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A Happy Local Hub

Featured: Courtney Linnecar outside Happy Local in Irishtown Road Kuaotunu

Kuaotunu couple Courtney and Matt Linnecar saw huge potential in a house on Irishtown Road that became available during 2019. Their vision was for a community hub that brought people together, creating together, keeping healthy together and relaxing together! Thus was born the Happy Local community hub and in the past month the social entrepreneurs have officially launched this valuable social asset for the Northern Mercury Bay.

Courtney hails from a family farm in the Manawatu and her journey to Happy Local in Kuaotunu has taken her through Otago University, to Berlin to study the German language, further travel and work in Madrid, then onto London where she met her husband Matt and now back to here in New Zealand. The couple bought an "Off the Grid" property here from

Keith Goodall of Richardsons Real Estate a few years ago when they were living in London, and their dream was to get back to live in Kuaotunu as they felt it was the best place to raise a family.

Matt is from London and is an IT social entrepreneur and was successful in the green energy sector. Matt started Nwet Cargo, which is now the world's largest electric vehicle based logistics business. As well as the 'Happy Local Hub' they have recently started 'Drink Happy', an internet based business, who produces innovative, healthy locally-crafted non-alcoholic drinks. The Kuaotunu Happy Local hub is more than just a shared work space. It is a multifaceted community resource that blends locals and those passing through the village into a range of possibilities, whether that being a co-working space,

a creative space, a holistic health clinic, a small events venue or a retreat space.

"With more and more people working remotely online these days there are ten co-working desks available. For those people who do work from home in isolation, Happy Local is a place where they can come down for the day or the week and have that social interaction, that face to face contact and collaboration within their work-life, which we all need," says Courtney.

There are four different different sized clinic or office options available for people to utilise at Happy Local. The clinic rooms are ideal for Health practitioners to come and do consultations.

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KUAOTUNU RATEPAYERS SEEK BIOSPHERE RESERVE

There was unanimous support from the floor of the annual Kuaotunu Ratepayers Association for a committee lead resolution to establish a working group to investigate a special Biosphere Reserve zoning over the Kuaotunu Peninsula, east of the SH25 boundary. According to KRRA Chair Brent Page the committee have been having discussions with both the Otama/Opito and Wharekaho ratepayer groups to develop the biosphere reserve concept further. Following feedback and affirmation from the various ratepayer groups a working group will be established amongst key stakeholders such as the TCDC, WRC, central government agencies and local Iwi.

According to Brent Page a biosphere reserve will give additional strength to the biodiversity and sustainable management over the Kuaotunu Peninsula and put in place additional protections with respect to all activities on land and sea. As was noted from the floor, with the additional Dark Sky designation sought by the community, it will also protect the environment above us.

Biosphere Reserves are in place in 129 countries and include terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems. Each site promotes solutions reconciling the conservation of biodiversity with its sustainable use. They comprise of a strictly protected zone that contributes to the conservation of landscapes, ecosystems, species and genetic variation. Worldwide, 291 million people live within a Biosphere Reserve.

Though it is proposed that in effect eastern Kuaotunu will form part of the Biosphere Reserve, the western end of Kuaotunu will come under an adjoining buffer zone for activities compatible with sound ecological practices that can reinforce scientific research, monitoring, and education values of the adjacent Biosphere Reserve.



Chair Brent Page introducing the Biosphere Reserve resolution to the packed AGM at the Kuaotunu Hall.

Biosphere Reserves are designated under the intergovernmental MAB Programme by the Director-General of UNESCO. For the Kuaotunu Peninsula to become a biosphere reserve it will need to lobby central government to nominate it to the UNESCO's decision making body the MAB International Coordinating Council (MAB ICC).

The KRRA committee believe that for a Biosphere Reserve to be in place over the Kuaotunu Peninsula they will need a large majority buy-in from the local residents and ratepayers in the proposed area.

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MATARANGI
RATEPAYERS
AGM

As this edition was going to print the Matarangi Ratepayers AGM was held on Monday February 1st. The MBP will publish a full

report of the meeting in the next edition. MRAI chair Mark Bedford reported to the AGM that progress is been made with the

TCDC concerning our Open Spaces, and Beaches Ltd subdivision infrastructure and alignment to the 3 Waters requirements.

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THE SCHOOL BELL

We are excited to be starting the 2021 school year and have three new staff members joining our team. After 12 years of wonderful service Mrs Cheryl Darling will be stepping back as office administrator and Mrs Danielle Threadgold has been appointed into the role. Danielle will bring to the position many years of experience in administration in the education setting. She will work closely with Cheryl during a transition period as Cheryl will continue in the office part time before she fully retires at the end of term one.

