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Barry's answers online, under "issues".

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Leave a local legacy

The walking and cycling bridge planned for the Tairua River, as part of the Tairua River Trail, needs funding help and the Team behind the initiative has come up with a great way for the public to get involved.

The "Build A Bridge" campaign has been launched to help fundraise for the 120-metre suspension bridge, which will form the centrepiece of the 13km off-road trail connecting Pauanui and Tairua in the coming years.

The fundraising campaign is now offering the opportunity to "buy a plank" on the new bridge. A single plank will cost \$2,000, with 165 planks on offer. Plank donors will have their names recorded

for posterity on an honours board at the bridge site. Those familiar with the Tairua Skatepark will have seen a similar acknowledgment to its donors.

As a resident of the small settlement of Cornwallis on the Manukau Harbour years ago, we were involved in the replacement of the old wharf. The planks for the new wharf were sold off with naming rights. That campaign proved to be very successful and all these years later our grandchildren can see their parents' names still visible on the wharf. A small but valuable legacy.

Hikuai District Trust Chair, Derrick Adams, is confident that donors will be forthcoming



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Aerial view of the current construction along the north bank (Tairua side) of the Tairua River Trail.

for each of the planks on the new bridge. With a cornerstone partner now involved and some early plank donations, approximately 30% of the funds needed to build the

bridge are already secured. What's needed now are more generous donors to complete the job. Visit <https://www.tairuarivertrail.org.nz/donate.html> to see the funding options.

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Short & Sweet

Want to know more about Christian faith? A series, "Q&A on Christian Faith" begins at 11am on Thursday 16 April, at Pauanui Community Church. Bring your questions and uncertainties and explore answers and clarifications. The series will be hosted by Rev Owen Rogers.

Another Pauanui Community Church initiative this month is a session on "Grief and Loss". Discussion and conversation on this delicate topic will be facilitated by Karen Klinkenberg, a retired funeral director and now, hospital chaplain. The session will be held from 1.30-4pm on Saturday 18 April, at the Church.

Tairua Rugby has kicked off for the 2026 season, and on the horizon is something special from the Seniors camp. ANZAC Day (25 April) is on a Saturday this year so a special commemorative game has been organised. Tairua, in special commemorative jerseys, will play perennial battlers, Coromandel, in what will be an exciting match! See you sideline!

Legislation was passed in February to formally recognise all those who have served New Zealand, in times of war, as part of our ANZAC Day commemorations from now on. Veterans Minister, Chris Penk, said that New Zealanders are, increasingly, using the occasion of ANZAC Day to reflect on the loss of loved ones in war and conflict arenas, so that acknowledging all those who have served is a way of honouring their participation. This year, Pauanui's ANZAC service will take place at 6am at the Pauanui Surf Lifesaving Club and Tairua's service will take place at 6am at the Tairua and Servicemen's Cemetery.

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Inspiration starts here.

Tairua Music Festival

Tairua will be rocking on ANZAC Day, as local musos launch an inaugural Tairua Music Festival!

Conceived of as a fundraiser for local projects, the beneficiaries will be Tairua River Trail and Tairua Environment Society. Musicians will be based at Manaia Kitchen & Bar from 1pm until 7pm on 25 April, providing a great range of acoustic music. Then, from 8pm until late, the venue changes to Punters Bar & Grill and the tempo goes up a notch or two as a variety of bands entertain.

Tickets cost \$30 and admit ticketholders to both venues. Manaia and Punters will be closed to the public during

their respective "show times", and admission will be by Festival ticket only. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tairuamusicfestival.eventbrite.co.nz>. Door sales may only be available if not completely sold out.

Key organiser, muso and sponsor, Arizto Real Estate's Adam Fuller said, "Whether you're into chill tunes or upbeat bangers, this festival has something for everyone. Don't miss out on the good times, great tunes and a day of fun. Join fellow music lovers and soak up the vibes. See you there!"

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