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The Ferry is Back

After months of dedicated engagement, planning, and community feedback, the Auckland-Coromandel ferry will officially return this Labour Weekend. Its successful reinstatement is a shining example of what can be achieved when local voices are heard, and when collaboration between community, council, and economic partners comes together with a shared vision.

The return of the ferry has been one of the most talked-about topics in our town over the past year. With strong community spirit and persistence, the case for reinstating the service was carried forward to ensure Coromandel remains accessible and connected. This success owes much to the joint efforts of the Coromandel-Colville Business Association and Thames-Coromandel District Council's Economic Development team, playing pivotal roles in pulling together the information, feedback, and support needed to get the trial service across the line. Their energy, commitment, and belief in the potential of the ferry for our community cannot be overstated.

We also acknowledge and thank Explore Group, who have stepped up and taken on the delivery of the service. It is heartening to know that a New Zealand-owned company has taken charge of this project, recognising the importance of the connection between Auckland and Coromandel. Their commitment to making this trial a reality is deeply appreciated and is a crucial part of this success story.

The trial service, which will run through until April, is a vital opportunity for Coromandel. It is

more than just a transport link - it is a gateway that brings visitors, families, and opportunities into our town. Local businesses will benefit, with ferry passengers choosing to dine, shop, and stay here. Accommodation providers, retailers, and hospitality venues all stand to gain from the steady flow of visitors arriving directly into the heart of Coromandel.

The ferry's return is also being celebrated beyond our community. TCDC has entered this initiative into the Economic Development New Zealand (EDNZ) Best Practice Awards in the Collaboration category. This award celebrates outstanding partnerships between two or more organisations that have joined forces to achieve significant positive economic outcomes. The nomination recognises how the combined efforts of council, community, and operators have produced results far exceeding what could have been achieved individually. It highlights the power of strategic alliances in driving growth, prosperity, and resilience.

But the success of this trial does not rest solely on the work already done. Its future depends on us - the local community. To secure the ferry as a permanent service, it is critical that the community continues to support it, spread the word, and encourage visitors to make use of it. Every ticket purchased, every trip taken, helps demonstrate that the service is viable and valued.

The ferry is not just about boosting business; it is about strengthening the lifeline that connects Coromandel to Auckland and beyond. It means easier access for families visiting loved ones, more

options for weekend escapes, and a sustainable transport link that eases pressure on our roads. It also represents resilience - showing how our community, when faced with a challenge, can work together to find solutions and achieve results.

This achievement is a credit to everyone who attended engagement sessions, shared their feedback, voiced their support, and believed in the value of the ferry. It highlights the best of Coromandel: a community that pulls together, values connection, and looks to the future with optimism.

Now, we have the chance to build on this momentum. The ferry's future is in our hands. If we back it, use it, and continue to show how much it matters, we can secure this essential service for years to come.

So, whether you're planning a trip to Auckland, welcoming friends and family, or just wanting to experience the joy of arriving home by sea, let's make the most of the ferry's return. This trial is our opportunity - let's ensure it becomes a permanent part of Coromandel's future.

The CCBA is exploring whether there is any demand for park and store options for those wishing to leave their vehicles near to the ferry jetty over the weekend. This may also be of interest to those want to spend more than a weekend away from the peninsula. Please email ccbachair@gmail.com to register your interest.

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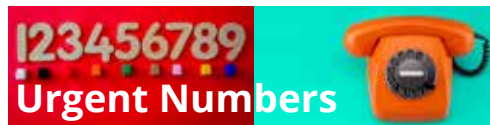
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Explore Group Announce Further Details about the Coromandel -Auckland Ferry

The service will initially operate an express Friday evening service, as well as Saturday and Sunday departures with plans to increase the schedule with demand.

The journey will take just over two hours and passengers can relax and enjoy the scenic cruise through the eastern Hauraki Gulf onboard Explore's fleet of premium vessels.

"We're really pleased this is happening," says our Council's Economic Development Lead Mitch King.

"The community has been looking for the ferry service from Auckland to be reinstated for several years now because it's such an important part of the Coromandel's hospitality offering. It's been great to work with Explore Group and the Coromandel Business Association to bring back the ferry connection."

The new service departs Auckland's Viaduct arriving at Hannaford's Wharf and will be met with a shuttle bus connecting passengers onto Coromandel Town.

"We are excited to add this new destination to our schedule and connect Auckland and the Coromandel region," says William Goodfellow, Managing Director, Explore Group.

"It's the next step in expanding our service on the Hauraki Gulf from Tiritiri Matangi in the north to Man O' War, Waiheke and Rotorua Island in the east. Coromandel is a natural step for us in the Gulf, supported by the local Coromandel community who are passionate about reconnecting their community."

The new service has been long awaited by the local Coromandel community. Coromandel Business Association Chair, Jennifer Ashman says: "The local community is delighted that a ferry service has been reinstated."

"Positive input from the community has demonstrated local demand from businesses, locals and visitors alike and contributed to the successful reestablishment of a service that will be invaluable to connecting our community."

The reopening of the maritime link has much to appeal to visitors, says Hadley Dryden, General Manager of Destination Hauraki Coromandel.

"The revival of the blue highway is fantastic news. Cruising the islands of the Hauraki Gulf - alongside marine wildlife, past mussel farms, with the Coromandel Ranges and city skyline at either end - is an experience not to be missed. Once aboard, visitors will understand why Hauraki Coromandel is good for your soul."

The Coromandel ferry schedule will commence on Friday 24 October departing Auckland's Viaduct at 4:45pm and arriving at Hannaford's Wharf at 6:45pm. Saturday and Sunday return service will also begin on 25 and 26 October.

Prices for a return trip from Auckland's Viaduct to Coromandel Town (including bus transfer) are: \$135 per adult and \$67.50 per child. There will also be an option for extended transfer to Whitianga: \$185 per adult and \$92.50 per child.



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Matarangi Stories: The Day the Plane Ditched in the Harbour

As told by Lindsay Arthur

In the early days of the Matarangi when it still had an airfield, locals could ring up and order a plane for Auckland or the Barrier. Once such family who were flying out of Matarangi ordered a plane to ferry them to Auckland airport. It duly arrived. The gear was loaded and they were ready to head off. However it didn't work out too well.

The few residents who lived here back then were all part of the new Volunteer Fire Brigade, which covered any emergencies. I was at work and got a call to come to a plane crash in the harbour. I asked was there were any casualties? The reply was "No, no one hurt at all." My response was "there's not much use in coming then." I was then advised that maybe I should come and check my yacht, which was moored near the SW approach to the airstrip.

