The Community Newspaper of the Northern Mercury Bay 201th Edition November 2026

MATARANGI BEACH PAPER

Whangapoua
Matarangi
Kuaotunu
Otama
Opito Bay
Te Rerenga
Wharekaho

Volunteers Step Up to Operate Matarangi Community Boat



Crossing a harbour bar is widely recognised as one of the most hazardous manoeuvrers a boatie can undertake in New Zealand waters. Managing water safety on these dynamic marine bottlenecks presents unique operational Hurdles.

This challenge is acutely felt at the Whangapoua Harbour bar, where a critical gap in local maritime response has prompted a dedicated group of locals to take action. Driven by a keen concern for community water safety, volunteers

Grant "Doc" Cameron, Mike Smith - Training Co-ordinator, Lloyd Clark, Tony Te Awhitu, Phil Mosen, Howie Taylor, Bob Segetin, Peter Hazeal, and Shannon Guillard have stepped forward to establish the Matarangi Community Boat initiative.

The group met earlier in the year and has been working quietly behind the scenes to get the community boat back into action. Their steady, dedicated groundwork has successfully rebuilt local response capabilities to a point where the New Zealand Police now trust them enough to deploy them for water-based assistance.

Proving their vital utility to local authorities during difficult times, this volunteer team has already been called upon to assist with two body recoveries stemming from tragic water-based events in the area, and 6 boat assists

The team utilises a Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) vessel complete with a trailer, outboard engine, and a quad bike to perform this work. This setup was originally acquired by the local community around 20 years ago and was previously operated by the volunteer fire brigade.

However, administrative shifts and national regulations enacted by Fire and Emergency New Zealand mean the local brigade is now structurally and legally restricted to land-based emergencies like fires, vehicle crashes, and medical callouts.

As a result, they can no longer legally or operationally deploy a vessel for dedicated boat-based rescues.

The arrival of this volunteer-led initiative is vital. Under the Maritime Transport Act 1994, the immediate legal jurisdiction and oversight of the Whangapoua bar falls to the Waikato Regional Council and the local Harbourmaster, whose physical presence on an unstaffed bar is virtually impossible.

When a vessel gets into trouble, the official response relies on a tiered national search and rescue system rather than an on-site emergency squad. Initial emergency response depends entirely on the Police coordinating a Category I operation, which requires tasking assets from neighbouring areas.

Group co-ordinator Grant "Doc" Cameron explains that if someone has an incident when crossing the bar, the nearest responding Coastguard unit is at least 45 minutes away in Whitianga, while the closest surf lifesavers are based even further away at Hot Water Beach.

If an incident rapidly escalates or drifts out to sea, operational jurisdiction transfers to the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand, operated by Maritime New Zealand. The logistical delay inherent in mobilising these distant assets highlights why the local community boat group is so essential to the area.

Featured: The Matarangi Community Boat crew are ready for a busy summer.



MASTERCRAFT®
KITCHENS WHITIANGA

Crafting memories one kitchen at a time.



Design

Production

Installation

Discover how attention to detail can transform your space! Whether you want to renovate your bach or create your dream home, Mastercraft Kitchens Whitianga is here to bring your vision to life. Visit our website or schedule an appointment with one of our designers to get started on your project!

Contact Us
07 866 4111
info.whitianga@mastercraft.co.nz
www.MastercraftKitchensWhitianga.co.nz

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

From practical stock solutions through to dream home aspirations, we have you covered with great finance options!

Come visit us at our co-located Carpet Court & CurtainStudio store 1 Blacksmith Lane, Whitianga | 07 834 6463

Carpet | Vinyl | Wood | Rugs
Curtains | Blinds | Tracks | Shutters | Accessories



carpetcourt

CurtainStudio



3 2 1 0 108.7m²



***Build cost only.** Regional variations may apply. Price valid until 30th June 2025. Whangamata Floor Plan © G.J. Gardner Homes 2025. Images are artist's impression only.

BUILD NEW

Bach design from $392,000*

G.J. Gardner has an extensive range of customisable plans to suit all kinds of families, lifestyles and budgets.

Talk to GJ's about building your new home or bach today.

New Matarangi showhome open now.

Scan here to enquire or call your local Coromandel team on 07 865 7554.

G.J. Gardner. HOMES

Insanely Good for 25 Years: Kūaotunu's Coffee LaLa



Coffee Lala is boutique roasting business moving into its twenty-fifth year of independent operation in the secluded, bush-clad Blue Fridge Valley in Kuaotunu.

Founded by Mark Tugendhaft and Nedilka Radojkovich, the company grew from a home experiment into a prominent peninsula brand, supplying households, holidaymakers, and cafes across the Coromandel. This history combines traditional arts with a community-focused beverage operation.

Born in New York, Mark grew up in Long Island and attended college in California before meeting Kiwi surfers in San Diego who encouraged him to travel to New Zealand in the early 1970s, settling in Kuaotunu.

From 1980 to 1996, Mark operated Kūaotunu Pottery here, relying on wood-fired kilns. During this period, Mark and Nedilka actively advocated with the Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki to protest commercial mining and protect local ecosystems.

The transition to roasting began as a hobby. Mark initially roasted small batches of green coffee beans, given to him by a friend in Whitianga, using a popcorn machine. As demand grew, he temporarily ran six popcorn machines simultaneously.

Recognising the viability of a commercial venture, Nedilka suggested converting the former pottery glazing workshop into a roasting space. To achieve commercial volume, Mark designed an LPG-powered roaster. Built with the late engineer Alan Forbes, it was fabricated from salvaged components, including a frying pan lid, a fan motor, a barbecue burner, and a brake drum from an old Hillman Minx car.