We also have two new classroom teachers. Mrs Jennifer Commins is teaching a Year 3 and 4 class. Jen brings a wealth of experience to the role. Before moving to Matarangi early last year she was teaching in China and in a number of Hamilton schools.

We are also delighted to welcome back to our team, Mrs Fiona Watts who has been appointed into a job share position in our senior room with Ms Kristin Street. Many will be familiar with Fiona from when she previously taught at Te Rerenga in the senior room a few years back.

At Te Rerenga School we have decided to rename our classrooms and we sought the student voice of Rooms 3 & 4 in this process. There were some great ideas including birds, colours, place names and sea creatures, all using Te Reo rather than English. It was

unanimously agreed that the current numbering didn't work with the placement of classrooms so numerically the classrooms have been changed as well as giving each classroom a name. Tytan Adams' proposal was the successful option. His thoughtful statement (based on the 2020 room numbers), was the following: "Room 4 is the sky, so the highest class with the sky being the highest point. Room 3 is the mountain because the mountain is just below the sky. The mountain has a waterfall (Room 2) which falls down into the river (Room 5) and the river will go out to the ocean (Room 1)".

So, our new classroom's names and 2021 teachers will be:

Room 5 (Rima) - Rangī (Sky) - Year 6/7&8 - old Room 4. Ms Kristin Street/ Mrs Fiona Watts.

Room 4 (Whā) - Maunga (Mountain) - Year 4/5&6 - old Room 3. Mrs Odette Wilson.

Room 3 (Toru) - Wairere (Waterfall) - Year 3&4 - old Room 5. Mrs Jennifer Commins

Room 2 (Rua) - Awa (River) - Year 2. Mr Darrell Adshead.

Room 1 (Tahi) - Moana (Ocean) - Year 1. Mrs Shelley Corles.

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The Good Sorts of the Month are the 'Opera Place Kids' in Whangapoua who decided to spend part of their summer holidays organising a bake sale with all the proceeds going to our local school, Te Rerenga. For their efforts they raised \$240! Principal Mary Kedzlie was delighted with their kindness and has said that the proceeds will go towards some new sports equipment that the children can use on the school's new astro turf. Well done kids! We love your initiative and your community salutes you!



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OUR COROMANDEL



News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

2 February, 2021

Summer Statistics – how we fared over Christmas/New Year

Thanks to pre-planning and ongoing communication campaigns, which rolled out from Labour Weekend onwards, our Christmas/New Year peak visitor period was relatively free of major issues.

The Coromandel region was down on total visitor numbers for the month of December 2020 when compared to the same time last year – 68,000 people this month – compared to 73,000 for the month of December in 2019.

Regardless, the Coromandel came in around seventh nationally, for the average daily domestic visitor numbers for the month.

The drop in numbers was anticipated given the significant loss of international visitors to New Zealand. Our Regional Tourism Organisation, Destination Coromandel (DC), continues to work hard to maintain market share from the domestic traveller during this competitive time.

Another trend consistent throughout the country was the increase in locals staying home during December. Visitor spend data for December and January will be released later this month.



"A proactive approach in planning ahead of the busy summer holiday has been very beneficial to the success we have seen so far in how well we have managed everything overall," says Mayor Sandra Goudie. "Let's all keep up the good work and enjoy the rest of the summer season that is well-deserved by everyone this year, after the upheaval and disruption of the past 12 months".

WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE



LET'S KEEP CONSERVING OUR WATER

Met Service issued their

four-week forecast early January through to early February, and for our District it's looking dry. We also have the latest data from the Waikato Regional Council to indicate the summer dry period will have long legs and extend through March and into April.

See our website for more information on restrictions and tips on how you can conserve water
tcdc.govt.nz/waterrestrictions

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Our journey towards sustainable coastal communities.

Thanks to everyone who came along to our open days. If you missed them you can still find out what's next and tell us what you think by completing our online survey before Friday 19 February. See our website for more information tcdc.govt.nz/coastal

There is still time to give feedback



Mercury Bay Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board Chairperson Rekha Giri-Percival



"What an amazing summer we have had so far. Please do remember to keep conserving water and if you missed out on our shoreline management plan open days there is still time to provide your feedback. The project is all about helping our communities and coasts adapt to coastal hazards through proactive planning"
rekha.giri-percival@council.tcdc.govt.nz

Matarangi Esplanade Reserve – We have recently installed a dog dispenser to make waste bags more available for dog walkers using the Esplanade Reserve. The bag dispenser is located in the vicinity of the BBQ's, close to beach accesses, rubbish bins, and the large open green space.

Matarangi estuary walkway – A new removable bollard has been installed at the estuary walkway reserve adjacent to the boat ramp. This is to stop vehicles accessing and damaging the reserve and foreshore.

Next Board meeting – 9am, Wednesday 24 February in the Mercury Bay Service Centre, 10 Monk St, Whitianga. tcdc.govt.nz/meetings for the online agenda (uploaded two working days prior to meeting).

