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Pink is the colour of the month

The month of May has been set aside by Breast Cancer Foundation New Zealand as the time to bring awareness to and education about breast cancer and breast cancer research. In the past, "Pink Breakfasts" were encouraged as a way of getting people together for the Cause. These days, Pink Breakfasts have expanded into all sorts of events, still with the pink theme, and still with the same objective.

At the end of April we promoted the Pink fundraising effort in Pauanui set for Saturday 24 May. Consisting of three individual events: a Pink Ribbon Breakfast hosted by Grand Mercure Puka Park

from 9.30am featuring Sarah Ulmer as guest speaker; an afternoon High Tea held at the Pauanui Club from 2.30pm; a three course Island Night at Cabana Kitchen & Bar.

As well as these food events, during May Hello Friday is hosting an online fundraising auction, and raffle tickets for great prizes are on sale over the month. The draws take place at Cabana Kitchen & Bar on Sunday 25 May from 3pm - a carnival affair with live music!

On the other side of the harbour, Tairua Rugby & Sports Club has taken on the Pink challenge of raising awareness of breast cancer, but also adding an extra twist of raising

awareness of prostate cancer. As a result, the Club has come up with a number of efforts, with funds raised going to the Tairua Pauanui Care & Cancer Support Group.

Firstly, the Club has donated 50 baseball caps towards the fundraising. These are high quality caps in pink (what else?), embroidered with the Club's logo, and are on sale this week at Get it On, Tairua Information Centre and the Sports Club. They cost \$30 and have already become a hot sale item! If you're thinking that this is your perfect way to support the Cause, don't leave it to the last minute to get yours. Get in while stocks last!

Secondly, this Saturday's (May 17th) senior rugby match against Waihou on Cory Park

Domain has been turned into another fundraiser. Tairua will be playing in special jerseys to mark the occasion, and the Team organisers encourage patrons to wear pink (breast cancer) or blue (prostate cancer) to the game to show their support. At half-time Bill Boon will be doing his "Bucket Run" around the field in full regalia to collect your donations, so make sure you take plenty of cash for this vital fundraiser. All money raised will go direct to Tairua Pauanui Care & Cancer Support Group. Kick-off time is 12.30pm.

For more information about Pauanui's Pink Events, visit Facebook page Pauanui Pink Walk. For the latest in local rugby news, visit Facebook page Tairua Rugby and Sports Club.

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Local Elections on the horizon

The local body elections will be held in October this year. We shall be electing a mayor, councillors (9 representing geographical wards and 1 general Maori ward), community boards and a Waikato Regional Council (WRC) representative. To get the ball rolling, a call for candidates to fill the various positions will be made in July. But like all things, forethought and planning needs to go into this process.

The responsibility that goes with any of these roles demands the highest calibre of candidate. Any Thames-Coromandel District resident or ratepayer can become a candidate. But to sit at the decision-making table of Council or Community Board is to be a representative of the whole community. Self-interest and personal politics are set aside. That is why our votes are so important. To have a voice, we need to ensure that our representative is capable of listening to the community. Nominations for candidates open on July 4 and close on August 1.

In mid-September we shall receive our voting documents in the mail and Election Day is October 11. Voting is available via the post and by ballot boxes at Council venues. Postal votes need to be received before October 7. Ballot boxes remain open until noon on Election Day.

In an effort to avoid giving any one candidate an advantage over any others, Councils can choose how they will list candidate names on their ballot forms. Some research shows that candidates listed first on the ballot form generally receive a higher share of votes. This effect is especially pronounced in elections where voters have limited knowledge of the candidates. In the 2022 local government election, 73 per cent of councils used fully random order, 25 per cent alphabetical and 2 per cent pseudo-random to list their candidates. To counter such effects WRC has announced that their candidates would be randomly listed on the ballot forms.

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The next generation of volunteers

Having lived for twenty years in Tairua we are aware that small communities are pretty self-sufficient, caring and resilient. On this part of the Coromandel, I've heard it said, we live in villages that have fantastic and vibrant community spirits. If we can't do it for ourselves, it is not likely to get done, right?

We are blessed with dedicated people who are willing to fill the vital emergency response services. Our local volunteer fire brigades and St John personnel are highly trained and willing to serve the community at all times.

On top of these essential services we have many enthusiastic club and organisation members who pull together to provide a variety of cultural, sporting and environmental options for us too.

However, census information still pegs us largely

as "retirement towns" - older folk, no longer working, many absentee property owners. It is no good having a town full of high-end weekend and holiday dwellings if there are no services or amenities to support it.

For our small communities to survive we need renewal. As life takes its toll, we need a flow of new residents to replace those we lose. What a joy, then, to see a growing number of young families making their permanent homes among us.

So, we all have parts to play in our local communities. We need everyone who is able to step up and do what they can to maintain and grow our services and amenities, ensuring that we continue to enjoy their benefits and leave a legacy for those who will surely be drawn to follow. Would the next generation of volunteers kindly step forward? Thank you.



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