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4 page issue!

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Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge this month

In the mid-nineties Auckland's Sky Tower rose, ever taller, above the city skyline to a finished height of 384 metres. Being the first building of its type in the country, the tower attracted a lot of attention. Everyone was fascinated by its height, its construction method, the bravery of the workers assigned to work so high off the ground, and so on. And this fascination has continued as all sorts of attractions and events have been developed around this towering edifice

One such event is the Firefighters Sky Tower Challenge. Celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year on Saturday 18 May, hundreds of firefighters will be running up the 1,103 steps of the Sky Tower in full firefighter kit to raise money for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. Over the past 19 years this event has raised over \$14 million for the cause. Over the years members of Tairua Volunteer Fire Brigade have taken up the Sky Tower Challenge. This anniversary

year is no different with a team of seven involved. For most of them it's a first and the team ranges in age from 17 to 71 years! Former local volunteer firefighter, John Sands, can attest to the obstacle that the team will be facing, having undertaken "the course" as part of his football training a decade ago. Dressed in light training gear, John said the run was "very demanding", and then he described the additional hardship of the gear the firefighters will be wearing and carrying up! He also reminded us that some of the firefighters ascend in full breathing apparatus as well! The Firefighters Sky Tower

Challenge is a fundraiser. Tairua's team has been gathering donations from sponsors and so far have accumulated nearly \$5,000 between them. This is a great start but with a couple of weeks to go there is plenty of time to make donations in support of their effort. Go to <https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/tairua-volunteer-fire-brigade>, to see their progress in the fundraising stakes and to make your pledge. I am always in awe of those who serve our communities with selfless dedication. Going the extra mile by fundraising for a worthy cause, surely deserves all our support! Give generously!

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WRC's kauri programme wins national award

Waikato Regional Council's (WRC) kauri protection programme has won the Eagle Technology Local and Central Government Award at the 2024 New Zealand Biosecurity Awards.

Southern kauri populations are vital to the future of kauri, being almost free from kauri disease. The Waikato region has the largest areas of kauri unaffected by kauri dieback. In fact, there are just four known areas of kauri dieback disease in the region, in Whangapoua, Hukarahi, Tairua and Kennedy Bay.

The Waikato region has over 94,000 hectares of kaurilands, of which more than 20,000 hectares is old-growth kauri forest. The Manaia Kauri Sanctuary is home to more than 400 of these ancient kauri trees, some of which are over 1500 years old.

In the Manaia Kauri Sanctuary, which borders the Mahakirau Forest Estate, is "Tanenui", the largest and oldest kauri tree on the Coromandel Peninsula and the sixth largest kauri in the country. Tanenui has a girth of almost 11m, a clear trunk height of almost 16m and is estimated to be 2,000 years old.

WRC has long recognised the importance of kaurilands

to the whole health of our forests. It has long been a keen advocate for national rules and funding to protect kauri. This has led to the development of "Tiakina Kauri", the national kauri protection programme, and a national pest management plan to protect kauri from the pathogen *Phytophthora agathidicida* (PA), the presence of which is kauri dieback.

At the regional level, the WRC's efforts have included the creation of educational tools that are part of a kauri road show available to schools, community groups and organisations. Their kauri team provide cleaning stations, hygiene kits and equipment to community volunteer groups and businesses that operate in kauri forests, helping them to develop kauri protection plans as required by the national PA pest management plan.

Waikato Regional Council also has a fund to help landowners keep stock out of kauri areas by fencing. About 17 kilometres of fencing now protects about 210 hectares of kaurilands, including some infected sites.

Thanks to WRC's foresight and efforts the mighty giants of the bush are assured of a much healthier future!

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SNAPPED! Snapshots of our community...



Called to duty, Wayne Anker and Ron Frenchum, as they arrived to begin their stint on the Tairua Pauanui RSA (Returned and Services Association) Poppy Stall last Friday. Secretary, Lorraine Brooks, said, "I was so taken with them wearing their medals. We also want to say a big thank you to the communities of both Tairua and Pauanui for their generosity in donating to the 2024 Poppy Appeal." *Photo: Lorraine Brooks*

LET'S GET COOKING ...

MEXICAN SPICED TOMATO SOUP

This recipe was dropped off to us by Liz Garrett. With winter on our doorstep, Liz thought that this original Sophie Gray creation would be perfect! The recipe comes from Radio New Zealand's website: rnz.co.nz.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic
- 3 tsp Mexican seasoning
- 2 cans chopped tomatoes
- 6 cups beef stock
- 1/3 cup tomato paste
- 1 1/2 cups red lentils
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh coriander or parsley
- sour cream to garnish (optional)

Mexican Seasoning:

Make, and keep in an airtight container:

- 1 heaped tbsp ground cumin
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp chilli powder

Method:

1. In a large saucepan heat the oil, then add the onion and garlic and cook until golden.
2. Mix in the Mexican seasoning, then add the tomatoes, stock, tomato paste, lentils and sugar.
3. Bring to the boil and stir, then reduce the temperature and simmer for 45 minutes.
4. Add chopped fresh herbs and garnish with a dollop of sour cream.

(The Mexican seasoning can be used to season mince for Mexican meals or added to potato wedges or refried beans for authentic Mexican flavour.)

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