

# MATARANGI BEACH PAPER



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## Matarangi Youth Fire Cadet Programme Exceeds All Expectations

The Matarangi Volunteer Fire Brigade officially established its inaugural Fire Cadet programme in February, and several months in, the results have exceeded expectations.

What began as an effort to engage local teenagers from Year 9 and up has evolved into a disciplined training unit, with an intake of 11 cadets forming a foundation for the brigade's future force.

The cadet programme is now one of six that have been started by volunteer fire brigades around the country. The cadets have

thoroughly impressed the senior firefighters with their positive participation, eagerness to learn, and responsible attitude toward their roles. The programme focuses on technical aspects of emergency response, including hose handling, equipment maintenance, and medical training like first aid and AED use.

While cadets do not attend live calls, the curriculum aligns with national standards, providing a direct pathway to becoming a qualified firefighter at age eighteen. Joining a fire cadet programme offers teenagers a unique blend of life skills, career readiness, and personal growth. Take Cadet Lily Ray

Threadgold's word for it. "It's fun. We are really doing some cool stuff and learning so much."

Recent weeks have seen the group move into complex simulations. Last month, they participated in a motor vehicle accident exercise, managing logistics and extrication protocols. To add realism, some cadets acted as victims to experience the responder-patient dynamic firsthand.

The programme's community integration reached a milestone on April 25th, when cadets marched alongside the senior crew in

the annual ANZAC Day parade. This public appearance highlighted the discipline the teenagers have developed.

"By balancing technical drills with formal community service," Fire Chief Mark Hall notes, "we are successfully building a pipeline for future volunteers." The high turnout reflects strong interest and local support from families and the community.

Local youth interested in joining are encouraged to visit the station on training nights or make contact via social media.

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# A Meaningful Retirement: Why Your Old Vehicle is a Firefighter's Best Classroom



Saying goodbye to a vehicle is rarely just about the mechanics; it's often about the memories.

For six years, my late father's VW Golf sat in my driveway or was relegated to the kerb, a quiet reminder of him that I was reluctant to let go. However, when the cost of a Warrant of Fitness finally eclipsed the car's actual value, I had to face reality. Rather than sending it to a silent fate at a scrap yard, a suggestion from Steve at Whitianga Towing led me to the Matarangi Volunteer Fire Brigade, turning a sentimental goodbye into a life-saving opportunity.

Many people don't realise that an "end-of-life" vehicle is one of the most precious resources a local fire department can receive. While we often think of firefighters only in the context of putting out flames, a huge portion of their work involves motor vehicle accidents. For these volunteers to stay sharp, they need realistic props to practice on. There is simply no substitute for the real-world experience of using hydraulic rescue tools on actual steel and glass.

By donating my Golf, I wasn't just clearing my driveway; I was providing the crew with a hands-on laboratory to refine the speed and precision required to save lives during a roadside emergency.

These training sessions are critical because every vehicle is engineered differently. Practising on a variety of makes and models allows the brigade to study the unique anatomy of different cars—learning exactly where to cut and where to avoid hazards like reinforced pillars or undetonated airbags.

When I took that final drive along Harbour Drive last week, it felt less like a trip to the wreckers and more like a dignified funeral procession, with the silver VW slowly following Mark Hall in his large black ute.

Mark was very professional and empathetic, understanding the situation's significance and gravity. My old mate Adrian Catran from Twentyman's would have been very impressed!

Later on Wednesday night, watching the Matarangi Fire crew get to work during their training night made it clear that the "old girl" was still capable of doing a lot of good for the community. It was a privilege to see the teamwork, professionalism, and dedication of our local fire crew up close. As they were extracting cadets from the old VW in a simulated accident scenario on a cold Autumn night, I kept thinking that here are three dozen local people giving up their evenings to do this for us!

This final act felt especially right because my father was always a staunch supporter of the volunteer fire service. He understood that these men and women are the heartbeat of rural New Zealand, and I know he would have been proud to see his car being used for such a selfless cause. If you find yourself with a vehicle that has reached the end of its road, I encourage you to look past the scrap value and consider the community value. Donating a car ensures our first responders stay prepared, giving an old car a heroic final chapter.

## Kūaotunu Dunes Flourish as Volunteers Plant 2,000 Natives

Last Wednesday morning provided a glorious backdrop for local conservation as over 30 keen volunteers gathered at Grays Beach for the latest Good for Your Soul – Kaitiaki project. Starting promptly at 8:30 am, the Kūaotunu Dune Care group worked throughout the morning to settle 2,000 native plants into the sand. This milestone effort, supported by the Kaitiaki initiative, marks a significant step in ensuring the Hauraki Coromandel remains a thriving, biodiverse haven.

This initiative is a vital revival of restoration work first begun by dedicated community members in the 1990s. Over the intervening decades, invasive exotic plants had begun to encroach upon the back dunes, threatening the native scrub and the precious archaeological sites, such as ancient middens, that define the area's unique history. By removing these threats and replanting native species, the group is creating a resilient ecosystem that stabilises the shoreline against erosion while safeguarding the region's irreplaceable cultural heritage.

Beyond the environmental benefits, the morning was a celebration of community spirit and hard work, rewarded with a convivial morning tea break featuring delicious scones. This local success is part of the wider Good for Your Soul – Kaitiaki project, an inspired initiative across the peninsula that invites locals and visitors alike to give back to the land they love. By supporting various planting sites throughout the Hauraki Coromandel, the project empowers the community to become guardians of the region, ensuring that every tree planted helps to restore native habitats and protect the natural beauty that makes this area so special.



Featured: A great turnout of volunteers who enjoyed beautiful weather for the Kuaotunu Dunes Care Group planting day at Grays Beach.

