

THIS WEEK
4 page issue!

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WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?
Use the letters to make 4+ letter words

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Beat Barry's 34.
Words must contain the middle letter. Plurals OK if 's' is in the grid.
Barry's answers online, under "issues"

Champions take home the dub

"For the squad, for the jersey, for our supporters and whanau. The boys are on a high after [Saturday's] amazing 80 minutes performance and taking home the dub [Elders and Lawrence Cups]." This, the comment on Facebook, after Tairua claimed the title of Senior B Rugby Champions.

Unlike the first game of this season between Tairua and Coromandel at home, the 200th for Shayne Johnson, which started with a stirring haka from the visitors, Saturday's game saw a win and finals victory!

Play quickly moved from

the kick off to the first try from Tairua. In fact, the first quarter was all Tairua's. Within 20 minutes Tairua had extended the score line to 23-3 with Coromandel only managing a penalty goal. Tairua looked to have their tails up and about to run away with the game. But as they have learned over the many years of inter-club rivalry, you can never write Coromandel off!

Maybe Tairua thought they had the final in the bag at this early stage, but a burst of fumbling and blind passes to no one tipped the balance. Coromandel matched Tairua

move for move and started to dominate the possession. Tairua burst back and scored another converted try against the run of play, taking the lead out to 30-3. Coromandel hit straight back with an unconverted try and the first half concluded at 30-8 to Tairua.

Coromandel kicked deep into Tairua's half to resume the battle before Tairua turned them around and attacked the line once again. This brought about another penalty and Tairua went out to 33-8. Not giving up, Coromandel hit back with a try wide out, 33-13. Then the game seemed to swing in Coromandel's favour, despite Tairua's penalty goal,

against the run of play, 36-13. A Coromandel try narrowed the gap, 36-18, then the northerners burst through again for another converted try, 36-25!

Tairua supporters on the sideline voiced their worries but in the dying seconds of the match, Tairua toed the ball through the Coromandel line and, in the broken play that ensued, crossed the line. Unfortunately, an infringement in the process saw the points waived, and the game ended shortly after with the official score 36-25!

Well done Tairua; players, coaches, and supporters! A great season and two trophies well-deserved!

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Short & Sweet

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Justices of the Peace are volunteers of good community standing empowered to help us by witnessing signatures on documents; certifying copies of documents (including email attachments and phone messages); taking oaths, declarations, affidavits or affirmations; and confirming our identity. JPs offer their services free of charge. Our local JPs provide a service at Tairua Library each Friday from 11am to noon. If you need to use their services, remember: not to sign anything beforehand, take some photo identification (drivers licence, passport), and take the original documents as well as the copies to be certified.

Planting is under way along the north bank section of the Tairua River Trail. Bruce Steele and his volunteer team introduced about 240 natives along the newly-built trail in early June. It is hoped that enough new sections of trail will be completed by next year to allow for a community planting day. Volunteers are also preparing to start work on a short boardwalk section of the Trail, as they continue towards Tairua from Tanners Farm.

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Craft group meeting community needs

On two Wednesdays in a month, a group of women get together with fabric and thread to create, catch up, learn and encourage each other. The Hikuai Patchwork and Craft group (formerly known as the Hikuai Piecemakers) meets in the Hikuai Hall, Morrisons Road on the first and third Wednesdays on the month, from 10am until 2pm.

Over the years, the group has become famous for producing exquisite quilts, crochet work, embroidery and stitch-work, with exhibitions taking place in the Hall from time to time.

Usually members work on their own projects, but sometimes the ladies work together, making what they call "community quilts", and these quilts have been meeting needs in all sorts of areas.

When group members hear about folk heading to hospital or facing upset of any sort they set about making and gifting their quilts. Each quilt then becomes something special that belongs to the recipient, a tangible reminder of the support around them.

The group has gifted quilts to Starship Hospital, Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki, and various medical centres, as well as individuals. Group coordinator, Karen Russell, described them as being for "whoever, wherever, anyone in need."

The latest community quilt is one that will be gifted to Tairua Fire Brigade for their next fundraising raffle!

Karen said that the group currently has 14 members and is looking for new members to swell the ranks. "It's a group of happy and like-minded people, but we want to encourage anyone to join. Even if you have only a little experience, come along." She explained that most of the members began that way and all are very keen to share their knowledge and experience with beginners.

Do you fancy yourself as a quilter, or would like to learn? Do you have a heart for supporting others? The Hikuai Patchwork and Craft group could be just the group for you. If you would like to know more, contact Karen on 027 824 7178 or email her on masnerak@yahoo.com.

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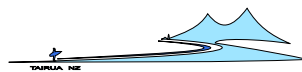
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