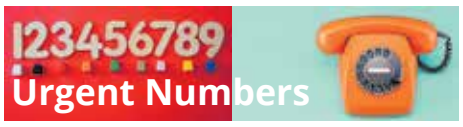
This machine encapsulated the Kiwi No.8 wire approach to engineering and recycling, pleasing the conservationist founders. It secured two awards at the 2001 New Zealand Coffee Expo, and commercial distribution launched after Nedilka coined the name Coffee LaLa.

Today, Coffee LaLa processes Arabica beans, micro-roasting each origin separately to account for specific climate and soil characteristics before blending them, an approach earning eighteen New Zealand Coffee Awards. Their product portfolio features La More, a sweet, robust dark roast; La Bomb, a bold blend enriched by dark-roasted African beans; and Oooh Lala, a full-bodied three-bean Colombian and Ethiopian mocha blend. The selection also includes Lala, a mild, nutty blend for plunger makers; Latana, a smooth blend featuring organic Mexican beans with a slight bite; So Columbian, a clean-finishing single-origin coffee served black; Lala '30', roasted for a short black; and JB Just Black, formulated explicitly for black coffee drinkers.

They also produce The Green Spot Organic blend, sourcing sustainable beans from South America, East Timor, Indonesia, and Mexico, with proceeds partly funding the Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki. The range has expanded to include an organic, fair-trade, and vegan hot chocolate.

Coffee LaLa manages its regional supply chain, offering weekly deliveries to Whitianga and distributing to retail stockists and hospitality establishments across the Coromandel, including venues like Kua Kawhe. You can also order online through their website at: https://www.coffeelala.com/order/

The roastery relies entirely on a dedicated team of part-timers to keep operations running smoothly, including Tony, Josh, Georgia, Fadia, Jodie, Nedilka, and Martin, alongside Mark. Among these part-time staff, Martin, Tony, and Mark share roasting responsibilities, and Mark services customer espresso machines when required. In emergencies, Shirley steps in as a part-timer to look after roastery customers and orders, ensuring Coffee LaLa remains a consistent example of high quality independent peninsula manufacturing. You have to try it. It is insanely good coffee!



COASTGUARD 866-2883 (Emergency 111)
COROMANDEL DOCTOR 866 8500
RESCUE HELICOPTER 866-5147 (Emergency 111)
MATARANGI BEACH PAPER (Liam) 027 8689568
LANDSAR KUAOTUNU (Emergency 111)
MAREE TAYLOR (Celebrant) 021 0429127
MEDICAL CENTRE 866-5911
MP for COROMANDEL OFFICE 868-3529
MATARANGI RATEPAYERS 021 754 078
MATARANGI FIRE STATION 866-4325 (Emergency 111)
MATARANGI RESERVES MANAGEMENT GROUP (Robin 021548070)
ROAD CLOSURES 0800 444449
RUBBISH TIP 866-5427
RD2 WHITIANGA (Toby) 021 587221
TWENTYMANS FUNERALS 8686003
TCDC AREA OFFICE 8680200
REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE (07) 866 0172
ST JOHNS AMBULANCE 0800426285 (Emergency 111)
WHITIANGA POLICE STATION 866-4000

DISCLAIMER
Opinions expressed in The Matarangi Beach Paper are not those of the publisher and editors. No responsibility accepted for loss or damage suffered by anyone relying on the information within. No endorsement of any service or product advertised or featured is implied or assumed.

MBP
Now is the time to start thinking about your Summer advertising requirements with the Matarangi Beach Paper.
Email Liam at contact@matarangibeach paper.com or text 027 868 95689568

CONTACTS & DEADLINES

This is your community paper. We welcome all your stories, photos, messages and contributions.

THE TEAM
Editor: Liam Kedzlie
Deputy Editors: Teresa & Mary Kedzlie
Printer: NZME Commercial Printers

ALL ENQUIRIES
Liam 027 868 9568
contact@matarangibeachpaper.com

BUSINESS ADVERTISING
Please email or phone Liam for a rate sheet.

DELIVERIES
The rural letterbox deliveries are the first Friday of every month.

SUBSCRIBE
For a monthly e-version subscribe at: contact@matarangibeachpaper.com

COFFEE LaLa
INSANELY GOOD COFFEE
"Since 2002"
18 NZ Awards
Free Delivery
Roasting Twice Weekly
07 8665373 www.coffeelala.com
462 Kuaotunu Wharekaho Road

MATARANGI
LIQUOR STORE
BEER • WINE • SPIRITS • RTDS
MATARANGI SHOPPING CENTRE
OPEN DAILY
10AM•7PM
MATARANGI LIQUOR STORE

PREBUILT HOUSES

PACKAGE DEALS

BEACH HUT



1 Bedroom • 1 Bathroom • 50m²

HOUSE PACKAGE $278,000*

HIDEAWAY



2 Bedrooms • 1 Bathroom • 66m²

HOUSE PACKAGE $291,000*

SEAVIEW



3 Bedrooms • 1 Bathroom • 81m²

HOUSE PACKAGE $337,000*

SEAGULL



3 Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms • 92m²

HOUSE PACKAGE $371,000*

Every package includes

- ✓ Delivery from our Whitianga yard (up to 35km)
- ✓ Standard timber pile foundations
- ✓ Baseboards
- ✓ Geotechnical report for foundations
- ✓ Building Consent with Thames Coromandel District Council
- ✓ Heat pump
- ✓ Fisher & Paykel oven, cooktop, rangehood and dishwasher
- ✓ Complete with quality flooring, curtains and blinds

Evans Homes

TALK TO US ABOUT YOUR SITE

027 497 1183

evanshomes@xtra.co.nz

LAND SEARCH & RESCUE

New Zealand | Rapa Taiwhenua

KUAOTUNU SEARCH AND RESCUE



WE NEED YOU

VOLUNTEERS WANTED. FULL TRAINING GIVEN.
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED.