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The Thames-Coromandel District Council's "Tough Choices for Lower Rates" plan, intended to signal fiscal responsibility, feels less like a strategic pivot and more like a superficial haircut for a community facing a cost-of-living crisis. The Councillors we voted in—as opposed to the staff we did not—rightly want to reduce the average rates increase from the staff-recommended 13% down to 3.77%, a figure more in line with inflation. Yet, while the Council asks residents to accept shaggier berms and shut transfer stations, it conspicuously avoids the conversation that actually matters: the size of its own bureaucracy.

In Matarangi, the Council will reduce shrub maintenance on Kenwood Drive and Puka Crescent. It will implement no winter mowing at the Matarangi Entrance (May–October) or at The Pines, Village Green, and Bluff Road Reserves (June–August), and stop mowing berms on Matarangi Drive and Harbour Drive. In Kuaotunu, village shrubs will be maintained less often and reserve shrubs removed entirely. Winter mowing will also cease from June to August on parts of the Kuaotunu Reserves. Similarly, in Whangapoua, township shrub maintenance will decrease, winter mowing will stop on Hamiora Esplanade and South End Reserves, and berm mowing will end on Mangakahia Drive and Tangiora Avenue.

There is a perverse irony in staff proposing service cuts and fee hikes while doing less for those paying the bill. Rates should not be a job creation scheme for a bureaucracy whose salaries exceed those they serve. The disconnect is stark: three-quarters of district households earn under \$50,000, and the median income is 42% below the national average.

In contrast, the Chief Executive's full remuneration package recently rose to \$400,073—five times the average local household income. Moreover, 82 staff members earn over \$100,000 annually. With 277 full-time equivalent staff, the Council maintains a ratio of one employee for every 62 of the 17000 working age people in this district aged 16-65 years who go out to work each day to earn the money to pay for them.

While leadership defends this "bureaucracy," ratepayers rightly question why productivity lags behind rising costs. A \$1 million target for personnel savings is a token gesture representing a small fraction of the Councils budget. Instead of deep restructuring, the plan targets community assets like kerbside collections and essential facility fees. The bottom line: ratepayers must pay more for less while internal structures remain protected.

Tellingly, a "fifth option" to cut personnel costs was omitted from the plan. Before shutting transfer stations or adding fees to struggling budgets, the Council must look inward. Reducing the personnel budget is a matter of basic fairness. Rates should fund roads and water, not a growing, privileged lanyard class the residents of the peninsula can no longer afford to carry.

Under Section 41A of the Local Government Act 2002, the Mayor holds the leadership mandate to drive organisational strategy and fiscal responsibility. To support this, the Mayor may establish an independent advisory panel of community experts—specialists in fields like lean management or organisational design—to provide high-level advice and identify efficiencies. Whilst any significant reforms or budget adjustments must be formally adopted by the full Council, this expert-led oversight provides the evidence necessary to set firm budgetary caps and personnel spending limits. By recommending a reduction in non-essential department scope, the panel creates a clear governance mandate for the Chief Executive to restructure the workforce, shifting the financial burden away from ratepayers and back onto the organisation. The Peninsula is uniquely positioned to lead this effort.

Our peninsula community is home to retired professionals with global expertise in finance, law, and management who possess the skills to "right-size" complex systems. Tapping into this pro bono talent would provide the Council with independent, high-level oversight to ensure long-term fiscal stability at no extra cost to the public.

Ultimately, the Council's plan avoids internal scrutiny by presenting a false choice between higher rates or neglected gardens. Leveraging local expertise to audit the Council's structure is a way to bridge the disconnect between a high-salaried administration and the struggling households they serve. Instead of settling for a "superficial haircut" of amenities, the Mayor and Council should use their legislative powers to ensure the personnel budget is held to the same standard of fiscal discipline as our boat ramps, rubbish dumps and berms.



Te Rerenga School has launched a new community sponsorship programme, offering local businesses a chance to invest in the next generation while boosting their own local visibility. We are now calling for partners to help fund three major initiatives for 2026: the Year 7 & 8 Wellington capital city camp, the Year 5 & 6 cultural trip to Rotorua, and new school hoodies for all students.

Sponsoring our school is a simple way to give back while promoting your business. It's about strengthening connections and supporting local education. With the 2026 school year already in motion, the school is offering a pro-rated fee for the remaining three terms across four distinct tiers.

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## KRRA Vote of Confidence in Current Committee

The Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association recently held its Annual General Meeting at the Kuaotunu Hall on Sunday, 26 April. The meeting saw a strong turnout of approximately fifty community members, demonstrating the high level of local engagement in village affairs.

During the proceedings, the community confirmed the re-election of the existing committee to lead the association for the coming year. This returning leadership team includes Chair Steve Hart, Deputy Chair Ian Preece, and Secretary Kevin Crawford, alongside Gael Coleman, Roimata Taimana, Marguerite Muellers, Isabel Gilbert Palmer, Dani Elliston, Steffi Hammann-Evans, and Chris Brock.

Chair Steve Hart led the session, which featured guest speakers Flemming Rasmussen and Tony Brljevic from the Thames-Coromandel District Council. The presence of these councillors provided a valuable opportunity for residents to engage directly with local government representatives.

The discussion focused primarily on the council's governance objectives, with a particular emphasis on addressing the ongoing burden of rates. The councillors were able to clarify which specific services are currently up for discussion as the council reviews its long-term financial strategies and community priorities.

Featured: Secretary Kevin Crawford with Chair Steve Hart at the AGM held in the Kuaotunu Hall on April 26.



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# MBCC Makes Decision on Omaro Reserve Layout

The Mercury Bay Community Board has formally reached a decision regarding the multi-use layout and safety improvements for Omaro Reserve in Matarangi following its meeting on April 15, 2026.

