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Open from 9.30am until 2.30pm, the artists welcome you in for a chat, to browse and to purchase. Not only can you purchase original artworks, but there will be prints and greeting cards on sale as well. A number of demonstrations by members of the group will also feature. Entry is free.

Well-known local artist, Michael Harrison, has been a member of the Tairua Art Group for over 9 years, and is preparing works for show. From the time he picked up his first paintbrush, Michael found the group very friendly and encouraging and, although his art has become well-known to a much wider audience, he has stayed with the Group which meets at the Fishing Club at 9am on Wednesdays.

Michael says, "Everyone is welcome to come to the group, and is guaranteed a cuppa, a chat and exposure to keen artists of every genre!"

The Summer Art Fair will be donating a share of the proceeds to Tairua Food Bank.

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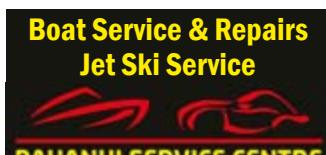


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'Ello, 'ello, 'ello

A word from our local constabulary

Kia Ora Koutou,

Happy new year friends and Whanau!

As we move through the busy New Year period, Tim and I would like to thank residents, bach owners, and visitors for the generally positive behaviour seen across the community. With our population swelling to thousands more than usual, comes extra pressure on local services, so cooperation from the public is greatly appreciated.

Over the past month, police have attended a range of incidents typical for the holiday season. These have included disorders related to alcohol consumption, driving matters, opportunistic thefts and family harm incidents. We remind everyone that prevention plays a big role in keeping our towns safe and enjoyable for all - including reporting all incidents no matter how big or small.

Our key messages over the summer period are:

- Please be mindful of alcohol consumption - Ensure you abide by liquor ban areas and don't drink & drive;

- Take extra care around pedestrians and cyclists on our roads, especially around beach access points and high foot traffic areas such as the

townships;

- Lock your vehicles and houses, avoid leaving valuables just lying around, don't allow yourself to be an easy target;
- Report any suspicious activity, anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving appropriately. 105 if it's already happened, 111 if it's happening now and *555 for driving matters;

- Parents - Supervise your teenagers! We are finding a majority of incidents over this period are young persons, highly intoxicated, mooching around with their friends looking to impress each other by making bad decisions. The teenage and young adult years are where our underdeveloped darlings are testing their boundaries and need a little bit of extra guidance. Don't enable their poor decision making by allowing them to drive around in golf carts or roam the streets with boxes of alcohol. If they are going out to a party ensure you have done your due diligence and homework on how to keep them safe - if not, keep your little angels at home.

Thank you. ☺

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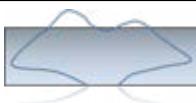
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TAIRUA RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Annual General Meeting Sunday 25 January, 2 pm start

followed by a wine and cheese get together after the meeting.

Tairua Community Hall

**Our Guest Speaker this year:
Alison Smith, TCDC Councillor**

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ALL WELCOME - members and non-members

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Thank a Volunteer Series .. 1

Over the summer we would like you to learn a little more about some of the young folk who have answered the community call for volunteers and have joined some of the emergency organisations.

This week we feature:

Bella Muir - TAIRUA SURF LIFE SAVING

Our first story is that of Bella Muir, Tairua Surf Life Saving Club's chief IRB (inflatable rescue boat) instructor. At high school Bella was encouraged by the experiences of her friends who were involved with surf life saving and decided to "give it a go".

Bella explained, "I was 15 when I joined the junior surf programme. I felt a bit out of place but I made friends fast. I was 16 when I became a lifeguard."

The support and camaraderie that the Club provided meant Bella progressed with speed through her training. Bella credits Club Captain, Gabby Hughes, as her inspiration and mentor. With Gabby's encouragement she gained confidence, made friends, and stepped out of her comfort zone – to the point where Bella joined Gabby presenting the Club's lifeguard programme, and went on to run the IRB candidate programme.

Bella has won several major awards in her time with Tairua Surf Life Saving Club. She was the Club's Under 19 Lifeguard of the Year twice, the Coromandel-region Under 19 Lifeguard of the Year, the top Junior Surf Instructor and the top Instructor in the Coromandel Region (recognised as the first female IRB instructor at the Tairua Club)!

Asked what advice or encouragement she could offer other young folk considering volunteering in surf life saving, Bella explained that surf life saving teaches



Tairua Surf Life Saving Club's chief IRB (inflatable rescue boat) instructor, Bella Muir.

skills and develops qualities that transfer into other areas of life, particularly confidence dealing with strangers and staying calm in daunting situations.

She has made the most of the opportunities surf life saving has offered. Pointing out that her summer job as a paid lifeguard means she gets paid to be at the beach for five weeks over summer, she rates this as "super cool!" Bella has definitely "given it a go" and made a real success of her involvement. She has faced challenges and beaten them, and now stands ready to assist new volunteers to do the same!

Thanks Bella, for all you do for us!

Been inspired by Bella's story? Considering stepping up and supporting your community? Check out Tairua Surf Life Saving Club online at www.tairuaslsc.org.nz or for more info, email: tairuaslsc@gmail.com. Go for it!