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Local roadworks underway

In the latest Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) newsletter a number of local projects are listed for action. These include repairs to the Pumpkin Hill slip, the completion of the repairs to Hikuai Bridge, and the (biggie!) Pepe Bridge replacement.

Work is already underway on the repair to the large under-slip on SH25 near Sailors Grave Road. Waka Kotahi reports that this project is one of the more complex repairs in their Coromandel Recovery Programme and is likely to take 6 months to complete. Brought down during the severe weather in early 2023, the slip is about 30m wide

and 20m deep. Contractors will remove about 2100 cubic metres of material and then build a retaining wall. Teams will be working at the top and bottom of the slip. The road will be widened to give more space for these works to be done, but stop/go traffic management will be used as required during construction.

Down the road, contractors will be back at work on the Hikuai Bridge this week to complete repairs, started earlier this year but unable to be completed due to poor weather. This work will involve short closures as required and remains weather-dependent.

Meanwhile, we are getting

The two-lane Pepe Bridge Project is now in the pre-implementation phase.



Photo: Waka Kotahi NZTA

excited about the progress towards a new two-lane Pepe Bridge! The case for a new two-lane bridge across Pepe Stream, with a path for pedestrians, and improvements to the Pepe Road intersection was approved by Waka Kotahi in 2022 and funding for its construction has been allocated. The project is now in the "pre-implementation phase". The scope of

works, design and consent applications will be finalised. Although the construction timeline has not been set, a key focus is the minimisation of impact and duration. This augurs well for significant progress to be made once the go button is pushed!

These local roadworks are great news for our part of the Coromandel with things finally being reinstated.

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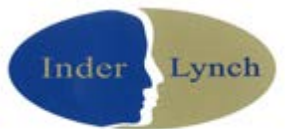
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**PAUANUI MARKET
THIS SUNDAY 27TH OCT
9am -12.30pm**

We have loads of fabulous stalls, live Music, our MARKET CAFE with fresh homemade pies, muffins, cakes, scones, quiche. COFFEE CART! Wood carvings, macadamia products, bird houses, flowers, plants, books, knitting, Art, quality second hand clothing, jewellery, candles, diffusers, keto products, FRESH fruit and veggies, chutneys, jams, relish, sauces, crafts and services....

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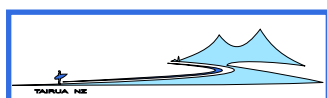


**Exhibition
and Sale**

**THIS SATURDAY 26th OCT
9:30am until 2:30pm
Tairua Community Hall**

Local artists' original artworks,
prints & cards for sale
Demonstrations
Enjoy the relaxed vibe
& chat with Group members

See you at
Labour weekend



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Taiwan Cherry tree invasion

by Guest Writer Allie Cotter,
Pestfree Tairua

Everyone loves flowering plants. They bring the bees and diverse bird life but some flowering trees come with big problems! Taiwan Cherry (Prunus campanulata) is an invasive weed. The tree is a real threat to our Tairua environment. It is spread easily by birds. The seeds (from the flowers) are long-lived and widely dispersed and it loves our Tairua climate. The Taiwan Cherry is a deciduous tree that grows up to 10m in height. You see it from late July through to early September, when the mature trees produce thousands of deep pink flowers that attract pollinators such as bees and tūi. Its thin leaves are 5-17cm long and serrated. It grows in clumps that prevent regeneration of native species that provide all-year-round food and habitat for our native animals.

Native birds such as tūi

feed on the berries and nectar, however, the nectar only lasts for a couple of weeks. Our natives like pōhutukawa, flax, ti kouka (cabbage trees), kōwhai and ngaio are better for the birds.

We appreciate that Taiwan Cherry trees are attractive garden trees and that they draw in birds and bees, but these benefits are far outweighed by the disastrous ecological impacts these trees cause. Some district councils, like Nelson and Northland have made it illegal to sell, propagate or distribute this tree. TCDC is also looking to add this tree to its pest management register.

So what can we do here in Tairua? If you have a tree, cut it down and then poison the stump as it will regrow! There will be seedlings all around Tairua – pull them out, roots and all. Pestfree Tairua will also be removing the Taiwan Cherry when they are doing their trap lines. Let us make Tairua Taiwan Cherry-free too!

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The Heritage Players Present
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Wed 13th
 Thu 14th
 Sat 16th
 November 2024
 7pm

\$26 Tickets From Tairua Information Centre

Light supper & raffle included.
 Bar opens from 6:30 pm

Short & Sweet

This Saturday, Tairua Fire Brigade is holding its fundraiser "Firefighters' Market", from 9am until noon. Go early to get your hands on one (or more) of THE FAMOUS mussel fritters, then wander around the variety of stalls. Also during the morning, the crew will be showing us their skills in a demo segment.

Pauanui Market is on this Sunday 27 October from 9am to 12.30pm. Being Labour weekend, it is hoped that this one will be especially buzzing! According to stall holder, Linda Crozier, there are loads of fabulous stalls and a wonderful Market Café. Live music adds to the atmosphere and the coffee cart always draws a crowd. Linda encourages not just Pauanui folk to the market. With only a short drive from Tairua, families will find it a lovely place to spend a Sunday morning. Find the Market at the Recreation Hall, 31 Sheppard Ave, next to Pauanui Sports Club.

