

Hunting comp fundraiser coming up

This year, Hikuai School's Hunting Competition fundraiser will take place over Matariki Weekend, 28-30 June. A major fundraiser for the School, the hunting competition has grown steadily in popularity over the years.

The first ever Hunting Competition took place in 2019 with entries from all around the Waikato and over 125 kids and 100 adults took part. Organisers will be hoping for another great turnout this year.

Surprisingly, you don't have to be a hunter to be in to win prizes. To win one of the many impressive spot prizes, you just have to purchase a ticket. Tickets cost \$50 for adults and \$15 for children (12vrs and under). Hikuai School relies on this fundraising for the provision of extra opportunities and learning resources for the students.

Organiser Kristy Ralls explained that currently they have a great prize pool valued at around \$12,000 including a cash prize pool of \$5,000 so far.

Kristy said, "We have many generous sponsors and without their support this fundraiser wouldn't happen!" Sponsorship means that all proceeds go straight to Hikuai School.

The Competition aims to encourage participation of "hunters" from the dedicated to those who are starting out, by assisting with pest control. Competition categories are offered for adults, ladies and kids

In the Adult section prizes are awarded for the best hooks (tusks), average weight, mystery weight, 1st to 3rd heaviest boar, most possums and heaviest snapper. In the Ladies section, prizes go to the 1st to 3rd boar and heaviest snapper. And for the kids (those 12yrs and under), prizes are awarded for the 1st to 3rd rabbit, magpie, possum, hare, snapper, and the mystery weight snapper.

Entries close at midnight on Wednesday 26 June and hunting starts on at 12am Friday 28th. The event culminates in



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a family fun day on Sunday 30, with raffles, competitions, games, entertainment, prizegiving and a free BBQ feast for all!

For further info, contact event organisers Kristy Ralls at: kristyralls@gmail.com or Stacey Clarke on: bot.chair@ hikuai.school.nz

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t's that time of year when we start wondering about this year's Tairua Troubadour show. This year, the show will be performed in July. "The Anniversary Show," will be a celebration of writer-director Jennie Turner's twenty-fifth production. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of June.

n Sunday 26 May the next emergency mobile alert will be tested across the country. It takes place between 6 and 7pm on that day and checks the effectiveness of the national civil defence alert system. You can find out more by going to: getready.govt.nz/ en/prepared/ema.

auanui Dune Protection Society holds its 2024 Dune Plantathon this Friday and Saturday, in collaboration with TCDC and Coastcare Waikato. With a target of over 10,000 native dune plants to be planted, the organisers would love to have you join them. At 10am on Friday 17 May the group meets adjacent to the Mountain Vista parking area and will work at the south end of the beach. At 9.30am on Saturday 18 May they meet at the Surf Club to plant northwards. Helpers need gloves and closed-toe footwear, a water bottle, lunch, a narrow spade, and to dress for the weather.

ickets are still available for Tairua Rugby & Sports Club's celebrity luncheon. Dame Susan Devoy, four-time world squash champion, is the guest speaker on Friday 31 May at Tairua Pauanui Sports Fishing Club at the long lunch, from noon until 4pm. Entry is by ticket at a cost of \$80 per person, available at both the Rugby and Fishing Clubs or by contacting Club Captain Derek Rope (0274 780 290).



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Our history: Tairua Police Station and House, part 1

Constable Dylan has been doing some historical research into Tairua Policing. Read Part One this week and see what you remember...

Grant Paki Paki commonly known as Nig was posted to Tairua on the 16th of May 1983 after transferring from Waverly in the Whanganui police district. Outside of the Police, Nig was known for his skills in rugby having played for the Mäori All Blacks in 1971 and 1975.

At this time when the Tairua posting was created, there was one Constable stationed in Whitianga, Don Bates, one in Whangamata, Joe Mitchell and one in Coromandel, Horrie Chestnut. Prior to Nig's posting, Whitianga and Whangamata used Hikuai Settlement Road as their boundary line, where Pauanui was Policed by Whangamata and Tairua was Policed by Whitianga. Rumour has it that the Police posting created in Tairua was politically influenced by MP's that had purchased recently developed beachfront sections in Pauanui. The Policing style back then was very different, particularly officers taking single ownership of their towns and did not often venture into their neighbouring towns except for major incidents.

Nig played a key role in setting up Pauanui and Tairua's first Land and Marine Search and Rescue teams. He was given a rental house overlooking the golf course at the end of Daphne Place, Tairua. Near the front section of his rental, a small building was erected on poles which was inside the boundary of the Tairua Golf Club and was used as the first Tairua Police Station. He lived here with his wife Helen and three children, Natalie, Jemahl, and Monica all of whom attended the local primary school. In just under one year, Police bought 280



Waverley's police constable for almost five years has been named as Tairua's first policeman. Constable Nig Paki Paki finishes work at Waverley on Saturday and takes up his duties at Tairua on the Coromandel Peninsula on May 16. He said yesterday he found he fitted easily into the Waverley community because of his ties with the Waverley Rugby Club, which he had belonged to since 1974. At the time he was a police constable in Wanganui, but he used to travel to Waverley for rugby with ex-Taranaki representative, Francis Hill. He is pletured with his wife Helen and their daughter Monica (3½).

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Main Road and the adjoining empty section. The dwelling was built by Roy and Gillian McNabb in 1970 for about \$7,000. Roy and Gil planted many fruit trees including Feijoas, Grapefruit, Tangelos, Guava and Mandarins which to this day provide lot's of fruit and pocket money to children selling Feijoas during the Easter Holidays. The property was purchased with the intent of allowing the Officer in Charge (O/C) Tairua to have a subsidised rental, which is referred to as 'Tied Housing' and was a package deal for the O/C position making it a desirable and sought after position. The small Police station from Daphne was moved and placed at the top of the Main Road address. Nig served in Tairua for six years until 1989 at which time he transferred to Thames.

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lan Fredericksen, commonly known as Fred, took over from Nig in 1989 after transferring from Hamilton. Fred was initially destined for Thames on his transfer however hearing that Nig was leaving Tairua and wanting to go to Thames, the pair essentially did a swap.

In 1991 the small Police station was moved onto the adjoining section identified as 282 Main Road and a slightly larger portacom Police station was placed in front which is still here to this day as the main station. The old station building now serving as a cell block and storage room.

In 1992, when the Ministry of Transport (MOT) merged with the Police, Graeme Maley transferred to Tairua from Ngaruawahia where he had been working in the Traffic Safety Service. This is when Tairua went from a sole charge posting to a 2-person station. The second position was not provided with a house or any housing subsidy.

The station buildings and tied housing have been relatively unchanged since their inception aside from minor renovations and general up keep of the property by staff and the organisation. Fred's wife Cathy was a passionate gardener, keeping the property up to a very high standard. Fred built the stone gardens around the property from rocks he had collected from the local quarry.

Read Part Two in our next issue



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