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Tairua recovery moves

Last Tuesday, the newly appointed Associate Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery, Chris Penk, was given a first-hand introduction to the local ravages of the recent storm that impacted the Coromandel. Accompanied by Coromandel MP Scott Simpson, TCDC Mayor Peter Revell, Community Board members Warwick Brooks and Barry Roberts, TCDC CEO Aileen Lawrie and representatives from NEMA (National Emergency Management Agency), Minister Penk was taken to view several sites in the area damaged by the storm and to talk with those affected.

The group then returned to Tairua to meet informally with Peter Hunt and Matt Juby,

representatives from Tairua Business Association, to glean local business impacts from the weather event and its fallout. This meeting included TCDC Deputy Mayor, John Grant.

Minister Penk was keen to get a first-hand, clear understanding of the extent of the damage, the likely scale of repairs and remediation, and how the wider community impacts can be addressed.

The initial response has already begun with site clean-ups under way, assessments being made and plans percolating. This is at regional and national levels! Waka Kotahi has a two kilometre-long section under stop/go traffic management on SH25 at Pumpkin Hill, which contains



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TCDC Mayor Peter Revell, Associate Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery, Chris Penk, and Coromandel MP Scott Simpson viewing damaged sites.

multiple slip sites. Clean-up work across the district will continue throughout February, with stabilisation work required at several sites before roads can safely be reopened to two lanes.

As a bystander at this gathering, it was obvious

that everyone in attendance, irrespective of role or politics, was deeply committed to establishing the full extent of the damage, both in physical and human terms, and developing a response that will best fit. Good people doing their best for our community!

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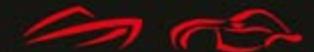
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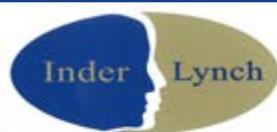
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Tairua Information Centre is still on the lookout for volunteers to help at the Centre. Love Tairua? Want to promote its assets to visitors? Like to chat? Competent with booking arrangements? Give Eve a call on 07 864 7575 to find out the details or drop in to see firsthand what the Centre does and how you could fit in.

Local artists and creative groups can apply for funding to support exhibitions, performances, festivals and workshops, youth arts projects, artist-led community initiatives, and projects that celebrate local and cultural traditions. Applications for the Creative Communities Scheme funding have opened and run through to 27 February. The funding is made available for projects that will take place between April 2026 and the end of March 2027. To find out if your project is eligible go to tcdc.govt.nz/ccs. Applications can be made online.

The Summer rubbish and recycling schedule has now finished. We are all now back to Red and Yellow week pick ups. Visit: www.tcdc.govt.nz and click on the "Rubbish and Recycling" button to navigate to a downloadable timetable.

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Tairua Care and Friendship Club will be held at **Tairua Rugby Club on 24th February 2026 at 1.15pm.**

The agenda includes the annual report, financial statements, and the election of officers.

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