TCDC has partnered with Age Concern Hau-raki Coromandel to offer emergency preparedness workshops in our area to educate and support older people in emergency preparedness, and identify the steps we need to take to develop our own emergency plan. Sessions will cover topics like understanding hazards, how to stay informed and personal preparedness. Participants will work through the elements of an emergency plan and learn how to prepare their own. The closest workshop is on Wednesday 13 November at the Hub in Pauanui, starting at 9.30am. Other workshops are offered on Wednesday 13 November in Whitianga at 3.30pm or Wednesday 20 November in Whangamata at 9.30am.

Short & Sweet

Tairua Art Group's Exhibition and Sale is on Saturday of Labour weekend. The event is part of the "Coromandel Artbeat Spring Festival" which celebrates and promotes the Arts throughout the Peninsula. The local art group is exhibiting their original artworks, and prints. These, along with a selection of greeting cards and calendars, are also for sale. Adding to the event, there will be interactive stands and demonstrations. Many of the artists will be in attendance and happy to talk about their works and the Group. Artist, Sue Foster, said, "We are inviting everyone to stay awhile and enjoy the vibe, the easy-listening background music, and a chat."

Tairua Heritage Society's Heritage Players are preparing a new show, "Back to the 30s - A Night at the Cabaret", that will open on Wednesday 13 November at 7pm. Organiser, Auriol Farquhar, has kept the show a little under wraps, but assures us that it will be something different and enjoyable! The Show also plays on Thursday 14 and Saturday 16 November, both start at 7pm. Tickets are \$26 from Tairua Information Centre. A light supper and raffle are included in the price, with a cash bar open from 6.30pm each night. The Heritage Players are made up of local residents who bring history to life through the fun of live theatre.

Excitement is building for Tairua Elim Church's Light Party at Pepe Reserve, Thursday 31 October, 4pm to 7pm. This family event is a positive alternative to Halloween with games, entertainment, food, and prizes. If you would like to help out, please contact Marlene 021 679 646.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Tairua River Trail moves forward

Our Council has approved signing an agreement with the trail builder, Hikui District Trust, that will guarantee ongoing public access to the trail once it's complete.

The agreement will also mean that our Council can ensure the trail is safe and maintained, while the Trust is responsible for, and pays for, maintaining the trail, including assets like boardwalks and the bridge over the Tairua River that was recently consented.

The Trust has been working for years on building the path (and fundraising to pay the costs) to connect Pāuanui and Tairua.

A 120-metre suspension bridge will cross the Tairua River from where the trail currently ends on the Pāuanui side of the river, and the final stage of the trail into Tairua can now be built, to complete a fully off-road cycling and walking path between the two towns.



The risk of the Trust falling over leaving Council with the costs of maintaining the trail assets are seen as minimal as the Trust is well established and well run and has considerable fundraising experience.

Our Tairua-Pāuanui Community Board has contributed \$592,900 in funding since 2013 and has committed to providing an additional \$171,400 in grants by 2027. The Trust has raised an additional \$515,300 and has benefited from thousands of hours of volunteer labour.

Tairua-Pāuanui Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board Chair, Warwick Brooks –



“With Council’s support, the construction of stage four of the Tairua River Trail is now imminent, which is exciting news for both our ward and the wider district. Many of you are eager to experience the trek between Tairua and Pāuanui via the new, purpose-built bridge. Our Community Board has strongly supported the trail’s construction and maintenance so far, and I’m confident this will continue. This is a great win for both locals and visitors alike.”

warwick.brooks@council.tcdc.govt.nz

The Board’s next meeting is on Monday 25 November, at 10am at the Council board room at Pāuanui Hub, 23 Centreway, Pāuanui. tcdc.govt.nz/meetings



LABOUR WEEKEND
Some rules, regulations and schedules may change.



Kerbside collections

There will be no kerbside collections on Labour Day public holiday on Monday 28 October.

The Red week collections (rubbish and food scraps) will take place a day later than usual. Check out

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Rubbish and Recycling Transfer Stations (RTS) will be open on Labour Day Monday from 8.30am–5.30pm. tcdc.govt.nz/rts



Alcohol Bans

Alcohol bans are in place over Labour weekend from 4pm Friday to 4pm Monday.

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Dog Rules

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GET READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

Our Council has partnered with Age Concern Hauraki Coromandel to offer emergency preparedness workshops.

This initiative aims to educate and support older persons on emergency preparedness. Learn about hazards, how to stay informed and personal preparedness. Participants work through the contents of an emergency plan and how to prepare your own plan.

Don’t miss out – being prepared makes a difference.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

- 13 November: Pāuanui Hub meeting room, 9:30am
- 13 November: Whitianga, 3:30pm
- 20 November: Whangamatā, 9:30am
- 27 November: Thames, 9:30am

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Agenda:

1. Adoption of Annual Reports
2. Election of Officers
3. General Business

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