

**THIS WEEK**  
4 page issue!

# Tairua Pauanui The Local Advertiser

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WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

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| D | T | W |
| O | O | S |
| H | T | I |

Use the letters to make 4+ letter words

Beat Barry's 23.  
Words must contain the middle letter. Plurals OK if 'S' is in the grid.  
Barry's answers online, under "issues"

## Lifejacket rule amendment

New legislation has just been passed in Parliament regarding the mandatory wearing of lifejackets that applies to all recreational craft that are 6 metres or less in length. These rules are already the norm in the Waikato Region, but now they apply to everyone in the country.

The new rule means that everyone on board, regardless of age, must wear a properly fitted lifejacket, while the vessel is underway (ie. the craft is not anchored, moored, or secured to land/shore).

Boaties are not the only ones who will be affected by this. Recreational craft, 6 metres or less in length, covers

motorboats, dinghies, trailer-sailers, jet skis, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards!

For boats greater than 6 metres, the current rules remain unchanged. These craft are required to carry enough correctly-sized lifejackets for everyone on board. They must be worn during heightened risk, like encountering rough water or crossing a bar, or when being towed.

Speaking recently with Andrew Gibson, of Tairua Pauanui Coast Guard, he urged the wearing of lifejackets at all times when aboard a water craft, regardless of size or propulsion.

"Some people head out with their lifejackets on, then when they stop to fish, take them off," Andrew commented. A definite no-no! In his experience whenever a craft gets into life-threatening difficulties, which could happen at any time, it is too late to start putting a lifejacket on, in the midst of it.

Andrew further explained that inflatable jackets are easy to wear and don't restrict movement, so the excuse not to wear something bulky is not valid.

"Properly fitted" lifejackets are crucial to survival. There are even inflatable varieties that self-inflate when submerged and are suitable for novice seafarers and children.

Please take the time to read

and absorb the new rules, and heed Andrew's advice. They are now standard throughout the country and they are enforceable. Just like our attention to, and preparation for, natural disasters and civil defence emergencies, we should prepare for all "on the water" expeditions.

The changes take effect on October 9th, just in time for the peak summer boating season. Make sure you are compliant and stay safe. Visit: <https://maritimenz.govt.nz> and search "recreational lifejackets" to view the amendments and other information, including videos on different types of lifejackets and links to pages about how to check and store lifejackets properly.

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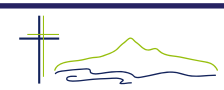
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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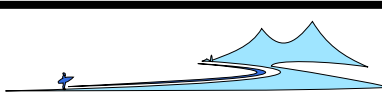
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An Information Pack is available on request from the Tairua Information Centre.

To apply: Send your CV, and a covering letter outlining your relevant experience and why you would be a great fit for the role, to the Chair, Tairua Information Centre, PO Box 76, Tairua 3544, or email: [sally.davisjowett@gmail.com](mailto:sally.davisjowett@gmail.com)

**Applications close: 4pm, 7 October 2026.**