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Encouraged by TCDC, Love Food, Hate Waste is keen to help us reduce our household food waste and do our bit to combat a global issue!

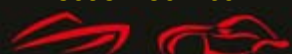
Like most things, change on any scale begins with us. Tackling food waste in our own homes will have the most impact in changing things.

Currently the average New Zealand household throws away around \$1,326 worth of food every year which adds up to a staggering \$2.9 billion worth of wasted food nationwide (about 86 kilograms per household annually)!

The Love Food, Hate Waste website, <https://lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz>, is full of information and tips to help us in our habit changes. Most are simple and make good sense. Take their tip on bananas for example: Do you buy bunches of bananas and find they go brown (over-ripen) before you get to eat them all? Store them away from other fruit to stop them ripening fast, and if they do get too ripe, freeze them and use them for smoothies or baking.

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Operation Christmas Child is back again for 2025

Christmas is such a special time for a lot of people. Here in Aotearoa New Zealand it is celebrated in a variety of ways, nearly all with a focus on children and gifts. But in many impoverished parts of the world, Christmas is celebrated without the joy of giving. Christian charity, Samaritan's Purse, through its initiative "Operation Christmas Child", brings that joy back.

Samaritan's Purse provides aid and relief worldwide, and believes that this initiative is a great way to bless children and share the Good News of Christmas.

This year will be no different and we are being invited to join with Samaritan's Purse in this project.

For anyone who hasn't been involved before, the task is to fill a shoebox with gifts that will bring joy to a child. The boxes are collected and sent out around the world to children who have very little. Last year over 11 million were packed worldwide!

The impact of the Christmas gifts is not to be underestimated. A child's testimony from Cambodia tells of receiving her first ever

gift, a shoebox filled with hair clips, pencils, a doll, shoes and a beautiful dress. These were things she had only ever dreamed of. "I felt cared for and loved by someone I didn't even know. It was the best day of my life," she said.

Operation Christmas Child is a great opportunity for all ages to get involved. For families, this is a perfect opportunity to teach kids about generosity and the gift of giving. Emerald, aged 8, says, "It was so much fun packing the box and sending it. I got the same feeling as when I opened my own Christmas presents!"

How do you get involved? It is very simple. Pick up a box from organiser, Anna Murray, fill it with gifts, pay \$12.50 online towards the shipping, and return the box to Anna in plenty of time for the international collection. Each box comes with instructions and gift suggestions. To get your box or for more info, contact Anna on 021 037 8371.

Don't delay! The Christmas Child boxes need to be to Anna well before 20 October. Let's help make this Christmas one to remember for a child whose circumstances are difficult.



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MEET THE CANDIDATES MEETING Saturday 6 September, 1.45-3.45pm Tairua Community Hall

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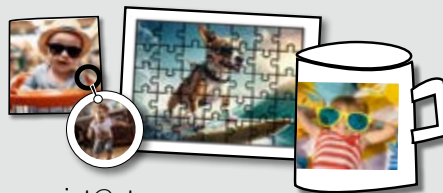
Candidates for Mayor, Thames-Coromandel District Council, Tairua-Pauanui Community Board and Waikato Regional Council will be present to face the local audience with their plans, promises and visions for Tairua.

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The 'Meet the Candidates' meetings for Pauanui and Tairua take place on Saturday 6 September. Hosted by the Pauanui and Tairua Residents & Ratepayers Associations, the first session takes place at the Pauanui Club from 10.15am to 12.15pm. The second session takes place at Tairua Community Hall from 1.45pm to 3.45pm. The candidates will answer prepared questions to help us discern their priorities and plans for the District. If time allows there will be a chance to ask questions from the floor.

Battle of Britain commemorations are taking place at Thames Airfield on Sunday 14 September at 11am. The celebrations will include the unveiling of a bronze statue of Sir Keith Park. Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park, was born in Thames in 1892, fought in the First World War and during the Second World War, led the RAF's No. 11 Group which proved pivotal to the defeat of the German Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain.