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Friendship lunch with a difference

By Guest Writer,
Rowena Birkenshaw

On Tuesdays, Tairua Care & Friendship Club (TCFC) members are picked up from their homes by volunteer drivers and driven to the community hall. There, they are served a delicious 2-course lunch lovingly prepared by volunteer cooks. Broadly, the Club acts as a network of caring neighbours. Without this service, some in our community would rarely leave their homes, let alone have a chance to chat over a home-cooked meal.

However, last Tuesday, owners of Tairua's food trailer, My Thai, Autumn Champion

and Kacee Larsen took over the cooking, gifting their mildly-spiced yellow chicken curry and prawn fried rice dishes to the highly-appreciative luncheon guests. Motivation for the gesture was ignited when Autumn recognised familiar faces in Tairua Care & Friendship's Facebook posts, people she recognised as having served her when she was a young person growing up in Tairua. And she wanted to say thank you.

"People give us limes, lemon grass, you know, things we can use in our cooking and they don't expect anything back. We wanted to pay that forward to the Friendship Club," Autumn said.

"Some of the older people in town aren't familiar with Thai food," Kacee added, "so it's nice to cook them food that is a little bit different from what they may be used to. Hopefully they like it."

Lunch recipient, Tina Larsen loved her lunch, and said, "We are a very caring community and the girls are sharing their care with us."

For people on their own and not able to get out to pick up a takeaway meal, the girls will deliver. Go to their Facebook page to find their menu. To order, phone 022 084 1323.

Like the girls gifting kindness forward, the TCFC is a vital link for friendship and social connectedness in our community. Other services offered by the Club are transportation to medical



My Thai's Kacee Larsen and Autumn Champion gifted and served lunch at the Tairua Care & Friendship Club last Tuesday.

appointments and weekly shopping trips. These services would not exist without the Club's strong leadership and the team of dedicated volunteers.

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Join us to hear Raewyn speak to how the law has been mobilised to protect some of the Peninsulas precious places, and to discuss the future.

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

Tena Koutou Katoa

September has been another busy one on the Policing front however it is pleasing to be able to report back with some good results.

Through some good old-fashioned policing tactics, we were able to join the dots and catch our Tairua Burglar. Last month we reported several burglaries had taken place over a two-week period. Early in September we arrested a 37-year-old male who is now before the court on three charges of Burglary. We suspect he may be responsible for more however evidence established was only sufficient to charge on three of the cases. Now being on court bail and keeping tabs of his movements, the offending spree has ceased. No, it was not the homeless male who was here for about three weeks.

Almost immediately after this catch, Pauanui was hit over two nights with offenders rummaging through unlocked cars. We had up to six confirmed reports where vehicles had been entered, targeting banks cards, keys, sunglasses, and small electronic items. Some of you may remember Pauanui was subject to the exact same offending about two years ago where upwards of a dozen unlocked vehicles were entered and items were stolen. One of the offenders for this was charged and received a two-year prison sentence concurrent with other charges. The same offender was also responsible for the latest spree of thefts. We obtained CCTV footage of a vehicle linked back to Tauranga that drove to Pauanui and back to Tauranga over two nights. Working together with the Tauranga Police a 47- and 49-year-old male have subsequently been arrested and remanded in custody on a raft of charges. Something about these crimes really stands out to me, and that is these offenders have committed these crimes and in the

exact same town two hours' drive away as they did two years ago. I think it's fair to say the offenders knew Pauanui would be an easy target. Many residents are not using basic crime prevention tools like locking their car which makes for easy pickings. Let's stop making ourselves easy targets for these oxygen thieves. In saying that, we had fantastic resources in the community to be able to catch them and hold them accountable. We are very lucky to live in such safe communities but as we know, it only takes one curious thief to cause significant harm.

Five fired up patrons from Punters Bar got into an altercation which escalated to weapons being used including a metal bar, a nail gun being discharged, and an air pistol being presented. When we arrived on scene, a group of three had left while two males and bar staff had locked themselves inside. The two males inside received minor to moderate injuries from the incident and no complaint was forthcoming. We tracked down the group of three who were spoken too at an address on Paku. Everyone involved was under the influence of alcohol, despite most being aged in their 30's their behaviour was poorer than the average 2-year-old throwing a tantrum.

A 52-year-old male in Pauanui died suddenly at his home address. The matter was referred to the Coroner after an initial Police investigation. There was no suspicious circumstances and our condolences got out to family, friends and those who knew him.

A 39-year-old male was given a lift home by Police to Kaimarama after reports of erratic behaviour on the forecourt at Prescott's garage. The ride home was eventful, displaying clear signs of recent drug use.

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