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TCDC and Winton Respond to Forest and Bird Over Alleged Matarangi SNA Breach

The Royal New Zealand Forest and Bird Society (RNZFB) recently wrote a letter to the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) with respect to the scrub clearance at 151 Matarangi Drive by property owners Winton on the land adjacent to the shops, water treatment plant and the refuse station. RNZFB claim that the land according to the WRC is designated a Significant Natural Area (SNA) due to it being a "potential" wetland and that Winton and the TCDC should not have allowed the clearance to go ahead.

A summary of the RNZFB letter was published last week in an article on the Wellington based Newsroom website and subsequently raised concerns amongst some Matarangi locals with respect to the disruption of bird life and biodiversity they felt may have happened due to the clearance.

SNAs are tracts of land that contain significant indigenous vegetation and/or significant habitats of indigenous fauna. SNAs are protected by the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for their high ecological biodiversity value. The SNA status of the land in question was a desktop study done remotely over a decade ago by the WRC. An expert ecologist will still need to conduct a site survey to see if it meets or misses the threshold. The question is - is it a wetland and does that make the Winton land a significantly natural area?

The Winton site is designated Rural under the present TCDC district plan and the developer foresees its future use as a mixture of recreational space and visitor accommodation that includes campsites and cabins. The TCDC under planning staff advice a decade ago decided not to include the WRC's desktop SNA overlay in the Operative District Plan.

The Waikato Regional Council report that inquiries are underway to determine if there have been any breaches of the regional plan rules or Resource Management Act. To protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation, no other information

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Winton that Beaches is considered an exemplar model, with a combination of unique site constraints that are being well managed and monitored," said Mr Ash.

Prior to the clearing Winton state that they engaged an expert local planner to undertake a detailed assessment of all relevant district plans. According to Winton their planner did not identify it as a Significant Natural Area and that the District Council had previously undertaken its own clearance programme on the Winton site.

Winton also stated to the MBP that their planner undertook a robust process which reviewed the Thames Coromandel District Council's Operative and Proposed District Plans, and TCDC's Structure Plan as well as undertook a review of the Waikato Regional Policy Statement, Waikato Regional Plan, Waikato Regional Coastal Plan and a biodiversity report commissioned by Waikato Regional Council on outstanding natural landscapes.

"Based on these checks it was identified that no requirement or regulatory protection of the area existed, but that a 20-metre buffer zone should be implemented against the Department of Conservation's reserve area, which it did," stated Winton CEO Simon Ash.

"Winton takes its environmental obligations very seriously. To now be in this situation is incredibly disappointing given all the necessary steps to do the work responsibly were followed, including to notify Council before starting."

In the future the Matarangi community hopes that before contractors embark on further permissible land clearances the community are fully informed and given the opportunity to arrange for example the relocation of Kiwi or other fauna that may be present on the site to a nearby sanctuary.

SCHOOL BELL

Roll Growth Means New Classrooms



In May the school started planning with the Ministry of Education for a much needed additional classroom, which we were very pleased about as for the last couple of years we have been two classrooms short and have been using our library and then this year with continued roll growth, our small school hall. We had approved concepts plans, and surveyors and engineers had been on site to get the process underway.

Just before the recent school holidays we received the exciting news from the Ministry of Education that they had revised their planning and we are now getting a double classroom space, as well as additional toilets and resource space! The classrooms are modular and will be delivered to the school in sections. Before that happens there will be site preparation, once consents have been approved by the council.

So over the July school holiday period I have been working with the Ministry of Education and the Project Team in confirming updated design plans and also the location for this new space.

The teaching space will now be located along the length of the tennis court at the edge of our native grove. It will have a long deck with steps down to the court. The design means we will have a much larger space for gatherings than our small hall, and will have three extra withdrawal spaces for quiet group teaching. In addition to the new teaching space, we will be getting additional office space to accommodate staff. This is likely to be an addition to the current administration & library block. This is a concept drawing of the design. All going to plan, we should have the classroom space on site for the 2023 school year.

Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu
Adorn the bird with feathers to enable it to fly.

