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Beat Barry's 44. *Words must contain the middle letter. Plurals OK if "S" is in the grid.* ***Barry's answers online, under "Issues"***

Caring for our harbour

Most of us would agree that the Tairua Harbour is one of our greatest assets. It provides recreation, boating, fishing, wildlife habitat, stunning scenery, and contributes enormously to the quality of life all of us in Hikuai, Pauanui and Tairua enjoy.

Tairua-Pauanui Community Board member, Mike Bush has been working with a small steering committee to establish "Tairua Harbour Care", a community-led initiative focused on protecting and enhancing the harbour and coastline.

The group is interested in everything; from the river catchments that feed the harbour, the harbour itself, and the ocean beaches of Pauanui and Tairua. Their goal is to identify and implement practical projects that will protect, improve and enhance our unique harbour and coastal environment for future generations.

A number of issues and opportunities have already been identified, including maintaining and protecting excellent water quality, reducing sediment and silt entering the harbour from the catchment, supporting a safe and navigable boating channel, reducing shoreline and foreshore erosion, improving public facilities and access around the harbour, supporting environmental restoration projects, and enhancing the wider harbour and coastal environment.

The group is holding two public meetings this week to engage with residents, community groups, businesses, boaties, environmental organisations, iwi representatives, and anyone with an interest in the harbour.

The Tairua meeting takes place this Wednesday, 11 November, at 5.15pm at the Tairua-Pauanui Sports Fishing Club. The Pauanui meeting takes place this Thursday 12 November, at 5.15pm, at the Pauanui Club Southern Lounge.

Mike and his team believe that together we can develop a community-led vision to ensure that Tairua Harbour, its catchments, and the surrounding coastline remain healthy, accessible and enjoyable for generations to come.

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Last week we heard about the bridge-building crew coming to the aid of a local, providing first aid treatment and covering the patient with warm clothing and a thermal blanket while an ambulance came from Whangamata to attend. The patient and his wife were very grateful for the assistance provided and wanted to acknowledge the good deeds of the bridge workers, going over and above the call of duty! In the confusion of dealing with their medical event they could only remember "Joel." So, to Joel and those who assisted them, "Thanks for caring!" Not only are you building us a great new bridge, you are looking out for us as well!

Following the success of the recent "Living and Dying Matters" series, people who missed the opportunity to attend the session facilitated by solicitor Anne Todd, on all things legal (enduring powers of attorney, wills etc), will have the opportunity to attend a "repeat" presentation. This will take place in St Francis House at 7pm on Thursday 19 November. Everyone is welcome, it's free and very informative. For more information contact Ros on 021 108 9314 or Lyndsay on 027 864 9375.

Short & Sweet

TCDC has approved the change of the kerbside collection day for Pāuanui, from Friday to Tuesday. The change coincides with the change to our summer rubbish collection timetable, with Pāuanui's first Tuesday collection taking place on 22 December. This change is a permanent one, not just for the summer season.

Tairua Heritage Players will be presenting "Tales of Tairua" at Tairua Bowling Club this week, with the first performance taking place on Wednesday 11 November. The show, written and directed by Auriol Farquhar, is sure to be a lot of fun! Check out Tairua Information Centre for any remaining tickets for the show, $30 each. The season ends on Saturday night. Make sure you take along plenty of cash for the raffles each night, and a cash bar will operate. All proceeds will go towards the Tairua Heritage Society's building acquisition fund. "Break a leg" Players, we are looking forward to the show!

Remember to add the Tairua River Trail Country Festival to your calendar! Saturday afternoon, 23 January, from 3pm-8pm will be a boot-scooting, family fun time with live music, DJ, line dancing, BBQ, mechanical bull, raffles and an auction, all to raise funds for the Trail which is already proving to be a wonderful asset to our area. For news about the Trail and to make a donation, visit: www.tairuarivertrail.org.nz

This is the final call for any clubs or organisations that have events planned for summer. If you would like your event listed, free, in the Tairua Summer Planner, email: tairua.print@xtra.co.nz by this Friday 13 November, 9am.

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For more information about the roles, contact Tairua School on 07 864 8590.

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