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Summer water risks, take care

The summer season across the country has been marred by water-related deaths. People have drowned in rivers, lakes, and the sea; many, in places they have usually regarded as safe.

Close to home, we recently have had several close calls, with a boat overturning attempting a bar crossing and a group of swimmers getting into difficulties at North End's beach. Thankfully

both incidents were resolved with no loss of life but not entirely without trauma and hospitalisation.

The consensus of advice is we need to take greater care near water, even treating it with suspicion. Dangerous changes in beach conditions are often unseen, with weather events causing big drop-offs and changes in current. In lakes and rivers, variable levels may be

different concealing debris in the water and holes. The point taken is, we cannot rely on things always being as we have known them.

As if natural dangers aren't enough to deal with, the sabotage of safety advice needs to be acknowledged! The new pontoon in Tairua has been vandalised recently, with the steel warning signs not to dive from it being prised from it. This is alarming as the risk of serious injury from diving into shallow water is high!

Replacement signage is being manufactured and will be reattached but meanwhile vigilance by users is vital. No one wants to see permanent injury resulting from something that is a wonderful summertime addition to our water play options!

Water and summer go together, naturally! Preparedness is the key. Learn how to swim, learn about water safety, look out for warning signs and thoroughly assess the risks you face! If in doubt, stay out! Take care.

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Tairua's Antique Roadshow?

Tairua Heritage Society is holding an "Antiques & Collectables Appraisal Day Fair" (that's quite a mouthful!) on Sunday 25 January at Tairua Bowling Club, Hornsea Road from 10am until 2pm.

This is your opportunity to discover the value and story behind your treasured items, just like on the TV show!

The special guest valuer will be Adam Archer, who is the former Peach Grove Antiques Dealer, with 35 years' experience. You are invited to bring your antiques and collectables along for professional appraisal and valuation, in exchange for a donation.

There is a limit of five items per person, with a donation expected for each. No advance booking is required as the Fair is run on the first come, first served basis.

The Fair will also feature much more on the day. There

will be collectables for sale, a Guess the Item Competition (T&Cs apply), a Tairua Heritage Book Stand with local history publications for purchase, a variety of Tairua Heritage mementos and an "Objet de vertu" display (Yes, I had to look it up!) which is "an exquisite selection of rare, curious, and unusual objects."

Don't miss this great opportunity to have your treasures appraised, support a vital local heritage cause, enjoy a relaxed and interesting community event, and help secure a permanent home for Tairua's history!

Note, of course, that all valuations provided are indicative only and are offered as general guidance. No guarantee is given as to accuracy or market realisation. Owners are responsible for seeking independent advice or further verification as required.

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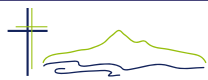
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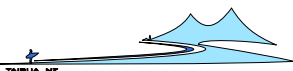
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Short & Sweet

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Anniversary Week- End has a number of events taking place: Tairua Art Group is holding its Art Fair at St Francis House, from 9.30am until 2.30pm on the Saturday. There will be art on show, art for sale, and demonstrations by group members. Tairua Pauanui Sports Fishing Club holds its "Shimano Stand-Up Tournament" over Saturday and Sunday with great prizes up for grabs. Check: www.tpsfc.co.nz for details. The Harcourts Anniversary Ambrose tournament is on at Tairua Golf and Country Club on the Sunday. Ring 07 864 8416 for more details.

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