The board voted to adopt the proposed revised concept plan, which focused on reorganising the reserve to better accommodate both recreational users and boat ramp traffic. This decision follows a period of community consultation and a physical trial of the proposed vehicle access changes held over the recent holiday period.

A primary component of the approved plan is the permanent removal of the vehicle circle around the public toilet block. This change is intended to reduce traffic movement through the core of the reserve, creating a more cohesive green space for pedestrians and families. To support this new configuration, the plan includes the installation of timber bollards and new signage to clearly define parking areas and protect passive recreation zones from vehicle encroachment.

For boat users, the adopted design introduces a dedicated gravel pull-in bay to assist with reversing onto the boat ramp. The concrete crossings will also be widened to improve maneuverability for trailers. These modifications were tested during the school holidays and Labour Weekend, and the decision to move forward was informed by feedback indicating that the revised layout functioned effectively for the majority of users.



Additional improvements scheduled for the reserve include the replacement of the existing toilet facility, with funding secured through the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

The plan also provides for the removal of some existing gravel areas, which will be top-dressed and seeded with grass to increase the available picnic space. New shade trees,

specifically Pohutukawa, are to be planted to enhance the reserve.

Implementation of these changes is expected to progress in stages, with the council now moving toward the final design and procurement for the physical works.

## Matarangi Four Square Donation Boosts Local Resilience



When the Coromandel weather turns nasty and the roads close, coastal communities like ours often find themselves on an island of their own. But thanks to a generous initiative from Sharon and Darren Walker at Four Square Matarangi, we are now better prepared to weather the next storm.

Partnering with Foodstuffs North Island through their "Here for NZ" fund, the Walkers successfully secured funding to provide emergency grocery supplies for our local Emergency Response Teams in Kuaotunu, Matarangi and Whangapoua. The Matarangi Four Square team worked around the clock to organise, pack, and deliver these essential kits.

They aren't just snacks; but carefully planned survival packages designed to help families get through the most difficult phases of a Civil Defence emergency. The first bulk supplies are now securely stored at Kuaotunu, and at Te Rerenga School, ready for immediate distribution if the community is cut off by flooding or slips. Sharon and Darren are now working on preparing the emergency supplies for Matarangi with their Emergency Response Team.

Each comprehensive package is stocked with the absolute necessities to sustain a household during a Civil Defence emergency.

Nutrition is covered by pantry staples like canned spaghetti, baked beans, pasta, oats, 2-minute noodles, and soup sachets, along with milk powder and bottled water. For a bit of comfort, the kits include tea, Milo, chocolate, and biscuits, while family pets are looked after with pet food.

Beyond food, the supplies ensure health and functionality with essential toiletries, toothpaste, body wash, and nappies, alongside practical hardware such as gas lighters, can openers, rubbish bags, and cleaning products.

"We are really proud to be able to support the local Emergency Response Teams," says Sharon Walker. "The teams have been super busy getting everything ready, and we're relieved to know these supplies are now in place."

*Featured: Sharon Walker of Matarangi Four Square.*

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## Sir Barry Curtis (1939 - 2026)



Sir Barry Curtis, the visionary planner who drafted the very first maps of Matarangi and remained a dedicated local for over half a century, passed away on 30 March 2026, aged 87. While New Zealand knew him as the “Father of Manukau City” and its longest-serving mayor, in Matarangi, Sir Barry was simply a neighbour—a familiar face who spent five decades walking the white sands of the beach he so meticulously helped design.

Long before his knighthood or his 24-year mayoral tenure, Sir Barry was an architect of our township. Alongside Neil Simmons and Danny Hrstich, he developed the original schemes for the Matarangi settlement. He championed “enlightened planning,” a philosophy that balanced development with the peninsula’s sensitive coastal geography.

His legacy is etched into our landscape through three core principles: the preservation of

natural open spaces to protect iconic vistas of the Coromandel Ranges; the use of low-impact infrastructure, such as the wetlands and lakes that filter our stormwater; and the enforcement of significant coastal setbacks to protect our 4.5km beach.

For Sir Barry, Matarangi was more than a project; it was a sanctuary. One of our original section owners, his roots here preceded the public release of lots in 1976. Legend has it he had “dibs” on his Kenwood Drive slice of paradise well before the ink was dry on the plans.

Even as he oversaw the explosive growth of Manukau, Sir Barry remained a surveyor at heart with a deep stake in the Coromandel. Knighted in 1992, he remained an active voice in local issues until his passing. He is survived by his family and the streets of Matarangi, which stand as a living monument to his vision.

(Photo Credit: Auckland Council Heritage)

## CONGRATULATIONS CORNER



**Congratulations to Harry and Sue Karl on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Married on 17 April 1976, the couple met in 1975 while serving as RAF officers at a NATO base in Germany. Harry, a Kiwi from Papakura, was a Harrier Jump Jet pilot, while Sue, who hails from Wales, served as the Base Accounts Officer and was in charge of the enlisted RAF women on the base. Clearly, it was love at first flight!**

When the RAF posted Sue back to the UK, she resigned her commission to remain with Harry in Germany. However, not long after that, Harry was himself posted back to the UK to train pilots. Later, in the early 1980s, they spent two years in North Carolina where Harry was on an exchange tour with the US Marines, followed by a final stint back in Germany.

After 20 years abroad, they returned to New Zealand, settling in Auckland before moving permanently to their Matarangi bach 15 years ago. Intrepid travellers, Harry and Sue celebrated their anniversary in Peru with Scottish RAF friends Mary and Gordon Nisbet, visiting sights such as Cusco and Machu Picchu. The four friends make a point of meeting somewhere globally at least once a year.

## Opito Bay Salt Gold Winners

There was plenty to celebrate over at Opito Bay last month! Our very own local salt crafters, Opito Bay Salt Co., have made a massive splash at the 2026 Outstanding NZ Food Producer Awards.

