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Tairua Heritage Centre is open!

On Sunday the 9th of February Mayor Len Salt, Deputy Mayor Terry Walker, Councillor Martin Rodley and Warwick Brooks of the Tairua Pauanui Community Board were on hand at Tairua's new Heritage Centre at 233 Main Road for its official opening. The Tairua Heritage Society has taken a lease at the site in an effort to showcase their growing collection of heritage artefacts and displays to the public.

Following TCDC's revamp of the long term plans for the region in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle and the other raft of weather events, funding set aside for a Heritage Centre associated with the Library

and Information Centre in Tairua was removed. Wanting to gauge how much actual interest and support there is for a Heritage Centre in the town, the Heritage Society committee decided to embark on this interim measure while TCDC works out how community facilities in town are best served.

Preparing for the change of use at the building, a team of volunteers have painted, cleaned and produced displays for the Centre. The Heritage panels that have graced Pepe Reserve for a number of years have been moved to the Centre and now adorn the entrance and feature inside as free-standing display boards.

The Tairua Heritage Society committee excited about Mayor Len Salt opening the new Heritage Centre.



Heritage Society chair, David Rushforth, welcomed the large group of supporters to the Centre opening and shared his enthusiasm for the new venture, commending the Society Committee for its efforts to bring this project to fruition. David explained that the Society is now keen to raise around \$400,000 to acquire the building outright, to provide a solid base to develop from. During the ribbon-cutting

ceremony Mayor Len Salt responded by suggesting that TCDC, along with community support, would be interested in helping to further that plan. His comment was met with universal approval!

The Heritage Centre is now open for business! Centre opening hours to begin with are limited as volunteer rosters are worked out. The Committee would love to hear from anyone willing to help out.

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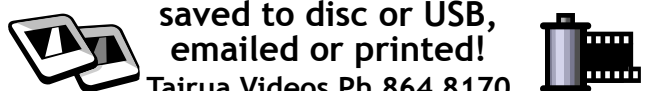
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Interest to action

Having had the opportunity of a sneak look around Tairua's Heritage Centre before its official opening, we noticed an area near the entrance that had been set up by one of the Society's volunteers, committee member Jenny Chalmers.

Jenny's dedication to the Society is obvious, as the author of "Tairua in the News 1960 to 2020", one in the series of books produced by the Society.

When asked why she became involved in the Heritage Society, Jenny explained that her involvement went from interest to action:

"I developed a passion for New Zealand social history at school then studied history at Auckland University and taught history at Auckland Girls' Grammar. Since moving to Tairua in 2003 my focus of interest has moved to the local area. I am concerned that Tairua's stories are preserved for the future and shared with the younger generation. Sometimes this means researching obscure topics and untold stories. Belonging to the Society allows me to indulge this interest and provides a vehicle for sharing my discoveries with others.

"Tairua's history is important to me because it is so rich and colourful. It is a microcosm of the story of New Zealand. As you delve into dusty boxes such as Father Bennett's archives or the Cory Wright photo collection you unearth the fragments of a complex patchwork quilt of past people's lives and random events which one by one changed the story. This started more than 800 years ago with the people who brought the pearl shell lure to New Zealand and has continued until today in each new subdivision that is opened or facility that is built



Jenny Chalmers in the Reading Corner that she set up in the new Heritage Centre.

or not built...be it a skateboard park, cycle trail, bridge or new Heritage Centre."

When Jenny joined the Society she was asked to look after the archiving of documents and other items. She said, "There were thousands of newspaper clippings in cardboard boxes. I have sorted them and created albums that can be perused."

Jenny's Reading Corner in the Heritage Centre comprises a very comfortable easy chair and a bookshelf containing a number of albums, unpublished books, folders and scrap books. The older ones were compiled by past residents of Tairua such as Snow Lowe, who collected newspaper clippings from the 1960s to the 1980s, and Bruce Gilberd, who wrote about his experiences during the period when there was much controversy about the building of the marina. Other items are compilations on topics that have preoccupied town residents over the years: water supply, sewage disposal, flooding and town services, to name a few.

If you have an historical bent, then make sure you drop in to Tairua Heritage Centre and check what Jenny and other members have been up to.

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The application process is open now and entries close Friday 28 February 2025.

More information can be found at www.myd.govt.nz/young-people/youth-parliament/youth-parliament-2025.html

Youth MP Mairangi Campbell debates the 2022 Youth Parliament mock bill.



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