Mary Kedzlie
Principal



TEN YEARS ON IN THE MBP

In the 28th edition of the MBP back in August 2012 we covered a quiz night with a Travel theme at Pipers Cafe. Fifty nine local trivia buffs in nine teams competed with Airline names as their team names. The winners were Singapore Airlines with Harry and Sue Karl, Kitty and Dave McDonald,

and Graham and Gilly Tomkins, who sneaked home in front of United Airlines. The then editor Michelle noted that Puku's team was Royal Brunei an airline where no alcohol is served and wondered if they had boarded the wrong plane!

Down at the Fire Station then chief Stu Arnold said the crew were rapt with their new First Vehicle a Mazda BT50 ute which was packed with safety features, had plenty of space for equipment and had off-road capability. At the time of going to press they already had two callouts where they used the new vehicle.

At Te Rerenga School the students were starting off the team with Maori language week and learning to incorporate

Te Reo into the school day. Principal Anna Yates reported that senior room student Brooke James came in 3rd place in the Thames Photography Club competition with her photo of Castle Rock seen through the smoke of a forestry burn-off.

In other news a holiday home owner scored a \$20000 Lotto win, which was then the 4th big win for the Matarangi General Store. The winner generously donated \$500 towards the Christmas party to thank them for selling the lucky ticket. Finally on the Dunes golf course Brenda Riggs took out the Ladies Matchplay Championships in a tight contest with Jeannie Morton who played great golf in getting into the final.

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EDITORIAL: THE MBP TURNS 150

Over the last 150 editions we have hoped that we have enlightened you about the various views and opinions of our contributors and have let you know about some of the fantastic things that have been happening in the local area. Most of all our desire is to continue to provide an avenue for the local community to celebrate what is great about our local area and its people and create the opportunity for us to communicate with each other about what is going on around us.

For those who have moved into the area since the 100th edition it was all started by Michelle Dobson now Michelle Adams. Michelle dreamt of a small community flyer detailing 'what's on', some news items and a way to promote local businesses. The idea was to provide a 'community communicator', keeping it fun, informative and positive – no time for gossip or chinese whispers. The first edition was simply a black and white A3 sheet folded in half but has grown into the monthly 'Paperzine' – a hybrid between a newsprint publication and a magazine.

For me as editor there have been quite a few highlights since I took over from Michelle for the 81st edition. The big news story of the last 5 years was of course the whale stranding emergency on Omaro Spit in January 2019 when Matarangi came into the focus of the national media. Boy, that was a busy day on the mobile phone as all the major newsrooms in the country contacting me for on scene information as I was the 'Johnny on the spot'. The strongest memory though was the hundreds of people in the community in some way all pitching in and helping to save the whales.

Meeting wonderful people on the job has always been a pleasure and the best part. The chance to talk to some incredible people about their lives and let you the reader discover their fascinating stories. Getting to sit down with Vic Mobley back in 2017 and talk about his stellar career as a premiership league football professional with Sheffield Wednesday back in the 1960s and his later working life here in New Zealand working with his great friend Waka Nathan, was a highlight.

A chance to do a story on the late Paul Kelly our former Mercury Bay Ward Community Board chair and owner of what was Kelly's Hardware was another article, which was a privilege to write. The focus of the story was Paul's previous flying days, which started with NAC DC-3s and ended with Jumbo Jets before he became in charge of all the aircraft and aircrew for Air New Zealand. Paul is part of NZ aviation history as he was the First Officer on the final NAC flight ever made in 1978. Paul was a big, friendly giant with a great sense of self depreciating humour. I can still see and hear him saying you need a Jumbo sized pilot to fly a Jumbo sized jet!

The readership of the MBP is indeed diverse as each of our small beach communities has its own local vibe and character, history and personalities. But what is surprising is the growing readership base online of absentee property owners who live elsewhere, such as Auckland, but the Matarangi Beach Paper is also read online in far flung places such as Japan, the Caribbean, and the UK!

One significant change that has also happened in the life of the paper so far, is the amount of new people who have moved into the area, particularly in Matarangi itself. This has been very noticeable since the pandemic began in 2020, with the village now having a permanent weekday population of close to 800 and an estimated 1000 staying in the village on the average winter weekend. I cannot blame people for wanting to live here permanently or in Kuaotunu, Whangapoua and Opito because we do live about as close to paradise to what the average everyday person can get. I know myself what it is like to not live here and want to be here, like many bach owners stuck working away in our busy cities. I once had a small framed picture of Matarangi Beach sitting on my work desk when I lived up in Japan for a few years that I on occasion looked at longingly. Yes I was that tragic! (Not that I hated Japan. Nagoya is my second favourite place after Matarangi!)

