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LOCALS IMPRESSED WITH NEW FOUR SQUARE

Sharon and Darren Walker say they jumped through a quite a few hoops to get a Four Square store for Matarangi and were rapt when they got the approval back in October. "It is like putting a 1,000 piece jigsaw together and we are finally getting the very last pieces together now, to ensure we have everything that our customers need," says Sharon.

Speaking this past Monday morning following the opening of the new store, Sharon reflected on the work she and husband Darren have put in to get them to that point.

"We first approached Foodstuffs three years ago in regards to becoming a Four Square and in January this year, we approached them again, explaining that Matarangi was experiencing rapid growth and that in order to keep our customers happy, we would need to become a Four Square."

The advantages for Matarangi residents with the former general store joining the Four Square family include stocking an extra 1500 products such as frozen, chilled, produce and more grocery lines than compared to last month, when operating as

independent shopkeepers. The improvements for customers range from ready to eat products such as ready-made salads, pizzas, to a wide variety of fresh meats, and as well quality fresh produce more than what was available previously.

Other changes that customers will notice include longer hours and lower prices. "Our new opening hours are 7:30am to 7pm every day. Because we are now part of the second largest co-op in New Zealand, second only to Fonterra, our prices have reduced considerably," said Darren. "We also receive deliveries 6 days a week, so no longer will be there stock shortages as used to happen in the past."

On opening morning local feedback about having a Four Square in Matarangi was overwhelmingly supportive.

"It's fantastic," said Sue Karl. "I'm amazed at the range of produce on display and the prices represent great value." Jan Spry, was also impressed. "This will save time and expense from having to travel to Whitianga. The things we need are right here."

The Walkers want to thank treasured customers for their positive comments about the new store saying it makes all the effort worthwhile. "Please like our new Four Square Matarangi Facebook page to keep

up to date with new products, special promotions, and competitions, our weekly specials which are advertised in the mailer and many extra in store specials," said Sharon.

"A massive thank you must go to our awesome team. They have worked really hard to get everything moved, cleaned, ordered, ticketed and stocked, and Darren and I truly appreciate everything they have helped us with," insisted Sharon. "We have also had Foodstuffs business managers with us for the past month to ensure a smooth transition. Josh, Cecilia, Richard and Colin have been absolutely amazing to us. We are so grateful."

The MBP wishes to congratulate Sharon and Darren in making the bold investment in bringing a Four Square Market to Matarangi and the Northern Mercury Bay. It is a sign that this community and district are on the up, with a growing population, more amenities and generally more good things happening!

Featured: Four Square Matarangi officially opened on Monday 2 December. Here the team lead by Sharon and Darren Walker posed with a few of the early customers.

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..... 10 ARTISTS EXHIBIT AGAIN IN JANUARY

The Kuaotunu 10 Artists collective is looking forward to repeating the success of its first exhibition at the start of this year when they exhibit again in January.

During Anniversary Weekend this year the historic Kuaotunu Hall was transformed into a vibrant contemporary art gallery as the visual artists, who all live locally between Otama and Whangapoua, displayed their work together for the first time.

Since then they have held a second exhibition in the hall in October at Labour Weekend, where the collective introduced workshops for the public through a grant from the Coromandel District Creative Communities Scheme.

These were also a success, with Matarangi paper engineer Phillip Fickling having 25 kids at his workshop on the Sunday morning. However collective spokesperson Isabel Gilbert Palmer says, "The Anniversary Weekend exhibition in January will be our flagship exhibition and we are hoping for the same great crowds we had through the doors this year".

"We expect there won't be the space for workshops in January, so we'll keep those for the Labour Weekend exhibitions in October."

"We are excited about becoming a permanent fixture in the region's arts calendar and showcasing the amazing talent we have in our small corner of the Coromandel", said Gilbert Palmer.



Above: 10 Artists is one of THE social events of the local calendar.

Featured: Photographer Ian Preece is again one of the exhibiting 10 Artists this summer.



A big shout out has to go to local business owners, Sharon Clay, Sue Sinclair and Pip Teklenburg for organising the inaugural Christmas gathering for Matarangi based businesses and tradesmen held at the Fire Station on Thursday November 29th.

The vision was to get all local business owners together so that they could mix and mingle and become more acquainted.

"It's all about bringing the business community in Matarangi together, meeting and including new businesses and providing a source of information that everyone, permanents and holiday home owners alike, to draw on," said Sharon Clay.

Everyone had nothing but positive feedback about the event so much so that Sharon, Pip and Sue are now booking in a Mid Winter Xmas event and a second Xmas event for 2019.

"We would like to thank Stu Arnold for allowing us to hold the event at the fire station and to Brian Baker and Stu for running the bar. A big thank you also to Sharon and Darren Walker from the new Matarangi Four Square for donating half the food and Sue Sinclair for doing all the cooking for the day," said Sharon.

The winner of the Christmas hamper was Maree Taylor our local marriage celebrant.