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Kerbside Summer Collection



Please put your blue Council rubbish bags, wheelie bins and glass recycling crates on the ground by the kerb.

Our summer schedule of extra Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections ended on 30 January and we will now resume our usual once-weekly blue rubbish bag and fortnightly recycling wheelie bin and glass crate collections.

Collections are one day later than usual in the weeks following the public holidays on Monday 1 February (Auckland Anniversary) and Monday 8 February (Waitangi Day Observed).

Our 2021 Kerbside schedules are on our website at

tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

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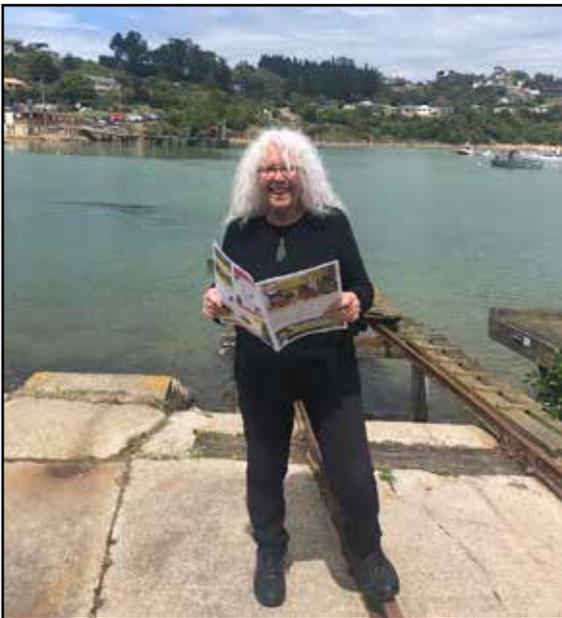
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Fleur Sullivan, owner of the North Otago restaurant 'Fleurs Place' enjoyed getting a copy of the MBP to read from some Matarangi locals recently. Fleur is an icon in the New Zealand restaurant scene and her restaurant at Moeraki, North Otago near the famous Moeraki Boulders is certainly a special place to visit with sublime seafood and an unbeatable setting. Cooking the catch of the day straight from the fishing boats is her speciality.

Such is her reputation that when the UK paper the Daily Mail asked renowned British television chef Rick Stein what was the one restaurant in the world he would choose to eat at and write about he chose Fleurs. We think if it is good enough for someone like Rick it has to be good enough for us!

It is great to see Kiwis out and about exploring supporting our local tourist economy. We would love to see your pics and see where the MBP has travelled to. Please email with a brief blurb to: contact@matarangibeachpaper.com

PESTIE CORNER

**with Sharon Clay
of Peninsula Pests**

Here we are in Summer once again and with it comes the humidity. The perfect weather to create a perfect storm for one of our most nuisance of pests – the flea.

Here in New Zealand, the fleas in our houses are localised to mammals and in most cases our pets. Our cats and dogs are great breeders of fleas and cats in particular are more often than not, the main cause for infestation. As fleas feed on the blood of cats, when they can't have this, we become their next food source.

Their bites tend to form small red and swollen spots because the marks are caused by our immune systems

reacting to foreign substances. It is either the proteins in the anti-coagulants and anaesthetics that blood sucking insect inject or the physical damage caused by the bite that make the redness and swelling.

Removing fleas take time due to their breeding cycle. The adult is what we see first but this is the end of their cycle. When treating fleas, the full cycle from eggs, larvae, pupa and adults must be treated for total infestation removal. This can take up to 2 - 3 weeks depending on when the treatment has started. And don't forget your pets. Just treating your home will not remove the source which could be your pet so don't forget to give them a

complete flea treatment as well as cleaning all their bedding at high temperature.

Breaking the cycle also means cleaning the house thoroughly. Vacuum your carpets and furniture to remove eggs, larvae and pupae and discard the vacuum cleaner bag. For high infestation we suggest a full spray treatment of the house with a residual insecticide including an insect growth regulator additive to ensure all cycles are killed at source.

Trivia: Not only can fleas live more than 100 days they can also jump up to 200 times their body length. Or in other words, up to 400 meters.

40 Cupcakes Chefs at Pipers Kid's Cupcake Competition

The inaugural Matarangi Kids Cupcake Decoration Competition was held at Pipers Cafe on January 8th and drew 40 young chefs to do battle for the top cupcake creator prizes. Event sponsor Brenda Riggs from Pipers Cafe was delighted that so many young bakers showed up but said the judging was really hard with so many entries. The competition will be back next year according to Brenda. Congratulations to all the kids who won a prize. More photos of the amazing cupcakes and their creators can be seen on the Matarangi Beach Paper facebook page.