Some back history here. In 1987 I had placed a permanent mooring not far from the end of the jetty. The yacht had a 36' foot mast, regardless of tide direction, the mast it was not too far off to the side of a normal flight path. Before placing the mooring I had checked with a number of pilots who were regularly flying in and they had all thought it was a great reference point when on finals.

So all the while travelling to the crash site I was pondering

just how a pilot might not see the mast or how one might be off course enough to clip it. I well knew it was a fresh NE breeze so all I could think about was this had to be an inbound aircraft. In actual fact it was nothing like this scenario at all.

The plane fully loaded, took off downwind towards the SW with a good NE breeze directly behind it. It had no show getting airborne and ran straight through the fence, ruined a dinghy, bounced about three times on the beach and finished up in the channel right beside the yacht. Fortunately the tide was running in, so the yacht was hanging back. So other than a big fright, a very wet plane and a very embarrassed pilot, no more harm was done.

The Matarangi History Group are seeking your stories, memories and recollections about the village and its people prior to the year 2000. Photographs from this period are also sought after especially when converted to digital form. Next year is the 50th anniversary since sections started to be sold and people began to make the village what it is today. The Matarangi History Group wants your help to document our wonderful past. Submissions to : matarangihistorygroup@gmail.com

The Matarangi Fire Report

September was another busy month for us with several medicals to attend to.

We also held our AGM which was well represented by our neighbouring brigade leaders and leadership team.

We announced that in 2026 we will begin a cadetship within the brigade for students from year 9 and upwards.

We will be working closely with the Pirongia Brigade following their strategies and moulding them to our brigade.

We see this as a pathway to future firefighters developing core life skills with guidance from our brigade. We will announce more in the next few months on this.

On Friday October 10th we will hold our annual Malcolm Spry Memorial Golf tournament. This is a fun day of golf with a 3 person Ambrose format. If you would like to put a team in please book in at the Dunes.

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Mark Hall

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The September 2015 edition of the Matarangi Beach Paper featured the obituary of Graham Collings written by his wife Margaret, following his passing after battling Parkinson's for some years. Graham and Margaret were members of that exclusive club of people who lived in Matarangi right from the very start.

As 2026 will be the 50th anniversary since the first sections in Matarangi went on the market, having these historical contributions in the MBP about the community and the people who were here at right at the beginning are becoming increasingly important as time moves on. The obituary about Graham's Matarangi life is republished below.

A Matarangi Pioneer



Graham John Collings 1940-2015

Graham, his wife Margaret and children arrived in Whitianga in early 1969 where he took up the new position of Assistant County Engineer for the Coromandel County Council. When the council decided to appoint a County Planner he was appointed.

He worked closely with the council consultant, Barry (now Sir Barry) Curtis and the owner of the

Matarangi spit, Ken Woodhead of Kenwood Properties, hence one of the first roads being named Kenwood Drive. This was at a time when many developers put a road down the beach front and cut up the land for sections with little thought of providing access for the public and reserves.

Although the early development along Kenwood Drive followed the old pattern, Ken Woodhead and the county council wanted to provide a better development giving more beach access and facilities to the section owners. As the spit was largely undeveloped there were a number of objections to the plan, then lengthy and protracted hearings about the desirability of this major project. Eventually the development was approved, at least partly, because this would give a base for people to live and to visit while keeping other areas largely undeveloped to retain the natural beauty of the Coromandel Peninsula.

Around this time the Coromandel County Council merged with the Thames Borough and County Councils to become the Thames-Coromandel District Council. Not wanting to move to Thames, Graham secured a position with Ken Woodhead's company to oversee the Matarangi development and the family moved to Matarangi, living in a small farmer's cottage about 100 metres from the beach at the bluff end. There was one other family living there at the time.

Graham and his wife built their home on the beach-front at the end of Kenwood Drive while the road was still unsealed. They had a bore for water and had to apply to get the rural delivery service extended. Their four children had to be driven out to SH 25 for the school bus and collected again each day.

There was so little traffic at that time that in many places there was grass growing in the middle of the bluff road between the wheel tracks. The very old bridge on the road in from State Highway 25 was rotten so the bluff was the only safe way in, much to the horror of some, especially with a caravan or boat, who started out from Kuaotunu and Rings Beach and found that there was nowhere to turn and no other way out.

Graham's brief was to liaise with surveyors, civil engineers, contractors and the council during the year, preparing a new area of subdivision. He then sold the sections as part of his employment, mostly over summer. Some years people were swarming over the

sections, some coming back to the sales office to buy only to find that their first choice had just been taken. Other years it was quieter but overall there were steady sales and mostly, a new subdivision for the next summer.

One of his other tasks was the design and supervision of the bridge in from SH25 and the roads leading to it. There was then a planting campaign on the bank above the road.

Kenwood Properties Ltd sold Matarangi to a company owned by Rothmans, Matarangi Beach Estates, who undertook the major developments over the next several years.

Apart from the areas being developed, most of the spit was covered in long grass and pine trees which had been planted before Graham became involved. The air strip had been there from its farming days. Sheep needed to be cleared off it if someone wanted to land and going up to the point by vehicle was a rather bumpy slow ride.

Graham walked this rather rough ground with Bob Charles when he came to design the first nine holes of the golf links. They walked around together with Bob spraying the trees that needed to come out for the fairways and greens. He left one tree in the middle of a fairway commenting that people would wonder if it was meant to be there or not. It was later removed. They played the very first 'round' of golf with a member of the Mercury Bay Golf Club, hitting over long grass and fences to where the hole might eventually be.

In 1988 Graham and Margaret moved back to Auckland for work opportunities, but Matarangi has held a very special place in their lives and those of their children who grew up there and a granddaughter who now lives there. It was with real pride that they looked back at the areas that were developed under Graham's watch and with interest at the developments since.

There are groups of trees, well-grown now, that were planted for developments that didn't happen. There are probably only one or two people left who would know why they are. The pohutukawa in the reserve next to the family home were planted under his supervision and are at last providing the much needed shade. The beach is as beautiful as ever.

Maddie's Fundraiser Quiz Night

This past season was awesome for Maddie Corles and Hamilton Girls High School rowing.

After the enormous support Maddie had at her quiz night, we were able to buy her a new cox box set. It made the difference!

She went on to win a gold medal at the North Island Secondary School champs, gold at the North Island club champs and place 4th in NZ at the Maadi regatta in March with her Novice coxed 4. This season she is amped to add to that haul!

Get your team of 4 ready to come along and join us at the Matarangi Fire Station Saturday 22nd of November. Doors Open at 5.00pm and the Quiz starts 6pm.

Enjoy a delicious curry, fun quiz, raffles and prizes. Help us get Maddie to the Maadi Regatta in Twizel. The cover charge is \$40 per person.

All funds raised at this quiz will help to get her to Twizel to compete in the Maadi cup down there.

Thank you all for your support of Maddie and we look forward to having fun with you soon!

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Featured: Maddie (left) and her HGHS rowing crew.

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Renee Woods Architecture Ltd.

Renee Woods – A Local Architect, Designing Homes that belong in Matarangi and its Surrounds

For more than 30 years, Matarangi has been a special place for Renee Woods. Her connection began as a young child in the early 1990s, when her family started holidaying at the Kuaotunu campground before purchasing a section in Matarangi a few years later. Those summers quickly became the highlight of the year.

It was Renee's late father, Ross, whose love for the area left the strongest impression. For him, Matarangi was a much needed escape from the family's busy Auckland business life; a place to slow down and recharge. That experience shaped Renee's own view of Matarangi as more than just a destination, it became a true retreat; a perspective that now informs how she designs for others who see it the same way.

Renee with her husband Josh and their two young boys have now made Matarangi their permanent home. Established in Matarangi, Renee Woods Architect Ltd combines Renee's professional expertise with her personal understanding of what makes the area unique.

Renee graduated from the Unitec School of Architecture in Auckland with a Bachelor of Architectural Studies and a Masters of Architecture. She began her career in Hawkes Bay with Paris Magdalinos Architects, before moving on to spend close to a decade as lead architect with Design Builders. In 2017, Renee achieved the milestone of becoming a Registered Architect following a rigorous process of working hours, study and assessment even after the 5 year degree.

This background has given Renee a unique perspective. She understands the high end, bespoke nature of a traditional architectural practice, while also the practical, cost-conscious delivery that comes with the design build process. She has carried the strengths of both approaches into her own practice.

Renee believes that good design is personal, practical, and deeply connected to its setting.

"A build is often the most significant financial investment someone will make in their lifetime. My goal is to listen

carefully to their wants and needs, and to design spaces that are efficient, thoughtful, and not needlessly complex," Renee says. Her design work emphasises well-considered decisions that balance creativity, practicality, and cost-effectiveness.

Collaboration is central to Renee's approach. She values involving the builder early in the design process, which leads to smoother construction, fewer surprises, and ultimately, better outcomes for her clients. "Over the years, I've found that early contractor engagement helps us iron out details at the early design stage, before the project is consented. It means we can achieve the best possible result for our client, which is always the ultimate goal."

As a permanent resident of Matarangi, Renee also highlights the advantages of working with local professionals. "We're fortunate here to have a strong network of consultants, tradespeople, and suppliers living in the area. Working with local professionals isn't just about supporting the community, it's the most efficient and cost-effective way to approach construction. We understand how each other works, and that makes for a smoother process all around."

Renee and husband Josh, owner of Woods Construction Ltd, keep their companies separate but often collaborate, offering clients the option of a seamless architect and builder team. At the same time, Renee is equally comfortable working with a builder chosen by her clients. Her priority is always to ensure each project's design and delivery are tailored to the client's needs.

Renee Woods Architect Ltd is now firmly established in Matarangi, with new homes and renovations already popping up around the community.

Whether you're planning a new home, a renovation, or a coastal retreat, Renee offers a no-obligation initial consultation to talk through your ideas.

You can get in touch and follow Renee's work:

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Rescue Helicopter Trust Flies into New Territory

In a bold move to increase its funding base, the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust has launched a major new initiative and is now seeking community backing.

In conjunction with New Zealand Rescue, the Trust has ventured into a lottery as it looks to grow the resources to support delivering rescue helicopter services. Trust chairman, Whitianga's John Stephenson, describes the decision to partner with NZ Rescue as a bold shift in a move to secure funding for the trust.

The two-tier lottery is being marketed nationally and provides a range of first-class prizes including a New Age Road Owl Caravan paired with a Land Rover Defender, and the opportunity to own a JB Motorhome 7.8 Queen.

John said under the two-tier approach two lotteries were running with only 6000 tickets available for the JB Motorhome, and 10,000 tickets for the New

Age Road Owl Caravan and Land Rover Defender option. He said tickets sell from \$100.00.

"All ticket sales go towards supporting the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust which ensures that the life-saving emergency services remain available to people both living and visiting our wider region.

"Our trustees were excited when presented with this option and we appreciate being able to partner with NZ Rescue," said John. "We receive wonderful support from many organisations, individuals and groups through fund-raising events, donations and grants – all being highly appreciated.

"Our latest venture enables people to support the trust and the work it undertakes with the chance of winning superb prizes."

John said when considering the prize packages, the trustees felt something that aligned with our region

in being such an attractive holiday destination was appropriate. While the trust does not operate its own helicopters it does have a hanger and base at the Whitianga Airfield. Helicopters service the region from Auckland, Waikato and the Bay of Plenty.

"At the summer peak we can have over 400,000 people around our region and at this time the requirement of rescue helicopter service can quadruple," said John.

"We are a region very reliant on our rescue helicopters; we encourage people to support the lottery so we can continue to return the support when it is most needed."

To purchase tickets simply use the on-line link crhtlottery.org.nz

Featured: CRHT Chairman John Stephenson (left), Trustee Lynda Pye, and Patron Walter Russell with one of the two lottery prizes.

Ernest Raina Appointed JP

On the 25th of September at the Thames District Court, Matarangi accountant Ernest Raina was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace.

Ernest will be the third JP in the Mercury Bay North joining Mary Kedzlie and Simone Parr in the role.

"I am very proud to have been appointed a Justice of the Peace. I became a JP so I can contribute more to the Matarangi community and New Zealand by providing the kind of support a JP is able to provide," said Ernest.

The Hauraki Coromandel Justices of the Peace Association Inc began as a Thames Branch of the Auckland Justices of the Peace Association in 1958. In 1965, it became an independent association in its own right. The formation of the

independent Hauraki Association was led by Mr Harry Israel, an Auckland Justice, and Mr Lyall Noakes, who became the first Registrar. Mr W.D. (Bill) Hare from Whenuakite was appointed the first President.

Justices of the Peace were active in the Thames area as far back as 1875, during the Gold Rush era. Their role has evolved significantly since then—from dealing with lawlessness to primarily ministerial duties such as witnessing documents, certifying copies, and taking oaths. Today, the Association supports 97 Justices across the Coromandel Peninsula, Thames, Hauraki Plains, Waihi, and Whangamata.

While most focus on ministerial duties, a select few are trained for judicial roles and serve as Issuing Officers or in court.



Featured: Ernest Raina with his wife Sue outside the Thames District Court following his swearing in as a Justice of the Peace.

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Some additional context regarding the Omaro Reserve Upgrade provided by MRMG & MRRAI.

Omaro Reserve Finally Vested to TCDC & Zoned as Recreation Passive Reserve

As a result of the final vesting of land by Winton Investments Ltd to TCDC in 2024, Omaro Reserve can finally undergo an upgrade as a passive recreation reserve. This area has existed for many years in a 'grey area' while awaiting completion of sections by the developer.

Omaro Reserve Connectivity & Changes to Shared Space Use

Walkways now link Omaro reserve from the Matarangi shops to the spit. The reserve gets used in new ways by our active community. More people are walking, biking, & dog walking along these connecting paths. Weekends & evenings see more working family use. Extreme water sports dominate windy days. The 5 freedom campers parks often exceeded. This popular shared space has become more frequently used by different sections of our community and year around.

Demographic Shift - Matarangi is Growing, with Increase in Young Families

Matarangi's permanent population has grown from 400 to 1400 residents in 5 years (post Covid). Te Rerenga School (local primary school) has had a 27% increase in students from 82 (2019) to a current roll of 125 students. Completed dwellings in new subdivisions increase each year. Holiday population growth increases year on year. Pressure on the boat ramp due to increased dwellings was reported by the Boating & Fishing Club in 2019 (MBP 118th edition). 6 years on, our population has increased significantly.

Summer Population Surge Causes Infrastructure Strain & Bottlenecks

Matarangi swells from 1400 permanent residents to 10,000 + people. Our small town does not have the roading, parking, water & hospitality venues to cope with population surge easily. Peak demand means bottlenecks everywhere – restaurants & cafes/supermarket/golf course or boat ramp. It's the reality of living & playing in Matarangi over summer & long weekends.

New Boat Ramp Road Wider with Grassed Verges

The new Boat Ramp Road is significantly wider (then the old gravel road) with grass verges allowing vehicles with boats to queue to left of road on verge, allowing 2 clear lane widths for entry / exit. Freedom campers and non-boating vehicles use first exit on left (keeping them away from boat traffic). Other than peak demand usage, traffic flow should not be impeded. Signs and no stopping road marking will indicate queue lane and traffic flow.

Omaro Reserve has been in Community Consultative Phase since March 2023

Community projects are notified to the community through a consultation process. In a March 2023 workshop, the initial concept plan was distributed to 8 key community groups: Matarangi Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc; Matarangi Reserves Management Group; Matarangi Community Trust; Matarangi Dune Restoration Group; Matarangi Boating & Fishing Group; Matarangi Fire Brigade; Iwi (Ngāti Huarere ki Whangapoua Trust) and a family representative was added in 2025. The first TCDC public notification / feedback was via Matarangi Community Face Book page (Share your Vision for Omaro Reserve) in September 2024 and again in September 2025 (Matarangi Omaro Reserve upgrade).

Community Consultation Feedback Requested Change

34 community feedback submissions were received with 100 recommendations in the 2024 community consultation. Family friendly spaces & play areas and safety /accessibility were the most requested submission criteria. Clearly Omaro Reserve is sought particularly by families to be more than boat parking and is used year around, not just peak holiday periods. Omaro Reserve upgrade budget focus

From the initial 2023 community workshop, this project has had a cost-conscious lens. It will not be another Village Green. The upgrade will be staged over many years. Costs will mostly come out of TCDC operational budget expenditure, not additional ratepayers funding. The newly installed public toilet paid for by the MBIE Tourism Infrastructure fund, at no cost to ratepayers.



A boat launch trial was held on 16th September at the Reserve boat ramp.

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Rings Beach Wetlands Group Spring Report



It has been a while since I last reported and there has been quite a lot of activity over the last few months in the reserve, with another round of wilding pine removal, on-going trapping work, further development of the trapping infrastructure and ongoing walking track maintenance.

The Predator Free Hauraki Coromandel support team were contracted this round to further the work of wilding pine removal, involving mostly hand sawing and pulling with some felling work where appropriate. Tens of thousands of wilding pines have been removed, and the work will continue. There is certainly no shortage of pine recruitment, with seed apparently being viable for well over a decade!

The long-awaited directional signage being supplied by DOC for the main public walking tracks, is I'm assured to be installed in November, in time for the high season. It will be great to get these signs in to improve safety. I often come across people who have lost the track and are unsure where they should be heading.

Maintenance work will be carried out on the public walking tracks before the main holiday season, as rampant spring growth quickly takes over in places. Trapping work continues of course with numbers starting to increase with warming temperatures and food sources increasing with spring growth.

A survey to monitor Matuku-hūrepo (Australasian Bittern) is taking place in the spring with the main listening dates set for early October when a

region wide survey takes place. Mātātā (Fernbird) populations appear to be doing ok in the main valley wetlands, as well as on the southern side of the reserve. Kiwi are also doing well with multiple birds caught on camera in various locations and heard also during the June listening's and by neighbours of the reserve.

With the development of potential new trap lines happening, the group is on the lookout for new volunteers willing to commit to checking traps and maintaining lines on a regular basis. Some of the lines can be a bit challenging so a reasonable degree of fitness is required. If anyone is able to assist us in this work, it would be very much appreciated!

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October 2025

Multi-use sport facility proposed

Our Council is exploring a proposal to convert one of its Matarangi tennis courts into a multi-use sports facility, providing predominantly for netball and basketball.

The proposal to reduce barriers to be active follows a community survey reflecting strong support for the idea. It also has backing from Sport Waikato, Mercury Bay Netball and Matarangi Residents and Ratepayers Association. Our Council is now holding its own survey to hear what the wider community wants.



Matarangi has six tennis court facilities, three of which are Council-owned. The proposal suggests the Council tennis courts near the entrance of Matarangi.

If approved, the proposed conversion is expected to be part-funded through grants and other fundraising opportunities.

People can have their say on whether they'd like to see this court converted by visiting tcdc.govt.nz/matarangicourt

DATE SET FOR BOUNDARY CREEK BRIDGE

SH25 will be closed at Boundary Creek Bridge, north of Te Mata, for seven days from 5am on Wednesday 29 October as NZTA contractors demolish the old deck and install the new one.

Please avoid the 309 and Tapu-Coroglen Roads if you're towing or driving a heavy vehicle.