Featured: Sue, Pip & Sharon did a marvellous job in organising the 1st Matarangi Tradies Christmas function.



Matarangi Tradies catching up at the Christmas Party last Thursday.



Abby and Kayla from Richardsons getting into the festive spirit.



This term is flying by at Te Rerenga School and we have been busy with lots of events and special visitors coming in to see us. We have had local firefighters visit all our classes to deliver the Firewise programme. Waikato Valley Cricket have visited and Kelly from St John's came to teach everyone some essential first aid. All the classes had a great bike day with Constable Catherine Sell, running through a bike course to build confidence as well as road safety skills. It was amazing to see the confidence of the junior students grow through their practice on the course. Our children loved having their bikes at school for a few extra days making the most of the beautiful weather.

Room 3 had an exciting night away and 2 days of activities at Sonshine Camp near Clevedon. It was obvious how adventurous all of our children were and how keen they were to give everything a go. So many children were proud of themselves for overcoming any fears and they should feel proud! A huge thank you to Mrs Wilson for organising such a wonderful opportunity as well as all our parents whose supervision and help made the trip possible.



Te Rerenga School feels very privileged to have two wooden signs made for them by the late Irene Thompson. Irene who lived in Whangapoua was a well-known whittler. She passed away recently and will be remembered for her magnificent wooden carvings. You can see one of her pieces depicting Alice in Wonderland in the Mercury Bay Library. Irene made the wooden signs for the school in 2011 when her grandson Tommy attended the school. One sign is at the entrance to our orchard and the other sign is at the entrance to our native bush grove.



A big thank you to Richardsons Real Estate in Matarangi for the awesome new swimming bags for all of our children. The school community really appreciates their generosity. We look forward to using these once the pool is in use!

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Congratulations to the following Te Rerenga School children who were placegetters at the Thames Valley Athletics Champs recently.

Ellie Mikkelsen: 2nd in discus, 1st in 800m & 2nd in 1500m

Eden White: 3rd in high jump

Lila White: 2nd in long jump

Ella Simpson: 3rd in long jump, 1st in 60m & 1st in 100m

These results from a little country school are outstanding!

good sort of the month

The Good Sorts of the month are Mandy Vegar and Maria Matchett for organising such a wonderful Halloween night for our local kiddies.

The huge response you got from our local community was phenomenal. It was great that the children had such a fun filled evening and no doubt are looking forward to next year.

Well done Mandy and Maria. The good folk of Matarangi salute you!

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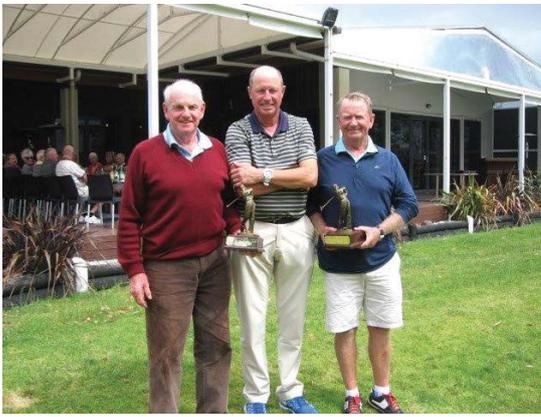
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GREEN SHOOTS 79 TO WIN SENIOR CHAMPS

— By The Fairway —

After a postponement due to a poor weather forecast The Dunes club championships were played on the weekend of November 10/11.

A small field of 16 starters teed off on Saturday with six entries in both the senior and junior division but just three in the usually highly competitive intermediates.

After the first round of two the seniors were led by Geoff Atmore 80 followed by Stew Green and Tracey Mulligan a shot back. Robin Fleming led the intermediates by five shots with 83 and Rusty Brooke led the juniors with 94 followed by James Docking 95 and Ralph Stevens 96.

The second round saw Green pull away with a class 79, winning the title for the third time by four shots from Mulligan who shot 83.

In the intermediates Fleming managed to hold off a fast finishing palmer to also win by four shots.

In the juniors Riggs needed a handy 93 to beat Brooke 86-year-old Barry Titchmarsh by a shot. He has now won both the junior and intermediate titles.

For the first time there were no entrants in any woman's division.

The Tony Cotton Memorial Shootout was also completed in November with 10 qualifiers playing the back 10 holes.

Chris Palmer was first to drop out, his second successive year of falling at the first hurdle.

The closest hole was the 10th with a measure needed to send Stu Arnold home and keep Geoff Atmore in the contest.

Atmore finally fell in a put off with eventual winner Robin Fleming on the 17th.

On the 18th Fleming hit to within two metres and sunk his put to beat Barry Bowen and take the coveted trophy which was presented by Tony's widow, Chris Cotton.

The big event in December is the Dunes members/veterans end of year competition and Calcutta on Wednesday December 12.

Entries must be in to the Proshop by Friday December 7. The cost is \$40 which includes the Calcutta, meal and prizes.

The 9 holers will arrange their own competition to coincide with the finish of the 18 hole stableford.