FIELD & INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS

KSAR still has vacancies for both Field Team and Incident Management Team positions. Full training is given and all equipment is provided.

BASE, EQUIPMENT & STORES

We are looking for a keen volunteer to help run the KSAR Base and our equipment and stores inventory. There is no direct operational requirement. Would suit a well-organised, motivated person. Logistics experience is welcome but not necessary.

ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

We also have vacancies for Administration Support roles, helping keep the team running behind the scenes.

Steve Hart
nzwild@xtra.co.nz

Ray van Beynen
nzpbkk@gmail.com

Honouring a Local Champion: Alastair MacCormick Steps Down From Matarangi Community Trust



The Matarangi community owes a massive debt of gratitude to Emeritus Professor Alastair MacCormick CNZM, who officially stepped down as the chair of the Matarangi Community Trust on the 31st of October 2026.

For years, Alastair has been a pillar of local leadership, bringing the same sharp intellect, dedication, and integrity to our coastal village that defined his distinguished academic and professional career. His departure marks the end of an era of profound volunteer service, leaving behind a stronger, more united, and beautifully preserved community.

Before his impactful tenure guiding the Matarangi Community Trust, Alastair served as the Chair of the Matarangi Ratepayers Association. It was during this pivotal time that his exceptional leadership truly came to the fore.

When the future of our beloved local golf course hung in the balance, Alastair steered the community through the intense Open Spaces battle against the Thames-Coromandel District Council. The fight to save the golf course was a complex and challenging chapter for Matarangi, but Alastair handled the pressure with remarkable grit and strategic vision. His ability to rally residents, articulate the community's vision, and stand firm against local government pressures ensured that this vital green space was protected for future generations to enjoy.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have a leader of Alastair's immense calibre willingly stepping up to take on these demanding volunteer roles over the years. To have a former University Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Head of the Department of Management Studies, and Auckland University Council member dedicating his retirement years to grassroots local governance is a rare privilege.

Alastair brought a wealth of high-level board experience and rigorous professionalism to our local committees. This is a man who has shaped the nation through roles with the New Zealand Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation, APEC, the New Zealand Government Innovation Board, and the Callaghan Innovation Grants Committee. Furthermore, his ongoing work as a Commissioner of the Tertiary Education Commission and his leadership in the redevelopment of the Elizabeth Knox Home and Hospital show the depth of his governance expertise.

Alastair always ensured that Matarangi had a sophisticated and formidable voice when dealing with wider regional issues. He never treated these volunteer positions as casual pastimes; instead, he approached every challenge with absolute thoroughness and a deep, genuine care for his neighbours.

As Alastair steps back from his official duties, the entire Matarangi community extends a heartfelt thank you for the enormous leadership contribution he has made. His tireless work behind the scenes has shaped the very fabric of the place we call home.

Now that he has more time on his hands, he will finally be able to spend many well deserved hours out on the fabulous 18 holes he worked so hard to save, enjoying the fruits of his dedication. We wish Alastair, along with his wife Raewyn, many more wonderful years ahead enjoying the vibrant Matarangi community that he cherishes so deeply and has done so much to protect.

Photo credit: University of Auckland

An Evening of Gastronomy at The Dunes

Spring flavours, fine wines and wonderful company set the scene for a memorable evening in Matarangi.

The Dunes was the place to be on October 1st, as 60 lucky diners gathered for a sold-out evening of gastronomy, celebrating the arrival of the restaurant's newly released spring menu.

It was an occasion that showcased the very best of what The Dunes has to offer, with exceptional food, thoughtfully matched wines and warm hospitality combining to create a truly memorable dining experience.

The evening began on a particularly inviting note, with delicious canapés accompanied by a refreshing complimentary cocktail and Hunters Miru Miru NV sparkling wine. It was the perfect introduction to an evening of indulgence and a wonderful opportunity for guests to mingle before taking their seats, where they were welcomed by Leanne Robinson from The Dunes team. Leanne was delighted to have the opportunity to introduce to everyone their new head chef Jed and front of house manager Nicole.

As the evening proceeded, Chef Jed and his talented team continued to delight guests with a tempting selection of seasonal dishes, each prepared to an exceptional standard. Meanwhile Nicole and her team of servers ensured everything flowed seamlessly, delivering each course with smiles, style and genuine hospitality. For those wishing to explore the world of food and wine matching, Rowan from Eurorovintage presented an enticing array of optional wine pairings, adding another dimension to the culinary experience.

The entrée selection celebrated fresh flavours and quality ingredients, featuring Coromandel mussels, creamy burrata cheese, and grilled lemongrass and ginger tuna. These dishes were beautifully complemented by Neudorf Moutere Albariño, whose character made for an elegant pairing.

The main course continued to impress, offering crab and prawn spaghetti, soy and ginger-braised beef cheeks, and quinoa salad. The accompanying wines — Radford Pinot Noir Blanc and Delas Côtes-du-Rhône — provided an appealing contrast of styles to complement the dishes.

And, of course, no gastronomic occasion would be complete without a little sweetness. An assortment of chocolate, caramel and citrus tarts, served with vanilla cream, brought the evening to a delightful close. The dessert course was paired with Lustau Moscatel Emilin, providing a fittingly indulgent finale.

As the evening ended there was a lovely sense that it had been about so much more than a delicious meal. It was a celebration of good food, fine wine, warm hospitality and, above all, community. A huge thank you to Leanne, Chef Jed, Nicole, Rowan and their wonderful teams for creating such a special occasion. Judging by the success of the evening, The Dunes is well set for a fantastic summer, with plenty to entice both locals and visitors.



Introducing Jed and Nicole

The Dunes is delighted to have welcomed Jed Sneddon as its new Head Chef. With more than 30 years in the hospitality industry, Jed brings a wealth of international kitchen experience, creativity and a passion for exceptional food. His culinary journey began with training at some of Auckland's finest restaurants before taking him to Scotland, where he worked in prestigious establishments and honed his skills alongside some of the region's leading chefs. He then spent over 20 years in Australia, building up an impressive career. More recently, Jed was part of the team at Poronui Lodge, New Zealand's premier hunting and fishing lodge. Known for his creative fusion of Mediterranean and Asian flavours, Jed is excited to bring his experience and culinary flair to Dunes Matarangi. He has strong ties to Mercury Bay, with family living in Whitianga, making the opportunity to work in the region particularly special.

Joining Jed is Nicole Trainer, who has taken on the role of Front of House Manager. Nicole is a people-focused hospitality professional with a strong passion for food and beverage and a genuine commitment to creating memorable guest experiences. Like Jed, with family living in Mercury Bay, Nicole is thrilled to have joined the Dunes Matarangi team and getting to know the local community. She looks forward to bringing her enthusiasm, experience and warm approach to hospitality to the role, helping ensure that locals and visitors alike enjoy a welcoming and memorable experience at The Dunes.







Featured (Above) A delighted Dave Gaskell giving his meal the thumbs up. (Left) Steve Threadgold was all smiles after his dinner. (Centre) Nicole Trainor The Dunes new Front of House Manager and (Right) new head Chef Jed Sneddon .

WWW.DESIGNEDLY.CO.NZ
M: 021 367 181
graphic design by a human
designedly
Angie Soanes
ANGIESOANES@DESIGNEDLY.CO.NZ

COMER LEGAL
MOBILE LAW SOLUTIONS
Our lawyer visits your home or business anywhere on the Peninsula at no extra cost.
Want to know more? Call Trish on:
020 4171 4916
www.mobilelawsolutions.co.nz

ACCIDENTS - BREAKDOWNS - JUMPSTARTS - UNLOCKS - BATTERIES
ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES
AA Motoring
Roadservice Contractor
WHITIANGA TOWING
NZRA NZ Roadside Assistance Ltd
NZRA.CO.NZ • 0508 NZ ROAD
0800TOW4YOU
WWW.WHITIANGATOWING.CO.NZ
STEVE 022 349 4868

ULTIMATE JOURNEYS
Curated travel for your next Ultimate Journey
Summer Abrahamson
International Travel Broker
Email: summer@ultimatejourneys.net
64 27 376 0695

R W A
RENEE WOODS ARCHITECT LTD
+64 21 111 8740
renee@reneewoodsarchitect.co.nz
reneewoodsarchitect.co.nz
@renee.woods.architect

MRS MOW-IT-ALL
Maintenance & Landscaping
PHONE: OLIVIA 021 713 900

The School Bell

A huge thank you to our 2026 sponsors, Good as Gold Painters, NZ Move It, Vause Construction and The Denize Family whose generosity has helped fund invaluable opportunities for our students.

Their support has helped fund our students attending the upcoming school camps in Wellington and Rotorua, along with our new school hoodies.

We are now warmly inviting local businesses and community organisations to support our school by becoming an official website and social media sponsor for the 2027 school year.

Funds raised through this sponsorship programme will directly support vital school resources, student activities, and ongoing educational opportunities. Partnering with our small rural school will provide local enterprises with a simple yet profoundly impactful way to give back to the community while promoting their business gaining excellent visibility through the school's website and various other digital channels. To accommodate different levels of support, we have established a structured, tiered sponsorship model.

Platinum Sponsorship is limited to just two exclusive partners at an annual cost of $2000. This tier offers exclusive branding across the website, newsletters, and event materials, alongside primary logo placement on the front- of-school sponsorship display board. Platinum sponsors also receive naming rights for a flagship initiative, quarterly feature updates, branded giveaways, and a direct website link.

Gold Sponsorship is limited to five partners at an annual cost of $1000, offering prominent logo placement on the website, newsletters, and display board, alongside half-yearly features and dedicated social media branding.

Silver Sponsorship is available to ten partners for $500 annually, offering logo placement on the website and newsletters, a direct link, and regular mentions across digital platforms, whereas the Bronze Sponsorship is available for an annual investment of $250. It provides logo placement on the school website, official sponsorship of one event, and mentions in selected social media posts and newsletters.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please email: admin@tererenga.school.nz or principal@tererenga.school.nz with your business name; a high-resolution logo and your website URL. Then we'll send through payment details and next steps.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Mary Kedzlie Principal

Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu

Adorn the bird with feathers to enable it to fly.

VAUSE CONSTRUCTION

GOOD AS GOLD PAINTING & DECORATING MATARANGI

NZ MOVE IT



GOOD SORT OF THE MONTH



Matarangi carpenters Ollie and Shannon saved the Labour Weekend of a visitor to Matarangi who dropped his debit card and driver's license down one of the cracks in the courtyard deck behind the Matarangi Fire Station on Friday evening.

The visitor, who was down for a meal with his family on social club night, faced a bit of a quandary and a potentially ruined weekend. However, Ollie and Shannon grabbed their tools and were able to remove a few boards and retrieve the lost cards.

These two good sorts, nominated by Weedo, were shouted a well-earned beer for their actions.

Keep send your local Good Sort of the Month nominations to Liam at contact@matarangibeachpaper.com.



