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We all know that almost every organisation, club, or group, relies on the unpaid services of volunteers, for which we are all very grateful! No volunteers = no organisations, clubs or groups. So this week, National Volunteers Week, the country celebrates all who keep our community's wheels turning.

Volunteering NZ is promoting "The Big Shout Out" for the entire month of June, listing particular dates to acknowledge volunteers in particular fields. For example, for June 18th, it's suggested that we acknowledge and thank all those in the Emergency field.

Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC) has chosen

to recognise volunteers this month by hosting a series of special events throughout the District.

In Pauanui, the Information Centre, which relies on volunteer help, is celebrating its 10th Birthday and is inviting us to drop in on the 25th to enjoy a complimentary glass of wine or juice, and enter the draw to win some great prizes from their instore range.

To all those who volunteer in our towns, in whatever capacity - thank you!

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Short & Sweet

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Kirsty Powell, a weekend in Tairua and an award-winning author, has just released a sequel to her first novel. Her first novel, "The Strength of Eggshells" won the 2020 NZ Booklovers Award for Best Adult Fiction. The sequel, "The Strength of Old Shale" has already been applauded in a recent NZ Herald book review. Both of Kirsty's books are available at Tairua Lotto and Post for \$29.95 each.

Pauanui Market stall holder, Linda Crozier of Serendipity Produce, tells us that this Sunday 22 June is the last Pauanui Market Day until the next one at Labour Weekend. Go along to the Rec Hall (next to the Sports Club) between 9am and 12.30pm for "a morning of fabulous stalls, live music, and delicious treats at the Market Café – including homemade pies, muffins, cakes, scones, quiche, and fresh fruit & veggies. Stock up before we take a break for winter!"

This Thursday 19 June is opening night for the Tairua Troubadours show "Four Seasons, a Tairua Soap Opera". The show continues into the following week for this 8-performance season. "Break a leg" Troubadours! We really appreciate your dedication, and look forward to having you entertain us again!

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An exciting season of Senior Rugby

After a year without a senior rugby team and a recruitment dilemma to start this year, Tairua Senior Rugby has stormed back with an impressive first half season.

When the call went out for interested senior rugby players to form a team in the 2025 competition, it looked like there would not be enough support to field a team. Young Harry Evans, a keen and determined player, got into action and started a recruitment drive early in the new year. Even then it looked like the Club wouldn't have the numbers to field a team, being desperately short of forwards, especially those able and willing to form the front row!

Thankfully, all was not lost! Over the past few years Tairua Rugby & Sports Club has maintained links with clubs in Auckland, and through its contacts, it was able to attract a group of eight registered players to join the team!

Travelling to the Coromandel at weekends for the games, everyone is enjoying the Pasifika influence that the Auckland boys have brought to the Club. Because the team can't all train together it has taken

a while to get combinations sorted and fitness levels up to where they need to be, but things have come together as the season progressed.

Of particular note, Orini Ai'i, former Super Rugby star is one the group and now fills the first-five position! Orini has had a long and successful career in rugby at the highest levels and as he approaches 50 years of age he brings decades of experience and calm to a team made up of many players more than 30 years his junior!

The first game of the season was stalwart Shayne Johnson's 200th game for the Club. Sadly, in a hard-fought battle against arch rivals Coromandel, Shayne received a serious injury which has ended his season. Undaunted, Tairua bounced back to win their next six games on the trot, finishing the first round second out of eleven teams!

The Team has enjoyed massive local support over the season, which is really appreciated, and will be looking forward to the same as they target a home semi-final over the last couple of games! Tairua vs Cobras on 21 June, and Tairua vs Waihou on 28 June. See you sideline!

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Roadside care, a saga and a solution

A friend recently emailed me a couple of photos of grass growing over the footpath on Main Road (SH25). She was concerned that it posed a serious threat to safety for pedestrians.

I said I'd find out from Thames-Coromandel District Council (TCDC) who was responsible for the upkeep of footpaths and the verges. I went to the TCDC website and, via the only portal I could work out, filed a Request for Service (RFS), asking the question and supplying the photographic evidence.

I was thanked for contacting TCDC but it turns out that the issue falls under the "All State Highway Road Maintenance" category and TCDC referred it on to NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). The RFS was deemed closed by Council.

NZTA responded quickly to explain their review of the location on SH25 is a section of footpath that "lies within urban limits of Tairua and is outside the state highway carriageway. This means the maintenance responsibility falls to Thames Coromandel District council, as outlined in the maintenance agreement between NZTA and TCDC." The correspondent suggested contacting them about this issue.

Never having been a fan of merry-go-rounds, I haven't sent it back to TCDC. Instead,

I started thinking about reasonable local remedies.

By way of example, we live in a great little cul-de-sac where a good proportion of properties are owner-occupied. Properties are neatly tended, and the grass on unoccupied sites is mown regularly by contractors. In addition to what we consider normal, several neighbours take responsibility for extra tasks to help others. One brings our bins in when we are at work on rubbish days, another mows the island at the end of the street to allow the walkers to cross from walkway to walkway, and another clears the leaves from the storm water drain when the gutters start to overflow in the rain. Between us we "maintain" our neighbourhood.

And herein lies a possible solution. How about we all look left and right from our front gates, and when we go about "edging" our stretch of public footpath, we go a little further in each direction to help our neighbours? See what you can do.

And, one last reminder. We are talking about footpaths. They are there to provide safe travel for pedestrians, those walking. If you are a cyclist or scootie riding on the footpath you are obliged to give way to those on foot. It is a road rule and it is good manners!



Photo: Marion Giwi

Grass growing over the footpath on Main Road (SH25) was of a concern that it posed a serious threat to safety for pedestrians.