Owners Perry Cornish and Erin Mone—who many of you will remember traded their Auckland finance suits for gumboots and brine a few years back—took home an incredible haul of four Gold medals and a Bronze. It is a fantastic result for New Zealand’s only natural sea salt producer, proving that the sun, wind, and pristine Coromandel waters are a winning combination.

The judges couldn’t get enough of the “delicious depth of flavour” and “great texture” of the salts and seasonings. It’s a proud moment for the Northern Mercury Bay community to see Perry and Erin’s hard work and sustainable methods recognised on the national stage.

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## The Easter Fishing was on Fire



The Matarangi community enjoyed a spectacular weekend on the water for the Matarangi Volunteer Fire Brigade Easter Fishing Competition 2026. Anglers and families gathered in great spirits to support the local brigade, resulting in a successful event filled with impressive catches and local camaraderie. The competition concluded with a lively fish auction and prize-giving ceremony at the fire station, where the community celebrated the skills of seasoned fishers and enthusiastic juniors alike.

Kevin Naylor won the snapper category with a 7.165kg catch. Samantha Bainbridge placed second in snapper (4.858kg) and recorded the heaviest kahawai at 2.424kg. Raynor Brown landed a 3.890kg trevally, earning first place for the species and the title of heaviest land-based fish. Roxy Robson won the gurnard category with a 0.606kg entry.

In the junior division, Ava Bradley took both the heaviest snapper (5.152kg) and the average weight prize. Additional awards went to Bob Segetin (snapper average weight) and Steve Clay (mystery weight). The kingfish and John Dory categories were not claimed this year. The brigade acknowledged the participants, volunteers, and auction buyers for their contributions to the fundraising effort.

The event's success was made possible through the incredible generosity of the community. The Matarangi Volunteer Fire Brigade extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part, purchased fish at the auction, or volunteered their time. With another successful competition in the books, the brigade looks forward to welcoming everyone back to the scales next year.

The Matarangi Volunteer Fire Brigade would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors for their vital support in providing prizes and making this event possible: Beaches Matarangi, Beach Realty Matarangi, Richardson's, Matarangi 4 Square, Matarangi General Store, Land & Volt Electrical, Brendan & Meridith O'Connell, Peter Hazael, Josh Woods, Grant Cameron, and Karlos Matchett. Additionally, a huge thank you goes to the many local businesses and individuals who contributed the fantastic array of spot prizes enjoyed by our participants.

## Matarangi Medical Clinic and Comer Legal to Host Free Workshop to Demystify Enduring Power of Attorney

In an effort to support local residents with essential future planning, Mercury Bay Medical Centre and Comer Legal Mobile Law Solutions are partnering to host a free educational workshop. The session focuses entirely on the Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA), a legal tool that ensures an individual's affairs are managed by a trusted representative should they become unable to make decisions for themselves. This important community event is scheduled for Friday, 8 May 2026, at the MBMC Matarangi Clinic.

The presentation will be led by Leonie Hogg, a Registered Legal Executive with Comer Legal, alongside Yvette Simpson, a Social Worker from Mercury Bay Medical Centre. Together, they bring a balanced perspective that covers both the legal requirements and the social implications of long-term care planning. Their combined expertise aims to provide a clear roadmap for anyone wanting to understand their entitlements and the necessary steps to secure their future interests.

During the morning session, attendees will learn about the fundamental purpose of an EPA and how these legal protections evolved to serve the public. The speakers will explain the practicalities of how these documents operate in real-world scenarios and provide vital information on the selection of an attorney or a successor attorney. By addressing these topics in an open forum, the organisers hope to remove the confusion and stress often associated with legal and medical planning.

The workshop begins promptly at 10:00 AM within the Matarangi Shopping Centre at the MBMC Matarangi Clinic. This information-sharing event is open to all members of the public seeking guidance on these critical life documents. Attendees are encouraged to come prepared with questions and to take advantage of this professional guidance offered in a local, accessible setting.

### GOOD SORT OF THE MONTH



The awful weather brought out the best in our community as a couple of thoughtful Matarangi residents offered their time to make sure people and their property were looked after before the cyclone hit.

Consequently, we have received two nominations for "Good Sort of the Month." Independently—and in a clear case of great

minds thinking alike—Luca Vega and Doc Cameron took it upon themselves to ensure everyone's properties were secure prior to the storm. During cyclones, even heavy objects like outdoor furniture can be blown over and cause damage; rubbish bins need to be secured and equipment placed under cover.

Well done, lads! As two "whippersnappers" in the age stakes, you have both earned a complimentary coffee and muffin from Lesley's at the Matarangi Mataz Coffee Cart.

## Scott Simpson

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Where in the WORLD is the Matarangi Beach Paper?



Martin van Doorn and Jackie Buckley found the perfect way to escape the recent storms battering the coast—by heading south to the carrot capital of the world! The couple took a well-earned break in Ohakune, posing for a classic snap in front of the town's iconic 7.5-metre giant carrot. The trip was a special getaway to celebrate another of Jackie's birthdays in style.

While the weather back home was giving Matarangi a thrashing, Jackie and Martin were busy enjoying the sunshine and (presumably) a few of the town's famous chocolate éclairs. Happy Birthday, Jackie! It looks like you picked the perfect spot to stay dry and celebrate.



Werner and Shirley Mueller recently took the Matarangi Beach Paper to new heights—literally! The pair traveled to the Truong Son Mountains of Vietnam to visit the spectacular Ba Na Hills. To reach their destination, they enjoyed a breathtaking 5.7km cable car ride, one of the longest in the world, which offered panoramic views of lush jungle canopies and cascading waterfalls.

