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Pepe Stream Bridge - full construction underway

At a special event last Tuesday, to celebrate the start of full bridge construction, officials representing NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi), contractors Fulton Hogan, Hon Scott Simpson representing the Transport Minister Chris Bishop, and TCDC's Deputy Mayor John Grant all spoke very positively about the Pepe Bridge replacement project, particularly referencing the community's welcome to the project and its workers, and the positive impact the new bridge will have on Tairua's and the Coromandel's future.

Guests at the event, including our Community Board, Community Liaison Group, media and others were taken on a guided "walk-over" of the new temporary footbridge and road crossings with project personnel explaining the layout and answering questions.

The "enabling works" for the new bridge started in May and we now have a temporary footbridge in place and local services relocated on it. Demolition of the old footbridge starts soon making way for construction of the first lane of the new

The first "official" walk over the new path and temporary footbridge.



bridge, including the shared pedestrian-cycle path.

When the new lane is completed in early 2027, traffic will be switched on to that new lane, allowing the old bridge to be demolished and the second lane of the new bridge to be built.

As an invited guest, I was particularly heartened by the obvious positive relationships

that have been established between all the parties involved. Clearly modelled on the lessons during the Kopuarahi Bridge build on State Highway 25A, this augurs well for a successful project here! And, a special shout-out to Andrea and Bev from Manaia Kitchen & Bar for the superb catering and service to conclude the celebration!

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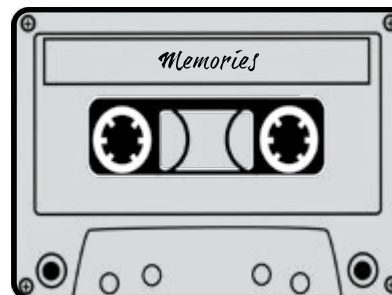
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Short & Sweet

Tairua Senior rugby has had an unbeaten season so far and has secured a home semi-final match on Saturday 18 July at Cory Park Domain. According to Club stalwart Derek Rope, the game will bring out the best in both semi-finalists as clubs that were slow to get into the season's rhythm have now hit their stride! Don't miss the excitement! Get along to support the team. 2.30pm kick off!

Tairua Business Association's "Buy Local" campaign is already a success only one month into the 3-month long promotion. Two winners have been found in the fortnightly draws, one from Cooks Beach and one from Bombay! That means out-of-towners are shopping here. More than 3,600 entries have been made in just these first four weeks. Don't despair! If you haven't won yet, your entry stays in the draw for the Grand Prize of \$1,000 worth of local vouchers at the end of the campaign. Support Local. Buy Local. Win Local.

🍷 The Great New Zealand

Toastie Takeover" is now on! This competition has been a regular on the winter food scene for a number of years now and this year Johnny's Tairua is taking part, pitting their toastie creation against entrants the length and breadth of the country. This year's entry is the "Johnny Melt" with double beef patties, double American cheese, McClure's Sweet & Spicy Pickles, grilled onions, secret Johnny Sauce on toasted brioche, and finished with shaved Parmesan and crispy fried McClure's pickles. Get yours at Johnny's and then cast your votes online at <https://www.toastietakeover.com>, then navigate to the Waikato section.

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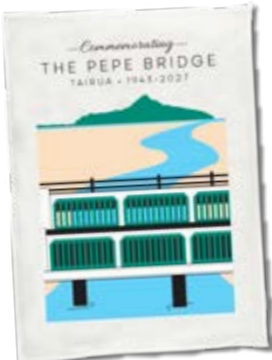
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