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Easter eggs and Hot Cross buns

As a child, the wait until we could devour our Easter eggs seemed unbearably long! In a church calendar, beginning with Ash Wednesday, the pre-Easter season lasted 46 days. No wonder mum had to store our eggs high up in the pantry lest we find them and have a secret feast hiding in the bottom of the huge walk-in cupboard.

Hot Cross buns weren't as tempting, mainly because they had that horrible mixed peel and fruit, and they were never made and sold until Good Friday. Well, not as tempting to me, but I do recall my mum sighing with pleasure as she enjoyed her oven-warmed bun with lashings of butter.

These days eggs and buns seem to appear for sale any time after Christmas, prompting the yes vs no camps on the rightness or wrongness of this state of affairs! And even worse, tempting us to indulge early without the reverence due the Season!

Interestingly, the "Good Book", the Bible, has a sentence that says, "Whether you are eating or drinking, or whatever you do, do it to the Glory of God."

So whether you've waited, or not, whether you'll eat eggs or buns (or both) or not, enjoy the feast, and as you do, think about the One who started it all, Jesus, and why - something about bringing us closer to a God of Love and Grace - and let's dare to give Him some glory (thanks) for all that we have, starting with the chocolate, and even that delicious hot cross bun fruit that I've come to love.

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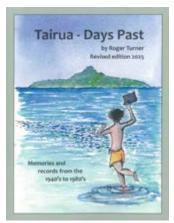
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Revised edition of 'Tairua - Days Past' now available

Local amateur historian Roger Turner has just completed a revised edition of his popular 2020 publication "Tairua - Days Past". The original memoir was a series of short stories from the late 1940s and 1950s telling many local stories about Tairua in the early days of bach development. Now, in the new edition which Roger refers to as 'memories and records from the 1940s to 1980s', he has added a lot of new material, especially about how Tairua and Pauanui developed from the 1960s. The book has a bigger format and there are also over 30 new photographs from Roger's personal collection which add much to the interest of the

The new book is on sale exclusively at the Tairua Heritage Centre for \$30 with



The new edition of Roger Turner's book has memories and records from the 1940s to the 1980s.

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Community catch-up session

We have been invited by Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) to a community catch-up session this week. TCDC has several consultations on the go at present, leading to decisions that will have long term effects on our District.

The catch-up session for Pauanui and Tairua will be held this Wednesday 16 April at St Francis House, 244 Main Road, Tairua. The catch-up session is a chance to chat with Council staff about the various issues. There is no formal presentation. So the invitation is to attend St Francis House at a time that suits you, ask questions, and be part of the conversation. The session will last from 10am until 2.30pm.

Topics to be discussed

include "Local Waters Done Well", the Government's options for how water services in the district will be provided and funded in the future; changes to the Annual Plan regarding proposed changes to summer kerbside collections in our ward; and the Rating Review which will help to shape the future of rating in the district. And with local elections on the horizon you can check that you are enrolled to vote.

TCDC staff will be there to answer questions, explain what these consultations mean to you, and help guide you through the process of sharing your feedback. It is important that your voice is heard. Go along and have your say.

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DECISION TIME FOR THAMES-COROMANDEL

Kōrero mai -We're listening, tell us what you think.



Our district has three important issues to decide on and we'd like your feedback so our elected Council can make the best possible decision for the community.

What does the future of water services look like?



Our Council would like your feedback on how best to manage Council's water services in the future.

The Government's Local Water Done Well water services reform programme means councils throughout Aotearoa New Zealand must consider different management and operation models of our "three waters" - stormwater, wastewater and drinking water.

Several models have been deeply researched and the

advantages and disadvantages of each weighed up. Another question is whether to keep water services 'in

house' or team up with other councils? We'd like your feedback on the options between 15 April to 15 May. We'll be holding meetings throughout the district and reaching out for feedback on the

proposed options.

tcdc.govt.nz/lwdw

RATING REVIEW 2025

We're rethinking our rating system to ensure it is fair, transparent, and best reflects the needs of our district.

We're proposing a shift from rating based on land value to rating based on capital value. It's the system that over 65% of councils across New 7ealand use.

