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The campaign has been widely embraced as a way of showing gratitude for the good that local businesses do in our community, and as a "thank you" to those of us who are working at earning a living in Tairua. Every dollar spent locally makes a big difference, and we are truly grateful!

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time to "shop and win" at participating stores. The idea is, every time you spend \$30 or more, you go in the draw to win up to \$250 of vouchers

from local businesses.

The draws have taken place every fortnight, and the most recent winner was Heather from Tairua Campground. Heather's \$40 purchase from Dutchy's won her \$150 worth of vouchers supplied by The Pepe Grand Café, Tairua Four Square, Coral Cove Beauty, Heaven and Earth, and Out of the Blue Café.

At the conclusion of the promotion period, a Grand Draw for a \$1000 worth of vouchers, will take place immediately following the last fortnightly draw and the lucky winner will be announced on 1st October. Be in to win!

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50% of proceeds to Tairua Foodbank

Looking forward to seeing you there! Wendy

#### TAIRUA PAUANUI SPORTS FISHING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the club -12 The Marina, Tairua Saturday 6th September 11AM



#### Sunday

9.30am **Worship** Fellowship & Morning Tea

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### 'Ello, 'ello, 'ello A word from our local constabulary

Kia Ora Koutou.

August has been an eventful month for us. As many of you are aware, on August 8th at around 5.20am a fire started in the garage at Tairua Police Station. The fire completely enqulfed the entire garage, destroying it along with our Police vehicle inside as well as other items. The fire was started due to an electrical fault in the vehicle. Luckily no one was hurt. There are no suspicious elements surrounding the fire after the fire investigator delivered his findings. The fire was contained thanks to the swift calling from residents nearby and the amazing work from the Tairua and Pauanui Fire Brigades. Without the efforts from our Fire Brigades the damage would have been a lot more severe. We can not thank them enough. It really emphasises the saying, "Safer communities together".

We have strong leads in relation to the burglaries that have been occurring around Tairua. Further follow-up is still to be made. Police have recovered jewellery that was taken during one of the burglaries on Paku Drive. The suspect for these

burglaries was arrested and is currently remanded in custody. We continue to work hard to solve these matters. Just another reminder to ensure your house is securely locked. Cameras are a great deterrence for burglars as none of them like being on camera. With security cameras it increases the chance of identifying these offenders who do so much damage to our community.

An operation commenced around the Coromandel recently targeting drink drivers. We are happy to report that the majority of people are making smart and safe decisions, either by getting a sober driver or deciding to lock and leave their vehicles and make their way home by other means. We continue to check drivers to ensure that our community stays safe and to prevent any unnecessary traffic accidents.

We hope everyone has a great rest of the month. We are looking forward to seeing you all around town. Please come and say "hi"!

Stay Safe Nga mihi Tim & Dylan , Tairua Police

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# Short & Sweet

he 'Meet the Candidates' meetings for Pauanui and Tairua take place this Saturday 6 September. The first session is 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. This is your chance to hear directly from the horses' mouths! In preparation for the meeting, you may want to check out the Mayoral and Councillor candidates' profiles and videos, and the Community Board candidates statements on TCDC's website.

he Thames Coast section of SH25 will be closed for a week following Labour Weekend for bridge repairs. People wanting to get to locations north of the bridge, including the Waikawau boat ramp, will need to use SH25A and the eastern section of SH25 via Tairua and Whitianga, And for those heading south from northern Coromandel, it will be the reverse. Expect more traffic through town during this period.

t Francis Church is offering a 'Table Talk Conversation' on Sunday 7 September for anyone who wants to know more about retaining a Maori Ward in the Thames Coromandel District. A referendum on this topic is being held in conjunction with the local elections in October, so this an opportunity to learn, reflect, and ask questions about the process and story of representation in local government. The Table Talk takes place in St Francis House from 2pm to 4pm.

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∎aka Kotahi's latest newsletter has good news for our area. Over the next little while the company will be finishing the weatherevents recovery programme with work being carried out near Hikuai on SH25A. On the Pepe Bridge replacement front, the project team is currently working through a tendering process for the design, resource consenting and construction of the new bridge. A contractor is expected to be signed up by the end of the year, with construction starting later in 2026. The build is likely to be finished by Christmas 2027.

peration Christmas Child is underway! This initiative is run by the Christian charity, Samaritan's Purse and brings gifts to the less privileged children around the world at Christmas. To take part all you need do is pick up a box from organiser Anna Murray, fill it with gifts, pay \$12.50 towards shipping and return the box to Anna in 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.

■ave you registered for The big ShakeOut? ShakeOut 2025 takes place at 9.30am on Thursday 16 October and is a self-run earthquake and tsunami drill held across the world to remind people of the right actions to take during a natural disaster, particularly earthquakes. We are familiar with the "Drop, Cover and Hold" response in an earthquake, but being coastal we should also consider taking a tsunami hīkoi (evacuation walk) too. You can officially participate in the New Zealand ShakeOut by registering online at: www.getready. govt.nz/shakeout