During their stay the Muellers visited the world-famous Golden Bridge. Shirley and Werner described the architectural marvel—which appears to be held aloft by two giant stone hands—as a true highlight of the trip. Reflecting on their journey, the Muellers shared that they found Vietnam to be a wonderfully diverse, busy, and friendly country with a rich culture.

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Anzac Day continues to stand as the most significant public event on the Matarangi calendar, bringing the community together in a powerful display of remembrance. This year was no exception, as hundreds of marchers and participants gathered to honour the service and sacrifice of those who served.

New Zealand Army, brought a wealth of experience from his time with the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment when speaking about the meaning of Anzac day and service to one's country.

The commemorations began at daybreak with a tradition born from the 2020 lockdowns, where dozens of locals gathered in small, silent groups along Matarangi Beach for a dawn vigil. Together, they reflected on the first Anzacs who stepped ashore at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915.

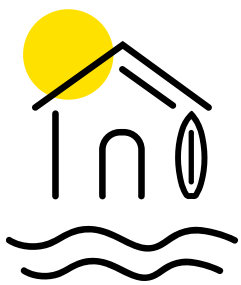
The next generation played a vital role in the service, with students from Te Rerenga School participating through a Kapa Haka performance and Waiata led by Bella Dixon, Ella Commins, and Fay Devoy. Literary tributes added to the solemnity of the morning; Jackie Buckley read the service poem, while Bella Dixon and Niko Varga shared the poem 'ANZAC Day' by Stina Franke-Towgood, a former Te Rerenga School student. Fay Devoy delivered the traditional poem 'In Flanders Fields', Dave Smith recited the Ode to the Fallen, and Mary Kedzlie led the community in the service prayers.



The official ceremony was led by Parade Commander Lt Cdr Evan Kaska, with Maree Taylor serving as the Master of Ceremonies. The haunting notes of Battle of the Somme, played by ceremonial piper Phil Nielsen, set a sombre tone, while Ngāti Huarere provided a moving Karakia and Waiata.

The success of the day was made possible by the collective support of FENZ Matarangi, Te Rerenga School, Ngāti Huarere, the TCDC Community Board, and 4 Square Matarangi. The organisers also wish to acknowledge the Whitianga RSA. Matarangi once again ensured that the legacy of the Anzacs remains honoured and remembered. Lest we forget.

It was also a privilege to welcome back former Parade Commander George Ririnui as this year's guest speaker. George, a former Warrant Officer in the



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## The 2026 Doris Day Out Fishing Contest

What a difference a fine weekend makes!

It was fantastic to see the community out and about, making the most of the stunning weather over the ANZAC break with the 15th Doris Day Ladies Day Out, held on Sunday, April 26th. The conditions were near-perfect for our anglers.

The 2026 theme was "Hooked on H". Participants were encouraged to dress up in outfits starting with the letter "H," such as Hula, Hippies, Hawaiian, or High-vis. The Best Dressed Team prize was awarded to the most creative group Team Sureal.

The Matarangi Boating and Fishing Club (MB&FC) would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the participants for your energy, sportsmanship, and incredible costumes.

A huge shout-out to the team behind the scenes. From managing the official weigh-in and capturing the event photos to organising the shared meal afterward—which was a total hit—it ensured the day wrapped up perfectly.

Results:

<p><b>Snapper</b></p> <p>1st Deanne Eden 5.526kg 2nd. Lyn Hatch 4.842kg 3rd. Vicky Soljan. 4.034kg</p> <p><b>Kingfish</b></p> <p>1st. Renee Woods. 8.83kg 2nd. Toni Kaska, 6.76kg</p> <p><b>Kahawai</b></p> <p>1st. Kirsty Walker. 1.916kg 2nd. Jen Commins. 1.876kg</p> <p><b>Average Weight</b></p> <p>Chloe Cox 1.484kg</p>	<p><b>Most Unusual Catch</b></p> <p>Toni Kaska ( Catch &amp; release bird)</p> <p><b>Best Dressed Team</b></p> <p>Team Sureal</p> <p><b>Last Girl Standing</b></p> <p>Laurna White</p> <p>Thank you to our Sponsors for making this a truly memorable event.</p>
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## Ten Years On

Ten years ago, we reported on the Pink Ribbon Breakfast for the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation, hosted by Paula Ryan and Rob Dallimore at their residence. Over sixty ladies, and a few supportive men, were treated to freshly brewed coffee and morning tea. Organiser Judy Nobilo thanked attendees for their support, announcing a grand total of \$3,300 raised. This was an exceptional result, made possible because everything was donated, allowing all proceeds to go directly to the Foundation.

Paula Ryan gave a moving speech about her life—from her early days on the family farm and her dreams of acting to how strong family values eventually led her into the worlds of fashion and publishing.

In local news from the same period, Jack Nash Penwarden and his dad, Mike, took home the prize for the winning pumpkin at the 2016 Kuaotunu Pumpkin Festival. Their massive entry tipped the scales at 144.5kg. According to Mike, the secret to the win—after planting in December 2015—was "lots of sun and plenty of good food."

"A Taste of Matarangi" was once again a huge success, with locals and visitors enjoying a great day of food, refreshments, and music. The real triumph, however, was the community impact: \$12,000 was gifted to the Rescue Helicopter and \$3,000 to KSAR.

We marked another wonderful ANZAC Day Parade, led by George Ririnui and MC'd by Gordon Barnaby. The service was attended by Cdr Muzz Kennant and his crew from the HMNZS Manawanui. A highlight of the service was a special badge board curated by Howard Smith. The cabinet displayed WWI regimental badges from every district in New Zealand, from Northland to Southland. It also featured insignia from the Infantry, Mounted Rifles, and various Corps, including the Artillery, Veterinary, Signals, and the Māori Pioneer Battalion.

