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#### Happy Easter, happy weekend!

Did you know that the Easter Story is way more than 2,000 years old? It goes further back than the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus. It began at the beginning of time when the God of the universe spoke.

Today, Easter has morphed into eggs, bunnies and chocolate. From an amazing story to a chocolate treat. How did that happen? Perhaps this Easter, we'll all have the courage to plumb the depths of The Easter Story, not for the sake of religion, but to understand humanity's journey, and what our future holds. Food for thought as we munch on our chocolate eggs!

Keri and I would like to extend Easter blessings to everyone as we all celebrate the long weekend and enjoy the events that are on.

In Tairua on Good Friday (29 March), a "Walk of Remembrance", during which a large cross will be carried through the town, will start from St Francis Church at 9.30am. This will be followed by a service at the Church at 10am.

In Pauanui on the Saturday (30 March), Pauanui Library is holding its annual book sale at The Hub from 9am to 1pm, Hello Friday is holding its Easter Fashion Parade, which is always a fun event, at 11am in the shopping precinct, and Predator Free Pauanui is hosting a coffee and chat morning, to talk about their successes and plans, at The

Hub between 10am and noon. Also, Pauanui Community Church's annual Garage Sale is on at the Community Church, from 9am to 12pm, and selling items that have been recently donated to the Church.

In Tairua on the Saturday, Tairua Pauanui Sports Fishing Club's Easter Family Fishing Festival kicks off and runs through the whole weekend (registration and briefing on the Friday), Tairua Heritage Society is holding its Easter Garage Sale at St Francis House from 9am to 1pm, and the Firefighters Market is on at Tairua Fire Station from 9am to noon.

On Easter Sunday (31 March), churches in both towns will be holding services. In Tairua: St Francis 9.30am, St Mary's 10am, and Elim at the Hall 10.30am. In Pauanui, Pauanui Community Church 9.30am. Also, on Easter morning, Eve at Tairua Information Centre is planning an Easter Egg Hunt at Pepe Reserve for children aged 2-10, from 10am to 1pm. This free event includes an Easter egg hunt, races with prizes, and art and craft activities.

Finishing with the slightly mundane, but just as important (!) ... Because Good Friday and Easter Monday are public holidays, our rubbish collections, before and after Easter, are different. Pauanui collections will be on Saturday 30 March and Saturday 6 April. Tairua collections will be on Thursday 29 March and Friday 5 April. Check out TCDC website for all the rubbish details.

Happy Easter, happy weekend!

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#### GARAGE SALE

Saturday 30th March St Francis House 8.30 am - 1.00 pm

Small items of furniture, linen, household goods, accessories, books, toys etc

Come along and help us to make submissions on the LTP and support the building of a Heritage Centre in Tairua

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#### Sad library news this week

The "Library News" this week isn't about books and fun library programmes - it's about the sad news that Librarian Jen is leaving Tairua, moving south to be closer to her family down-country.

Jen has been our Community Librarian since mid-2017. When we reported on her arrival all those years ago Jen had hit the ground running: finding a place to live, getting to know the Library systems, meeting the team of library companions, but also looking forward to the new challenges ahead! Little did she envisage COVID shutdowns and having to run a library service with closed doors, or the ravages of Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle. That said, Jen did fill a role with the Tairua Community Response Group during Cyclone Gabrielle.

From the outset Jen was keen to be involved in Tairua's community life and has been involved with Tairua Troubadours, Tairua Music Club and The Heritage Players following her love of music. She is a talented pianist and singer. She has also made her mark in the region's "market" circles, being a regular stall holder at the Coroglen Market selling a variety of her creations.

In her work at the Library, Jen has been instrumental in bringing a new focus to the Library. This has meant that the Library has grown well beyond



Jen in costume for one of the Heritage Players shows. Her involvement in the community will be missed.

being merely a book repository, to become a community space with well-supported regular programmes aimed at all age groups in the town. These developments have also meant that the Library now has double the staff it had when Jen arrived.

Evolving from a sole-charge position, Jen has grown a solid team of volunteer helpers and is these days assisted by Kayla who runs the afterschool programmes. Jen is very appreciative of the help and support she has received as the Library has grown, the same help and support that she claims has grown her as well!

Jen said, "Thank you so much for the friendships and collaborations that have happened during my time in Tairua. I wish you all the best for the future and, please, keep in touch."

