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4 page issue!

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Beat Barry's 27.
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Barry's answers online, under "issues".

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New Pepe Bridge update and timeframe

The project team working on the replacement of Pepe Bridge will be holding a public information drop-in session at Tairua Hall this Thursday, 26 February from 2pm to 6pm.

The public information session will provide up-to-date information on the consent process, the likely bridge design, the construction process, and so on.

A Community Liaison Group has now been set up consisting of NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), Fulton Hogan and local

representatives, to discuss the progress of the project and any issues that may arise. Its first meeting took place a fortnight ago.

NZTA Regional Manager for Infrastructure Delivery, Adrian Jones, says that subject to consents being granted by the end of April, the start of construction can be moved forward from spring to July. As we have been informed, there will be a lot of activity around the bridge work site in the lead up.

"Building a new bridge

in a tight urban and coastal environment, while maintaining access for vehicles and walking and cycling, will be challenging. Fulton Hogan's plans and methodology will be a key part of the information day," says Mr Jones.

To avoid falling into the mis-information void, interested parties should attend the session to hear firsthand what is intended for this project and ask the questions that are deemed important.

The current bridge was opened in 1943. It has served us pretty well for decades, but the moves to improve safety, efficiency and resilience on the state highway network

around the Coromandel require its replacement.

Some dates to keep in mind concerning the project:

- Public information day at Tairua Hall, 26 February
- Consent conditions lodged by end of February
- Consents likely granted by end of April
- Detailed design finalised by end of June
- Early works (services etc) May-July
- Subject to consents granted, construction scheduled to start July
- Bridge completed by December 2027
- The Inaugural Tairua Pepe Bridge Manu Competition, January 2028 (maybe, LOL)

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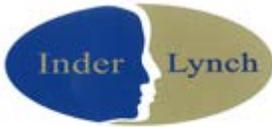
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 to target and control non-native weed plant species on public and
 coastal reserves.

This includes, and is not limited to, Whangamatā, Onemana, Pāuanui,
 Tairua, Hot Water Beach, Hāhehi, Cooks Beach, Flaxmill Bay, Front Beach,
 Whitianga, Wharekaho, Ōpito Bay, Ōtama west end car park, Kūaotunu,
 Rings Beach, and Matarangi and Whangapoua.

From: 3 February 2026 to 19 December 2026
 (excluding school holidays, weekends and public holidays)

The areas will be signposted and a site-specific spray plan is available on
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For more information phone 07 868 0200

A Lawrie
 Chief Executive
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TAIRUA PAUANUI RETURNED AND SERVICES ASSOCIATION INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Tairua/Pauanui Returned
 and Services Association will be held in the
Tairua Rugby Rooms
on Thursday 19th March, 2026 at 1500 hours.

*Note 1: Any member wishing to put forward any Remit (Notice of
 Motion) must do so on or before Thursday 26th February, 2026.*
*Note 2: Members must be financial at the time of the AGM to
 attend. (Subscriptions are now due).*