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## Local art exhibition and sale

A small but flourishing group of local artists, the Tairua Art Group, is holding an exhibition this Saturday in St Francis House, 244 Main Road. This group had its roots in Pauanui before moving to Tairua in 2016. They were hosted by Tairua Pauanui Sports Fishing Club at their old Tui Terrace clubrooms, and when the Club relocated to the Marina precinct the Art Group went along too. The Tairua move is credited with the Group's expansion.

The Art Group is made up of "budding" as well as experienced artists and welcomes all new members.

They meet each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm, offering a friendly, relaxed and supportive environment with lots of tea and chatter included. They hold a number of workshops of interest to their members throughout the year. A \$3 session donation is all you need pay to attend and try it out, with the Group making pens, water colours and acrylics available. If you would like to "unleash your creative side" and want more information about the Group, contact Bev Wickham on 021 163 2882 or Michael Harrison on 021 132 5027.

If you would like to see what



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Art Group member, Michael Harrison's "Vessels and Pears", one of the many artworks on display and for sale on Saturday.

the Group has been up to, go along to St Francis House on Saturday 16th between 9am and 2pm. Admission is free and all art on display is for sale. Payments can be made using phone banking or by cash so you will need to go prepared.

Tairua Art Group's exhibition and art sale is sure

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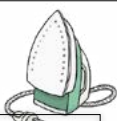
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**The national press** has featured a couple of items recently about kiwi deaths attributed to dogs on the Coromandel. Several of the cases are very close to home, with one bird killed in Tairua and others in Whenuakite. It is important that dog owners understand that their pets are not allowed on public conservation land in Whenuakite. It is the only completely protected kiwi zone in the Department of Conservation's Hauraki District. Dog owners are encouraged to take their pets to kiwi aversion training offered by DoC and other community conservation groups. Dog owners can contact the Kauaeranga Visitor Centre to book a session. Training takes about 10 minutes and is free.

**The recent shark attack** at Waihi Beach last week was a shock to everyone, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of 19 year old Kaelah Marlow from Hamilton. Summer water safety on the Coromandel is something that we all need to review over the season. Swimming within the patrolled areas where our surf life savers keep watch should always be the norm, as is staying in a depth that doesn't stretch your ability. It is timely to remember that we are sharing the ocean with creatures that may see us as potential prey.



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