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## First game a treat

They say good things take time, so after a year with no local senior rugby, the wait for the first game of the season proper was worth it! This game, against Coromandel Town, had it all!

The season opener was also Shayne Johnson's 200th representative game for Tairua Rugby and Sports Club, a milestone not reached by many players anywhere! Coromandel laid down a rousing challenge with a passionate haka and honoured Shayne with their wero, a challenge he met as captain with steady eye-contact and pick-up!

The game tempo from

the outset was frenetic. Coromandel began with a coordinated and disciplined approach and pushed Tairua back early to score the first try. Tairua's rally saw a lot more precision come into their game. Coromandel then were on the back foot for most of the first half while Tairua capitalised on Coromandel's infringing with several kicks at goal, slotting one and going on to score an unconverted try, making an 8-5 half-time score.

Not long into the second half Shayne took several heavy knocks to the shoulder and had to be side-lined. Captaincy fell to Glen Strange and the team

responded well with increased composure and positional play. This provided bursts of the slickest rugby you'll ever see. However, between these bursts the lack of game fitness and coordination became evident on both sides. This proved costly for both sides with flurries of penalties resulting.

Despite Tairua taking several shots at goal, only one more was converted in the second half, to take the score to 11-5 with about 10 minutes to go. Coromandel came back with a concerted barrage on Tairua's line, eventually pushing over in the last minute of the game and converting to take the win, 11-12!

A truly hard-fought game



**Captain Shayne Johnson in his 200th game for Tairua Rugby and Sports Club.**

taken down to the wire, a fitting tribute to Shayne and the Tairua team's effort! And a real delight for those of us who enjoy going along to the Saturday footy! Thanks Shayne and team! A great start to the season in my book!

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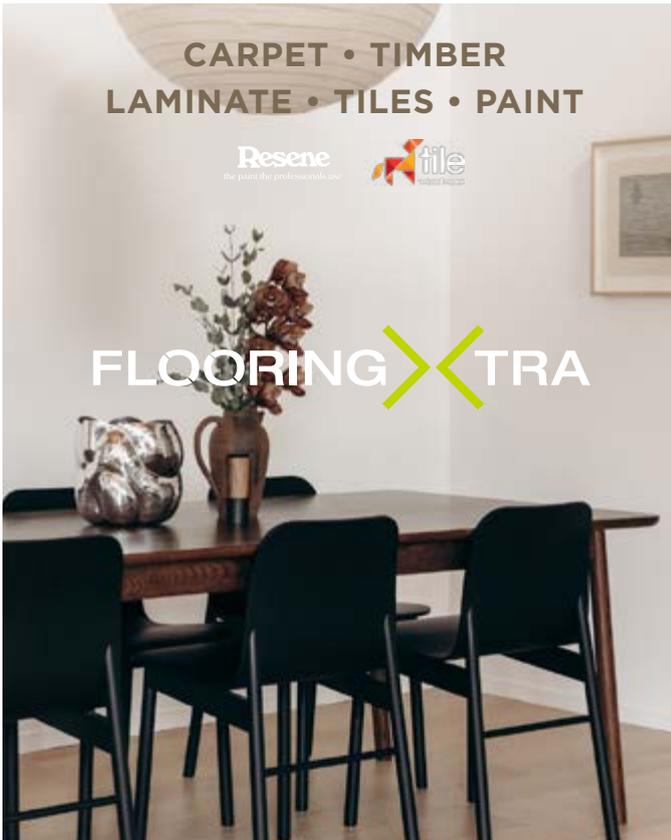
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**River trail moves up another gear**

Just before Christmas last year Tairua River Trail volunteers received the news they had been waiting for, that resource consent to complete the trail via a bridge across the Tairua River and a new trail along the north bank into Tairua had been granted.

Since the great news they have moved up another gear! Work has started on the construction of two minor steel truss bridges required for the northern bank trail into Tairua. These bridges will be similar in design to that which spans Duck Creek on the southern bank. A 14m structure is needed to span the Oturu Stream and a 12m structure to span Swampy Stream. The volunteers are very excited to see such progress being made!

The organising Trust has acquired a brand new all-

terrain vehicle (ATV), thanks to a grant from Pub Charity Ltd. Initially the ATV will support construction and maintenance work along the north bank of the trail. When construction is complete, because it carries a fire extinguisher and first aid kit, it will be used as an emergency response vehicle, capable of attending to, and evacuating, injured trail users.

The Tairua River Trail organisers are looking for Trail Blazers to support the project! They are looking for businesses and philanthropic individuals and organisations to come on board as cornerstone partners. For others keen to support the River Trail project, the group has come up with a regular monthly donation option. For more information about these options and all the latest news check out the website, [www.tairuarivertrail.org.nz](http://www.tairuarivertrail.org.nz)



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Work has started on the construction of two minor steel truss bridges.

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*All minute items to the secretary: kurt.jarrett@fireandemergency.nz by May 13th, 2025.*

*Our sincere apologies to Mayor Len Salt, and music partner, Anna Dunwoodie, for printing incorrectly that the music duo, due to perform at Tairua Country Club on April 18th, were married. Part of the Concert's proceeds will benefit Tairua Heritage Society.*  
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