For more information, visit nzta.govt.nz/sh25-sh25a-coromandel



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WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Our Council's Matarangi Water Treatment Plant upgrade is nearing completion.

All processing equipment including screens, membrane filters, dosing and UV disinfection have been installed. Electrical and control cable installation is almost complete.

Commissioning processes are expected to start in October and be completed in November with the upgraded plant operational by 1 December.

Omaro Reserve

A brand new two-pan toilet facility is being installed at Omaro Reserve (Matarangi Boat Ramp) to replace the dated existing one. The new facility will be connected to the town wastewater supply and power, providing a much-needed upgrade for the community.



This project is funded by MBIE through the Tourism Infrastructure Fund, granted at the end of last year.

Please note: the current toilets will be closed until mid-October while works take place. A temporary porta loo will be available on site during construction.



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The last day to enrol is Friday 10 October and voting will close at 12 noon on election day, Saturday 11 October.

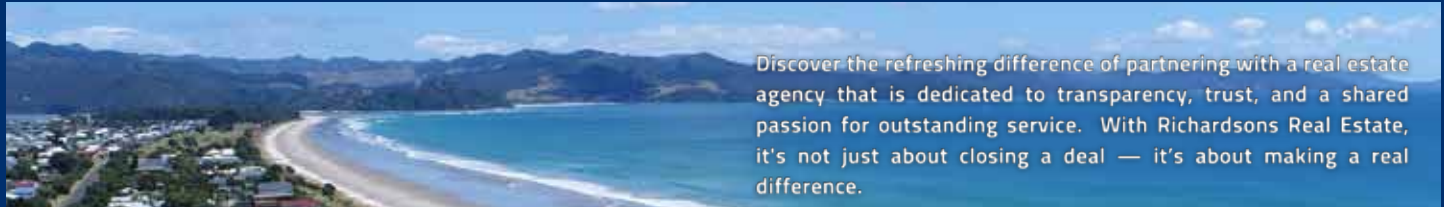
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Out and About

Swamp Foxes At Coromandel



Thames Valley was victorious over Ngāti Porou East Coast in their match on September 20th at Coromandel Town. The mighty Swamp Foxes downed the Kaupoi 84-5 in a match that saw the much fitter local team dominate both up front in the set play and speed and precision of the backs.

The match played in front of 1500 spectators marked the 50th meeting between these teams and the first time the game between the Heartland Championship sides was played in Coromandel Town.

Well done the Coromandel Rugby Club who hosted a great showcase of grassroots provincial rugby. A huge amount of organisation by volunteer club members goes in to make such events happen.

The Swamp Foxes are currently 7th on the Heartland Championship table with Ngāti Porou East Coast now at the bottom in 12th place.

Talk Like A Pirate Day



On September 19th down at the Matarangi Fire Station instead of their usual Friday members night to spice it up they held a Talk Like a Pirate Day party where all gathered came dressed in their buccaneer best. Those who didn't there was the threat of walking the plank!

Have to say Lloyd (front left) looks a pretty convincing Pirate all decked out in black. The rest of his crew at the Captains table look like they are having a jolly old time too. (Photo credit: Matarangi Fire Brigade)



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Where in the WORLD is the Matarangi Beach Paper?



Playing the New Kuta Golf Club in Bali were these intrepid golfers from The Dunes. Here they are posing with the MBP and the course caddies. The gentlemen from left are Nick Lambert, Tony Nicholson, Rowan Toms and Andy Swainbank.



Steve and Maureen Moss and Judy and Graham Hall recently flew to Argentina via Santiago, Chile to support the All Blacks v Pumas. Following the first test at Cordoba, they took a side trip to Iguazu Falls on the border of the Argentine province of Misiones and the Brazilian state of Paraná which they said was unbelievable.

Following the second test at Buenos Aires, the awesome foursome ventured north west to Salta and Perumamarca before flying via Lima, Peru to Cusco. They then visited the Sacred valley, temple of the sun before the ultimate experience of reading the MBP on top of the mountain Inca village of Machu Picchu.



Here are Paul and Lousie Falleni with one of their many cousins on top of the world, at Mt Pilatus, Switzerland. Louise said it was a joy to be back in Switzerland again after twelve years "as the weather gods were good to us and we had some spectacular viewing." They had an amazing time catching up with family and friends all around Switzerland and found the trains amazing for their ease of travel.



Here is Kerre Baker with the MBP at a UB40 concert that was part of the Ravinia Music Festival in Illinois. The festival is North America's longest running outdoor music festival hosting a series of outdoor concerts and performances every summer from June to September. Kerre who was over in the States visiting her son Aidan and her two grandchildren said she had a wonderful time and was sorry to leave!

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The School Bell

Speeches and the STEAM festival have been the highlights of our last few weeks of Term Three. Parents, teachers and children were thoroughly entertained at the speech final for our Year 5-8 students, and it must have been a difficult decision for our guest judges, our Go Bus drivers, Kevin and Liam, as the standard of speeches was excellent. Thank you, Kevin and Liam. Ena Redfern won the Year 5 & 6 final, and Noah Linnecar and Robbie Lendrum were 2nd equal. Charlie Bay won the Year 7 & 8 final. Struan English & Fay Devoy were also 2nd equal.

There was some amazing thought behind many of the projects on display at this year's STEAM festival, a celebration of learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. The children shared projects they had been doing in class this past term and there was some fantastic work. Participation in STEAM learning empowers children to:

- *Think creatively and beyond conventional boundaries.
- *Feel secure expressing innovative ideas.
- *Engage comfortably in hands-on learning experiences.
- *Take ownership of their educational journey.*
- *Collaborate effectively with peers.
- *Grasp the interconnected nature of science, mathematics, the arts, and technology.
- *Develop a heightened curiosity about the world, empowering them to effect positive change.

We have just had our Board of Trustees elections, and our new board is as follows:-
Augusta Macassey-Pickard, Christine Threadgold, Eleanor Grey, Jane McLean, Michael Lintott, Jennifer Commins (Staff Rep)

At a special induction meeting for the new board Michael Lintott was re-elected the Presiding Member.

This will be my last School Bell for a while as I have been awarded a sabbatical by the Ministry of Education which I am taking next term. I feel very privileged to have this opportunity as the Ministry of Education offers only 105 sabbaticals nationally each year to principals in one of the 2000 state or state-integrated primary schools in New Zealand. The purpose of sabbaticals is to provide a sustained period of leave for principals to engage in professional learning, along with having time for reflection and rejuvenation.