TEN YEARS ON IN THE MBP

Looking back at the November 2016 edition of the Matarangi Beach Paper, the community experienced a mixture of poignant loss and inspiring local celebrations.

The Matarangi community was deeply saddened by the passing of Lyn Coburn, one of the original early residents who had been a vital part of the area since 1987. Lyn served as the secretary of the Matarangi Volunteer Fire Force for 12 years, and in a moving tribute to her dedication, the fire station flew its flag at half-mast for two days to honour her immense contribution to both the brigade and the wider community over her 29-year connection with Matarangi.

On a brighter note, local environmental efforts achieved major recognition when the Rings Beach Wetlands Group received a prestigious national award from the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network for their walkway project. Nearby, the Kuaotunu Food Forest project marked a major milestone on the Kuaotunu Reserve with the planting of its first 35 trees, with the very first tree dedicated to the memory of Bill Mollison, a pioneer who helped establish the global permaculture movement.

Creativity was also thriving in the region with the release of volume two of the Voices of Kuaotunu CD, a musical compilation serving as a fundraiser for KAMAG and Coromandel Watchdog. Engineered by Brent Page at his home studio, the recording beautifully captured the impressive creative talent within the village and showcased local stars including Roimata, Justin Simpson, and the duo Tilley and Phil.

The November 2016 edition also reported on a vital rescue mission by James Muir, Chris Twemlow, and Atawhai Charteris, who delivered a five-day-old Coromandel Brown Kiwi chick and a kiwi egg to the Kiwi Encounter facility in Rotorua. On behalf of Project Kiwi, the team successfully transported the chick, named Pukenui, safe and sound in a specialised incubator. Just before leaving, the trio was invited into a viewing room where they watched the very egg they had carried begin to crack open, welcoming another newborn Kuaotunu kiwi into the world just ten minutes later.

Finally, the annual Melbourne Cup Day festivities brought plenty of colour and glamour to the Matarangi shops as locals dressed up in their finest attire, with Leigh and Alan Cunningham ultimately taking home the coveted prize for Best Dressed Couple.

BOBCAT and Truck Hire
* Building Site & Driveway preparation
* Post Hole Boring
* Trenching
* Metal & Topsoil Supplies
* Section Clearance / Landscaping
* Experienced Owner / Operator
"WE MAKE THE EARTH MOVE"
ALL TERRAIN Bobcat Services
Matarangi Based
Brendan O'Connell
M: 0274 934 212
A/H: 07 866 0505



BJOLI BUILDERS
Contact John 0276 4 25654
*residential / commercial construction *retaining walls
*renovations and extensions *fencing and decking
*project management *design and builds

MATARANGI MONITORING SERVICE
safe • secure • local
Burglar alarm monitoring, servicing, installation
Bronwyn Dorrian
Licensed Security Operator
105 Ti Kouka Crescent
Matarangi
Phone: 02102311130
matarangimonitoring@gmail.com • www.matarangimonitoring.co.nz

Historic Kuaotunu Hall
Available for Hire
The perfect place for your event! Our hall is suitable for all kinds of activities - functions, weddings, fundraisers, AGM's, workshops, meetings etc.
Contact Jude:
021 676434
kuaotunuhall.co.nz


BEACH REALTY
Shirvani Hall
Salesperson (Licensed Salesperson REAA 2008)
MOBILE: 021 028 464 58
OFFICE: 07 866 55 66
EMAIL: shirvani@beachrealty.co.nz
www.beachrealty.co.nz
BEACH REALTY

DOUG RUSSELL PLUMBING
for a prompt response
021 130 8745
KUAOTUNU

Matarangi Ratepayers Association. Inc.

- Working hard on your behalf to protect and preserve community values and amenities.
- Our success depends on your support.

For details on how to join, go to: https://www.ourmatarangi.com/join

Granny Grommets: The Matarangi Boogie Boarders Have Arrived



Who says the surf is just for the young guns? Nine fearless, fabulous and slightly foam-loving Matarangi women hit the beach near the Village Green for their inaugural boogie board session on the 23rd October.

Inspired by the recent Seven Sharp segment on the Granny Grommets up north, they decided it's never too late to embrace their inner surf chick, chase a few waves, make a splash and prove that growing older doesn't mean growing out of mischief!

The Granny Grommets movement began in Albany, Western Australia, back in 1999, when women decided they weren't going to miss out on the fun of surfing just because they weren't young anymore. Since then, it's become a celebration of women getting together, keeping active, supporting one another and having a whole lot of fun in the waves. It's all about friendship, confidence, salty hair and the occasional spectacular wipe-out!

And so the Matarangi chapter has been born!

Every Friday. 9 am. Beach near the Village Green For keen women with a boogie board who have no intention of acting their age!

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

Luke's Kitchen is the People's Choice and Earns National Cuisine Guide Honours



The Matarangi Beach Paper extends a massive congratulations to the team at Luke's Kitchen for winning the Thames-Coromandel People's Choice Award at the 2026 Hauraki-Coromandel Business Awards.

They have also been featured in the 2026 edition of the Cuisine Good Food Guide 2026 which is widely recognised as New Zealand's leading authority on food, drink, and culinary culture.

Co-owners Lukas Reilly and Stephen McKenzie operate the popular Kūaotunu eatery, secured the peoples choice accolade following a public voting process that saw thousands of locals and visitors rally behind their favourite peninsula businesses.

This public-voted honor underscored the restaurant's incredible reputation among both locals and holidaymakers, acknowledging the intense "buzz of activity" and the loyal following it has built

Inclusion in the guide formally stamped Luke's Kitchen with "Cuisine New Zealand Good Food Destination" status, making it one of the curated 400 standout establishments to anchor the country's regional food story

Well done to Lukas, Stephen, and the entire crew on a well-deserved win for our local hospitality scene.

