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WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

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Use the letters to make 4+ letter words

Beat Barry's 53. Words must contain the middle letter. Plurals OK if "s" is in the grid. Barry's answers online, under "issues"

What are your plans for Christmas Lunch?

What are your Christmas plans? Have you considered helping at or attending this year's 'Christmas Lunch Together'?

Many of us look forward to Tairua Elim Church's community Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day. It is a wonderful opportunity for those of us, whose families can't be around at Christmas, to get together.

Christmas Lunch Together organiser, Pastor Marlene, explained why Christmas lunch is so dear to husband Nico and her, "We arrived in the country in 2004, leaving most of our

family behind. We found our first Christmas very challenging since we only had our son with us. All three of us decided not to celebrate Christmas because it was too hard with the family so far away. God spoke to us about other people feeling the same and that we could do something about it. We started by organising a community Christmas lunch in Auckland. When we came to Tairua, we spoke to the church about the concept and asked for their support to have one here. They agreed, and we are very thankful for their ongoing

support."

The organisers are very thankful for the support of the community at large too. The lunch has grown from around 20 attendees in the first couple of years to 62 last year! This couldn't happen without the support of the community. People have volunteered their time and finances, to make this happen.

Marlene went on, "Our dream of a big whanau Christmas lunch has now become a community event. We are forever grateful to the support we have received and continue to receive. It is all greatly appreciated."

To ensure there is food on the tables and helpers to prepare and serve it, a meeting



Marlene and Nico at one of the earliest Christmas Lunches. "Our dream of a big whanau Christmas lunch has now become a community event."

of the "willing" is being held on 18 December at 10.30am at The Pepe Grand. If you would like to know more, or make donations towards Christmas Lunch Together, contact Marlene on 07 864 8762.

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'Ello, 'ello, 'ello

A word from our local constabulary

Kia Ora Koutou,

A few unexpected events saw both Tim and I out of action this month, firstly with me breaking my finger, needing surgery (two screws) and put into 6 weeks of office work. Tim was unwell for a couple of weeks back and is now back in action! Fortunately, we've had good support over this time from our neighbouring stations. I expect to be back to full operational duties around Christmas time, just in time for the silly season.

You would have seen that the Tairua Police Station garage now has been rebuilt which we are thrilled with. We expect to be receiving a newish ute from Whitianga shortly - we do hope this one doesn't spontaneously combust!

Police were called to a confrontation at the Wharf after a local fisherman decided to take matters into his own hands with alleged poaching. The fishermen were spoken to and their catch was found to be lawful. We appreciate the community's passion to stop/prevent poaching and I acknowledge our lack of resources to police these issues with MPI, however, we don't want to encourage vigilantes or taking actions that may very well end up putting you in front of a judge. Please report all suspected poaching matters appropriately, particularly if there is information about vehicle registrations, boat names etc.

A 34-year-old male from Tairua was arrested after we were called to a

family harm event where alcohol was being consumed.

We had the Booze Bus in town for a couple of days this month, and feedback given to us was around the use of electric scooters. This mode of transport appears to be becoming a more common mode of transport, particularly around small towns. It is your responsibility, when you get on a vehicle propelled by an engine or power unit, to know the law and if it is your kids, they are also your responsibility. If any electric vehicle is over 300kw then it MUST be registered and you must have the appropriate license. Please look online if you are unsure and reference this with the manufacturer settings.

The Booze Bus will be visiting us plenty over summer and they have told us there will be zero warnings, and enforcement action will be taken. Tim and I will also be following suit - at the end of the day we want to keep everyone safe on our roads.

Tairua was subject to a spate of vandalism where some brainless hooners tore up reserves, knocked over signs and destroyed vegetation. We are doing our best to hold them accountable. Currently we are investigating two utes registered to 19- and 20-year-olds from Auckland who spent the weekend in Pauanui. Once again, we come back to our lack of CCTV, no witnesses, and no reports, making it difficult to nail them.

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*There will be a meeting on
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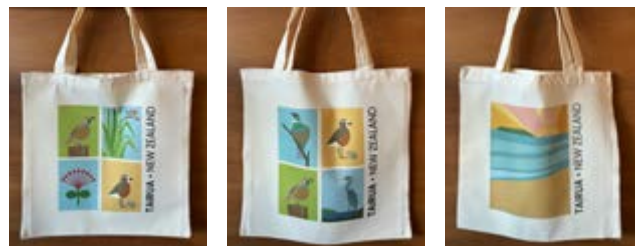
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