The topic of my sabbatical project is 'What supported a Principal's Wellbeing during traumatic events such as loss, pandemic and natural disasters in a rural isolated school in Aotearoa New Zealand'. This is a project that I hope will benefit other rural schools like mine. I am also taking the opportunity to do a bit of extended overseas travel during my leave.

Odetta Wilson will be the Acting Principal during this time, with Natalie Bay, being the teacher of Ruma Maunga. I am confident our kura is in safe hands with Odetta, working alongside Shelley Corles (Associate Principal: Junior School) and our strong team of classroom teachers. I will be back at school in January rested, refreshed and refocussed, ready for the start of the 2026 school year.

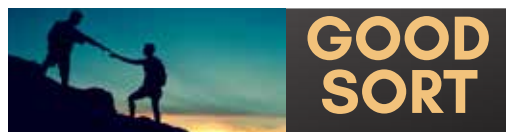
Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu
Adorn the bird with feathers to enable it to fly.

Mary Kedzlie Principal

Carol Smith

Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to Howard and the Smith family on the sad passing of Carol who was taken from us on Thursday the 25th of September.

Carol will be always remembered in the Matarangi community as a caring and genuine person who was Howard's best mate and supporter.



Our Good Sorts of the Month are Allan and Andrea Dickinson. The recent high winds sadly caused a huge number of avocados to drop from the trees at their Coastal Avocados orchard. Andrea and Allan generously delivered them to the school to pass onto the community as a school fundraiser.

The good folk of our community salute you Andrea and Allan for your kindness, in what were such unfortunate circumstances for the orchard. The \$250 raised will go towards the school's Term 4 camp expenses.

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Congratulations also to Peter Sharp who has just clocked nup 10 years with Richardsons Real Estate in Matarangi. Peter joined Simone and her team with plenty of experience in the Real Estate Industry having come to Matarangi with 18 prior years working as an agent.

We also heard on the grapevine that long time local Robyn de Leeuw celebrated her birthday on October 2nd and that a local chair of a ratepayers association had a birthday too. Numerical references undisclosed.

Stargazer Sights

October 2025 By Alastair Brickell

The early morning sky has both bright Jupiter and considerably brighter Venus on view much lower down in the east. They are the only things that will remain in view for a short while as the Sun rises and the sky brightens. Saturn is at its closest to us this month and visible all night and also is at its brightest. It looks like a slightly yellowish star but being a planet doesn't twinkle like they do. The Moon can help us locate it while Mercury and fainter Mars put on a nice celestial dance low in the west at dusk. We also have the Orionid meteor shower towards the end of the month and this year a bright Moon will not be getting in the way. We should be able to see about 10-20 fast moving meteors an hour with the best views being after midnight. There will be many International Space Station (ISS) passes to enjoy 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 timings.

- October 3 – The bright Moon sits to the left of the bright star Fomalhaut after dusk with yellowish and brighter Saturn below both while the ISS makes a long pass from 6:06am in the SW moving just beside the Southern Cross.
- October 4 – The Moon has moved to be in line with Fomalhaut and is approaching Saturn.
- October 5 – The bright Moon now sits just above and to the left of Saturn and from 6:07am in the SW we have a bright and long ISS pass.
- October 6 – The Moon is now just below and to the left of Saturn after dusk and from 5:19am in the SW there is a bright ISS pass.
- October 7 – Saturn now sits well above the Moon with a long ISS pass from 6:08am in the west.
- October 8 – By the time the Moon rises Saturn is sitting high in the sky above it and we have an early ISS pass from 5:21am in the west.
- October 9 – We have from 9:11pm a short but bright ISS pass in the NW.
- October 10 – From 8:23pm we have a long bright ISS pass in the NW.
- October 11 – The Moon lies just to the right of the Pleiades or Matariki after midnight and we have an ISS pass from 9:12pm in the west.
- October 12 – The Moon now lies just next to Matariki or the Pleiades with a long bright ISS pass from 8:24pm in the NW.
- October 13 – The Moon sits well to the left of bright Jupiter.
- October 14 – The Moon is now just below and to the left of Jupiter and from 8:24pm we have an ISS pass starting just beside Mars and Mercury in the west.
- October 15 – Jupiter is now above and to the left of the Moon which is just beside the Beehive Cluster, best seen in binoculars.
- October 16 – The Moon has moved to be well below and to the right of Jupiter with the Beehive cluster between them both.
- October 17 – The Moon sits just below the bright star Regulus in Leo.
- October 18 – Just at dusk in the west Mercury sits immediately below fainter Mars on the horizon.
- October 19 – Mercury is now level with Mars at dusk.
- October 20 – Mercury has now just passed by Mars on its speedy trip around the Sun in the west at dusk.
- October 21 – Mercury is now well above Mars.
- October 23 – A minute crescent Moon makes a nice triangle with Mercury and Mars at dusk and from 9:14pm we have a low ISS pass in the SW.
- October 24 – The thin crescent Moon now sits directly above Mercury with fainter Mars just below while from 8:25pm we have a very low ISS pass in the SW.
- October 25 – The Moon in now just above the red giant star Antares in Scorpio with Mercury and Mars well down on the western horizon at dusk and from 9:14pm in the SW we have a short but bright ISS pass.
- October 26 – The crescent Moon now sits high above Antares at dusk with Mercury and Mars well down on the western horizon at dusk and from 8:25pm in the SW we have an ISS pass followed by another from 9:24pm in the SW.
- October 27 – From 9:12pm we have a very bright ISS pass in the SW.
- October 28 – We have another ISS pass from 8:23pm in the SW.
- October 29 – From 9:12pm in the SW we have a good ISS pass.
- October 30 – There will be a bright and long ISS pass from 8:23pm in the SW.
- October 31 – The Moon sits well to the left and just above Saturn.



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across the ward. I advocated for these groups to be set up at Community Board level so residents, staff, and elected members could work together on solutions. They're a great example of how local voices can shape local decisions."

The launch of the coastal restoration initiative. This project will rejuvenate approximately 35 km of coastline from Whangapoua to Whangamata, with Matarangi's dunes among the first to be restored through foredune planting, weed/pest control, and dune reshaping.

While Cyclone Gabrielle was not a highlight, the creation and strengthening of local emergency response groups has been. With Civil Defence support, communities now have trained co-ordinators and pre-positioned supplies—generators, food, water.

"Just months after being sworn in, we were hit by Cyclone Gabrielle — a major event that damaged roads, isolated communities, and forced Council to shift into emergency response mode. On top of that, high inflation, supply chain disruptions, and changing central government policies created pressure on Council budgets and project delivery."

