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Cross the bridge when you come to it, and head to the Art Fair

Tairua Art Group members have been busy getting ready for their Art Fair on Labour Weekend Saturday, 24th October at St Francis House, Main Road, Tairua, from 9:30am until 2:30pm. The exhibition is entitled, 'Echoes of Pepe Bridge: Farewell to Tairua's Old Crossing'.

When we say, "have been busy getting ready," it is with a measure of awe! Several months ago, the group ventured down to what we call "the worksite" these days, to photograph and sketch the old Pepe Bridge and footbridge

before any deconstruction had begun.

With their mental images firmly locked away, the artists have spent the past few months creating their impressions of a town icon that has had special significance to each of them. You can guarantee that the artworks that will be on display, and for sale, will span the gamut of media, be varied and stunning!

Art Group members love to share their talent and creations with us, so we are all welcome to go along to browse, chat and buy a piece of Tairua history



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Some of the members of Tairua Art Group with a sampling of works that will be on display, and for sale, at the "Echoes of Pepe Bridge: Farewell to Tairua's Old Crossing" Exhibition at Labour weekend.

created by a local artist. A share from exhibition sales will be donated to Tairua Foodbank.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Tairua Art Group is welcome to drop into the weekly 9am Wednesday morning gathering at the Fishing Club. The members cover a wide range of experience; complete novices

who come along to have a go, people looking for a creative outlet, and professional artists who exhibit in galleries. It's a very friendly, relaxed, and chatty environment, with lots of support and advice for those looking to improve their skills. Contact Group member, Sue Foster, for more information on 021 106 3952.

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Working together with Coastguard we retrieved some barrels that had washed up on Boulder Bay, just south of Pauanui Beach. Most were empty, however two that had liquid inside were treated as suspicious with an odour similar to paint thinner. The contents were later discovered as an ingredient consistent with food production. We had a great time out on the jet ski with Pauanui Coastguard and would like to thank them for their assistance to retrieve the barrels.

We attended two motor vehicle crashes involving trucks. The first near Boat Harbour Road, where a truck had rolled onto its side, blocking the northbound lane. Thankfully no one was injured. The second where a truck crashed into a tree at Tanner's Mill. The driver received moderate injuries. Both crashes are believed to be a result of driver error.

Two separate family harm incidents were attended at an address on Windsor Drive where a 26-year-old male was arrested on both occasions within days of each other. First, for an active warrant to arrest and, on the second occasion, he was arrested for breaching court bail.

A pair of known thieves are under investigation after a spree of burglaries were carried out on their way through Tairua during an evening in early September. We have found that some who were targeted by these offenders did not report the incidents directly to Police. To assist us with our investigations we need victims of crime to report via 105. This way, when we catch up with them, we can ensure all charges are laid rather than just one or two.

On the 19th of September Police observed a vehicle speeding down Manaia Road, Tairua. The vehicle

was stopped down Marquet Place where the driver and two occupants were spoken too. A strong smell of Cannabis lead to a search of the vehicle and the three occupants. 50 grams of Cannabis and 1 gram of Ketamine was seized. One of the passengers also had bags of salt which we suspect he was trying to sell as drugs, and a fake brand-new iPhone, purchased from Ali Baba, to sell. Police have linked this same suspect to a prior incident where an unsuspecting purchaser had travelled to Whangamata from Auckland to purchase a \$2,500 iPhone for \$1,500, only to discover when he got home that it was a fake.

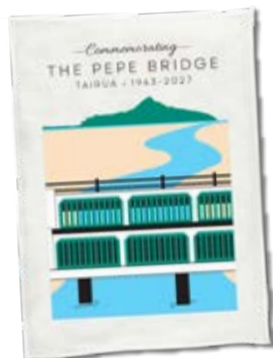
TCDC is hosting a Resilience Expo in Tairua at the Rugby Club on the 10th of October from 10:00am-1:00pm. This is a great chance to come down and discuss everything related to emergency civil defence. Some members from our local Community Response Group will also be there with our community assets on display including our Starlink device. We found from the last few weather events that most people in the community are not appropriately prepared to deal with these unpredictable events. Therefore, we really encourage as many people as we can to get involved so we can all be better prepared for the next one, particularly with a forecasted dry and windy summer.

