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# Tairua River Trail a step closer

Hikuai District Trust is thrilled to announce that resource consent has been granted for the planned extension of the walking and cycle trail connecting Pauanui and Tairua. Trust chairman, Derrick Adams says the completed trail will become a valuable long term community asset.

Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) and Waikato Regional Council (WRC) have approved the extension of the existing Tairua River Trail, via a purpose-built 120-metre suspension bridge across Tairua River and 7km of new trail along its north bank, creating a fully off-road route between the towns.

At present, the 6km section of trail from Pauanui

waterways upstream towards Hikuai is already popular with thousands of walkers, runners and cyclists using it each year. The river crossing, via the new bridge, removes the issue of users having to negotiate open roads

When completed in the next few years, it's expected the trail will create:

- Economic opportunities from increased year-round walking and cycle tourism;
- Conservation benefits through an extension of the existing planting and pesttrapping work;
- A safer off-road walking route for residents south of Tairua township;
- Improved community health and wellbeing;

An indication of the proposed suspension bridge across Tairua River.



• Potential future connections to other walking and cycling trails in the region.

Hikuai District Trust, the local charitable trust overseeing the trail's construction, is grateful to everyone who participated in the resource consent application process, including TCDC and WRC, local iwi, local land owners, Waka Kotahi, the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board and the many community groups and individuals who supported the application.

With the major hurdle of

resource consent overcome, construction on the first portion of the new trail stage is set to start over summer. Funding will come from public and private sources, and local organisations and individuals will have the opportunity to support the project as cornerstone partners.

In the meantime, Mr Adams encourages locals and visitors to get out and enjoy the existing trail, and get in touch if they want to support the new stages. Visit www. tairuarivertrail.org.nz

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Tairua Music Club is holding an afternoon concert, "Songs from the Movies" at Tairua Bowling Club on Sunday 20 October. The show starts at 2.30pm. Special guests, "Conchord Choir" from Pauanui will be performing and Music Club members will keep you entertained throughout. Tickets are \$10, at the door. Raffles tickets are \$5 for three draws.

■airua Art Group is holding an Art Exhibition and Sale, as part of the Coromandel Artbeat Spring Festival, at Tairua Hall 9.30am until 2.30pm on Saturday 26 October. Local artists will have their original artworks, prints and greetings cards for sale, and there will be interactive stands, and painting and printmaking demonstrations. Take your time to browse, speak with any of the members, buy a unique piece of art, and find out more about joining the relaxed and friendly group.

Tairua Elim Church is holding the Light Party again this year at Pepe Reserve, Thursday 31 October. This family event is a positive alternative to Halloween, with games and activities, a Ferris Wheel, a Vertical Bungy, Zorbs, prizes, food and treats! Starting at 4pm, the event concludes with a lucky prize draw for all children who register on arrival.

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