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## Heritage Book Launch and Exhibition

Anniversary Weekend is offering a real treat to locals and visitors when Tairua Heritage Society launches its latest publication, 'Buried But Not Forgotten', a book about Tairua's Historic Cemetery; packed with stories, information and photos of the people and families who were buried there in the 19th and 20th centuries.

This book is the result of the Society's desire to see the information on the gravestones at the Tairua Historic Cemetery, on Main Road, recorded before it all disappeared. What was intended to be a small leaflet about the existing graves

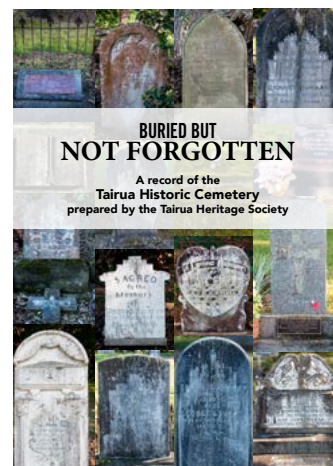
turned into a much larger and more satisfying task of trying to record all of the people who were buried there. This involved researching the background to names that just appeared in lists and discovering stories about their lives and families. Where possible, photos of the deceased people were sourced and have been included.

The book will be 'launched' at Anniversary Weekend on Friday 29th January at 5.30pm at St Francis House. You are invited to go along to hear about the book and its contributors. There will be drinks and nibbles and a special book-launch price for buyers.

Following the book launch, on Saturday 30th at St Francis House, between 10am and 4pm, there will be an exhibition of photos and artefacts from Tairua's past. Much on view has not been publicly exhibited before. Entry to the exhibition is by donation. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available at a small cost.

And all of this is only a taster. The Heritage Society is currently working on a number of projects to try to record and preserve our rich history. Tairua does have a past; it has a very varied and interesting history, one that the Society wants to preserve in a dedicated Heritage Centre.

Proceeds from book sales and other fundraisers are being



**Tairua Historic Cemetery book will be launched this Friday, 5.30pm at St Francis House.**

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### TAIRUA/PAUANUI RSA

Weekly gatherings  
will re-commence this  
Thursday 21st January,  
in Rugby Clubrooms  
from 4 p.m.

## 'Ello, 'ello, 'ello A word from our local constabulary

Talofa Lava,

Last week our new local Police officer Constable Leauga Fuimaono or better known as 'Junior' started work here. Junior, his wife Zoe and four kids moved to Tairua last year from Auckland. Junior has about 10 years' experience on frontline policing and will be a great asset to our communities, keeping our people, homes and our roads safe.

This new year period was exceptionally busy for us, as well as the Whangamata riots, Pauanui and Tairua had its fair share of disorder. It was disappointing to see so many youths without appropriate supervision from parents. The extra Police officers and I stationed here over the new year period dealt with a range of jobs from; Family Harm, Mental Health, Assaults, Disorder, Drink Drivers, Vehicle Crashes, thefts and plenty of lost property.

Both Pauanui and Tairua have quietened down significantly however we expect numbers flocking over here to be consistent right through January and then seeing another large influx at the end of the month for both long weekends, so please remain vigilant with driving to the conditions, see something do something, be responsible with alcohol and keep an eye on your teenagers and young adults who have a tendency to make bad decisions around their peers.

There has been an increase in public interest with traffic volumes this year, particularly the wait times at the one-way bridge in Tairua. Unfortunately, our camera has been faulty on the Pepe bridge and did not capture accurate statistics for the number of cars which travelled through this new year period to compare with previous years. Talking to our roading contractor Russ he believes it was just the same as previous years with queues and wait times and the traffic easing up around 4.30pm most days. Some members of the public have told us this year was worse than ever and were frustrated nothing was being done about it. My advice is every year

we have the same problem, plan ahead, don't travel during peak times unless it is essential, if you're travelling up to your Bach or back home to the city try leaving early morning or late evening. If you're staying locally jump on your pushbike (with a helmet) or walk. If you are stuck in traffic, the wait time is not in your power to control, so be patient, be considerate of other road users put on your favourite jams and relax.

Lastly, I would like to notify all mountain bike enthusiasts who wish to ride in the forestry roads and tracks around Tairua/Pauanui. I attended an incident at Lakes Resort where there was an altercation with a resident and some bikers. Without going into detail, this highlighted the issue of some bikers using shared access ways and private property to access mountain bike tracks. I have been speaking with Rob from Rayonier Matariki Forests and he is happy for bikers to be using these forestry roads to access tracks, however users need to be mindful of logging operations and should take note of when the signs are up for logging, during which time these access points should not be used. Rob is looking to get QR codes put up at the access points to the forestry which will allow people wanting to access these roads an easy system where you scan the QR code using your phone and it will bring up the maps and boundaries of areas which can and can't be used. To avoid people using shared driveways and private property Rob has suggested bikers who want to access the Pauanui tracks to use the main Forestry access point on Ohui road which is at the top of the Pauanui Hill just above the lakes resort entrance. This has recently just had some logging operations occurring but should now be open again for those wishing to bike or run on these tracks. If you are unsure about accessing these roads and tracks or have a question, please get in contact with us or Rayonier Matariki Forests.

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Fa'afetai, Dylan Curtin.

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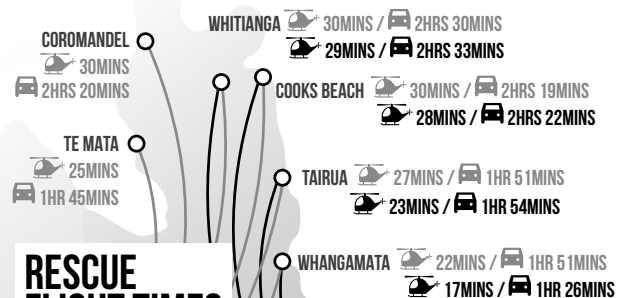
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- 1st prize Andrew Allison, Tairua**  
**2nd prize Veronica "Ronnie" Bob, Auckland**  
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