Looking ahead, Rekha considers that a key challenge will be rates affordability while maintaining essential services.

"Costs continue to rise. Ratepayers are already stretched—I hear that loud and clear. I will keep a tight focus on the basics: roads, waters and waste.

These are the services people rely on most, and they must come first. I will push back on unnecessary spending, advocate for smarter project delivery, and look for efficiencies within the organisation."

"My commitment is simple: keep rates down, stick to core services, and put community needs ahead of nice-to-haves. Rates affordability is my top priority — I'm committed to reducing rates, focusing on core services, and putting community needs first."

Raised in Whitianga and now raising her own family here, Rekha has a personal connection to Mercury Bay's unique character and community. For the last 15 years she and husband have run a building business, working across Mercury Bay, giving her firsthand insight into the challenges local businesses and families face.

"I want to see responsible growth, environmental protection, and infrastructure that supports locals and visitors alike. I'll continue to push for the accelerated rollout of water meters in Matarangi. I support the community-led Kuaotunu Peninsula Dark Sky Initiative and Bluff Track connectivity projects, which reflect the values and priorities of our Mercury North communities."

"My commitment is simple: keep rates down, stick to core services, and continue to put community needs ahead of nice-to-haves."

Authorised by Rekha Giri-Percival
rekgiri@hotmail.com

Serving as a Mercury Bay District Councillor for the last 3 years has been a privilege for Rekha Giri-Percival. Having served two prior terms on the Mercury Bay Community Board before stepping up to the District Councillor role Rekha believes she has the required experience and local government knowledge to keep working for the Mercury Bay.

Rekha says the highlight has been working directly with our communities — listening, advocating, and helping to deliver practical outcomes that matter to people.

"Establishing local stormwater working groups

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THE FISHING REPORT

Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club

September fishing was a slow month for many, but with Spring finally here we're optimistic about seeing an improvement in the weather and, most importantly, the fishing!

The Club's next fishing tournament is the NES Hire Ltd Labour weekend tournament. This is an open tournament so get a crew together and come along for a great day out. Registrations and tournament details will be online early October.

Juniors

Here is how you can get your kids involved with the Matarangi Boat and Fishing Club....

- * Junior Monthly Photo Comp
- * No membership needed! Just snap your best fishing moment and share. It's all about fun, inclusiveness, and getting outdoors! Send your photo through to us via Facebook messenger.
- * Weighing Your Catch + Junior Trophies
- * Caught a decent fish? Bring it in to weigh to be eligible for our Junior end of year trophies.
- * Juniors need to be members of the Club to qualify for trophies.
- * Junior Membership is just \$15 (for under 17s as at 1st July).
- * Sign up through our membership form here: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/mbfc/membership> (just select the Junior option).

Check our Leaderboard on our website for the Junior trophies up for grabs — who's going to land the first big one?
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\$500 Average Weight Snapper challenge for the upcoming 2025/2026 season. All details can be found on our website and Facebook page. <https://www.mbfc.co.nz/newsarticle/155388?newsfeedId=2035672>

You can keep up to date with news on our website www.mbfc.co.nz or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/matarangiboatandfishingclub>

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

Safe boating and limit your catch, don't catch your limit.

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Nicky from Procure Wines showcased wines from Marlborough's Two Rivers at the September wine club meet. Wine maker David Clouston is the driving force behind the Two Rivers brand which offers two levels of wine. Black Cottage which is their entry level and Two Rivers which is their premium wine. The wine club members were fortunate to taste seven wines from their range. Here are the wines that were offered (source: <https://www.tworivers.co.nz>).

Convergence Sauvignon Blanc 2025 A bouquet of fresh capsicum, crisp snow peas, and pineapple, enhanced by fresh mint, zesty lime, and refreshing cucumber.

Phoenix Pinot Gris 2024 Golden straw in colour with fresh aromas of pear, toasted pine nuts, and Turkish delight. Fresh stone fruit roasted almond flavours mingle with wild herbs.

Field Blend 2023 Boasts delicate aromatics, featuring the scent of fresh cut wild flowers, apricots, and lemon thyme. It has a waxy mouthfeel and a subtle white pepper finish.

Juliet Riesling 2024 Aromas of fresh kaffir lime are beautifully balanced with hints of lemon, Jasmine, hazelnuts and orange blossom.

Clos des Pierres Chardonnay 2023. Offers aromas of toasted almonds and lemon. On the palate the wine is layers of stone fruit and lemon curd, over hazelnuts and just a touch of toasted oak.

Isle of Beauty Rosé 2024. Pale pink in colour, this Mediterranean style rosé has aromas of rose petals, fresh cut watermelon, pink grapefruit, and botanicals. The palate exudes berries, sherbet, and a seasoning of Pink Himalayan Salt.

Tributary Pinot Noir 2023. Displays a bright boysenberry aroma with lifted cherry, blue berry fruits, with a hint of wild thyme and black olives.

All these wines are available at Puku and Kerre's Liquor Store.

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Boat Launch Trial Successful. Area Remains Pegged Out for Trialling

The latest concept plan has a park / launch area for 3 boat trailers. The boat launch / retrieval design is similar to local boat ramps at Robinson Rd & Whitianga boat ramp. A boat launch trial was held on 16th September, with 3 large boats easily reversed into launch position. The proposed design remains pegged out with waratahs so that boatowners can trial the new design over the school holidays/Labour Weekend. Boatowners launch/retrieve boats in 'off-peak' periods do not use the loop road, but complete a 'U-turn' within the confines of the wider Boat Ramp road.

We Want Your Feedback

Omaro Reserve upgrade is pending Mercury Bay Community Coard for approval. The 8 community groups & TCDC remain interested in constructive improvement suggestions.

Conundrum - Change - Compromise

The Conundrum. How to juggle the multiple wants: families, boat owners, water sports enthusiasts, freedom campers, bikers, runners, walkers & dogwalkers that frequently use Omaro Reserve? Certainly, no easy task. Change creates conflicting views. Compromise is required. But it also creates an opportunity for Matarangi to develop and beautify land that was originally an airstrip & grazing paddock. Omaro Reserve upgrade is an opportunity for green space improvement for the whole community to use year-round.

Contributed by MRMG -Kay Airey & MRRAI - Mark Bedford

[For information about the Omaro Reserve upgrade, go to TCDC website and type in Omaro in the Search text field to take you to Current Projects.]

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Blue-Ribbon Prostate Cancer Golf Tournament

The final numbers are in — together we raised \$20,507.50! A cheque was proudly presented to Peter Dickens, CEO of the Prostate Cancer Foundation NZ. A huge thank you to everyone who was part of making this tournament a huge success.

