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Tairua's Summer Planner is out!

This week the delivery of Tairua's Summer Planner will begin. In Tairua, itself, it will be delivered by Postie Grant to letterboxes on his normal routes. For those who sport "No Junk Mail" stickers on their letterboxes, copies will be available from Tairua Print. The Rural Mail will deliver to Hikuai. Pauanui residents will be able to get a copy from Pauanui Information Centre.

This year our designer, Keri, has developed the theme "A change is as good as a holiday" highlighting aspects of our town that have changed over time. If you've been in Tairua for a few years, and have now got "local" status (I hear that 30+ years is the threshold for being called a "local"), you'll recognise some of the icons that have been part of our town's history, but are no longer, in the photos in the book. Thank you to Megan Heath, Barry MacCulloch, Roger Turner and Tairua Heritage Society, for allowing us to use their images. Sitting alongside ours, they have definitely enhanced the book!

The book is called a "Summer Planner" because it not only lists events in the calendar pages that are happening in town, but encourages you to scrawl your own summer plans and dates on those pages too. Yes, we know that digital calendars are probably the norm these days, but soooo many people have passed the comment that, "there's nothing like having something written down!" So, browse through the calendar, mark the events that interest you, then add your own, or take up some of the suggestions that have been added for you.



Each year, we include a couple of page spreads with information, particularly suited to our holiday crowd. This year, they'll read the quick version of Pepe Bridge's history, and on another page, take in tips for winding down to enjoy summer. These pages will be reminders for us "locals" as well.

Look out for your copy this week. Towards the middle of December, copies will be available throughout town, for the public, and bulk copies for accommodation providers will be available too. And please support those who have advertised in it. Without their support we wouldn't have this publication at all.

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Coastal summer water quality monitoring underway

Waikato Regional Council's (WRC) monitoring of coastal sites across the Waikato region is now underway for the summer season. This monitoring is designed to inform us about when and where to enjoy swimming, and other water-based recreational activities, during summer.

In our neck of the woods, Tairua Beach, the Pepe Inlet and Pauanui Beach are tested. Most testing relates to identifying faecal contamination. WRC advises that since estuaries are popular with swimmers, this service is an important one. The latest swimming recommendations can be found on the LAWA website, www.lawa.org.nz/explore-data/swimming. Results that may have public health implications will be highlighted, and signs erected at the relevant sites.

The results from the monitoring are shared widely with Land Air Water Aotearoa (LAWA), territorial authorities, iwi, community groups and public health officials in the region.

The accumulated data shows that, generally, Waikato's beaches maintain excellent long-term grades! Our estuaries see more fluctuations and poorer water quality, being closer to catchments and the increase in freshwater influence, especially during rain periods due to flushing, hence the close eye kept on the estuaries. For this reason, it is recommended to regularly check LAWA for the swimming recommendation, especially if it's been raining in the week prior.

Check out this great monitoring service this summer and avoid exposure to substandard swimming spots.

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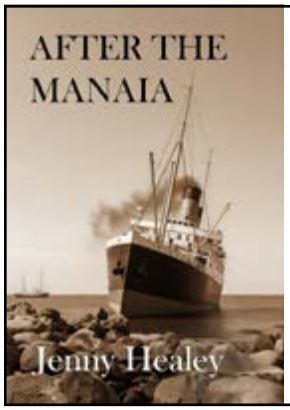

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Short & Sweet

Each year, St Francis Church's Op Shop dedicates a special section of their area to all things Christmas. Called simply "The Christmas Op Shop", this section, at St Francis House, opens for the season on Saturday 5 December at 9am. It will be open on normal Op Shop days (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays) from 9am-12.30pm, through to Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve, which is a Thursday this year, it will close early at 11am.

And staying with the Christmas theme... Tairua Elim Church is now looking ahead to hosting its yearly Christmas Day luncheon, and would like to extend an invitation to help out. This community-centred lunch will be held at Tairua Golf & Country Club this year, instead of the Hall. Would you like to help out, either on the Day, or preparing for the Day? A meeting for all those interested will be held this week on Thursday 26 November, 10am at Pepe Grande Restaurant. Contact pastors Marlene or Nico on 07 864 8762 or 021 679 646, or just turn up with your offers of help.

Tairua Information Centre is selling commemorative Pepe Bridge tea towels, Tairua 2027 Calendars, and raffle tickets for a hamper prize to boost their fundraising this season. Pop into the Centre to find your uniquely Tairua Christmas gifts, and buy a raffle ticket or three (3 for $5), and support local.

From the week starting 21 December 2026 there will be permanent changes to kerbside collection days for Pāuanui. Pāuanui's kerbside collection day will change from Friday to Tuesday, with the first Tuesday collection on 22 December 2026.