We all wish you the very best, Jen, as you rise to the new challenges ahead!

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**



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#### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

## FRIDAY 29 MARCH Walk of Remembrance

Meet (at church) 9.30am to 'walk' the Cross through the town.

#### **Good Friday Service**

10am Service of 'Shadows and Stones' – a Service of Readings, Hymns, Prayer and Reflection.

## EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

9.30am Easter Service ... rubble and rolling stones. Fun, whanau, with a splash of storytelling.

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#### Summer spending points to Coromandel tourism recovery

As summer eases into autumn, we can look back on a return to "business as usual" on the Coromandel. Having wrestled with several years of COVID interruptions and then a year without easy road access to the Peninsula following the storms, the past summer season has seen a bounce back in visitors and summer income.

Information supplied by Destination Hauraki Coromandel (DHC), our Regional Tourism Organisation, provides the data for refreshed optimism. The Hauraki and Coromandel regions have registered their highest visitor spend for the month of February on record. During February, visitors spent over \$35million in card transactions alone. Cash and online spending will add to this of course, one estimate claiming it could in fact match the card spending.

A major component of this recovery is the return of international tourists. The country still has a "recovering international market" with visitor levels rising, but still well below pre-COVID levels. Despite fewer overseas visitors, those international tourists in the country for summer have been spending more than ever before. Although international visitor arrivals nationwide are currently only 76% of pre-COVID levels, the visitor spend figures indicate a promising future which will surely give local businesses good reason to be optimistic.

As locals know, our summers are vital to the survival of business year-long on the Peninsula. Without a busy and profitable summer many businesses would not be able make ends meet when seasonal visitor numbers drop off. With Coromandel tourism supporting 1 in 5 local jobs, the encouraging news from DHC will bring some peace of mind to business owners who have endured much in recent years. The benefits of this news cannot be over emphasised.

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## TAIRUA GARDEN CLUB

Next Meeting
MONDAY 8th APR
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# Long term budgets and projects in the spotlight

Now's the time to give us your take on Long Term Plan 2024-2034 budgets and projects before public feedback closes on Monday 8 April.

Our Council is proposing a 'just the essentials' budget for our future planning that will make provision for the basics, such as repairing and improving our roading network, dealing with the effects of climate change, and supporting and growing communities to become more resilient.

To achieve this, we're proposing an average district-wide rates increase of 12.9% for the 2024/25 financial year.

You can check your proposed rates for 2024/25 on our website at **tcdc.govt.nz/rid** 

#### Some issues we're asking you about:

- How to spread out the rates increase to lessen the impact on our ratepayers.
- Options for investing more in future planning.
- Investing in connected communities.

## KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS AND TRANSFER STATIONS

Kerbside collections are a day later following the Easter Monday public holiday on 1 April and ANZAC Day public holiday on 25 April.



Check your schedule for the year at

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The Tairua Refuse and
Recycling Transfer
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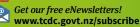
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- **customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz** or pop into one of our offices to have a chat.
- Speak to your elected members: tcdc.govt.nz/ourcouncil



## **OPENING DATE** SET FOR TAIRUA SKATEPARK

Tairua Skatepark will have an official opening Monday 15 April. An event will be held to mark this occasion with more information available on our website soon. tcdc.govt.nz/tairuaskatepark







#### TAIRIIA.

**6.30am Dawn Service** – assemble at 6am in front of the Commemorative Wall at the Tairua Ex Servicemen's Cemetery



#### A word from our Board Chair, Warwick Brooks -

"You've only got a few more days to have your say on our Council's Proposed Long Term Plan consultation which closes on Monday 8 April. We need your feedback to help our Council make some big decisions - so jump online or pick up a hard copy of the survey from Tairua District Library. I'm pleased to say that the Tairua Skatepark is almost complete. This project has been a long one but the results we can already see as we drive past Cory Park Domain really make the efforts of all involved worthwhile. I can't wait to see you all at the opening event in April." warwick.brooks@council.tcdc.govt.nz

The Board's next meeting is on Wednesday 27 March 2023, 10am at Pāuanui Community Hub, 23 Centreway, Pāuanui. Recordings of all our Council and Community Board meetings are posted on tcdc.govt.nz/meetings where you'll also find meeting agendas and minutes.

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