Because we live in such a wonderful environment, a feature of this community are the amount of people who are actively engaged in working towards looking after this environment amongst our various conservation groups. Also those people and groups who are key part of our communities. Our ratepayers associations, our emergency services, our local school, our clubs, the central role that the Dunes plays in not just being a golf course but as a community social hub.

Of course for the paper as a business entity it is our advertisers who at the end of the day actually make this great little publication happen. I wish to personally thank them and you should too by supporting them, which I know you all do. They all have a role in providing a service to the community. These local businesses give it resilience through employment, sponsorships and help support our lives here. Especially those loyal ones who advertise in the MBP!

The Matarangi Beach Paper is still a great little community paper that is focused on the local communities and people who live here in the Northern Mercury Bay. I am privileged to be its owner and editor and look forward to the next 150 editions!

Happy reading,
Liam



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THE FISHING REPORT

Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club

Well what a month it has been weather wise. Not the best for fishing so hence not a lot to report.

July sees the start of the new fishing year for the club. By now if you are a member you have received an email for Wayne, our secretary regarding the renewal of your subs.

Anyone wanting the jopin the club please contact Wayne our Club Secretary at matarangifishing@gmail.com and he will send you a membership form. We now offer a family membership. All the details are there on the membership form.

We are not only encouraging senior members to join but also junior members.

We also encourage all of our members to weigh in their fish once caught to try and get their names on one of the many club trophies we have at our end of year prize giving.

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Tight lines

Howie Taylor



I don't need to say but I will the weather this past month has been shite, multiple slips and road closures, let alone limited fishing opportunities

Although we are used to road closures, having no access in or out either side does pose larger problems with emergency services and the effect on our community. Such events are carefully monitored by TCDC's Civil Defence with advanced warnings and locally by Matarangi's "Emergency Management Group"

18 months ago a survey was conducted asking about the key skills you have and or resources that could be called upon in an emergency. We had a good response but it could have been better, we also need to know the people that need assistance.

This is a great community where everyone knows someone and we all look out for each other! The key is to have a plan and be prepared. Pick up a "Matarangi Community guide to Emergencies" at any of the businesses at the shopping centre.

Take care,
Mark Hall

Matarangi's Amon Martin Featured Speaker at Major Climate Conference

Matarangi's Amon Martin spoke by invitation last month at the World Climate Research Project's Sea Level Conference in Singapore. Amon the TCDC's Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Project Lead presented an overview of our Council's three-year Shoreline Management Plan project to the conference, receiving feedback that the detailed work done over the SMP project adheres to best global practice.

"It was invaluable to get a deeper understanding of the certainty, and also the areas of uncertainty, that underpin the latest science on sea level rise," says Amon. "This is the science that is informing our decisions here at home and it's critical that we

use it to think about how to reduce uncertainty as we plan for our future in the Coromandel."

"Compared to others who are already needing to build physical protection structures, because their cities are built right on the shoreline, we have an opportunity to plan our future development and densities more carefully to take into account the expected hazards," he says.

The Shoreline Management Plans for each section of our coastline are currently being finalised and will be presented to our Council in September for adoption.

Where in the World is the MBP?



Here is Chris "C.J." Palmer celebrating his sister's 80th birthday with family at a lodge they hired in Somerset. Chris said it was perfect timing for him to head away back to the UK as the weather is nice and warm here and that he wasn't missing the storms back home. It is good to see Chris wearing his A Taste of Matarangi volunteer's tee-shirt, which I am sure he will again put to great use next April!



Our good sorts of the month have to be Toby and Anna, our RD2 Whitianga drivers, and Kevin, our RD2 Coromandel driver who have braved the atrocious weather conditions that we have experienced this month to get our mail delivered to us.

They have really gone the extra mile (no pun intended) especially during the recent road closures at Wharekaho and on the Whangapoua Hill, having to travel on precarious alternative routes such as the 309.

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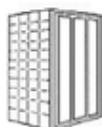
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A Few Wet Weeks does not Stop the Wetlands Group Winter Work

Well it has certainly been a wet few weeks, with many of our trapping tracks doubling as creeks more often than not!