This isn't about increasing the total

amount of rates collected - it's about redistributing how rates are shared.

We're presenting three different options for you to choose from.

We're also keen to hear your thoughts on how we approach second dwellings, or SUIPs (separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit).

Help shape the future of our rating system

Find out more on our website and in our comprehensive **Proposal Document.**



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Proposed changes to summer kerbside collections

We're proposing to change peak summer collections for rubbish and glass recycling in our east coast communities from twice weekly to once weekly.

These communities, from Whangamatā to Whangapoua, would still have rubbish, glass, mixed recycling and food waste collected once a week from the week of Christmas to the week of Waitangi Day. Fewer than half of the properties in the

east coast are making use of each

collection in this period. Changing from two collections per week to one would be more efficient, reduce environmental impact and lower

costs while still meeting community needs.

The feedback period opened 1 April and runs until 29 April.

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For info on the next Community Board meeting and Council meeting check tcdc.govt.nz/meetings



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KERBSIDE

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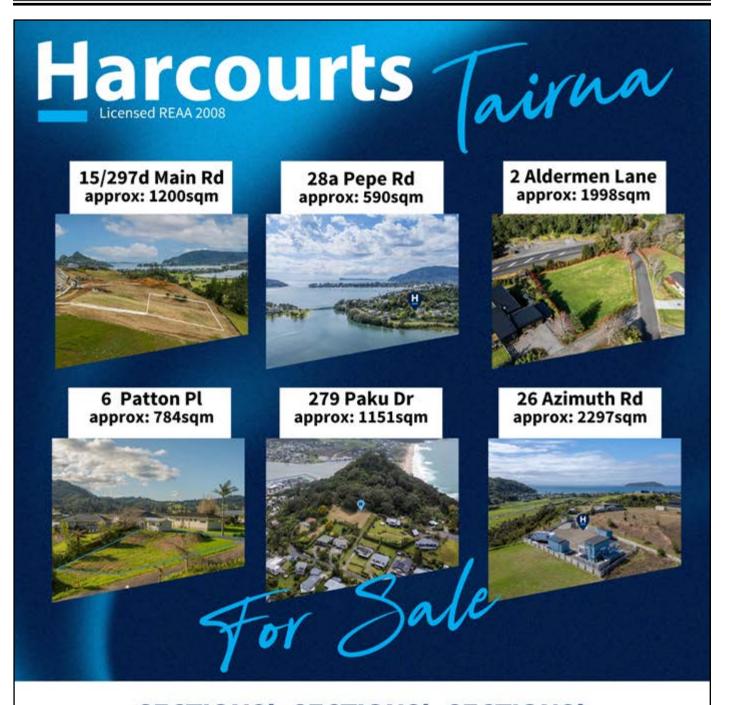
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Bob's new buggy

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A decade later, Bob has now purchased a three-wheeler buggy with ramps that fold up, onto which a wheelchair can be clamped. The idea being that the wheelchair is rolled on, locked down and then wheeled to the water's edge to allow the rider to dip their toes into the tide!

Bob has been inspired by "Toes in the Water Whangamata," a group set up to help the disabled access the beach. The group's goal is to ensure their beach is easily accessed by everyone. They offer adult and children's beach wheelchairs and beach walkers. All have balloon tyres for managing the beach environment. Users can book a time online to use the equipment and, together with



Bob's three-wheeler buggy onto which a wheelchair can be clamped.

their support people, they can definitely get their toes wet!

Bob sees his new buggy meeting a similar need here in Tairua. He has tested it on Ocean Beach and admits the beach is a little steep and could cause problems for the helpers, but is hopeful that Nana's Beach and other similar estuary beaches would be more appropriate. However, Bob is looking for a suitable place to house the beach buggy. He is open to offers and suggestions as to where it could be stored and managed. Contact him by email: robertjamieson56@ gmail.com, if you have ideas.

Always pondering options, Bob thinks that perhaps a beach walker might be a great project! He has a pair of 30cm balloon tires and would be happy if someone would like to use their skills to make one! He has plenty of that PVC pipe to contribute to the project! Get in touch with him.

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