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Tairua Senior Rugby success

Not having lost a game in the 2026 season, Tairua faced a determined Paeroa in the first semi-final (1st vs 4th on the ladder) this Saturday gone. Having beaten Paeroa on two occasions previously, by 12 points and then 6 points, the battle was definitely on and Tairua faced a team keen to take their first win against the competition leaders.

A last-minute decision, after the original start time was announced as 2.30pm saw the game start at 1pm, to accommodate those travelling to Auckland for the All Blacks vs Ireland game that evening. Despite the

miscommunication, a good crowd attended to cheer on their favourites.

Paeroa kicked off and within the first couple of minutes Tairua showed their polished control out wide, leading to an acrobatic flying cartwheel try in the corner, converted to give Tairua a 7-0 lead. Two minutes later it was Paeroa slotting a penalty followed by a period of Paeroa dominance resulting in an unconverted try but giving them the lead 8-7. A period of outstanding running rugby, built around hard forward grind, saw Tairua score four tries in little over ten minutes

to take the lead out to 29-8 before Paeroa scored and converted on half time, 29-15 at the break.

Of note in the first half was the Tairua captain, Gary Dalbeth revving up of the team by asking, "Are we hungry?" The resounding response was, "We are hungry!"

The second half began with Paeroa getting into their stride and scoring a converted try to close the score to 29-22. This spurred the Tairua boys into another blistering display of winning rugby, scoring four more tries on the trot over 20 minutes to almost put the outcome beyond doubt at 57-22!

But Paeroa had come fancying their chances and

pressed on with two more unconverted tries to take their tally for the game to 32. Tairua were obviously still hungry and banged in another end-to-end try in the last minute of the game to end victors at 62-32. An outstanding effort!

It was pleasing to see a star of old back on the field again in the form of Derek Takotohiwi who, despite the greying hair and a little more around the middle (winky face emoji), still showed he was master of the dive-pass from the scrum! Great to see Dad and sons representing Tairua in the same game.

Tairua will play Cobras in the final on Saturday 25 July. Time and place to be advised!!

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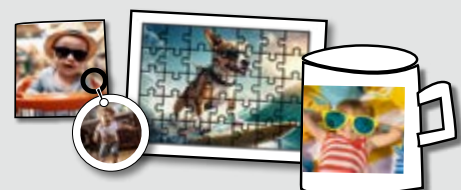
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Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) has begun developing a district-wide spatial plan that will guide how our towns and the district develop and grow. A spatial plan also shows where housing, businesses and infrastructure (roads, water supply, etc) would go to support development and growth. Such a plan would also identify environmental and cultural features that need protection.

Despite TCDC being deeply engaged in the local government reform process, Acting Mayor John Grant says that it is important the spatial planning process goes ahead to reflect what is important to all of us who live, work and holiday on the Coromandel Peninsula.

TCDC is asking us all to imagine the Coromandel Peninsula in 30+ years time, and to share our views on what it should look like. The basis for the exercise is the 2009 Coromandel Blueprint, the last district-wide strategic plan agreed to. Essentially,

TCDC needs to know if the vision and outcomes set out in the Coromandel Blueprint still reflect what we think is important for the future for the Peninsula. TCDC is also seeking our views on what we have today that needs to be kept, changed, or removed, and what challenges and opportunities present themselves.

You can have your say by visiting: imagine@tcdc.govt.nz and completing the online survey, or completing a hard copy survey and dropping it off at any library or service centre, or going along to a community event and speaking with the TCDC team. Tairua had its meeting last week so the handiest meeting will be held at the Pāuanui Hub, on Monday 27 July, from 10:00am - 11:30am.

Which ever way the local government reform amalgamations take us, it is important that the things that drew us to the Coromandel in the first place are preserved and built upon in any new structure.

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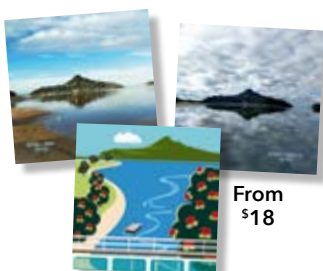
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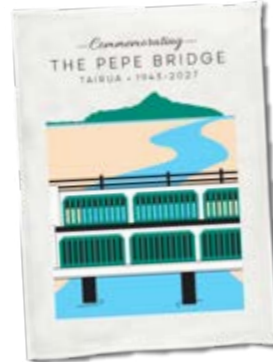
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