KRRA Survey Endorses Environmental Care and Connectivity

The Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association's August 2026 community survey captured views from 183 respondents, establishing a clear mandate for future local advocacy. The findings reveal a powerful consensus focused on environmental preservation and managing growth to protect the area's unique village character.

Top priorities include maintaining water catchments, floodplains, and coastal environments, alongside strict management of development to prevent flooding risks. Residents strongly oppose extractive mineral mining and highly value the upkeep of local reserves and infrastructure.

For Matarangi and neighbouring coastal residents, connectivity and safety are key. A proposed walking and cycling connection between Rings Beach and Matarangi received solid support. Feedback also emphasised the road from Rings Beach to Kuaotunu West as a vital lifeline for resident access and resilience following severe weather closures.

While pedestrian safety and dark sky protections remain popular, automated speed cameras ranked at the bottom of community preferences.

Overall, this survey provides a robust framework to guide the association as it collaborates with councils and transport agencies to safeguard the Coromandel's natural environment and infrastructure.

W.A.N.T
WAITAIA NURSERY & GARDEN CENTRE
Citrus
Fruit Trees
Palms
Natives
Hedging
+ much more
Fertilisers
Compost
Bulk Mulch
Plant hire
for functions
Opening Hours
Thurs-Sun 9am-5pm
or phone by appointment
(07) 869 5910
Waitaia Road
Kuaotunu

BUILDER - Licensed
Prompt and Tidy.
Over 20 yrs experience.
Ph 0274 756651

KSB
ELEVATING SPACES WITH QUALITY CONSTRUCTION + DESIGN
NO JOB TOO SMALL
KSBCOROMANDEL@GMAIL.COM
02108478056

STRETCH & MOBILITY CLASS
GENTLE STRETCHING · STRENGTHENING · MOBILITY
with Jose, Kuaotunu Hall
TUESDAYS 10.00 - 11.30AM
Stretch & Mobility
THURSDAYS 9.00 - 10.30AM
Stretch & Mobility
FRIDAYS 9.00 - 10.30AM
CHAIR Stretch & Mobility
CASUAL $15
10 CLASS CARD $130
GOLD CARD $10
email: jose.kakebeeke@gmail.com phone: 021 393 299

Stump Grinding COROMANDEL
Need a stump removed?
021 288 8843
stumpgrindingcoromandel.co.nz

PANDO
quality carpentry
sam@pandobuilding.co.nz
021 223 7261

MATARANGI DRAINAGE
Registered Drainlayer
* For all your Sewage & Storm water requirements
* Certified Installer of Septic Tanks
* Site & Floor Preparations
* Footings & Drillings
* Truck & Digger Hire
* Metal & Topsoil Supplies
Contact Brian Ph: 07 866 5432 / 021 477 478

Out and About







Featured: 1) Volunteers Mark Rea and Ray Green serve up sandwiches and cold drinks at the 9th hole refreshment station during the 2026 Dunes PGA Pro-Am, while Leanne Evans and Peter Mathias kept players fueled over at the 18th. 2) Election season has been on and many political parties and candidates have been after your vote. Coromandel MP Scott Simpson and his supporters over Labour weekend did a lap of his electorate in a big blue bus to drum up support and included a stop in Matarangi on the way round. 3) Thanks to the team at Richardsons Real Estate Matarangi, last Saturday's 2026 Halloween night was a massive success, filled with spooky fun, candy lollies, awesome dress-ups, and fantastic decorations for our local kids.

Vale: Hundy Parr

The Matarangi and Whangapoua communities were in mourning last month due to the passing of well known local Phillip Parr, affectionately known to everyone as Hundy. He was a devoted family man, passionate sportsman, forester and a true character who brought warmth and energy to everyone ortunate enough to know him.

Hundy was a deeply loved husband and best friend to Jaime and a proud, devoted father to his four sons, Phoenix, Chevy, Mason, and Nikau. His home was always filled with laughter, support, and an open door for his boys, his mates, and the wider Parr whānau, always putting the people he cared about first.

Hundy was known for his strong work ethic, practical wisdom, and the pride he took in a job well done. He approached his work with the same grit and integrity that he brought to every area of his life, earning the lasting respect of his workmates and the wider community.

Beyond his work, Hundy was a sportsman, with a deep love for adventure on his trail bike and an unwavering commitment to rugby league. He was a massive supporter of the Mercury Bay Boars, and his loyalty to the club was unmatched.

In a testament to his incredible spirit and dedication, Hundy made a super effort just a week before his passing to travel to Rhodes Park in Thames to watch his beloved Boars play. His presence on the sidelines lifted the team as they secured a memorable victory over the Waitak Warriors to claim the Hauraki competition final, a moment of immense joy that will be forever cherished by his club and fellow supporters.

Our deepest condolences go out to Jaime, the boys, and all of the Parr whānau during this difficult time.

A celebration of Hundy's life with family and close freinds was held in Whangapoua last weekend.



Keeping The Real in Real Estate

Matarangi / 07 866 0322
www.richardsons.co.nz

Discover the refreshing difference of partnering with a real estate agency that is dedicated to transparency, trust, and a shared passion for outstanding service. With Richardsons Real Estate, it's not just about closing a deal — it's about making a real difference.

/Richardsons
Real Estate Ltd MREINZ
Licensed REAA2008

Simone Parr
Licensed Agent REAA2008
027 657 2980

Keith Goodall
Licensed Salesperson REAA2008
021 276 6474

Peter Sharp
Licensed Salesperson REAA2008
021 388 833

Helly Mobberley
Licensed Salesperson REAA2008
021 669 595

THE FISHING REPORT

Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club

Three days of fine weather. What a great Labour Weekend.