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Colin Verner works with a variety of materials such as wood, glass and ceramics exploring creative possibilities through combining different media.

There may have been only be 10 Artists plus one special guest artist in Dave Bryant, but nearly 1000 patrons passed through the Kuaotunu hall for for the 10 artists exhibition held over Anniversary weekend. This year the exhibition was a much needed fundraiser for the Kuaotunu Bird Rescue.

The annual exhibition is now becoming an arts institution on the Coromandel with more and more people coming from over the hill to see our local artists latest works. Organiser and 10 Artist group member Ian Preece said that the collective were honoured with the huge public turnout and the positive response to the range of work on display and are grateful for the strong public support.

The 10 Artists featured at the exhibition were Colin Verner, Peter Matai Johnson, Clare Elliot, Phillip Fickling, Lizzy Leckie , Lutz Gaebler, Lucy Kuchlein, Ian Preece and Roimata Taimana, with guest artist Dave Bryant.



Peter Matai Johnson presented works that had a contemporary outlook that mixed Tikanga Maori with 21st Century Kiwi and popular culture themes and fashion.

Out & About



It was great to see medical services back in Kuaotunu last month at the Happy Local community hub. Kuaotunu resident and Mercury Bay Medical Centre general practitioner Dr. Dan Asquith was available for consultations with patients enrolled with the practice. From now on full day clinics will be held fortnightly every Tuesday starting on the 2nd of February. This means locals won't have to travel over the hill to see their doctor. The GP's coming from the Mercury Bay Medical Centre to Kuaotunu are on rotation and patients can confirm the consulting GP when they book their appointment. Please call (07) 866 5911 to book.



Cardboard Cup Day sailors contemplating next year's design.



Girl's sack race at the Family Fun Day sponsored by Coromandel's More FM on the Village Green last month.

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Kids Fishing Contest 2021

Another fantastic day down on the Matarangi jetty for the kids fishing contest during the second week of the Matarangi Summer festival.

The winner was 9 year old Solly with a 17.5cm trevally. Second place was Hunter (12) with a 16cm Trevally. Ashley (7) was third with a 13.5cm sprat. Blake (9) was 4th with a 12cm Trevally. and 5 year old Bella was 5th with an 8 cm fish.

The fishing has been pretty dismal on the whole over the holiday period. The water temperature rose to around the 20 degree mark for a while, but has plummeted back to the 17 degree mark. The fishing has remained sporadic with some fish being caught early morning or later in the evening at the change of light. This fishing has been curtailed by strong winds thus restricting fishing to the more sheltered close inshore waters. On the positive side, there is a strong north westerly current forming as I write this report, which should result in warmer water conditions and more favourable winds.

There has been a 2 year voluntary Rahui applied to the Opito bay and surrounding areas relating to the taking of scallops. This has been instigated by the local Iwi and the local residents to try and save this fishery. The area has been decimated by commercial dredging over the years and now the bottom habitat has been destroyed to the extent that this once bountiful fishery is virtually non-existent. Research and monitoring is ongoing over this period. Please respect this Rahui and hopefully there will be some recovery.

The NZSFC National tournament is held on the last week of February. Entry forms and full details are accessible on the NZSFC website. I encourage Club members to enter this competition as we are competing against all the affiliated clubs nationwide.

Our next competition is the very popular Doris Day Ladies Competition which will be held on the 6th March. This competition has been further promoted this year with the addition of further prizes for the dress up section and an expanded fishing section. A total prize pool of over \$2500.00!!!! Tickets are available for cash at The Matarangi General Store and Matarangi Realty. Special thanks to these businesses for their continued support. Thanks to the Vegar Family, NZ Rangehood Installers, Hudley's Office Furniture for their sponsorship and promotion of this major tournament.

The Updated Calendar

The NZSFC Nationals last week of February
Doris Day Ladies Fishing Comp - Sat 6th March 2021

Be aware that the bar doesn't have a major channel at the moment and has changed over the last 2 months. Also be aware that the sand has drifted well into the harbour. 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.

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Thanks to Blue Lewis all the kids who entered got an ice block. Thanks to Kirk Davis of Jetfish TV who sponsored this great annual kids event. At least half of the 50 kids that entered got a prize.

Keen fishers can follow Jetfish TV on Facebook and Instagram by searching Jetfish TV. There are more photos of the event in those pages plus heaps of other Jetski fishing content.

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 The Most Comical Cheer Squad & Individual Effort – Maya Murphy in Go Puppy Dog
 Most Spectacular start – Tandemonium – Jackson & Ryder Goodall



The weather conditions were superb for the annual running of the Cardboard Cup Regatta early last month sponsored by the team at Richardsons Real Estate.

This year seven skippers took to the course off the Matarangi jetty and as usual there was some close racing as well as a number of spectacular sinkings!