Top Left: Dunes club champions (from left) Robin Fleming, Stew Green and Alwyn Riggs.

Top Right: Shootout winner Robin Fleming being presented with the Tony Cotton Memorial Trophy by Chris Cotton



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A TASTE OF MATARANGI FESTIVAL UPDATE

Each year in April, Matarangi's Village Green is taken over by crowds of people, family activities, food stalls, wine, craft beer and live entertainment.

A Taste of Matarangi festival has become an integral part of our community, regarded as culturally significant through its entertainment value and appeal to all demographics and tastes. It is recognised as one of the most popular events on the Coromandel coast.

As well as hosting the festival, A Taste of Matarangi provides a platform to showcase the local businesses who support the event and share the vision to create a successful community event. So you can be involved in helping support the festival we have two fundraising opportunities coming up for

December and January.

- A Christmas Ham raffle – a whole ham on the bone could be yours for Christmas dinner so get in early to buy tickets as they are limited, \$5 a ticket, available at Puku & Kerre's liquor store now, drawn December 13.
- 'Cuddles' the teddy bear will be raffled from Christmas throughout January at the Matarangi shops and at Bingo Night on January 3. A special thank you to Chris Cotton for creating and donating 'Cuddles' to help with fundraising, tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The ever-popular A Taste of Matarangi Cook Off returns for next year's festival to give you the chance to show off your cooking skills. "We will involve the

community again with a competition similar to last year's for home cooks with no previous commercial cooking experience", says Event Coordinator, Bronwyn Ririnui.

For expressions of interest to be involved please email info@atasteofmatarangi.co.nz or message us on facebook.

Applications for stallholders are now being taken - for enquiries email us at: info@atasteofmatarangi.co.nz

Event tickets are ON SALE NOW at www.atasteofmatarangi.co.nz and Richardson Real Estate in Matarangi

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year from the ATOM committee.



'Cuddles' the teddy bear will be raffled from Christmas throughout January at the Matarangi shops and at Bingo Night on January 3.

AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AND LEADER

During her time at Mercury Bay Area School, Matarangi's Ella Tompkin has made an enduring impression on her teachers and fellow students. The 2018 Head Girl has been a top scholar, leader and sportsperson right the way through her secondary schooling.

At her final school prize giving last month Ella was awarded prizes as Senior Girls Swimming Champ, Senior Girls Athletics Champ, Senior Girls Cross Country, Senior Girls Triathlon, Senior Girls River Swim, Ron Morgan Trophy for High Level of Fair Play and outstanding contribution to sport and the Finn Parkinson Outstanding Sportsperson of the Year. In academics, Ella also shone winning the Hewlett Family Cup for Top Performance in History, First in History Level 3 NCEA, First in Statistics Level 3 NCEA, a Certificate of Excellence for being one of the top 3 Academics in NCEA. She was also awarded the Westpac Award for her role as Head Girl 2018.

"What is interesting about Ella is that so much of her motivation and drive comes from within. She is resilient, determined, totally motivated to succeed at the highest level, works toward her goals steadfastly and progressively," said Principal John Wright.

"It is hard for others not to be really impressed with her personality. She delivers what she is: and from that platform she is a great leader of her peers. Ella is an outstanding member of our kura, and I believe she will go on to do "great things" not only for herself but our country," said Mr. Wright.

Ella has been accepted to Toi Ohomai at Tauranga where she will be doing an AUT BA in Sport and Recreation enabling her to do swim training full time. Over this summer she will continue to train in Tauranga on weekends and in the Whitianga pool during the week, whilst trying to fit in in some swim teaching and other part-time work to subsidise her training costs, entries to race meets, travel to and accommodation for swim meets.

She would like to acknowledge all the support she has received, too many to mention but locally in Matarangi Simone Parr and Keith Goodall through Richardsons Real Estate have been massive supporters, The Matarangi Beach Paper, Eric Martin from Henderson Timbers, Ali and John Hackett, Alan and Andrea Dickinson, Karen McLeish, Ian and Dianne Patrick and lots of friends that purchased raffle tickets.



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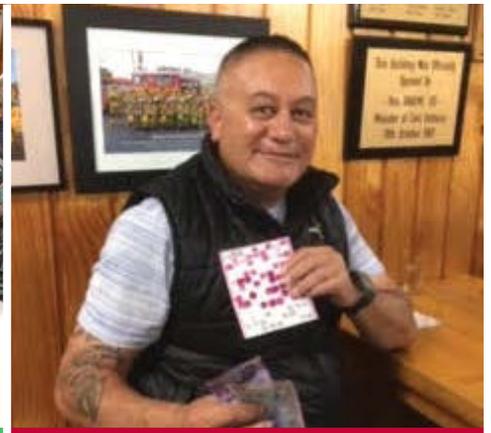
MATARANGI BEACH BINGO!

The 'A Taste of Matarangi' committee organised a Bingo fundraiser at the Matarangi Fire Station on Saturday 3rd November.