Finally, CJ Palmer finally did it! In front of a small but adoring crowd, he scored a hole-in-one on the 18th. Had it been a competition day, CJ would have had to pay himself the \$200 sponsorship he usually offers. We wonder if he talked himself into taking the money anyway?

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# 50 Years in the Making: Reflecting on the Journey of Matarangi

by Mike Harper

This Easter weekend saw the 50th anniversary of the first section sales to the public on Kenwood Drive. Over the weekend saw a dozen sales with the Irwin family the last of those original owners still holidaying in Matarangi. The milestone offered an opportunity to reflect on the evolution of the village we call home.

Between 1984 and 1996, Mike Harper was a firsthand witness to the team and the vision that shaped the peninsula's future. During this pivotal era, Matarangi underwent a definitive period of growth, evolving from a remote outpost of just six permanent households to a thriving, established community of approximately 120 people by the time he moved away.

The following memoir by Mike Harper is drawn from his personal recollections and direct involvement in the development of Matarangi—a decade-plus journey through the engineering feats, corporate transitions, and the dedicated individuals who together built the foundations of modern Matarangi.

The development of the Matarangi subdivision was initiated by Ken Woodhead, who was also well known for his projects around Kuaotunu, specifically Cuvier Crescent and the local campground. In the early 1970s, Ken engaged Barry Curtis to survey the initial development land. Before Ken's involvement in creating a beachside subdivision, the property was farmed by the Simpson family. Following the sale of the land in the late 1960s, Harold Abrahamson continued to run stock on the property.

Ken's vision was a traditional "ribbon" style development, inspired by the Pauanui project which had begun in 1968. This vision became a reality in Easter 1976, when the first sections in the inaugural stage of Matarangi on Kenwood Drive were sold. During this early phase of Matarangi, the company continued to farm the residual land and employed Bruce and Sandy Porter as managers.

The Porters lived in a farmhouse in the "Home Paddock" and later moved to a house on Goldfield Drive. They eventually went on to own a trucking company in Tauranga, and the farm lease was subsequently taken over by local farmer Russell Clague. In the late 1970s or early 1980s, Ken sold his interests to Rothmans. During their tenure, the management team included General Manager Bob Matthew, Accountant Laurie Doolan, Project Manager Alastair Irving, and Local Manager Graham Collings, who resided in the beachfront property on Kenwood Drive.

Yvonne Harris, now known as Yvonne Franklin, served as Graham's secretary and sales support. Rothmans engaged the

Tse Group to collaborate with the Council on a long-term structure plan for the project. Keith Mahoney and Maurice Meads represented Tse Group, while Graham Lawrence worked on the project as a TCDC planner. Rothmans management frequently visited the site, often arriving on their corporate plane.

The resulting structure plan allowed development to proceed up to approximately 2,600 metres from the toe of Matarangi Bluff. It established a 100-metre beachfront setback west of Matarangi Drive and ensured that 60% of the peninsula remained as open space. The primary limiting factors for the project were the water supply and sewage disposal. This plan remained in place until the mid-90s and was later incorporated into the TCDC district plans.

Development progressed through the early 1980s with Stages 2 through 5. I began selling Stage 5 and vividly recall a summer weekend in 1985 when I sold 17 sections in a single day. The golf course began in 1986, marked by the arrival of Sir Bob Charles and designer John Darby to walk the land and design the first nine holes. Development eventually reached Stage 9, which sat adjacent to the Golf Links at the end of Matarangi Drive.

Under the engineering control of Maurice Meads, Rothmans utilised a dedicated group of contractors to build the core of the town. Local operators Laurie and Dean Monrad used motor scrapers and bulldozers to reshape the terrain, and they were supported in these earthworks by Phil Toogood of Whitianga Earthmovers. Harold Abrahamson managed the logistical movement and transport of materials, pivoting from his earlier role as the property's stockman.

Whitianga Excavators specialised in the delicate task of installing the underground sewer lines across the sandy spit, while Bill Whooley and Sons were engaged to install the comprehensive network of water reticulation for each residential stage. Arrow Civil Construction were then responsible for laying the roads, building the community tennis courts, and constructing the sewer ponds.

High-capacity water storage units provided by Timber Tanks were located on Matarangi Bluff to maintain town pressure, and the firm Cato Bollam carried out all the survey work to precisely mark out the stages and individual sections. Following the 1988 share market crash, sales slowed significantly.

By the mid-1980s we had already seen the construction of the first stage of the commercial centre, which was built by Whitianga builder David Wickenden. This centre housed the sales office and a company-owned dairy managed by Toni

Gordon. The Fire Brigade was also established during this period, with the company providing land and assistance for the construction of the first stage of the fire station.

Securing water rights from the Opiotoni Stream was a major turning point for the development's success. This was a controversial move at the time because it required a pipeline across the Whangapoua Harbour, which was the last remaining untouched harbour on the Coromandel. Local environmental scientist Stella Penny oversaw the project, which involved blasting trenches across three of the channels within the harbour.

The system included a large wooden reservoir behind the commercial area that was used for the golf course and to recharge the aquifer. In the late 1980s, the company also vested a large parcel of land near the sewage treatment facility to the Department of Conservation as a wildlife habitat reserve.

Through various acquisitions, Rothmans eventually traded as Magnum Corporation and later as DB Group Limited. By the late 1980s, the company decided to sell the development to Monticeno Limited, a South Island investment group consisting of Howard Patterson, Phillip Burmester, and David Smallbone.

Under this new ownership, Matarangi saw a resurgence with the development of The Cove, The Pines, and the area near the Village Green. These beachfront sections were the first developed since the early stages and were therefore incredibly popular. The group also designed several villas and the second nine holes of the Golf Links, though these were never acted upon by subsequent owners.

