

escape burning building



FIRE: Firefighters (above and top) at a business which has been destroyed by fire in Judea.

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Briefly

Oil spills on road

An oil spill clean-up was under way on Welcome Bay Rd last night following a crash that injured two people. A man sustained moderate injuries and another person minor injuries in the two-car crash, a police spokeswoman said. She said police were called to the crash, about 1km from the Te Puke Highway intersection, at 5.40pm. The crash partially blocked Welcome Bay Rd, and the council was called to clean up a small oil spill.

Daffies galore

More than 70,000 fabric daffodils will be available in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty for the Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Day fundraiser on August 25. Fundraising manager Catriona Findlay said daffodils would be available through schools, community groups, local businesses and from more than 230 street collection sites in the region. The daffodil was a symbol of hope for the more than 60 New Zealanders diagnosed with cancer each day, she said.

Primary for secondary

The Ministry for Primary Industries has launched a new package of secondary school resources online. Associate Minister for Primary Industries Louise Upston said primary industries provided 70 per cent of the country's exports. The resources provided real-life primary industry situations, with a focus on innovation, for Year 9 and 10 students.

Four in court

Four motorcyclists have court dates this month after a police crackdown over the weekend. Western Bay police allege they clocked a motorcyclist doing over 180km/h on the Tauranga Eastern Link on Saturday morning — without a helmet. He had his motorcycle impounded for 28 days in addition to a dangerous driving charge. Two motorcyclists were arrested on State Highway 2 at Katikati that same morning, after police observed a group of bikies allegedly speeding and overtaking on double yellow lines. They were charged with dangerous driving. A third bkie in the group was charged with driving while forbidden and his motorcycle was impounded for 28 days.

Council chooses new library over renovation

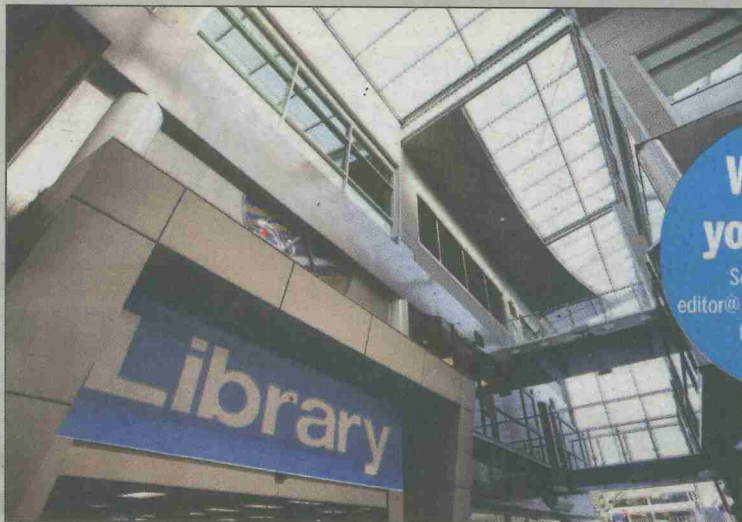
The Tauranga City Council is pressing on with plans for a new library building, deciding it would be too hard and expensive to renovate the current location.

The City Transformation Committee yesterday voted to focus on developing plans for a new building to house Tauranga Central Library.

The members agreed the current building at 91 Willow St was not suitable for a future-proofed, fit-for-purpose central library service.

In a statement, the council said the building, built in 1987, had ongoing issues with dampness, limited natural light, space and dated interiors.

Property experts TwentyTwo assessed the feasibility of renovating but concluded it would be too hard and not cost-effective to fix the



The Tauranga library will get a new building.

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issues. Committee chairman Larry Baldock was pleased with the decision, saying it was the best solution.

"A new building provides us the opportunity to deliver a fit for purpose central library service and strongly supports

a more vibrant, safe and successful city centre.

"We have received a clear message from our community to 'do it once and do it right', and the decision to plan for a new building is in line with that," Cr Baldock said.

The business case for a new central library will form part of a broader business case for cultural facilities including plans for a museum.

Formal consultation on the redevelopment of the central library and the future use or demolition of the current library building will take place as part of the Long Term Plan process in early 2018.

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