Here are photos of some of the lucky winners on the night. The next Bingo fundraiser will be held on January 3rd.



Bingo night brought out the big Punters in town!



George Rinui seems pretty happy with his \$100 win on Bingo Night.



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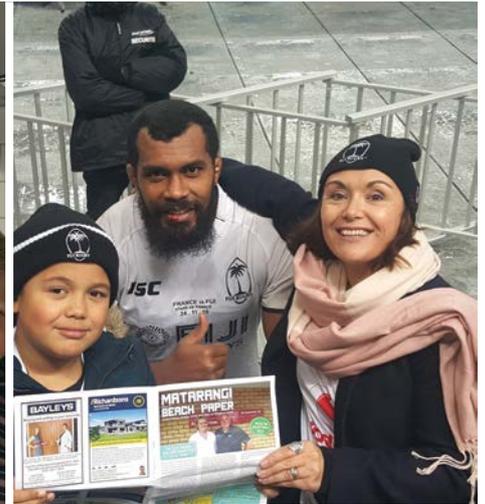
Local Travel Advisors Jody Simpson and Diana Williams were recently onboard the P&O Cruise ship Pacific Aria completing their Masters Cruise Course (Cia - Cruise Lines International Association). They took this fabulous photo with the MBP at Lifou, New Caledonia.



Many of you locals would remember Mike Wilkinson who used to spend half the year in Matarangi and the other half in Lancashire, England until his wife Chris passed away 3 years ago.

His kiwi grandchildren Zara and Scott made the big trip over to England to deliver the Matarangi Beach Paper.

Mike sends you all his best regards.



Here is the Waqaniburotu family from Kuaotunu at Stade de France in Paris following the 21-14 defeat of France by the Fijian rugby team last month. Angela sent in this wonderful photo of her and her husband Dominiko who is the captain of the Fijian side and their son Netani celebrating the historic win. Angela said Netani wanted to send the photo so he could make a shout out to his Grandparents in Kuaotunu and to all his friends at Te Rerenga School and say he misses them all and can't wait to come back. The family are presently living in France as Dominiko has a professional rugby contract with top French club Brive.



Faye Flegg whilst celebrating a birthday brunch at Bondi Beach in 34C heat took a moment out to catch up on the local news.

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"This is a celebration to thank the community and businesses for their patience throughout Stage One of the Town Centre upgrade which started in April and involved new stormwater and water supply infrastructure, modifications to the existing



roadway, widening of the footpaths, new footpath paving, a new plaza area and landscaping," says Thames-Coromandel Mayor Sandra Goudie.

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Our Council has adopted the new Alcohol Control Bylaw, which takes effect from 18 December.

It consists of year-round, 24/7 town centre alcohol bans, as well as Christmas/New Year and long weekend alcohol bans on many of our beaches and seaside reserves. For Whangamata and Tairua there will now be permanent year-round town centre bans (24/7).

www.tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol

Our Christmas Hours

Council office hours –

Our Council service centres will be closed 24 December and public holidays. Open 27, 28 and 31 December from 9am-4pm, except for Coromandel Town which will be closed from 24 December. Normal hours resume on 3 January.

For general enquiries over this time email:

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For urgent enquires call our 24-hour service line: 07 868 0200.



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How should we use our reserves?

It's time to review our Reserve Management Plans (RMPs). Reserves are much-loved features of our district, providing open space and recreation opportunities.

We're taking feedback now until 18 January 2019 on our draft district-wide General Policies for reserves and the draft RMP for Coromandel-Colville area reserves. We'll ask for feedback on reserve plans for other areas later next year. Some things to consider include scattering of ashes, placement of public art and managing dogs, freedom camping and drones.

Go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay or view the document at our Council offices.



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MARGARET BRIGGS RETIRES

On December 5th local Public Health Nurse Margaret Briggs retired. This is an extremely well deserved retirement as Margaret in her various nursing roles, has supported children, families and schools for well over 25 years. She has worked with several thousand children and families over the past 15 years in the Coromandel region alone!

Margaret has had connections with this area since 1984 when she and her late husband Barry bought a section in Matarangi. They moved permanently to Matarangi in 1994, when Barry retired from Dominion Breweries. Margaret then continued to commute to South Auckland to work at Counties Manakau DHB and Kids First until 2004, when a position came up on the Coromandel. This firstly involved two days as a District Nurse, two days as a Well Child Nurse and three days as a Public Health Nurse over a fortnight period. Margaret has also worked extensively as a lactation consultant and through this role developed a particular interest in children's growth and development with a focus on nutrition and behaviour.

A public health nurse's main focus is on community health and as our nurse, Margaret covered a wide region. Her 'patch' on the West side was all schools and pre-schools from Moanataiari School in Thames to Colville and on the East side of the Peninsula she travelled to all the schools between Te Rerenga and Hikuai.

