



THREE HOUSES DOWN TO HEADLINE WAITANGI KI TŪWHARETOA FESTIVAL

FREE ENTRY

WAITANGI
Ki Tūwharetoa 2018

Riverside Park, Taupō
Tuesday, February 6
12pm – 5pm

THREE HOUSES DOWN WITH GENERAL FIYAH

DAVID WALL, AARON MOEKE, THE BLIND VENETIANS, LOST TRIBE AOTEAROA, PIATA MOREHU AND TE ARAREO REHUA, MISFITZ DANCE STUDIO, TAURIKURA EXPERIENCE.

Kapa haka, local entertainers, children's inflatables, prizes, kai stalls and more!

FREE TRANSPORT
Limited seats – contact your nearest council office to register.

The following items are prohibited from this event: smoking, alcohol, drugs, gang patches, dogs.

Brought to you by
Mercury, Education, Health, Fire, Police, Environment, Great Lake Taupō

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- Until Feb 12 Beautiful Marks, Taupō Museum

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LIFEGUARD

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Behind the scenes there is the particulars of the pool system. Pumps that need to be monitored and checked for pressures, water testing for pH, alkaline and chlorination levels, lint strainers that need to be emptied, BBQ and pool facilities that need cleaning.

The role a lifeguard is an ever-evolving one, with learning going hand-in-hand with some more technical aspects.

Learning of the various skills required is key, with lifeguards working their way through an intensive pool lifeguard practicing certificate. They can continue on to further training of a level three aquatics programme, before moving on to a level four management qualification. Ryno is active in professionally developing his team and spends two hours every week helping them hone their skills.

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programme level and we're aiming to get as many staff to the level four management stage as we can," said Ryno.

Key initiatives to help make lifeguarding easier are ensuring children under five years are kept within an arms-length of the adult accompanying them, enforcing the pool rules and ensuring people adhere to all signs and staff at all times.

A recent initiative is the introduction of a wristband for younger swimmers. Children between five and seven years of age are given a silver wrist-band, to show an adult is also aware they are in the water. This can be helpful for lifeguards to identify the age of children in the rare event of a mishap, knowing the adult accompanying them will be close by.

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