All this rain is however good for the regenerating bush, but also unfortunately promotes wilding pine seeding, with our volunteers constantly pulling and hand sawing these persistent weeds.

Two Kiwi call monitoring surveys look place earlier in the month, with two sites this year used for the listening, one on the main track and the other on the southern side of the reserve.

Very good results were recorded with multiple male / female callings indicating probable breeding pairs. Many thanks to Paula Williams from Project Kiwi for organising the listenings which have occurred yearly for the last three years. The apparently growing resident population of Kiwi is very encouraging for all involved and suggests our predator control is working well.

Unfortunately these cameras also recorded multiple sightings of pigs whose numbers have increased in recent time throughout the reserve. Thanks to the local hunters who have been active in there.

Kauri 2000 have planted over 15,000 trees in the Matarangi Bluff scenic reserve over the last decade, last year planting 400 Kauri and other species on the western side parallel with the causeway road. Unfortunately many of these trees have been uprooted by pigs. At present around 30% have been lost. A further 200 trees are to be planted in the next week or two, higher up on the hills where pig damage will hopefully be less.

Lastly the group would like to acknowledge our patron Ian McDonald who works tirelessly most days in the reserve on track maintenance, plantings and predator control work. Ian was recently presented with the TCDC volunteer award for all his hard work over the years. He has made a huge contribution and we are all most grateful for all his efforts.



Two Kiwi recorded by a trail camera on the wetland loop this past month.



Rings Beach Wetlands Group patron Ian McDonald who works tirelessly most days in the Matarangi reserve.

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Young Golfer Relished Opportunity to Play on World Stage

Dunes Golf Club member 14 year old Ivan Adams is back home after an amazing month of competitive golf in the United States representing New Zealand, where he performed to an outstanding standard against international competition.

“What an amazing experience. First time playing in America. He did the Dunes, New Zealand, himself and family very proud,” said Brad Adams, Ivan’s Dad.

Though at the end of the day his competition results saw him ending up in the middle of the pack their were rounds where he showed his real potential as a future Kiwi golf star with superb low scoring rounds. For Ivan to go from a cool wet winter in New Zealand to playing desert style courses in Las Vegas, Palm Springs and San Diego took quite a physical adjustment.

“The heat was insane at times. He was often playing at temperatures of nearly 50 degrees out on the course,” says Brad.

Though Ivan battled stoically through the heat some of his irons, which perform great in Kiwi conditions had a worse time than Ivan. The glue on some of his irons was literally melting and the clubs became unplayable. Ivan had to soldier on through the rounds forced to make shots with club choices that were not entirely the right ones to use. When it went well though Ivan’ game really fired.

“We arrived on the night of the 26th June to crazy heat. Ivan had 24 hours before his first tournament World Stars Worlds Las Vegas. He played really well finishing 10th overall after the 3 day tournament. Three rounds in the 70’s to kick his trip off,” said Brad.

Ivan’s second tournament of his US Tour was the IMG World Champs at San Diego with 166 players from 54 countries. Ivan prepared really well and was feeling really good. His first round however was disappointing as the club issues returned.

“The heat melting the glue in two of his main irons contributed to a disappointing round of 80 and saw Ivan sitting in 126th place after round one. So being without two of his clubs for Round 2 Ivan battled to an awesome round of 72 climbing up the leaderboard to 96. His 3rd Round was all go and he managed to shoot 71 with an awesome eagle on 16 to finish the world champs on 70th. So after an unlucky start he fought hard and showed what he could do.”

“His final tournament was the FCG Callaway World Champs in Palm Springs Ivan started the tournament well with an awesome 68 and was sitting in 4th spot after round one. What an amazing round and showed himself he can foot it with the big guns ,”said Brad.

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July has been a month with very wet weather and sickness which has impacted on some golf activities. It has meant that some club days were postponed until the following day if the weather was forecast to be much improved. The 18 hole ladies participated in the Meat Pack haggie on the third Friday of this month rather than their usual Thursday club day and this proved to be a great decision as the weather was beautiful and we had a great turn out.