Margaret probably won't miss the travel but she does have a busy time ahead of her! Seven years ago along with Barry and her daughter Shelley and son in law Andy, Castle Rock Café was purchased and the whole family moved to Te Rerenga. Two years ago the café side of the business was closed as the decision was made to focus solely on their popular Chutneys and Vinegars. With more time on her hands Margaret intends to support Andy and Shelley as much as she can with their plans to expand and get their products into supermarkets.

Margaret says she will miss the children but she is excited about getting into the garden, travelling in her mobile home to different food and health shows and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who all live locally.

Margaret was thanked by our local schools at a farewell held in Matarangi, on December 3rd. It was an acknowledgement of her hard work and dedication for all the children and families in our area. Her knowledge, expertise and practical advice will be certainly missed. The MBP wishes Margaret all the best on her retirement.

Featured: Margaret Briggs was farewelled by teachers and principals from the local schools and was presented with a tree in recognition of her service to the Northern Coromandel School communities. The tree, a Forest Pansy with heart shaped leaves, was purchased from Kuaotunu's WANT Nursery on Waitaia Road.

L-R Jean Saunders, Principal Coroglen School; Anna Yates, Principal Te Rerenga School; Margaret Briggs; John Wright, Principal Mercury Bay Area School



UNFINISHED K1 BUSINESS FOR ANDY CORLES

By Alison Smith

Te Rerenga resident Andy Corles has vowed to try again after a “gut wrenching” failed attempt to complete his first K1 cycle around the Coromandel last month. Wheelchair bound Andy was elated when he completed the 50km Nicholas Brown Challenge last year on his hand cycle.

This year he entered the K1 race, which began in Tairua and finished in Coromandel Town but made it 62km to Matarangi before being forced to pull out.

“I just knew I was probably less than half the pace that I was expecting to be doing, I got to one stage where every little rise in the road felt like a really big hill which is unusual for me, so there was something not right with the body,” he says.

“I started off really well but by the time I got to Coroglen I started getting pain pretty bad. I think I pulled a tendon in my arm and probably should’ve pulled out a lot earlier. It’s gut wrenching that I had to finish early.” Andy trains six days a week and says he’s “loving it” so intends competing again next year.

“Compared to where I was when I started out in the sport I’m 200 per cent fitter. It was 62 and a half kilometres to where I had to stop, and I know I could have made it but – absolutely – I’ll be back next year.”

There were 1050 competitors in the different categories of the Flight Centre K2 which is organised by the

Spirit of Coromandel Trust and helping to raise funds toward the Trust’s overall goal to establish an outdoor pursuits centre for youth on the Coromandel. Money raised from entries will once again send four Coromandel youngsters on an outdoor pursuits course this year.

Co-organiser Keith Stephenson says there were 150 volunteers helping as marshalls and in other roles, and their contribution was huge. The event was the 17th K2. “All of these events we’ve been doing, it’s just a fantastic journey. As a young kid I wanted to be a Phys Ed teacher and it never quite happened, so I feel a little bit privileged at my age to put something back into physical sport,” says Keith.

“It’s good for a place like Coromandel. There’s not a lot of sporting stuff of any magnitude that happens because it’s mostly made up of what you do yourself. So when they get a chance to see some of the rock stars of cycling, it’s pretty good.”

Anyone interested in being a volunteer next year is needed on the first weekend after Labour Weekend when the Flight Centre K2 is always held. You can contact Keith or Rita Stephenson or Andy Reid from the Spirit of Coromandel Trust.

Featured: Andy Corles during the 2017 Race (Photo Alison Smith)

POACHER’S NABBED

Eagle eyed Dave Blake spotted the sterling work of the NZ Police and MPI when he came upon an enforcement action involving the illegal poaching of seafood. Four persons in a late model black Toyota Hilux from outside the area were apprehended on Bluff Road and are assisting officials with their inquiries. Mr Blake estimated that there seemed to be over a hundred Paua taken and a large amount of Kina.



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The wine club met once in November. The featured tasting was Tohu from Marlborough. The highlight of the evening was the sampling of their two sparkling wines from the Rewa Range, which are named after New Zealand's native honeysuckle tree, the Rewarewa. The first was the Tohu Rewa Blanc De Blancs Méthode Traditionnelle 2014. This was followed by a very special wine, their limited edition Tohu Rewa Rosé Méthode Traditionnelle 2015. This year Tohu is 20 and to celebrate this, they created this wine especially. They then collaborated with artist Flox to design an exclusive gift box and label decorated with the red Rewa flower. A perfect bottle to open for those festive bubbles! Tohu also have two other ranges of wine. Their Manaaki Range named because Manaakitanga represents the hospitality, kindness and generosity we show to others. This is the spirit of the Tohu Manaaki range. Approachable, contemporary wines made for sharing with whānau and friends - any day of the week. Their premium range is Kaumātua. Kaumātua are revered Maori elders who are acknowledged for their wisdom and leadership. This range is crafted in tribute to their legacy.

The wine club members also enjoyed three other wines;

Aronui Nelson Chardonnay 2016. It has extended ageing in French oak barriques and is layered with ripe stone fruit flavours and subtle hints of hazelnut and butterscotch.