Each competitor came race ready with a bespoke handbuilt cardboard racing vessel, a lifejacket, a paddle, a backup crew of family members and the winning attitude of Peter Burling in order to race the 100m course.

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The Matarangi Fire Report



It has been a fairly busy Summer so far with nine call outs in December and eleven for January.

In January we have responded to four medicals, two landing zones for Westpac Helicopter, one vegetation fire, three fires on the beach and one water rescue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our crew for responding to these incidents at any time of the day or night, a big effort and well done.

We still have a long way to go to get through this hot dry spell so please respect the Total Fire Ban

especially bonfires on the beach. We have our Easter Fishing Competition and Fish Auction coming up on Saturday April 3rd so put that in your diary and start getting your teams together.

Stay safe everyone,
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Top Standard of Tennis Thrills Locals



The weather was perfect and the standard of play was raised considerably by a number of new first time competitors, including some top Auckland club players who entertained the locals with some fabulous tennis.

With their picnic baskets and a refreshing cool drink in hand or a sausage sizzle from the BBQ tent many of the spectators gathered under the shady trees at the Sands Place courts and enjoyed the competition.

Organiser Chris 'CJ' Palmer was pleased with the 3rd summer tennis event he has held at Matarangi. "I would say that almost 60% of the entries had not

played in the tournament before but it was nice to see some regular players who have supported the tournament returning each year. For the record there was only one local Matarangi player competing," said Chris.

"We had a slightly larger number of entries this time compared to previous events coupled with extra games being played. With the first to 9 games as opposed to first to 7; which was requested from a number of players from the last tournament) and with a few male players entering into both events lead to a rather long day," said Chris. "This will be looked at for the 2022 tournament and

formats may be tweaked to ensure games don't drag on for too long and finals are held at a more reasonable hour. I already have a number of ideas in mind to achieve this."

As in previous years all the games were played in good spirits and very fortunate to have great Sponsors onboard namely : Main Sponsor Stephan Bosman from The Informer and Co-Sponsors Pip Perry from Ray White Real Estate, Puku and Kerres Liquor Store and Four Square Matarangi. There was a good table of spot prizes for those that didn't get into the finals and most pairings went home with something for their efforts and patience.



(Left to Right) C.J Palmer with Mens Doubles Winners David Farsky and Jason So. David and Jason are from Auckland and are members of the Next Generation Tennis Club in Parnell.



Mixed Doubles Winners were the mother and son combo of Emma Thomas-Byrom and Ryan Crawford. They are members of the Waiuku Tennis Club.

MONTHLY QUIZ: KNOW YOUR PLACES Answers on Page 17

1. Where was Tennis legend Martina Navratilova born?
2. Which city held the 1998 Winter Olympics?
3. Which city is located in Poverty Bay?
4. The Teuila Festival is an annual event in which country?
5. What is the state capital of Iowa?
6. Nelson's Column is a monument in which London Square?
7. Does Alaska have more than half of the USA's coastline?
8. What is the southern most point in the South Island?
9. Is Jupiter closer to Earth than Saturn?
10. Which island in the Pacific is a part of Great Britain?

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A Happy Local Hub ... continued from page 1

Courtney is thrilled that the Mercury Bay Medical Centre will be using Happy Local as a base for their enrolled patients in the Northern Mercury Bay with consultations every fortnight starting this month. This will allow those who live between the bigger centres of Whitianga and Coromandel to access various health and wellbeing services without driving great distances.

Courtney is passionate about well being. She views it as a holistic thing and not just about eating and drinking carefully, but looking after ourselves and the other people whom we build relationships with. Happy Local is all about encouraging people to holistically support each other, nurturing positive mental health and deepening our community connections

For those who want to stay longer or indeed run a small multi-day in house training, creative, entrepreneurial, or well-being clinic or workshop Happy Local has onsite accommodation that can sleep five, with an option for two more just up the road.

To find out more about Happy Local Courtney would love to hear from you if you would like more information. You can contact her on courtney@happylocal.com or 022 635 9838.



Matt Linnecar of Happy Local

The Rings Beach Wetland Group hosted a fantastic open day on January 5th as part of the Matarangi Summer festival.

Rings Beach Wetlands Group Open Day

The open day was a great opportunity to introduce to the visiting holiday population the great work that the Wetlands Group does around conservation space in the Rings Beach area as well as the tracks that they have created over the years.



The open day also gave the group the opportunity to seek future volunteers as well as get feedback from the general public regarding the tracks signage and conservation efforts.

The Rings Beach Wetlands Group committee were pleased with the turnout and delighted with some of the generous financial donations made towards the group which will further assist in predator control and track maintenance.

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN ROADSHOW VISITS LOCAL COMMUNITIES



There was a good response to the Shoreline Management Plan open days that were held at the Te Rerenga School and Kuaotunu Hall on Monday 25th of January.

