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Beach Hop 2026 comes to our neighbourhood soon as Pauanui hosts the "Repcos Power Cruise". The countdown has started!

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The "Repcos Power Cruise" is on Thursday 26 March and cars will be arriving in Pauanui and based at the Airfield from mid-morning. Hundreds of cars are expected to be parked up. There will be live music, a

craft market, and food stalls to entertain everyone attending. In addition, there will be a static aircraft display and a live jet car performance. There will be giveaways and prizes.

The venue provides easy access to the Pauanui Club, which is next door, and the Club will feature bands, drinks and more food. Five minutes walk away, at the Village Centre, shops and eateries will be offering specials on products, food, and drinks.

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Tairua Senior Rugby looking for the double in 2026

After last year's Senior B Championship win, Tairua Rugby is ready to take on the challenge this year for a repeat.

A key feature of last year's season was the appearance in the team of Orene Ai'i. Orene brought a wealth of experience as a player and coach to the side and was, at the tender age of 46, an inspiration to young and old players alike. Having played for Auckland in the National Provincial Championship, the Blues, Crusaders, Hurricanes in Super Rugby, New Zealand A and the New Zealand 7s his experience provided valuable lessons for all teammates. Add to that his time coaching in Japan, France, the USA, Samoa and recently in Uzbekistan(!) and one can see what an asset he was.

The Club, as you can imagine, is very pleased to announce that Orene will be the head coach this season, working alongside Tairua stand-out player John Hale. Simon Evans has been appointed team manager and Joel Van Doorn

is the team physiotherapist.

A few of last year's players have retired, others have moved on. Despite these losses the Club is well supported by about 20 locals and a willing group of last year's Auckland players. The Aucklanders were a welcome addition to last year's team, bringing with them a contingent of team supporters!

So as the season prepares for its "kick off", the team's first official training takes place on March 12th, possibly followed by a pre-season game on March 28th. Although the season's draw has not been finalised the first round is expected to start on April 11th.

Tairua Rugby and Sports Club is excited about the season ahead. Alongside their loyal sponsors and members, the Club is looking forward to our sideline support again this year. Take the opportunity to observe team training in the lead up and suss out a good sideline viewing spot for the home games! See you sideline in April!

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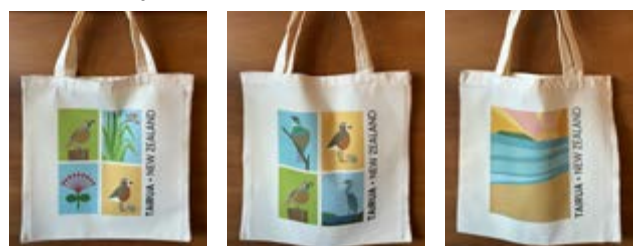
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