Our junior member, Ivan Adams has represented the Dunes and New Zealand playing in the FCG age group Worlds in Palm Springs this month. Ivan faced challenging moments, when after having an impressive 1st round of 68 and sitting tied in 4th place, 5 holes in on round 2, Ivan found himself left with only his 4 and 8 irons after losing 4 club heads to a presumed glue vs heat issue. He successfully completed his round in 78. On Day 3, Ivan hit 74, finishing the tournament in the top half of the field. Congratulations from all of us.

The Midweek Golf Shakers Society held a 3 day Tournament at the beginning of July. 36 players participated and although the weather on the Friday did reduce the number of holes played for that day, Thursday and Saturday were very successful. Some of the Dunes players are members of the MGSS and we hope to host another similar Tournament in 2023.

The Dunes is hosting the North Coromandel Interclub competition on August 17th. This involves the Coromandel and Mercury Bay Clubs as well as the Dunes. The trophies are hotly contested and it is a fun day. If you are interested in participating contact the golf shop.

A session on Golf Rules will be held on Sunday 21st August at the Dunes 3pm – 4pm. The fire will be going and the bar will be open after the session has finished. More information about this will be distributed closer to the time.

Mary Sharp still holds the Best Gross for the ladies for the month on 94 and Bev LeLievre and Bronwyn Verner together have the Best Nett on 69. The Men's Best Gross for the month of July is Kevin Verner on 79 and Mike Friis holds the Nett at 68.

Let's hope the weather improves over the next month and we can all go out and play on our beautiful golf course.

Good Golfing everyone.

Golf Shop hours:

Monday - Closed
 Tuesday 9am - 1pm.
 Wed-Fri 9am – Dusk
 Sat & Sun 8am- Dusk

Bar and Restaurant hours:

Mon & Tues – Closed
 Wednesday -12pm – 5pm
 Thurs -Sat – 12pm – late
 Sunday – 12pm-5pm

Coming Events:

Happy Hour - Fridays 4pm-6pm
 Lades Night - 3rd Wednesday of the month
 All Blacks vs Argentina Live at 7pm Saturday
 August 27th
 Quiz Night Thursday 11th August from 6pm

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2. Who sang the waiata ' Poi E ' in 1984?
3. When was the Marriage Equality Bill passed? 2012, 2013 or 2014
4. Who was the first trans member of parliament?
5. What do Anna Paquin and Keisha Castle-Hughes have in common?

6. What New Zealand river became a legal person in 2017?

7. What New Zealander received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1908?
8. What year was the infamous Springbok Tour? 1980, 1981 or 1982?
9. What bird thought to be extinct was found in a southern mountain range in the late 1940s?
10. What was significant about Hinewehi Mohi singing the National Anthem at the Rugby World cup in 1999?

Answers on Page 14

Our next Dunes Quiz Night is on August 11th from 6pm. Reserve a table for your team on 07 866 5394. Great Prizes to be Won.

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Young Golfer Relishes Opportunity to Shine on World Stage (Continued)

Round 2 at San Diego started horribly with Ivan losing 4 more club heads by the 5th hole. Playing without his 5,6,7,9 irons for the remainder of the round he battled through to what was an incredible 78.

"He was playing so well so to have this kind of bad luck was a really big confidence knock for him. His final round was a solid 74 but the damage was done, finishing 32nd," said Brad.

"He battled and showed he has what it takes to battle with the other guns from all around the world. Just needed a little luck. At that level you need everything firing."

Mercury Bay Area School Principal John Wright was fulsome in his praise of Ivan's golfing exploits and the impact it makes on the school.

"We are really proud of Ivan in his sporting dedication and triumphs in golf. He has followed this sport for many years and from a really early age, supported hugely by his whanau. Balancing the challenges of dedication at an elite level for sport and learning/schooling/education can be a challenge, and Ivan has managed to bridge this space well," said Mr. Wright. "It is a pleasure to have him in our school community,

succeeding in his preferred sport - it is a great role model for us all."

Neil Purchase who has been a key supporter in developing Ivan's golfing ambitions and helped in the organisation of Ivan's trip to America is also very proud of Ivan's progress.

"Ivan Adams is a name a lot more people are aware of now. Ivan can play golf, we all knew that, but his temperament, tenacity and overall attitude when events conspired against him was simply amazing. Ivan never complained, or even thought about feeling sorry for himself, he just put his head down and made it work," says Neil.

