of all aspects of the roading network are under scrutiny, from pothole repair to the replacement of old and unfit-for-service bridges. This is particularly important in rural and remote locations where alternative routes are not available.

Coromandel MP Scott Simpson, commenting on the fact that three bridges in his electorate are being replaced in NZTA's plan said, "I am thrilled that the Transport Minister Simeon Brown has confirmed that SH25 Pepe Bridge, SH25 Ramarama Stream Bridge,

and SH27 Ohinekaua Stream Bridge will be replaced, with construction expected to begin from mid-2025 and be completed by mid-2027."

Tairua-Pāuanui Community Board Chair, Warwick Brooks, has also welcomed the announcement. "The old bridge is no longer fit-for-purpose. Tairua is growing, and to have a one-lane bridge operating at one end of our commercial precinct is not suitable for our town, neither is it particularly safe. I'm really happy to hear about the government's announcement."

Final funding decisions from the National Land Transport Fund for all of these bridge replacements will be confirmed when the NZTA Board adopts the National Land Transport Programme later this year.

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**Short & Sweet**

**T**airua Business Association holds "BA5" meetings as a way to help local businesses network and keep abreast of what's happening on the Coromandel Peninsula. The next BA5 is on Monday 26 August at the Old Mill Café from 5pm to 6.30pm. TCDC's Economic Development Team and Destination Hauraki Coromandel will attend to share about their work, district insights, and useful information to support local businesses. Businesses can become financial members and join the group by emailing: finance@tairua.biz

**B**ookings for "An Afternoon of Tea, Talk and Tasty Treats" are being taken now. The High Tea event is on Saturday 17 August at 3pm in Tairua Hall. The event, hosted by Tairua Elim Church, encourages women of all ages to "get together, to enjoy each others' company, and to have some fun and laughs." The guest speaker is Style Coach and Personal Shopper, Kerry Finlay. Your \$20 entry fee includes tea, coffee, or juice, platters of High Tea delectables and a take-home gift. Tables of 8 will make it easy for a group of friends to sit together and catch up. Contact Marlene on 07 864 8762 or 021 679 646 by Wednesday 7 August.

**P**auanui Market is on this Sunday 28 July, and every last Sunday of the month, in the Recreation Hall (next to the Pauanui Club), 31 Sheppard Avenue. Doors open at 9am, with closing time set at 12.30pm. Regular features of the market include: food, coffee, fruit and veggies, woodcarving, jewellery, books, plants, jams and chutneys, and crafts. If you are interested in having a stall at this market, phone 027 449 6888.

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**Waste minimisation through  
parenting**

We live in an area that prides itself on being environmentally aware. So, it is heartening to see some of the latest efforts being made to raise awareness about the importance of waste minimisation. One such waste minimisation effort is focussed on the care of babies.

It looks like cloth nappies are set to make a re-appearance! Those of us who parented before the invention of disposable nappies will remember (fondly I hope) the joy of the "pre-wash clean up", the overnight soak in Napisan, and eventually the gathering in of a pristine set of cotton nappies from the washing line, folding them neatly into the origami designs that would swaddle our darlings and contain spillage of any sort. And now it looks like our current generation of parents is being encouraged to sample these delights too.

A new online course, "Cloth Nappies with Kate," that covers topics like waste-

free parenting, feeding and baby food, cloth nappies 101, washing cloth nappies and so on, is now available.

If you are a parent or soon-to-be parent and would like to know more about how to reduce waste, then Kate's course is for you. You need to register your interest at [www.wastedkate.co.nz/collections/thames-coromandel-district/products/thames-coromandel-district-online-cloth-nappies-more-course-includes-a-80-gift-bag](http://www.wastedkate.co.nz/collections/thames-coromandel-district/products/thames-coromandel-district-online-cloth-nappies-more-course-includes-a-80-gift-bag).

The course costs \$10 and those signing up will receive a cloth nappy pack worth \$80. Once the course is completed, Kate will be holding three pop-up coffee groups in Whangamata, Whitianga, and Thames to discuss and answer questions with course participants.

This is a great idea that will save on landfill and help to eliminate "filled" disposables from the Coromandel landscape!

Photo: [www.wastedkate.co.nz](http://www.wastedkate.co.nz)



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(next to Pauanui Sports Club)

**NOT TO BE MISSED!!!!**

LET'S GET BAKING ... 

**WHOLE ORANGE MUFFINS**



*This recipe came from a dear friend who made these for a special morning tea. They disappeared in no time! "This is a simple recipe which can be made dairy-free by subbing in oil. For the morning tea, I doubled the recipe and used half oil and half butter."*  
 Original recipe at: [www.ourtastykitchen.com](http://www.ourtastykitchen.com)

**Ingredients:**

- 1 medium orange with peel, cut into small chunks (remove any seeds)
- ½ cup orange juice
- 1 large egg
- 115g butter at room temp (or 1/2 cup Canola oil)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 ¾ cups plain flour
- ¾ cup white sugar + (optional) small amount for sprinkling
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

**Method:**

1. Pre-heat oven to 170°C (fan-forced) or 190°C (conventional). Grease a muffin tin, or use paper liners.
2. In a blender or food processor, pulp orange chunks until smooth. Add egg, butter, and vanilla. Blend again. Set aside.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, and baking soda.
4. Pour the orange mixture into the dry ingredients and stir to combine.
4. Fill the muffin cups evenly. If you like, sprinkle the tops with a little white sugar.
5. Bake for 15 – 17 minutes. The tops should be lightly golden brown. Allow to cool a little then remove from tin and place on a wire rack to cool further.



*These muffins can be stored in an air-tight container (they don't need to be kept in the fridge). Best enjoyed within 2-3 days. They also freeze well. Place them in an air-tight container or plastic bag - freeze for up to 6 months.*


**SNAPPED!** Snapshots of our community...




**Basket fungi** (*Ileodictyon cibarium*) are usually found on the forest floor in native Australia, New Zealand and Chile, but this one was "snapped" on a road verge in one of Tairua's residential streets. Perhaps it had been collected by a kid-forest-forager on school holidays, as there was no evidence of its base, from which it would have exploded?

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