The project is all about helping our communities and coasts adapt to coastal hazards through site-specific plans for the entire length of our coastline, including our offshore islands.

The SMP open days around the peninsula enable the public to be provided with an update on progress made, show predicted coastal erosion and inundation extents from the coastal hazard assessments, give feedback on coastal management values, hear what's next in the SMP process and how the public can input further towards decisions.

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THE DUNES MATARANGI

Golf and Community Club News

FEBRUARY 2021

*Come and ask about our Dunes Golf and
Community Club membership plans !*



Tony Mercer, Ross Mear, Andrew Bayley and Rod Inglis at the Pines Classic played on the Dunes last month.

The Pines Classic 2021 Golf Match

The Annual Pines Classic Twilight Golf Tournament played in memory of Bruce McNeill was played last week over 9 holes at the Dunes course with 32 players competing.

The private tournament started in 2007 amongst a group of friends from around the Pines part of Matarangi, who when after Bruce's passing then went on to remember Bruce by naming their annual tournament together in his honour. Bruce was a keen Dunes course golfer and owned a property close to the course in the Pines.

This year the tournament included his old golfing friends from the Pines, the owners of the Dunes course, as well as some local guest players from the Dunes Club. This year the winning pair was Tony De Coek partnering with Ross Healey. Bruce's wife Karen McNeill won the ladies long drive with what was a superb swing that bettered many of the male players. Special thanks to the ladies who looked after the "Refreshments" stand on the 14th hole.

First Golf Committee Meeting for 2021

The Golf Committee has had its first meeting for 2021 and the Womens and Mens programs have been sent out to members. There is a busy season of golf ahead with a few tournaments planned throughout the year starting with a St. Patricks Day on the 17th March. It is team event with 3 players per team. The Best 2 Stableford to count on each hole. Entry fee is \$150 per team which includes a Buffet meal, prizes and maybe some music so should be a really good day. Entries to the Golf Shop by Mon. 15th March. Wear something green on the day and come up with a Team name.

The Committee is also planning another Post Covidivot Tourn (hopefully we can have a name change). It was very successful & fun last year. The Men have already had their Opening Day and the 18 Hole & 9 Hole Women open on Thurs 4th Feb with a 9 a.m. start to try and beat the heat. We have introduced a few Bay of Plenty competitions this year. The Women also play a casual, 9 holes on a Tuesday (9 a.m. start). This starts on Feb 2nd. All members are welcome to go along and play.

Twilight Golf has kicked off again on a Friday with 4 - 4.30 p.m. start times. Handicap players welcome, you don't have to have a four, just turn up and join in. Golf lessons are available with Bob Stevens our resident Pro. Enquiries for these at the Golf Shop. If you belong to another Golf Club on the Coro Peninsula you can play at the Dunes for a \$30 Green Fee.

If you need a reminder of our start times they are printed in the regular events guide on page 18 of this paper. Visitors are always welcome to join our Men's and Women's Club Day Scrambles. The more the merrier.

It has been a hugely busy spring and summer at the Dunes both on the course with Green Fee players and members and the Restaurant /Bar & Pizza Place has been humming providing great food and service. A credit to everyone working there. The course is looking amazing thanks to our Greenkeeper Raymond Fanning and his staff and he has outlined many plans for further improvements over the coming year. So all things considered we should be in for another enjoyable season of golf so come and join us. Good golfing everyone.

PUZZLE CORNER with David Key

This month the puzzle is a Sudoku where we have swapped the nine number for nine letters. The question is - What does the person in the middle have to do with Lead?

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Stargazer Sights

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February 2021

Mars is still an unmistakable sight low in the northern sky all evening until about midnight. It is rapidly getting fainter as it quickly moves away from us but is still distinctly reddish. It is going to receive a trio of spacecraft this month with the first being an orbiter from the United Arab Emirates, their first mission to another planet. This will be quickly followed by a Chinese lander and rover and then a week later by the large US lander and rover which carries a small helicopter for the first time. This experimental craft will have to have extremely rapidly rotating rotors in order to get off the ground as Mars' atmosphere has only 1/100th the density of Earth's.

Jupiter and Saturn reappear but will be very low in the eastern pre-dawn sky along with Venus which will only be visible until mid-month before dropping into the Sun's glare. It will then reappear as the 'evening star' in May as it comes out from the other side of the Sun. There is also a rare chance for early risers to see four planets on the other side of the Sun from us including Mercury in the pre-dawn sky mid-month.

It might also be possible to spot some of the Alpha Centaurid meteors this month as they can often be seen over several nights centered around February 8th towards the south. The International Space Station (ISS) will also be visible and quite bright on some nights.