Labour weekend is on the horizon, our roads will be busy, teenagers will be discovering boundaries, and alcohol will be prevalent. Let's all do our part to ensure we are all safe over these periods by reporting incidents, supervising your young ones, and driving to the conditions.

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As a courtesy to the advertisers in the previous year's version, we offer an early bird reservation of their advertising space before opening it up to new advertisers. The early bird period has just closed

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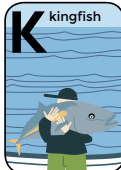
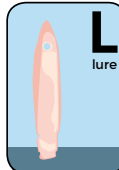
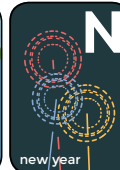
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Pepe Bridge update for September

September has been a very busy month for the Pepe Bridge rebuild. Over the month the focus has been on piling. This is a challenging process where calculation meets reality.

The geotechnical investigations carried out at the project's start, to determine the underlying ground structure and conditions, are accounted for in the design. But unforeseen issues encountered when work starts have to be worked through.

As piling got underway, softer rock than was expected was revealed, meaning that some piles have had to be driven deeper. This has slowed the process a little but the team have been working hard to make up for lost time.

If you are confused when you look at the works, you can be forgiven. What some of us have assumed were the piles for the bridge are in fact shorter piles to support the working platform for the installation of the permanent piles.

In this stage of construction, for the new lane and footpath, eight permanent piles are required. Another four will be installed next year after the old bridge is removed. The permanent piles range in depth from 12 metres at the abutments to 26 metres at the central support piers.

The construction of a pile requires a pile casing being driven into the seabed by a vibrating hammer to the required depth. The inside

of the casing is drilled out beyond the bottom of the casing to create a socket in the bedrock. A steel framework is inserted into the casing and concrete poured in to create the permanent concrete pile.

Once the piles have been built, pile caps and bridge supports are constructed over them before the precast bridge beams are lifted into place. These beams will form the framework of the first half of the new bridge deck and shared path.

There will be more piling early next year, after the old bridge and the temporary footpath have been removed, making way for the second lane of the new bridge and a footpath to be built by late 2027.

Some very cool things have been happening around the bridge works:

- A change to the pedestrian access across Main Road has been signalled to allow large trucks to manoeuvre in and out of Pepe Road without endangering pedestrians;
- Tairua School children entered a competition to name the large crane working on site. Blake Johnston won with "Two Tides – Te Arawhiti";
- Dog owners acknowledged the addition of the solid walking strip to the footbridge with a surprise morning tea shout for the project team;
- Local artists are planning an artistic farewell to the Old Pepe Bridge with a dedicated art show at Labour Weekend in St Francis House.



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OCTOBER 8

Kathryn Gillingham, St John's Officer
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The role of a Funeral Director

OCTOBER 15

Grace Bell, Occupational Therapist, Dementia advisor
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OCTOBER 22

Jody Bower, Rural Hospice Nurse
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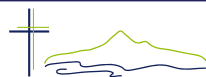
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The first session of the Living and Dying Matters Community Conversations took place last Thursday at St Francis House. There are 3 more in this series which deals with practical issues related to our end-of-days. Each session involves hearing from a professional guest speaker, and an opportunity to ask questions. Last Thursday's speaker was solicitor Anne Todd. Future speakers include St John Tairua's Kathryn Gillingham, funeral director Emma Darragh, occupational therapist and dementia advisor Grace Bell, and hospice nurse Jody Bower. Review the ad. on this page, and go along to St Francis House each Thursday in October, at 2.30pm.

There's still time to sign up for a stall at the Tairua Firefighter's Market which is happening at the fire station in Main Road on Saturday 24 October from 9am. This market is a popular one attracting crowds in town for the long weekend, and in the long term, helps out the Tairua Volunteer Fire Brigade. Message Kacee on 027 484 0216. Stalls cost \$20.

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