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### Hikuai will be rocking - join the celebration!

Hikuai Hall has been undergoing a series of upgrades over the past two years which include upgrading the kitchen, painting the building interior and exterior, installing new spouting, reconfiguring the outdoor area and replanting the gardens. The latest project has been the installation of acoustic panels on the ceiling. So now it's time to celebrate!

The Hall has been a great asset to the Hikuai community for the past 80

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years, being regularly used for dances, weddings, 21st birthday celebrations, Country Women's Institute gatherings, and a venue for Playcentre, playgroups, quilters and crafters, exercise, book club and friendship groups, to mention but a few.

Like all local facilities, Hikuai Hall has seen many alterations and refurbishments over the years. The Hall was built during the war years and completed around 1945. In the 1960s the front entrance was built and the toilets added, and in 1984 the side extension, deck and ramp were built. The playground was added in the 1980s. Most of these projects were carried out by volunteering locals and supported by local and district contributions.

Hikuai Hall Board spokesperson, Tracey Salkeld, explained that Thames-Coromandel District Council had provided substantial financial assistance and expertise with the various upgrades, for which the Board is very grateful.

So, with the latest upgrades completed, to prove that everything has been worthwhile, the Board is keen to test them in a real-life setting!

This Saturday 4 October, the Hikuai Hall Board is hosting a live band to test the Hall's new acoustics. There will be ten musicians playing a range of music from easy listening jazz through to rock and roll, over the course of the evening. The evening starts at 5pm, with a \$10 cash-only door charge which will pay the travel costs of the musicians. Take along your own drinks and nibbles and be ready to dance! The Hall Board is providing a light supper later in the evening. There will also be a BBQ available.

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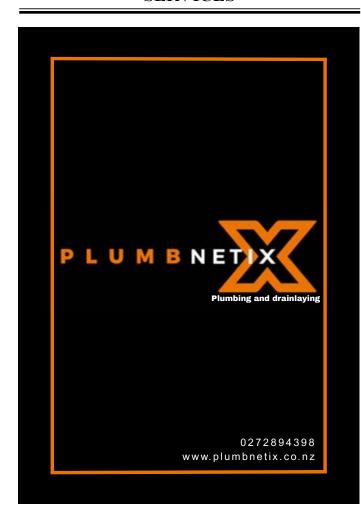


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Now that daylight saving has rolled around, it's time for us at Tairua Print to think about this year's Summer Book. This book has a list of summer events alongside the advertising that makes this publication free to pick up. If you are running a summer event, get in touch to see if it fits the criteria for inclusion. Email: tairua.print@xtra. co.nz If you would like to advertise in this publication, to reach the summer crowd. email: tairua.advertiser@ xtra.co.nz

f you have to navigate State Highway 25A on a regular basis, be aware that next month major roadworks have been scheduled to deal with repairs. From Monday 10 November until approximately Friday 21 November (weather-dependent), Kopu to Hikuai will be closed to from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday, excluding emergency vehicles and school buses. The road will reopen under single lane and stop/ go conditions each evening from 5pm, and on Sunday 16 November. Expect delays during this time. Plan ahead and leave early, and delay returns or travel via SH25 through Whangamata and Waihi.

on't forget Labour Weekend's Tairua Firemen's Market on Saturday 25 October at Tairua Fire Station from 9am until 1pm. There will be market stalls, displays, food, and the famous mussel fritters! Plus, you can meet the fire brigade volunteers and check out the station and the appliances. A special treat this year will be raffles for two beautifully handcrafted quilts made by the Hikuai Patchwork and Craft Group especially for this Market. To book a stall contact Kim on 021 295 1189.

## LET'S GET BAKING ... 🖒 🛠 📚

#### **COCOA AND COCONUT BLISS BALLS**

Designer, Ash Lawless, sent this recipe in for us - it's "delicious and easy for kids or adults". It's great for the holidays, or even school lunch boxes next week!

#### Ingredients:

1.5 cups desiccated coconut

½ cup cocoa powder

⅓ cup rolled oats

½ cup maple syrup

1/4 cup coconut oil (melted)

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)

To finish:

200g dark chocolate

1 tablespoon coconut oil

½ cup cocoa nibs or crushed hazelnuts



#### Method:

- 1. In a mixing bowl combine the coconut, cocoa powder and rolled oats.
- 2. Stir in maple syrup, coconut oil, vanilla and cinnamon.
- 3. Scoop mixture into balls using a small ice cream scoop or roll tablespoon-sized amounts using your hands. Chill for about an hour.
- oil in a glass bowl over a saucepan of simmering water, making sure not to blast it too long or it will seize). Take off
- sprinkle with cocoa nibs or crushed roasted hazelnuts. Set in the fridge.

- Mix to coat everything evenly.
- 4. Once chilled, to finish, melt the chocolate with the coconut or carefully melt in the microwave (with bursts of 20 seconds,
- 5. Dip each ball in the chocolate mix. Place on a plate then

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