"Ivan shot 7 rounds in the 70's, and one round of 68. He got an eagle, and tied for third in the IMG Tournament for the most pars with 42 out of 54 holes. These are tremendous achievements that Ivan can use to boost his belief that he can play well at this level. We are very proud of Ivan, and look forward to be involved in his future, which is a very bright one."

Ivan wishes to thank everyone that has supported him with special mentions to Neil Purchase, Dave - The Clubroom, Recreation Services Foundation, The Russell Group, Ping NZ, The Dunes Matarangi and of course Mum and Dad and Brax.

PESTIE CORNER



With Sharon Clay of Peninsula Pests

It's so nice to have a sunny day for a change with not a breath of wind. Long may it last!! Our insect this month brings up the issue of homes (and holiday homes in particular) which are closed for long periods of time. The build-up of heat inside the home creates the best breeding habitat for the pest that loves that you are not home. The flea.

The flea is one of those nuisance pests rather than a true health hazard, especially here in New Zealand where we tend to mainly have the flea which are localised to mammals and in most cases - our pets. Our loving 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 starved of this handy meal, we humans become their next target.

Several species are found on a range of warm-blooded hosts, including humans (eg, the cat flea, the dog flea, the bird flea, and the northern rat flea). Adult fleas are found on the hosts themselves, whereas the larvae and pupae live in places like the burrows or nests of hosts. Fleas can transmit infectious diseases from one host to another and are historically known as carriers of the plague. However, today fleas are better known

as pests and for the irritation they cause.

Removing fleas can take some time due to their breeding cycle. The adult is what we see first but this is actually 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, so don't forget to give them a complete continuing flea treatment as well.

Breaking the cycle first starts with cleaning the house thoroughly. Wash all your pet's bedding at a high temperature. 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 with an insect growth regulator additive to ensure all cycles are killed at source.

Just remember, undisturbed and without a blood meal, a flea can live more than 100 days. On average, they live two to three months.

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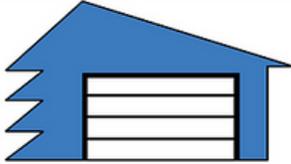

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This month the puzzle is a sudoku where we have swapped the nine numbers for nine letters. Across the middle you wont find these in any row or column.

July Puzzle Solution on Page 14

New Playground Opens



The upgraded children's playground at the Matarangi Village Green was recently opened by TCDC Councillor Tony Fox with the waiata and karakia performed by Wanda Brljevic of Ngati Huarere. Sue and Harry Karl representing the Matarangi Reserves Management Group were also in attendance.

The TCDC put on a sausage sizzle for the strong turn out of young families who were keen to try out this awesome facility that includes a mini pump track and a giant hamster wheel. A \$5000 donation towards the playground by Richardsons Real Estate library fund was acknowledged.

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Saturn puts on its best show for us this month as it is at its closest for the year and shines all evening in Capricorn with its yellowish tinge. Any telescope will show its rings and bigger ones will show at least one of its moons. Much brighter Jupiter rises about 3 hours after Saturn and shows off four of its moons in a small telescope.

This is also the best month to see elusive Mercury as it rises a bit higher each evening after dusk but the brightest planet remains Venus who is star of the show in the mornings early in the month but is rapidly lost in the Sun's glare by the end. Slightly reddish Mars is getting ever closer and brighter in the dawn sky and gets quite near to the Pleiades or Matariki this month. Planets can be distinguished from stars as they generally don't twinkle.

Lots of International Space Station (ISS) passes this month but, as usual, timings may change, especially towards the end of the month if it has to be moved to avoid space junk. Always best to check the website heavens-above.com for updated details.

August 4 - A low ISS pass from 6:04am in the south passing just beside the Southern Cross.

August 6 - A long ISS pass from 6:05am in the south.

August 7 - Another ISS pass in the south from 5:18am.

August 8 - A bright ISS pass from 6:04am passing high overhead.

August 9 - Another ISS pass from 5:17am in the SE.

August 10 - The Moon sits high above Saturn. There will be an ISS pass from 6:05am in the west.

August 11 - The Moon lies in the middle of Capricorn and just above Saturn. There will be an ISS pass from 5:18am starting right next to Mars.

August 12 - The Full Moon now sits just to the right of Saturn.

August 13 - The Moon is now below Saturn and high above bright Jupiter.

