

THIS WEEK
6 page issue!

Tairua Pauanui The Local Advertiser

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Beat Barry's 29.
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Barry's answers online, under "issues"

Local election results thus far

The local elections have run their course! Postal votes and drop-off votes had been slowly accumulating over the preceding weeks as voters responded to the calls to heed the deadlines. Not even the eleventh-hour drama of the Tairua Library flood on Friday could stop the last minute voters dropping off their returns.

In fact, as the voting deadline approached, the voting progress figures across the District showed increasing improvement. Over the last week, the reported overall District return figure rose from

28% to 42%, while the Tairua-Pauanui figure revealed us as the most vote-conscious with over 50% returns. These are important figures as they speak to the interest in, and commitment to, local democracy.

So, our local elections are over and you (the electors) have spoken (ticked!). Our next cohort of District representatives have been chosen, and a wind of change has been revealed.

At the time of going to print, the preliminary results attributable to Tairua-Pauanui are as follows:

- Mayor: Peter Revell
- Te Tara o Te Ika Maori Ward Councillor: Michael Barlow (unopposed)
- South Eastern Ward Councillors: John Freer and Alison Smith
- Tairua-Pauanui Community Board: Georgina Bond, Warwick Brookes, Michael Bush, and Barry Roberts
- Waikato Regional Council: Warren Maher
- The District voted to not have a Maori Ward going forward.

Candidates with fewer than 20 votes between them will be considered too close to determine who is successful until special votes are counted. The final results



Photo: tcdc.govt.nz

Mayor-elect, Peter Revell, will lead the District for the next term.

will be declared this coming Saturday, 17 October. Check TCDC's website: tcdc.govt.nz

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Pendant/necklace, wrist and keyring styles are available for Wandersearch participants.

Zealand; so you can go visiting or on holiday within New Zealand, knowing that it will still work.

If you have a family member or a friend with some form of cognitive impairment and you feel that they are at risk of going missing, you can make enquiries and get more details about Wandersearch by contacting wandersearchland@sar.org.nz, wandersearchnz.org.nz/about/safer-walking-profile or contact local members of Land Search & Rescue: Bryan Farquhar 021 0237 2851, Rob Adam 027 276 1888, Cherry Ladd 027 600 0449 or Auriol Farquhar 021 055 0524.

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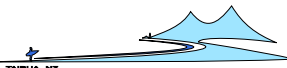
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Short & Sweet

A Pink Ribbon Day fundraiser will take place in Tairua on Friday 17 October from 8am until 5pm outside Tairua Four Square. There will be a stall with cakes and baking, produce and plants for sale, with all proceeds going to Breast Cancer Foundation NZ. If you would like to contribute items to the stall, contact the organiser, Gabrielle on 021 268 8892.

Tairua Music Club will be holding its annual concert next Sunday 19 October. The concert will be at Tairua Bowling Club, starting at 2pm, with a \$10 entry fee at the door. The bar will be open. Bring your nibbles and enjoy the local talent. There is a raffle with three prizes, tickets cost \$5 each. The concert theme is, 'A Little Bit Country, A Little Bit Rock' n' Roll.' Over 20 singers from Tairua, Hikuai and Pauanui are taking part and Pauanui's Conchord Choir will be joining the line up.

Tairua Elim Church's "Light Party", an alternative to Halloween, takes place at Pepe Reserve on Friday 31 October from 4.30pm until 6.30pm. Running for a number of years now, the afternoon has proven to be a great, safe, family fun time, with a vertical bungee, Ferris wheel, games and activities. A free BBQ and sweet treats are provided for all!

Tairua Print's Summer Planner booklet is well underway. If your organisation or group is offering a summer programme that is open to all-comers, and meets the criteria for inclusion, we would love to add it into the Planner. Please contact us, tairua.print@xtra.co.nz or 07 864 8170 with details as soon as you can as our final deadlines are approaching.

Short & Sweet

Well done to all those who supported the Pauanui Pink Walk at the end of last month! Organising committee spokesperson, Jodie Hurst, reported that over 170 people signed up to take part in the 5.5km walk in and around Pauanui. Proceeds of the event are still being tallied as various businesses and organisations around the town, that provided extra fundraising activities during the Pink Weekend, add their contributions to the final total. To keep up to date with the latest event news, and for the 2026 Walk date, you can follow 'Pauanui Pink Walk' on Facebook.

Don'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. Go along and meet the fire brigade volunteers and check out the station and the appliances as well. A special fundraising raffle this year will have prizes of 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.

Tairua Information Centre manager, Eve Roper, is hoping that more households will register with her, or at Tairua Print, for Tairua's Town Garage Sale which takes place on Sunday 26 October from 8am until 1pm. Register with your \$2 before 20 October. Your registration gets your address on the town map and enters you into the prize draw. Buyers, collect a free map in the week leading up to Labour Weekend from the Information Centre or from Bayleys Real Estate.

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The Hikuai Patchwork and Craft Group has been busy for the past couple of months putting together two quilts for the Tairua Volunteer Fire Brigade to raffle off at the Labour Weekend "Firemen's Market".

The Group hosted two representatives from the Brigade, Lance Williams and Ernest Welthagen, along with Sharon and Albie Marr representing St Francis Church at their meeting on Wednesday 17 September, where everyone enjoyed a shared lunch.

Group spokesperson, Jean Myles, explained that Sharon, a mainstay of the Church's Op Shop, organises suitable fabrics to be given to the Group for their Community Quilts project. These repurposed fabrics are used in the making of the many Community Quilts that the Group distributes to organisations and individuals in need. At present, the quilters have twenty of their Community Quilts ready for distribution around the

Coromandel Peninsula.

Sharon's husband, Albie, recently retired church treasurer after 30 years, attended as the representative of the church vestry which donated money towards the purchase of batting, a fibre-fill for quilting, and a very important and expensive part of quilt construction.

At the conclusion of the gathering Lance and Ernest were presented with the quilts for the Firemen's Raffle. All proceeds of the raffle will go to the Fire Brigade so Jean hopes everyone will support the Firemen's Market and "purchase lots of raffle tickets!"

For any quilters out there, don't forget the great work the Hikuai Patchwork and Craft Group does. You might like to join them at the Hikuai Hall, Morrisons Road on the first and third Wednesdays on the month, from 10am until 2pm. If you would like to know more, contact Karen on masnerak@yahoo.com or Jean on dunwork44@gmail.com



Tairua Fire Brigade members Ernest Welthagen and Lance Williams happy to receive two quilts made by the Hikuai Patchwork and Craft Group as prizes for the raffle that will be run alongside the Firemen's Market at Labour Weekend.

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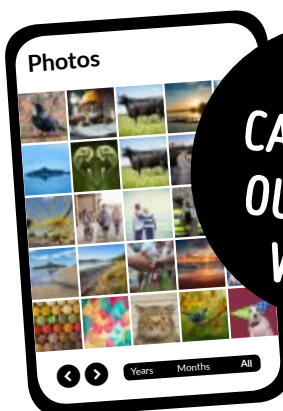
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