Until the mid-1990s, the company employed a full-time staff of five to maintain the subdivision and council reserves under contract to the TCDC. We took great pride in providing work for locals and presenting the development beautifully, which certainly assisted with sales. During this time, we worked very closely with Ngāti Hei representatives Peter Johnston and Joe Davis.

In 1996, Mark Hotchin of the Hanover Group purchased Matarangi. Unfortunately, under this new ownership, many of the historical records including photos, master plans, and aerial photography were destroyed. Among these lost records was evidence of an experimental fertilisation programme for the foredunes that highlighted the programme's effectiveness. It is a great pity this did not continue, as it may have helped avoid some of the erosion the area has recently experienced.

By Mike Harper

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## New 'Matarangi Share a Ride' Group Launches

The Matarangi community has gained a vital new resource with the launch of the Matarangi Share a Ride Facebook group.

Conceived by local resident Jodie Robertson and developed with support from Heidi Steward, the initiative provides a dedicated hub for neighbours to coordinate travel, share costs and strengthen local connections.

By creating a specialised space, Jodie ensures that transport needs—from daily commutes to one-off trips—remain visible and do not get lost in general community boards.

The group addresses the practical challenges of rising fuel costs and limited transport options.

As Jodie explains: "I created the ride-share group as a simple way to help strengthen our community and make everyday travel easier. Whether it's commuting to work, getting to appointments, or helping families with activities, sharing rides is a practical way to reduce costs, support one another and stay connected. It's about neighbours helping neighbours and making the most of what we already have."

This self-managed group supports a wide range of needs, including school pickups, errands for those whose cars are in the garage and longer journeys to Auckland, Hamilton or Thames for medical appointments. Beyond the logistics, it offers a way for residents to meet, reducing the environmental impact of solo driving while fostering a culture of mutual aid.

With plans to expand the network to include the Kuaotunu and Whangapoua communities, the group is set to become an essential tool for regional resilience. By turning empty car seats into opportunities for connection, the Matarangi Share a Ride group proves that getting from A to B is much easier when the journey is shared.

For more go to: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1CKjxwKFVZ/>



Mars and Saturn can be seen in the eastern dawn sky this month while at dusk we have Jupiter and Venus on display in the west. Mercury will join these two at the end of the month very low in the west at dusk but rising higher each night.

Comet C/2025 R3 has survived its close encounter with the Sun and can now be seen just after dusk very low in the west. It is very faint so binoculars will probably be needed to spot it as a fuzzy patch low on the horizon below the bright star Rigel on the left side of Orion. The first week to 10 days of the month will be the best viewing as it will steadily be getting fainter as it moves away from the Sun although it will be getting a bit higher each night and climbing up next to Rigel on the 7th.

We will be able to see the Moon cover up or 'occlude' the red giant star Antares in Scorpio for just over an hour on May 31 as it moves on its ceaseless 28 day journey around the Earth.

There will be many Chinese Tiangong and International Space Station (ISS) passes to view this month but, as usual, timings may change especially towards the end of the month if they have to be moved to avoid space junk. It is always best to check the website [heavens-above.com](http://heavens-above.com) for updated timings.

May 5 – Tiangong will be visible from 6:45pm in the SW and disappears into the Earth's shadow just below the Southern Cross.

May 6 – These few days are the best time to view the Eta Aquarid meteors, best seen after midnight. They originate in Comet Halley's tail.

May 8 – From 6:53pm in the SW we have a long bright Tiangong pass.

May 9 – We have a long Tiangong pass in the west from 5:52pm passing right through the Southern Cross.

May 10 – From 6:27pm we have a long bright Tiangong pass in the west.

May 12 – The crescent Moon sits high above Saturn and Mars in the eastern pre-dawn sky.

May 13 – The crescent Moon, Saturn and Mars are equally spaced in the east before sunrise with Mars the lowest. From 6:04am in the north we can also view the ISS.

May 15 – The Moon now sits just beside Mars in the pre-dawn sky while the ISS will make a bright pass in the NE from 6:05am.

May 16 – Saturn, Mars and the crescent Moon are all equally spaced in the eastern pre-dawn sky with Saturn the highest of the trio.

May 17 – We have a bright ISS pass from 6:08am in the west moving above the Southern Cross.

May 19 – The crescent Moon sits just beside bright Venus at dusk with Jupiter above and to the right in the northwest while in SW morning sky from 6:10am we have a bright ISS pass just touching the Southern Cross.

May 20 – The Moon has moved to be directly below Jupiter at dusk with bright Venus lower down.

May 21 – The Moon now sits above and to the right of Jupiter and well above brighter Venus at dusk in the northwest.

May 22 – Jupiter sits about halfway between the Moon and Venus at dusk.

May 31 – We have a low ISS pass from 6:19am in the south starting between the two pointers to the Southern Cross. In the evening we can watch the Full Moon approach and then pass over the bright red giant star Antares in Scorpio starting from 7:25pm and ending at 8:35pm.

June 2 – We have a long bright ISS pass starting in the SW from 6:20am and moving just above Saturn.



April has been a big month for our brigade, a successful fishing competition at Easter, followed by our ANZAC service, 10 call outs which were mostly medicals, and our trainings, Liam editor of the Matarangi Beach Paper has covered these events in this issue.

The greatest reward for me is seeing the growth in people, particularly our young cadets that marched along side of us at ANZAC, in a very short time they have come a long way and may this journey continue.

What a cool community to live in.

I would like to thank personally the many people that make all these events seem seamless and professional, everyone steps up and takes ownership of their role.