Tohu Hawkes Bay Syrah 2015. From Tohu's Manaaki range, this wine is finely balanced with concentrated black plum, complex layers of dark berry fruit.

Tohu Reserve Pinot Noir 2017. From Tohu's Kaumātua Range, they use hand-harvested grapes pressed directly into French oak. This leads to a very special reserve wine

All these wines are available at Puku and Kerre's

Featured: The Skelton's were keen to try a vintage from Tohu Marlborough.

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Stargazers Sights for December

Mars is the only planet visible in the evening sky for the next few months. It now has an extra visitor from the Earth – the Mars InSight lander that touched down gently on November 27 and will drill below the surface and also listen for marsquakes and meteorite impacts with a super sensitive and sophisticated seismograph. The early dawn sky offers a very bright Venus and fainter Saturn with bright Jupiter appearing towards the end of the month. Venus will look just like a first quarter Moon in binoculars or a small telescope. Jupiter has just moved out from behind the Sun and is moving rapidly away from our star so appears to rise earlier each day from our point of view.

- December 4 – An incredibly bright Venus sits just to the right of a thin crescent Moon low in the eastern pre-dawn sky.
- December 9 – Just after sunset yellowish Saturn lies immediately to the left of the extremely thin crescent Moon very low in the west.
- December 14 – Reddish Mars lies just above and to the right of the nearly first quarter Moon in the NW evening sky.
- December 15 – Mars now lies below and to the left of the first quarter Moon.
- December 22 – The early dawn sky has bright Jupiter very low in the east with much fainter Mercury almost touching it. Mercury moves rapidly to the right away from Jupiter over the next few days.

From the Editors Desk.

ARMISTICE DAY

Two remarkable modern technologies have been brilliantly, yet poignantly used to commemorate the 100 years since the end of WW1.

Film director Sir Peter Jackson was given access to the Imperial War Museum film archive and used the historical black and white footage of soldiers and digitally restored and remastered it into high quality colour documentary film that captures life on the frontline. The silent footage was then dubbed with the sound of chatting and laughter, artillery fire and explosions to bring the scenes to life. While interviews with WW1 veteran's soundtrack the film, offering first-hand accounts of the conflict.

The second remarkable use of modern technology was recreating the last moments of the war when the guns fell silent. There was no modern audio gear on the front but artillery units used a technique called "sound ranging" to try and determine where enemy gunfire was coming from. The effect is similar to the way a seismometer records an earthquake. Using written and photographic sound ranging data again from the Imperial War Museum and researching the type of weapons used, audio engineers were able to digitally recreate the last couple of minutes of the war when the guns fell silent.

There is a human quality to both of these recreated artifacts. They have a verisimilitude about them that triggers a deeper personal reflection on the people who many of us are over the age of 40 who personally knew WW1 veterans as parents and grandparents, neighbours and friends.

Over the past four years, with the 100th anniversary of many of the battles of the Great War, we have acknowledged what those brave men and women did for us and new generations have learnt about those family members who served. Many have re-read old war dairies, reframed old photographs and some have made pilgrimages to battlefields where family members fought.

One such example was Richard Smart, son of Bill Smart of Matarangi Drive whose own Grandfather, Colour Sergeant William Cartledge, is buried in Athens, Greece. William was killed in action on December 1st 1916 aged 35 years old.

"The significant thing for us is Richard is the first person in our family to visit his grave, because until two years ago we didn't know where he was buried, my mother was 4 years old when he was killed so hardly knew her father," said Bill.

While most of us connect WW1 with the great battles of Gallipoli, Ypres, and the Somme, it was a global conflict that took and affected lives everywhere. For example, some mines laid in 1917 by the German raider SMS Wolf, which sunk the Wimmera and Port Kembla in New Zealand waters, later washed ashore in at

Waikouria Creek, north of Raglan killing four people. William Cartledge, himself, lost his life in a minor military action in Greece well away from the main theatre of combat in Western Europe.

"In 1916 there were two factions in Greece, the government who wanted to remain neutral, and an opposition that wanted Greece to join the war against Germany. To ensure that the latter would happen on December 1st 1916, the British staged an intervention to seize the Greek fleet to stop it falling into enemy hands," said Bill. "Seven Marines were killed outright including my grandfather and one died later of his wounds."

Lest we forget.

LET'S KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The busy holiday period is now fast approaching. Our communities will be swelling in numbers and there will be lots of children playing out on the streets, enjoying the fun and freedom.

We don't want to be kill-joys but due to the increase in numbers, there are the potential accidents that are just waiting to happen. When we are in the holiday vibe we can get more relaxed and casual about things. But it is important to remember that the rules that apply elsewhere, also apply here. Rules are made for a reason and they are usually related to safety. Here are a couple of friendly reminders.

