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## WRC Chair: concerns about proposed government reforms

Central government is proposing the replacement of regional councillors with a 'board of mayors' responsible for regional level decision-making. The Government is currently working out which regional council functions the proposed board could oversee.

Waikato Regional Council (WRC) says the region's ability to manage growth, climate risk and infrastructure relies on strong regional leadership supported by a clear and accountable local democratic voice.

WRC's chairman, Tairua local Warren Maher emphasised that any such changes must strengthen, not sideline, regional leadership and representation, and take a whole-of-system, catchment-based approach to planning,

investment and advocacy.

At a recent Strategy and Policy Committee meeting, WRC councillors expressed concerns that reforms which centralise decision-making or fragment regional responsibilities could weaken the ability to manage complex systems, such as the Waikato region's large catchment, and reduce accountability to the communities most affected.

Despite these concerns, Waikato Regional Council is committed to working with central government, local authorities, iwi and communities as the reform process develops, and contributing regionally-informed perspectives that reflect the interconnected nature of the Waikato region's catchments, infrastructure and communities.

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**Tairua Volunteer Fire Brigade AGM**

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**Short & Sweet**

**The Tairua Hall Committee** would like to advise that, due to the Pepe Bridge replacement project, the Community Hall will be closed to the public from May 2026 – December 2027. The last event to be held at the Hall will be the Troubadour's show.

**Troubadour show tickets** are now on sale via [tairuatroubadours@gmail.com](mailto:tairuatroubadours@gmail.com). The new show, "The Toscars – People's Choice Awards 2026", premieres on April 23 and closes on May 2, and will be the last show in Tairua Community Hall for the next two years!

**On SH25, work is about** to start along the 3km stretch at Pumpkin Hill, north of Tairua, where there are multiple under-slips in close proximity and lane closures are currently in place. Waka Kotahi is working hard to have traffic moving more freely by the Easter holiday period. To stay abreast of the road recovery project, go to [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh25-sh25a-thames-coromandel](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh25-sh25a-thames-coromandel)

**Pestfree Tairua** has started its "Paku Project", focussed on stepping up pest eradication on Paku. More traps will be laid and more volunteers will be involved. Donations towards the effort can be made via Tairua Environment Society's account, 38-9023-0216358-01, using reference PAKU.

**Pauanui will be hosting** the "Repco Power Cruise" on Thursday 26 March 2026. Based on the Pauanui Airfield it provides easy access to the Pauanui Club, which is next door, and the shopping centre, which is a five-minute walk away. Plenty of entertainment is planned with great prizes to be given away! Put it into your diary now!

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**COROMANDEL WATCHDOG** 

**Information Evening @ Tairua Hall  
Wednesday 25th March, 7 - 8pm**

Mining company, Zedex Gold is exploration drilling near the historic Broken Hills mine, up the Puketui Valley at Hikuai. What does this mean for our Tairua River and Harbour catchment? Invite your friends and neighbours and come along to hear the latest news and learn what can be done to stop it.

For further information email [info@watchdog.org.nz](mailto:info@watchdog.org.nz)

**Coping with world events**

As I write, it is cheap fuel day at Gull Tairua. The price of 91 octane is lower than usual but still about 10 cents more. Events in the past few weeks, on the far side of the planet, the Middle East, the oil-centre of the world, has driven up the price of crude. Predictions are that we won't see the end of the price surges any time soon.

Hot on the heels of the oil price increases, we can expect "supply chain issues" to start driving up prices for everything else. The cost of living isn't going down, it is going up. Add to that the declines in the financial markets, due to the "uncertainty" the world finds itself in, and things are not looking too good for any of us.

Now, some will start the finger-pointing, blaming the "powers that be" and the

politicians, or the "baddies" who caused the war. But these thoughts just sent me down a rabbit hole, and just weren't that helpful.

So... how to cope? A while back I got a piece of advice that helps me see things differently. It goes like this: Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Having been a sceptic and naysayer for many years, this action has largely released me from worry and made me appreciate the many wonderful things that surround me. It helps me out of any downward spiral, and makes the "woes of the world" easier to process. If you're in a bad head space, give it a go.

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