February 6 - Saturn and bright Venus make a lovely sight extremely low in the east just before sunrise.

February 10 - A thin crescent Moon lies in the pre dawn sky above faint Saturn with brilliant Venus beneath with bright Jupiter just on the horizon. UAE's orbiter arrives at Mars today.

February 11 - An even thinner crescent Moon sits to the right and below Saturn with Venus and Jupiter to the left and below. The Chinese probe attempts its landing on Mars today.

February 13 - A bright ISS pass tonight

from 10:09pm in the WNW which disappears onto the Earth's shadow just below the Southern Cross at 10:14pm.

February 14 - Four planets may be visible extremely low on the eastern pre-dawn horizon with Saturn above Jupiter with brilliant Venus to the right of bright Jupiter but you will need a very clear view of the horizon. A bright ISS pass starts tonight in the NW at 9:21pm.

February 17 - The crescent Moon lies to the right of reddish Mars in the evening sky. A bright ISS pass tonight from 8:35pm in the NW.

February 18 - The Moon now sits just to the left of Mars.

February 19 - The first quarter Moon lies just above and to the right of reddish Mars which greets the American 'Perseverance' lander today along with its 'Ingenuity' mini-helicopter passenger. Mataraki or the Pleiades lie just below Mars and to the right.

February 20 - The Moon is now just below the slightly reddish red giant star Aldebaran in Taurus.

February 21 - In the pre-dawn sky faint Saturn, bright Jupiter and faint Mercury form a nice triangle low in the east with much brighter Venus below. In the evening the Moon now has two red giants nearby. Aldebaran in Taurus lies just to the left while Betelgeuse is much higher up in Orion and slightly to the right.

February 23 - The bright Moon sits to the left of Castor and Pollux, the heads of the twins in Gemini.

February 25 - The planetary triangle low in the pre-dawn eastern sky has now flattened considerably with bright Venus much lower down.

February 28 - The planetary triangle is now almost reduced to a line with bright Venus just on the eastern pre-dawn horizon with Saturn at the top, Mercury next and then brighter Jupiter below. A reasonably bright ISS pass tonight from 9:36pm low in the SW before it disappears into the Earth's shadow at 9:40pm

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Matarangi Ladies Pilates @ 9-10am. Ph: Christiane, 0273122584

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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

Yoga: 7am Vinyasa @ Kuaotunu Hall. Ph: 021 08100 125

Ladies "Allsorts Exercise" Class at the fire station 10.15 - till 11.15 (after Ladies Pilates) - duration 1hr. Phone Christiane 0273122584

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TUESDAYS

Men's Coffee Morning (1st Tues of every Month). 10am @ Pipers.

Ladies Golf 9 and 18 golfers Tee off at 10am @ The Dunes

Matarangi Craft Group. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 7-9pm. Meet at the Matarangi

Fire Station. Contact: Lesley 07 866 0788.

Hatha Yoga 10 - 11.30 am @ Kuaotunu Hall.

ICONZ: an Adventure, Activity and Values based ministry for boys years 1-6. Where: Kuaotunu Hall Time: 5.30pm - 7pm More information: www.iconz.org.nz or contact: Robyn Balfour 020 409 39674

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 08100125

ICONZ and IFG registration evening When: Tuesday 16th February Time: 5.30 - 6.30 Where: Kuaotunu Beach For more details, please contact Robyn 020 409 39674.