Our Annual Prizegiving held on the 3rd October at the Matarangi Fire Station. Congratulations to our 2025/2026 season winners and thank you to everyone who joined us for a fantastic afternoon of great food, wonderful company, and well-deserved celebration! A special shout-out to the team behind the scenes for keeping us well fed.

The Great Labour Weekend Fishing Tournament held on Saturday 24th October 2026. A huge thank you to those who entered and all those who helped make this tournament a success. This tournament was held in conjunction with the Zone 3 Interclub Snapper Tournament – Kilwell Trophy Challenge. We tried our very best to retain the trophy this year, but it wasn't to be. Congratulations to The Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club for the win.

Photos for of these events are now live on our website.

We are now looking forward to our next upcoming events.

27th December 2026 – Small Fry Fishing Event
29th December 2026 - Bar Crossing Seminar
2nd January 2027 – Blue Lewis Fishing Tournament
6th February 2027 – Doris Day Out Ladies Fishing Tournament

For full details of the Fish of the Month Challenge, tournaments, membership, and upcoming events, visit our website at www.mbfc.co.nz. You can also keep up to date by following the Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club on Facebook and Instagram.

DON'T TAKE RISKS, IF IN DOUBT, DON'T CROSS THE BAR. WEARING A CORRECT FITTING LIFE JACKET IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT WHEN CROSSING THE BAR.

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.

Tight Lines,
Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club Inc.



Featured: Fletcher Disken from the boat Fatal Attraction receiving the prize for the highest tournament points from Howie Taylor.

Three events. One iconic summer destination. Coro Summer is Calling.

Coro Classic, Buffalo Beach Party and Coro New Years Party are bringing a massive summer of live music, festival culture and unforgettable experiences to the Coromandel Peninsula.

There's something about summer in the Coromandel that you just can't beat. Long days at the beach, packed campsites, BBQs with your mates, cold drinks in the sun and that feeling of having absolutely nowhere else you need to be.

This summer, we're taking everything New Zealanders already love about the Coromandel and giving them three more reasons to make the trip.

Across New Year's Eve and the first weekend of 2027, Coro New Years Party, Buffalo Beach Party and Coro Classic will bring thousands of music lovers together for three unique events in some of the country's most iconic summer locations.

Our vision is simple: Coro Summer is more than a festival. It's the entire experience of spending summer in the Coromandel. Rather than encouraging people to travel for a single event, we're building a summer destination. A reason to pack the car, book the bach, round up your mates and make a proper holiday out of it.

From the legendary Coroglen Tavern to the beachfront of Whitianga and the open-air festival grounds of Matarangi, each event offers a different side of the Coromandel summer experience.

New Year's Eve at Coroglen Tavern Coro New Years Party takes place on Thursday 31 December at the Coroglen Tavern, a venue with a long-standing place in the region's live music scene. The announced lineup includes The Black Seeds, Pirapus, Muroki, Christoph El Truento, Francie Lidgard and DJ Sunray. It promises a lively but unmistakably Coromandel way to welcome 2027. A beachside celebration in Whitianga

On Saturday 2 January, our inaugural event Buffalo Beach Party brings the celebrations to Buffalo Beach Reserve in Whitianga. With the Mercury Bay coastline close by and the town buzzing with holidaymakers, the event offers another reason to stay a little longer, spend time in Whitianga and enjoy the area's summer atmosphere.

On Sunday 3 January, Coro Classic returns to Coromandel Luxury Escapes in Matarangi. The outdoor festival combines electronic music with indie and alternative sounds. Public event listings have named acts including Culture Shock, Flight Facilities, Delta Heavy, Daily J, Corrella, Marlin's Dreaming, PARK RD and FLAXXIES. Coro Classic has built a strong reputation as a must-attend event on the summer calendar, selling out every year. Beyond the music, the festival celebrates the Coromandel lifestyle, creating a space where locals, holidaymakers and festivalgoers from across the country can come together. Make the trip. Stay for summer.

With three unique events, beautiful coastal locations and a celebration of New Zealand's summer culture, Coro Summer 2026/27 is shaping up to be a highlight of the holiday season.

Whether it's counting down to midnight at Coroglen Tavern, celebrating summer on the Whitianga waterfront or dancing beneath the sun at Coro Classic in Matarangi, there's something for everyone.Bring your mates, book your accommodation, pack the car and experience a summer worth remembering. Three events. One Coromandel. Your Coro Summer starts here.

WHITIANGA FLOORING XTRA



SHEEPISHLY GOOD DEALS ON WOOL CARPET

WHITIANGA FLOORING XTRA **68 Albert Street**
E: whitianga@flooringxtra.co.nz **P:** (07) 866 2836

WE'RE HIRING

BUFFALO BEACH PARTY CORO CLASSIC

JAN 2ND 2027 JAN 3RD 2027

BE PART OF ONE (OR BOTH!) OF TWO EPIC EVENTS IN THE COROMANDEL THIS SUMMER, AND HAVE A BLAST WHILE WORKING

GET YOUR ORGANISATION TOGETHER FOR A FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY, OR APPLY SOLO FOR SOME EXTRA CASH AND GREAT WORK EXPERIENCE

AVAILABLE PAID ROLES INCLUDE: BAR STAFF, EVENT USHERS & CARPARK MANAGEMENT, BUS MONITORS & SITE WORK

ARE YOU A RELIABLE TEAM PLAYER WHO CAN STAY COOL UNDER PRESSURE, AND HAVE GREAT COMMUNICATION?

