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4 page issue!

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## Pepe Bridge progress update

The reality of a new Pepe Bridge is one step closer with Fulton Hogan winning the contract to replace the old one. They shall be working with engineering consultants, WSP, on the design and preparation of resource consent applications. The process is expected to be completed next year with construction set to begin in the Spring.

The new two-lane bridge will have a 3-metre wide shared path on the seaward (eastern) side, and a 1.5-metre footpath on the western side. A pedestrian crossing with a safety refuge is planned near the Pepe Road intersection. There is no mention of how traffic will be managed at the intersection at this stage.

A community information session is planned for late February to provide more details on the bridge design, traffic management and other construction details.

Once construction begins next year, a temporary shared path on the upstream (western) side of the existing bridge will be put in place, then the current footbridge will be removed. SH25 through Tairua will remain open while the new bridge is built and the old one demolished, with occasional brief closures at night.

In the meantime, traffic management staff will again be in place over the summer holidays to assist traffic over the old bridge.

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PS. NICO & MARLENE PRINSLOO

**Are you able to**

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**with our Christmas Lunch?**

Either with donations, prep  
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your input for our annual  
free Christmas Luncheon.

**There will be a meeting on  
18th December, 10:30am  
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the Christmas Lunch with  
all the helpers.**

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Tairua Elim Church  
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**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

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## “Learn to Bowl” Programme great for both school and club

*By Tairua Bowling Club  
Committee member  
Jessie McCaw*

Tairua Bowling Club recently completed a four-week “Learn to Bowl” initiative in partnership with Tairua School, giving local students the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of lawn bowls in a fun, supportive, and engaging environment. It proved to be very successful.

The programme introduced the students to the key skills of bowling; delivery technique, weight control, teamwork, and basic game strategy. Each session combined practical skill-building with friendly games, ensuring students not only learned the sport but also enjoyed their time on the greens.

Tairua Bowling Club President, Brian Thompson, says the initiative reflects the Club’s commitment to growing the sport within the community. “Seeing the enthusiasm from the students has been absolutely fantastic.

They arrived eager to learn and really embraced the challenge. Our club loved hosting them, and we’re excited to support the next generation of bowlers,” he said.

The partnership with Tairua School aims to strengthen community connections while showcasing bowls as a sport that is welcoming, inclusive, and accessible to all ages.

Tairua School Principal, Juliet Small, says the programme has been a memorable highlight for students. “Our students have gained confidence, developed new skills, and discovered a sport many had never tried before. The Tairua Bowling Club team created a fun and encouraging atmosphere, and we are incredibly grateful for their time, energy, and passion,” she said.

Tairua Bowling Club hopes this initiative will inspire more young people to get involved in bowls, with future programmes and school partnerships already being explored.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

*Join us (and the angels) in*

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