- To ensure our children are kept safe when you drive into town, Please SLOW DOWN and keep to the 50km speed limit.
- Make sure your children are always wearing their BIKE HELMET when out biking. Set a good example and wear one yourself too. It is the law!
- It may seem like good fun letting kids drive around the street in golf carts, allowing them to sit unrestrained on the back of vehicles or towing them while they are on their skateboards. The fact is these actions are downright dangerous and illegal.
- It goes without saying, but always make sure your children are wearing their life jackets when out boating or kayaking.
- Think about our pets too! At this time of year, many let off fireworks that they have saved since Guy Fawkes. Please make sure if you do, you are considerate and think about safety at all times. Fireworks and alcohol don't mix.
- Finally please take care in disposing your bones and fishheads after fishing. Do not leave them lying on the beach for children and adults to step on with bare feet!

So on that note, have a safe and happy holiday everyone!

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– NOVEMBER SOLUTION PG 18 –

Alex, Barbara, John, Mark and Mandy participate in extreme sports all around the world. One weekend the five were spread around the world in Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand and the USA each doing a different extreme sport. Unfortunately each had a problem which delayed or prevented them taking part.

Can you work out who did what, in what country and the nature of the problem they suffered. To help we have created a grid for your use.

	Air Race	Bungy Jumping	Free Climbing	Jet Ski Racing	Parachuting	Australia	Canada	England	New Zealand	USA	Broken Leg	Engine Fault	High Wind	Low Tide	Missed Bus
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The practice for the girl that did Jet skiing was delayed by a very low tide. This was not Barbara, nor was it in Australia.

Mandy missed the bus to her venue which was in the southern hemisphere.

The air race wowed the crowds in California but the start was delayed when one of the boys suffered an engine fault.

The event in England was delayed by high winds but our participant said that she was used to that.

Fred was in Canada and was not delayed by faulty equipment.

The participant that suffered a broken leg had planned to take part in the dangerous sport of free climbing.

Parachuting took place in the northern hemisphere.

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MATARANGI BOAT & FISHING CLUB

The fishing has been pretty dismal lately with the weather Gods not playing their part. There have been really good conditions early in the morning, but by mid morning the winds have picked up and the conditions deteriorate rapidly. Several boats have been recording 'NIL' catches, with a few small fish being returned to the briny. There have been reports of nice snapper being caught in the over 50 metre area, but the next trip is failing to produce. Very fickle. On a positive note, the water temp is finally on the move with 18 degrees out wide and touching 16 degrees in the puddle. So the fishing should improve in the coming weeks.

The Matarangi Boat and fishing Club will be holding another Whangapoua Bar Crossing Advisory and Informational Seminar at the Matarangi Fire Station at 9am on the 28th December. There is no charge for this presentation and it is open to everyone, member or not. We will cover the latest on the bar and channel positions.

On the 29th December, the Children's Fishing Competition will be held at the Matarangi Wharf at 12.00. Children under the age of 12 years are welcome with a gold coin entrance fee. There are prizes galore with several different categories.

Our biggest event for the year is the ANNUAL 2019 JANUARY the 2nd Fishing Competition. This Competition carries thousands of dollars worth of prizes. Full information and rules are printed on the tickets which can be purchased from Matarangi Realty and Matarangi General Store. Boats in the water from 5am and tickets available from the ramp from 6am till 8am. Weigh-in 3-4pm with prize giving at 5pm. SPOT PRIZES GALORE!!!! Entree fee \$15 per member, non club members \$25.

The TCDC has implemented boat ramp charges. The final charges are \$80.00 for a year sticker and \$10.00 for a day pass. The annual tickets can be purchased from Sharon and her team at the Matarangi General Store and the day passes can be obtained from the honesty box at the boat ramp.

If anyone requires information regarding how to read the bar, evaluating the break and how to cross the bar safely, please contact me and we will endeavour to take you out and explain any queries.

DONT TAKE RISKS, IF IN DOUBT, DONT CROSS THE BAR. WEARING A CORRECT FITTING LIFE JACKET IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT WHEN CROSSING A BAR.

The WHITIANGA COASTGUARD can be contacted on CHANNEL 63 and the NOW WEATHER REPORT is on CHANNEL 20

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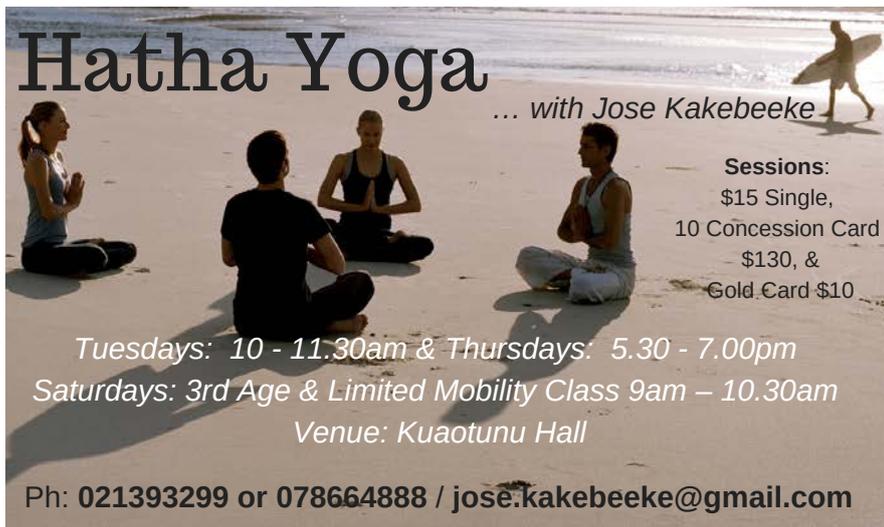
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Please support us so that we can continue to support you.

