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## Tairua River Trail steaming ahead

Don't we all love it when good ideas reach fruition? Tairua River Trail is one of them! There is growing awareness in the Pauanui and Tairua communities that this project is going to bring huge environmental, social and economic benefits to both villages and the wider Coromandel. Progress is steaming ahead!

The River Trail is already open along the south bank of the river from Pauanui Waterways towards Hikuai. The construction team plan to complete the remaining work in stages over the next few years, including the 120m suspension bridge across the river and nearly 7km of new trail on the

north bank connecting to Petley Parade next to Tairua School. All this, however, is dependent on funding.

Recent work included a bridge across Swampy Stream that will connect to the 2.7km of north bank trail already constructed. This will give cyclists and walkers on the Tairua side of the Trail a taste of what is to come. This work is on track to be open to the public this summer.

Funding has now been secured to start building the suspension bridge across the Tairua River. The bridge will connect the new north bank section with the south bank section, providing more than 9km of uninterrupted trail.

**Swampy Stream bridge being placed on the north bank of the Trail.**



Photo supplied

It has to be noted, however, that although there have been generous donations towards the trail and bridge construction thus far, there is still a need for more funds. To that end, the 'Build a Bridge' campaign gives the public the chance to purchase a bridge plank for \$2,000. Plank 'owners' will have permanent recognition for their contribution at the

bridge site. More than half of the available planks have been "sold" so if you are planning to be involved make sure you get involved soon.

And we all know many hands make light work, so if you would like to help on the constructions teams make sure you visit [www.tairuarivertrail.org.nz](http://www.tairuarivertrail.org.nz) to find out more about the trail and how to become involved.

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## St John recipient of quilters' work

The Hikuai Patchwork & Craft group's quilt display in St Francis House at the beginning of the month was outstanding! The quality and number of quilts on display was true testament to the members' skill and dedication.

The Group has a strong focus on donating their fine work to people in need and to the organisations that support them. Quilts and other saleable items are delivered to groups such as Hospice Waikato's Rainbow Place, Women's Refuge Thames, and Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki. At the local level the group donates quilts to local volunteer services to be raffled off as fundraisers, and also donates to community members who are unwell. Already this year thirty quilts have been given away!

Following the general public viewing of the quilt display, a special event was held to mark the gifting of a special quilt to St John Tairua for their next fundraising raffle. Patchwork & Craft committee member, Karen Russell, explained that at least 15 quilters had worked on this quilt and likely more than 80 hours was devoted to its construction.



**Karen Russell shows off the quilters' work.**

St John Tairua volunteers said the quilt would be offered in a raffle over the summer months to maximise the fundraising effort. The importance of the fundraiser to St John Tairua shouldn't be underestimated. A spokesperson explained that the number of active volunteers had fallen recently and head office had reduced budgets for the year, all at a time when a major problem at the Station has to be repaired. The St John volunteers were obviously humbled by the generous gift from the Patchwork & Craft group!

If you missed the quilt show, be sure to visit the next one! And, don't forget to support St John Tairua by purchasing (multiple) raffle tickets in their summer raffle! You could end up being the proud owner of a real treasure!

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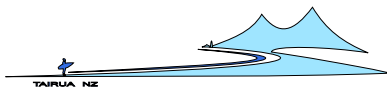
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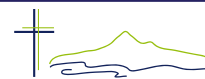
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