Stay safe,

Mark Hall - Chief Fire Officer  
Matarangi Volunteer Fire Brigade



## May 2026 Mercury Bay Tide Chart

Date	First High	Height	Second High	Height	First Low	Height	Second Low	Height
Fri 1 May	06:22 AM	1.8m	06:53 PM	1.8m	12:19 AM	0.4m	12:40 PM	0.2m
Sat 2 May	07:04 AM	1.8m	07:34 PM	1.9m	01:03 AM	0.4m	01:21 PM	0.2m
Sun 3 May	07:45 AM	1.8m	08:14 PM	1.9m	01:46 AM	0.4m	02:01 PM	0.2m
Mon 4 May	08:25 AM	1.8m	08:54 PM	1.9m	02:27 AM	0.4m	02:41 PM	0.2m
Tue 5 May	09:06 AM	1.8m	09:34 PM	1.8m	03:09 AM	0.4m	03:21 PM	0.3m
Wed 6 May	09:46 AM	1.7m	10:16 PM	1.8m	03:51 AM	0.4m	04:03 PM	0.3m
Thu 7 May	10:28 AM	1.7m	10:58 PM	1.8m	04:34 AM	0.4m	04:45 PM	0.4m
Fri 8 May	11:11 AM	1.6m	11:42 PM	1.7m	05:18 AM	0.5m	05:28 PM	0.4m
Sat 9 May	—	—	11:57 AM	1.6m	06:04 AM	0.5m	06:14 PM	0.5m
Sun 10 May	12:29 AM	1.7m	12:47 PM	1.6m	06:53 AM	0.5m	07:02 PM	0.5m
Mon 11 May	01:17 AM	1.7m	01:42 PM	1.6m	07:43 AM	0.5m	07:53 PM	0.5m
Tue 12 May	02:09 AM	1.7m	02:39 PM	1.6m	08:35 AM	0.4m	08:48 PM	0.5m
Wed 13 May	03:02 AM	1.7m	03:36 PM	1.7m	09:27 AM	0.4m	09:44 PM	0.4m
Thu 14 May	03:55 AM	1.8m	04:32 PM	1.8m	10:19 AM	0.3m	10:40 PM	0.4m
Fri 15 May	04:48 AM	1.9m	05:26 PM	1.9m	11:11 AM	0.2m	11:36 PM	0.3m
Sat 16 May	05:41 AM	2.0m	06:18 PM	2.0m	—	—	12:03 PM	0.1m
Sun 17 May	06:33 AM	2.1m	07:10 PM	2.1m	12:35 AM	0.3m	12:55 PM	0.1m
Mon 18 May	07:27 AM	2.1m	08:03 PM	2.1m	01:25 AM	0.3m	01:48 PM	0.1m
Tue 19 May	08:21 AM	2.1m	08:58 PM	2.1m	02:18 AM	0.3m	02:42 PM	0.1m
Wed 20 May	09:16 AM	2.1m	09:54 PM	2.1m	03:13 AM	0.3m	03:37 PM	0.1m
Thu 21 May	10:13 AM	2.0m	10:51 PM	2.1m	04:09 AM	0.4m	04:14 PM	0.2m
Fri 22 May	11:11 AM	2.0m	11:51 PM	2.0m	05:07 AM	0.4m	05:13 PM	0.3m
Sat 23 May	—	—	12:12 PM	1.9m	06:07 AM	0.5m	06:14 PM	0.4m
Sun 24 May	12:51 AM	2.0m	01:14 PM	1.9m	07:08 AM	0.6m	07:16 PM	0.5m
Mon 25 May	01:52 AM	1.9m	02:18 PM	1.9m	08:08 AM	0.6m	08:18 PM	0.6m
Tue 26 May	02:51 AM	1.9m	03:20 PM	1.9m	09:07 AM	0.6m	09:18 PM	0.6m
Wed 27 May	03:48 AM	1.9m	04:20 PM	1.9m	10:02 AM	0.6m	10:15 PM	0.6m
Thu 28 May	04:41 AM	1.8m	05:14 PM	1.9m	10:53 AM	0.6m	11:08 PM	0.6m
Fri 29 May	05:32 AM	1.8m	06:05 PM	1.9m	11:41 AM	0.5m	11:58 PM	0.6m
Sat 30 May	06:21 AM	1.8m	06:53 PM	1.9m	12:26 PM	0.5m	—	—
Sun 31 May	07:07 AM	1.8m	07:40 PM	1.9m	12:46 AM	0.5m	01:10 PM	0.5m

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## Golfers Relish the New Greens at The Dunes

The New Greens Opening Tournament in April marked a historic milestone for the club. This soft launch allowed golfers a first look at the redesigned layout before the greens are fully bedded down for regular play in due course.

The event was a resounding success, raising \$1,550 for local Junior Golf Development through a special tee-off auction. Highlights included stellar individual performances by Ivan Adams with the new course record of 74 and Helen Mowlem with 42 stableford points, while Raymond Fanning, Tony DeCoek, Max Gaskell, and Luke Steiner secured the

team title. Martha O'Keefe also won a prize celebrating the club's 500-member milestone. Special recognition was given to the Board of Directors, led by Chair Paul Broom, and the entire operational team—from greenkeeping to hospitality—for their "magic" in bringing this project to life.

### Ray Aces The 13th

The morning of April 16th started like any other for the Mens 9 hole group but it ended with a moment Ray Green will never forget after his superb hole-in-one on the 13th. Well done Ray!



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**Contract Bridge**  
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## 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 am start during summer  
 Kay 020 41200975  
 Jenni 021 1700869

**Kuaotunu Steiner Playgroup**  
 9am-12pm Phone: 07 866 0094

**Mah Jong**  
 The Dunes 12.30-3 pm  
 Lesley, 021 280 0780.

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**Kuaotunu Garden Group**  
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 The Dunes, 10 am first Weds of the month

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## Thursday

**Pickleball - competitive play**  
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**Walking Group**  
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**Craft Group**  
 The Dunes, 12.30 fortnightly  
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## Friday

**Lawn Bowls**  
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## Saturday

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Ladies 18 Hole Thursday - 10am

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