Featured below: Rowan Toms, David Gaskell, Peter Dickens and Nicky Fanning.



The Dunes Club Champs

Always a highlight at The Dunes, The Champs are being held this coming weekend Saturday 4th October and Sunday 5th October come along and watch the locals battle it out.

The Winton PGA Pro Am Report



Amidst the challenging weather, we still received some fantastic feedback from both Pros and Sponsors following the Winton PGA ProAm. Here are a few highlights:

- * "Despite the weather, it still felt like a fun week playing some holes on a beautiful course. I had a great time with my team."
- * "The communication between everyone officiating play was excellent."
- * "The format of one pro-am day and one stroke play day is perfect — we hope it continues next year."
- * "The course was in fantastic condition and the greens were pure."
- * "The organization was superb, the golf course was on point, and the sponsors' involvement was amazing."
- * "Even with the weather shuffle, I enjoyed every bit of the tournament."

Congratulations Ivan

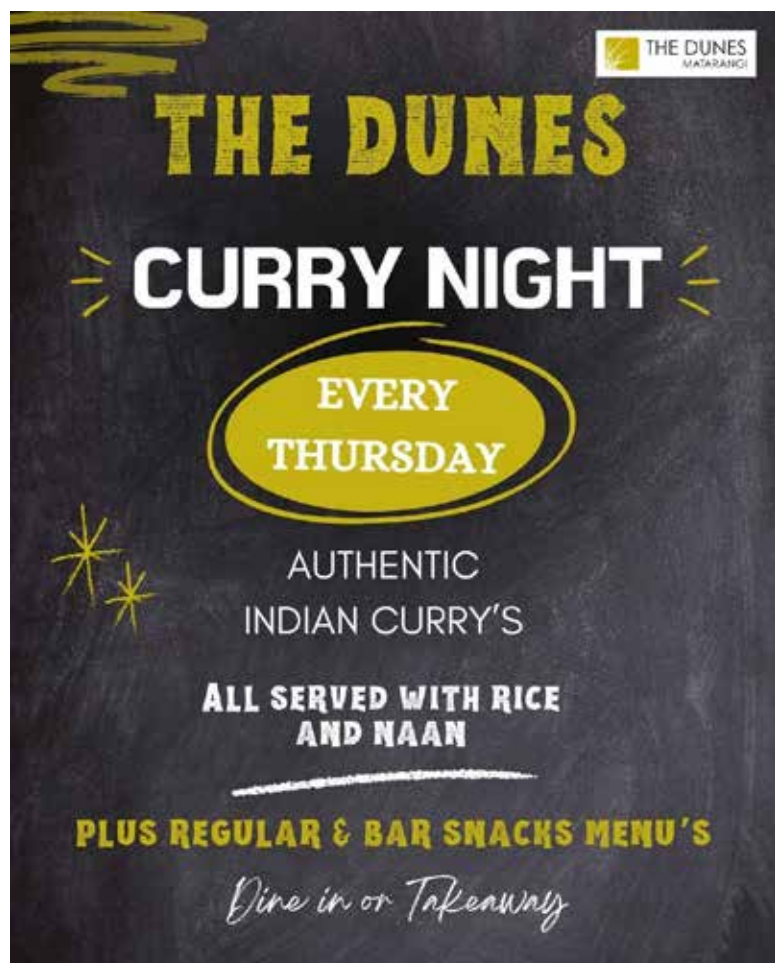


A massive well done to our very own member Ivan Adams, who claimed victory at the Men's Cambridge Classic over the weekend!

Ivan put together rounds of 71, 74, and a closing 70, finishing the tournament at -1 and sealing the win in style on the first playoff hole.

This fantastic achievement has also earned Ivan WAGR (World Amateur Golf Ranking) points — a huge step forward in his golfing journey.

Well done, Ivan — an outstanding result against a strong field.



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Matarangi Fire Station
9-10 am Christiane 0273 122 584

Kuaotunu Craft & Social Club

Kuaotunu Hall
1-4 pm Lia 07 866 2054

Books & Banter (Book club)

7-9 pm 1st Mon each month Pauline
dickinsonpauline@gmail.com

Contract Bridge

St John's Room, 355 Tiki Rd, Coromandel
Tadek 027 235 6335 or Tadekgawor@gmail.com

Tuesday

Croquet

Coromandel Croquet Assoc, Woolams Ave
9.15 am-12 pm 07 866 8066

Bridge for Beginners

The Dunes 3-5 pm
Bronwyn 021 0231 1130

Menz Shed

Matarangi Drive 8 am-12 pm
(open at all times to members)
Phil 021 0272 5230

Wednesday

Men on Mats (Men's Pilates)

Matarangi fire station 9-10 am
Christiane 0273 122 584

Pickleball – social play

Matai Place Courts 9.30-11.30 am
Grant 022 383 6351

Kuaotunu Steiner Playgroup

9am-12pm Phone: 07 866 0094

Mah Jong

The Dunes 12.30-3 pm
Sheila 021 185 8567

Contract bridge

Mercury Bay Bowling Club, Whitianga 1 pm
Tadek 027 235 6335 or Tadekgawor@gamil.com

Kuaotunu Garden Group

2nd Weds of the month
Kuaotunugardenclub@gmail.com

Ladies Coffee morning

The Dunes, 10 am first Weds of the month

Kuaotunu Dune Care Group

3rd Weds of the month
Jenny 021 566 6035

Thursday

Pickleball – competitive play

Matai Place Courts 3.30-5.30 pm
Grant 022 383 6351

Walking Group

Meet at the Dunes 9.00 am
Briar 021 361 944

Craft Group

The Dunes, 12.30 fortnightly
Lesley 021 280 0780

Matarangi Dune Restoration Group

Village Green, 9.00 am 1st Thurs of the month
Kay Airey 0204 120 0975

Recreational Darts

The Dunes, 6.00 pm every other Thursday
The Dunes 07 866 5394

Friday

Lawn Bowls

The Dunes, 2.15-4.15 pm
Wayne Davis 027 458 9544

Croquet

Woolams Ave, Coromandel 9.15 am-12 pm
07 866 8066

Saturday

Pickleball for all

Matai Place Courts, 8.30-10.30 am
Grant 022 383 6351

Hash House Harriers

3 pm winter and 4 pm summer
Bronwyn 0210 231 1130

Brew Crew (Home brewing)

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Phil Mosen 027 4761734

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Sunday Market

Matarangi Drive (in front of shops), 10 am-1pm
Long weekends summer to Labour weekend
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