Don't forget the Total Fire Ban for the Coromandel Peninsula comes into force on 20th Dec.

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Mens 9 Hole Golfers tee off 10.30a.m. @ The Dunes

Contract Bridge: 7pm St John's rooms, Tiki Rd, Coro. Town. Info ph Colin: 866 5428

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TUESDAYS

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Matarangi Craft Group. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 7-9pm. Meet at the Matarangi Fire Station. Contact: Lesley 07 866 0788.

KAMAG meeting 5:30pm, every 2nd Tuesday of the month @ Kuaotunu Hall. All welcome.

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WEDNESDAYS

Kuaotunu Steiner Play Group. 9:30-11:30am Ph: Ina 866 2841

Men's Golf. Tee off 10am. Meet @ The Dunes just before tee off.

Women's Coffee Morning (1st Wed of every month). 10am @ Pipers Café. All welcome!

YOGA: 7am Vinyasa @ Kuaotunu Hall. Ph: 021 08 100 125

ICONZ - Building Boys into Kiwi Icons Kuaotunu Hall. For 2018 Anchor Boys (Years 1 - 3) and Adventure Boys (Years 4 - 6). For enrolments, times and details contact Robyn Balfour: 02040939674 or robyn.balfour2@hotmail.com

THURSDAYS

Ladies 18 Hole Golfers tee off 9.30 a.m. @ The Dunes

Mens 9 Hole Golfers tee off @10.30 a.m. @ The Dunes

Ladies 9 Hole Golfers tee off @ 11.00 a.m. @

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Ladies Keep Fit 9-10am @ Matarangi Fire Station. All Welcome Phone Barbara 866 2687

Matarangi Craft Group meets every Thursday at 10:30am @ the Matarangi Fire Station. Info: Linda Segetin at 866 5653

TUES, THURS & SAT

Rings Beach Wetland Volunteer days. 8.30-12.30 Ph: 866 5338

SATURDAYS

Haatha Yoga 3rd Age & Limited Mobility Class 9-10.30am. Venue: Kuaotunu Hall

SUNDAYS

Matarangi Markets start Labour Weekend.

Upcoming Events

7 DEC

A COLOURFUL COMMUNITY. Come along to the photography book launch of A Colourful Community, capturing the people of Kuaotunu, Opito, Otama, Matarangi, Rings Beach and Whangapoua. Kuaotunu Hall, 5pm. BYO a plate, beverages provided. Also open for book and print sales on Sat 8th Dec 10am-3pm.

23 DEC

MATARANGI SANTA PARADE 11am on Matarangi Drive

27 DEC

MATARANGI FIRE FORCE OPEN DAY. Matarangi Fire Station

28 DEC

BAR CROSSING ADVISORY SEMINAR. Matarangi Fire Station. Contact: Peter Murphy 0212690058

5 JAN

KIWI AVERSION COURSE. Project Kiwi Trust & DOC, Kuaotunu. To book text Sheila on (021 716514)

November Logic Puzzle Solution:

2	6	2	7	3	0
4	4	2	5	9	0
1	8	4	3	7	0
8	8	9	6	9	0



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	High	Low	High	Low	High
7		1:28	7:56	13:52	20:09
8		2:15	8:45	14:39	20:55
9		2:59	9:26	15:24	21:39
10		3:41	10:09	16:08	22:22
11		4:22	10:50	16:50	23:04
12		5:01	11:31	17:33	23:46
13		5:41	12:13	18:15	
14	0:28	6:23	12:55	18:58	
15	1:12	7:06	13:41	19:43	
16	2:00	7:54	14:25	20:31	
17	2:50	8:45	15:14	21:20	
18	3:44	9:38	16:04	22:12	
19	4:40	10:34	16:56	23:05	
20	5:35	11:29	17:49	23:58	
21	6:29	12:23	18:43		
22		0:50	7:22	13:16	19:36
23		1:42	8:14	14:09	20:30
24		2:32	9:05	15:02	21:23
25		3:24	9:56	15:56	22:16
26		4:15	10:48	16:47	23:09
27		5:07	11:40	17:41	
28	0:03	5:59	12:33	18:36	
29	0:58	6:54	13:28	19:32	
30	1:55	7:51	14:23	20:29	
31	2:53	8:50	15:19	21:26	

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