

THIS WEEK
4 page issue!

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Beat Barry's 34.
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Barry's answers online, under "issues".

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Pepe Bridge Replacement official start

Despite the constant activity on, under, and around Pepe Bridge for the last two months the project has not officially begun! What we have been witnessing is the preliminary work required to allow full construction to begin.

An official launch for the project takes place on Tuesday 7 July, when our local MP, the Honourable Scott Simpson, representing the Honourable Chris Bishop, Minister of Transport, will attend and "launch" the full

construction phase.

Meanwhile, the work continues with the alternative path for pedestrians crossing the temporary footbridge being laid on the western side of the road, and an access point from the south being installed.

When the new foot crossing is completed and in use, the demolition of the old foot bridge will take place, making way for the first of the two new lanes to be constructed. Each of the new lanes is an independent

A new footbridge (temporary) and path on the western side of the road will serve foot traffic during the bridge construction phase.



structure that will be joined to the other when built. The shared footpath will be built as part of the first structure.

From an occasional spectator's view, the rate of progress so far has been speedy and efficient. The workers have always

engaged pleasantly with the public, and there is a friendly atmosphere across the whole worksite! Many of us are very excited to be getting a new bridge that will future-proof our town and do away with our seasonal traffic bottlenecks.

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New boat ramp launch system

Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC) has introduced a new online boat ramp launch system this month. The new system has been designed to make launching your boat and paying your ramp fees simpler and more efficient.

In the new system your launching vehicle's licence plate is your permit. You don't have to have a physical permit. Everything can be managed online at any time. You can launch from any TCDC-operated boat ramp. In our area the ramps that require a permit and payment are Tairua Wharf and Royal Billy Point.

The annual permit for launching and parking in the designated parking areas costs

\$150. If you are launching and retrieving only the cost is \$60.

The day pass costs, for the same options, are \$36 and \$20.

The new system is cost-neutral for TCDC. Boat ramp fees collected go towards ramp maintenance and improving local facilities. As a user-pays system the amenity is funded by those who use it. To ensure that everyone using the ramps has paid, keeping things fair for all users, TCDC compliance officers will continue to check plates and issue infringements where required.

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