August 14 - Jupiter lies just below the Moon.

August 15 - Jupiter and the Moon have a close encounter tonight.

August 16 - The Moon now lies below bright Jupiter. There will be a brief ISS pass from 7:25pm in the NW.

August 17 - The Moon has now past Jupiter and is about 1/3 the way towards Mars in the morning sky. There will be a bright and long ISS pass from 6:37pm in the NW.

August 18 - The Moon is half way between bright Jupiter and reddish Mars in the morning. There will be an ISS pass from 7:26pm in the NW starting next to Mercury.

August 19 - The Moon now sits above and to the left of reddish Mars in the morning with Matariki directly below it. There will be a good bright and long ISS pass from 6:38pm in the NW.

August 20 - The Moon, Mars and the Pleiades or Matariki form a lovely triangle in the morning sky.

August 21 - The Moon has now moved to lie below Mars and Matariki.

August 23 - Reddish Mars and Matariki lie very close together at dawn.

August 29 - A minute crescent Moon sits below and to the right of Mercury at dusk.

August 30 - The crescent Moon now lies above and to the right of Mercury at dusk.

August 31 - The Moon now sits high above and to the right of Mercury and just to the right of the bright star Spica in Virgo.

September 1 - The Moon now has moved into Libra and is above and to the right of Spica.

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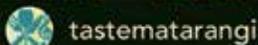


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TUESDAYS

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

Hatha Yoga 10 - 11.30 am @ Kuaotunu Hall.

ICONZ: an Adventure, Activity and Values based ministry for boys years 1-6. New Time: 5pm - 6.30pm Tuesdays (during school term) Meeting at the Kuaotunu Reserve. More information: www.iconz.org.nz or contact: Robyn Balfour 020 409 39674

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SATURDAYS

Hatha Yoga 3rd Age. 9-10.30am (For over 60 yr olds and/or for people with limited mobility)

July Puzzle Answer

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QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. 1985 | 8. 1981 |
| 2. Patea Maori Club | 9. Takahe |
| 3. 2013 | 10. First time the national anthem was sung in Te Reo Maori at a Rugby World Cup Match |
| 4. Georgina Beyer | |
| 5. They both won an Oscar | |
| 6. Whanganui River | |
| 7. Ernest Rutherford | |

Dunes Golf & Community Club

AUGUST 2022



Mens 18 hole: Wednesday 10 am

Ladies 18 hole: Thursday 10 am

Mens 9 hole: Monday 8.30am Thursday 8.30am

Ladies 9 hole: Tuesday 10 am and Thursday 10 am

Matarangi Bowling Group - meet up Fridays and Sundays from 3pm.

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7	1:21	7:41	14:02	20:10	
8	2:18	8:41	15:05	21:14	
9	3:20	9:43	16:09	22:18	
10	4:24	10:46	17:10	23:20	
11	5:27	11:46	18:07		
12		0:18	6:26	12:42	19:01
13		1:14	7:22	13:35	19:53
14		2:07	8:15	14:26	20:43
15		2:58	9:06	15:15	21:31
16		3:47	9:54	16:03	22:19
17		4:34	10:43	16:52	23:06
18		5:21	11:31	17:41	23:54
19		6:08	12:21	18:31	
20	0:43	6:57	13:13	19:25	
21	1:33	7:48	14:09	20:21	
22	2:27	8:43	15:08	21:20	
23	3:23	9:40	16:05	22:17	
24	4:20	10:36	16:59	23:10	
25	5:14	11:27	17:47	23:59	
26		6:03	12:14	18:30	
27		0:44	6:49	12:56	19:11
28		1:25	7:31	13:37	19:50
29		2:05	8:11	14:16	20:29
30		2:44	8:51	14:55	21:08
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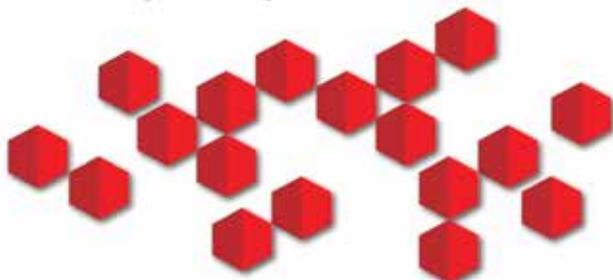


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