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 Golf 9 tee off at 11:30

a.m @ The Dunes

Mens 18 golfers Tee off at 10am @ The Dunes

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

SATURDAYS

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7	3:25	9:34	15:43	22:05	
8	4:29	10:38	16:45	23:07	
9	5:31	11:40	17:47		
10		0:07	6:29	12:39	18:46
11		1:03	7:22	13:34	19:40
12		1:54	8:12	14:24	20:31
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14		3:26	9:42	15:55	22:01
15		4:09	10:24	16:38	22:43
16		4:50	11:05	17:19	23:24
17		5:31	11:46	17:59	
18	0:06	6:13	12:27	18:40	
19	0:49	6:57	13:10	19:24	
20	1:35	7:45	13:55	20:10	
21	2:26	8:36	14:44	21:01	
22	3:21	9:32	15:38	21:56	
23	4:19	10:29	16:34	22:52	
24	5:15	11:25	17:31	23:48	
25	6:08	12:19	18:26		
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27		1:29	7:45	13:59	20:07
28		2:16	8:31	14:46	20:55
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3		4:38	10:51	17:08	23:20
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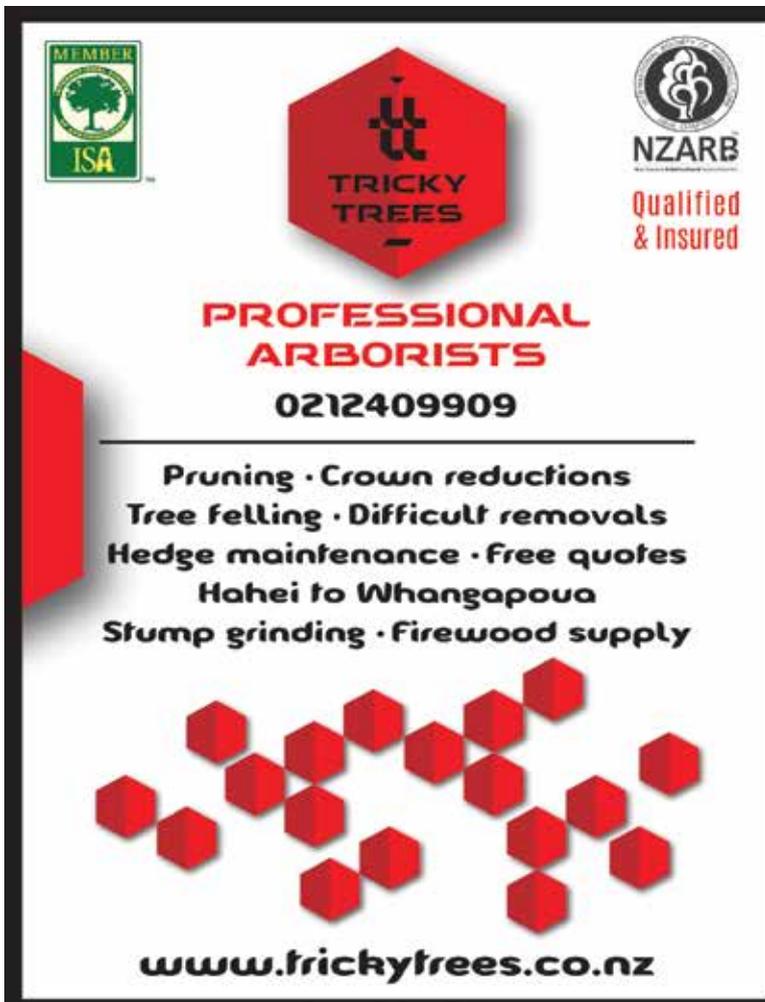
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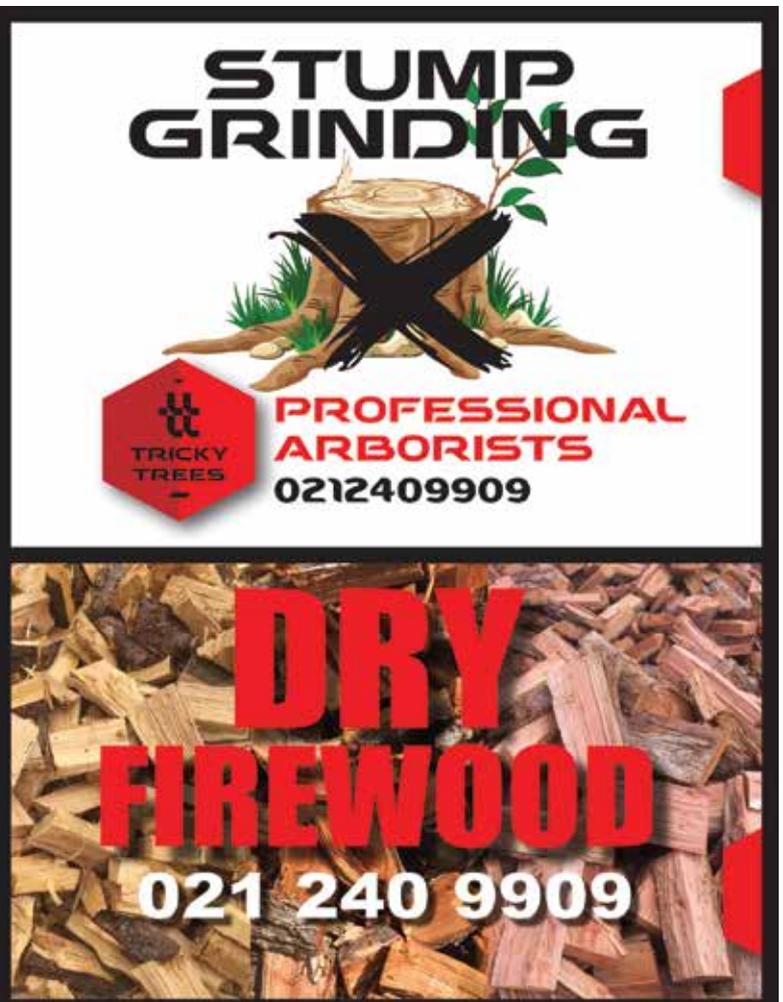
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