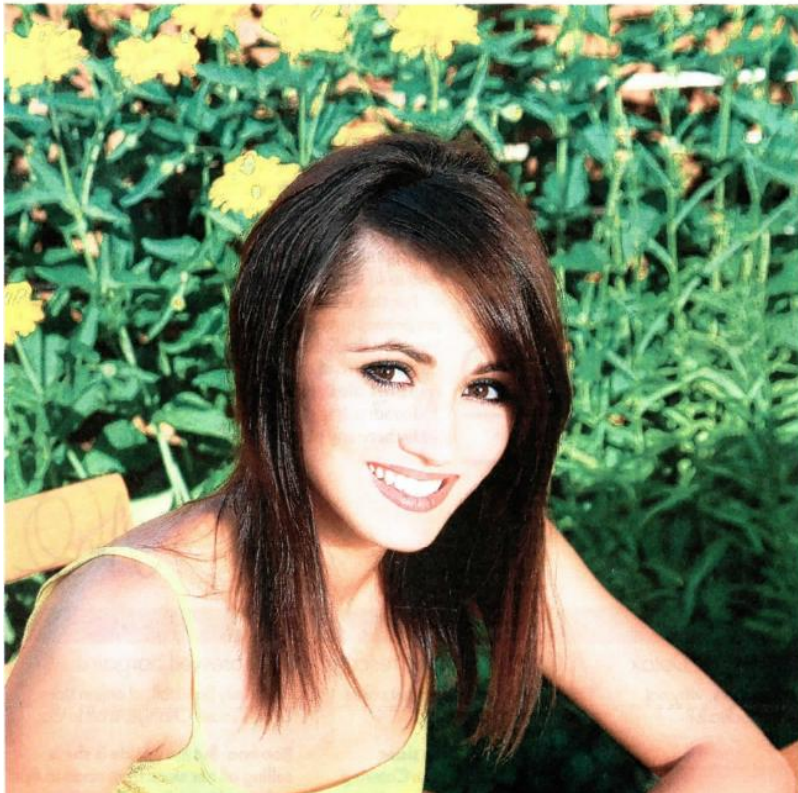


COVER STORY

A little bit country



What could be more weekend perfect than a leisurely Sunday drive to discover a new cafe for a relaxing chardy and a bite of something delicious. **Julie Walsh** grew up in Tauranga and loves sharing her discoveries about cafes in the rural Bay. Here are some of her picks. Bonus — some of these have music, or art and craft shops to browse in. Cafes and shopping. We love the weekend.



CAFE PARADISO

Where: Cnr State Highway 2 & Clarke Road

Contact: 07 552 6686

www.cafeparadiso.co.nz

Open: Hours are 8am to 4pm, 7 days a week

Directions: 15 mins from Tauranga. Head north out of Tauranga on State Highway 2. After 10-15 minutes' drive you arrive at Clarke Road (on right) opposite McGregors

Fruit and Vege Produce. This bustling cafe is a favourite and no wonder, with great food and coffee and a setting that is oasis-like — with ferns, running water and towering trees. Plenty of parking available. They have a roaring fire in the winter. Altura coffee, a great seafood chowder and fantastic carrot cake are served. On the same premises there are some delightful gift boutiques for leisurely browsing before or after your refreshments.

Open for breakfast and lunch, a large range of meal options is available — and of course a selection of coffee and cakes all day long.

Features

- Licensed
- Indoor/outdoor seating
- Tranquil garden setting
- Gift boutiques on site
- Popular for functions
- Play area for children
- Children's food options
- Dog friendly