EMAIL YOUR INTEREST TO HELLO@NEXGENTOURING.CO.NZ OR VISIT THECOROCLASSIC.CO.NZ TO APPLY

Conservation Corner

Millions to be Spent on Local Conservation Projects



Millions of dollars are being spent to protect the hills, rivers, and beaches around Whangapoua, Matarangi, and Kuaotunu. Recent severe storms caused a lot of damage to the local environment, and these new projects are designed to fix the issues and protect the area from future bad weather.

The first big project is a three-year, $2.8 million plan by the Waikato Regional Council to stop soil and mud from washing into the sea. When heavy rain hits the steep local hills, tonnes of mud wash down rivers like the Waitekuri and straight into the Whangapoua Harbour. This mud harms sea life and causes worse flooding. To stop this, council and local landowners are teaming up. They are clearing blocked waterways, putting up fences to keep farm animals away from water, and planting native trees to hold the riverbanks together.

At the same time, the Thames-Coromandel District Council is running a $9.3 million dollar project that focuses on protecting thirty-five kilometres of coastline, including our sand dunes at Matarangi and Kuaotunu.

Workers are clearing out weeds and planting native sand-binding plants like pīngao. These native plants have very deep roots that act like a giant net, holding the sand dunes together so big ocean waves cannot wash the beaches away.

New Operating Hours for Matarangi Refuse Transfer Station



The Thames-Coromandel District Council has officially rolled out new operating hours for our local refuse facility, aiming to balance better cost-efficiency with community needs. Last month, the Matarangi transfer station shifted to a streamlined schedule of 10:00am to 3:00pm, seven days a week. This adjustment followed public consultation during the recent Annual Plan process to improve efficiency at the district's least-used sites. Locals can rest assured that the Matarangi station will still bump up its hours for a 10-week block over the summer peak, with exact dates and schedules to be announced by the council shortly.

Crucially, the Matarangi transfer station remains open seven days a week for the rest of the year, though it will close on key public holidays. The site will be fully closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Good Friday, and will not open until 1:00pm on Anzac Day.

If you need to drop off rubbish outside of the new 10:00am to 3:00pm window, our local station features a convenient after-hours disposal option. Household rubbish bags can be left in the after-hours facilities for five dollars each, while recycling and glass drop-offs remain completely free of charge. Please keep in mind that all other materials must be brought to the site during regular opening hours.

For anyone dropping off waste directly at Matarangi, please note that there is no weighbridge on-site, meaning fees are calculated by volume. Current charges are set at $116.00 per cubic metre for un-compacted waste, $336.00 per cubic metre for compacted waste, and $70.00 per cubic metre for green waste. Gardeners should also double-check what they load onto the trailer before heading down. Fibrous plants like flax, cabbage trees, and bamboo are not accepted as green waste because they damage processing machinery. Instead, these are considered general waste and will incur the standard higher charges. Keep an eye out for updates on the upcoming summer hours via the Thames-Coromandel District Council website.







Where in the WORLD is the Matarangi Beach Paper?





(Above) (Above) Brenda and Martin White from 14 Matarangi Drive swapped beach for the big city last month to catch the NRL Grand Final in Sydney. Though they are die-hard Warriors fans, they officially became knights for the game. They ended up meeting some Newcastle Knights supporters at the pre-game party who absolutely loved them and basically adopted the Kiwi pair for the festivities.

(Left) Look where our Matarangi Beach Paper went in early October with Faye Flegg! Faye traveled to an amazingly beautiful area located about an hour's drive out of the city in the Dandenong Ranges. This spectacular, Dutch-themed tourist attraction features breathtaking gardens interspersed with vibrant spring flowers. Established 70 years ago by a pioneering couple, the property has been lovingly maintained and developed across three generations, serving as both a popular destination and a postal bulb-selling outlet. Visitors are treated to an immersive cultural experience, complete with live music, performers showcasing traditional clog dances, and workers proudly wearing authentic Dutch costumes.



The MBP has made it all the way to New York City to see the iconic Brooklyn Bridge! This absolute marvel of a cable-stayed suspension bridge took 14 years to build, costing US$15.5 million way back when it opened in 1883, and it stretches across a massive 1.77 kilometres.

Having an absolutely awesome holiday and reading the paper on tour are Graham Hall, Michelle Knaggs, Selwyn Knaggs, Steve Moss, and Rowan Toms across the back row(from right to left), with Jude Hall, Maureen Moss, and Sharon Toms keeping smiling up front.

The Matarangi Fire Report

This month has been very busy with 8 call outs. Of those 1 MVC with no injuries, 1 vegetation fire/false alarm which turned out to be a controlled burn and 6 medical calls. This included the Westpac Rescue Helicopter requiring a landing site on the golf course.

With a long hot dry summer being predicted, we will be honing our training skills over the next couple of months. It is now a good time to review the 3 different fire season requirements as follows.

We are currently in an open fire season which means that you can light an open air fire without applying for a permit from FENZ, but you must follow these basic safety rules:-

a) Check daily fire danger and weather conditions, avoid lighting in high winds.
b) Keep a fire extinguisher or water source within 5 metres.
c) Never leave an open fire unmonitored.
d) Obtain any necessary land owner or council permission.

In a Restricted Fire Season you must apply for a free outdoor fire permit via the "Check It's Alright" website. You cannot light an open fire without a valid permit and it will list specific rules and safety steps you must follow.

The Prohibited Fire Season is a total fire ban where lighting any open air fire including fireworks is strictly forbidden and any permits issued under a restricted season are suspended.

Remember before you light any outdoor fires check the live fire season by going to "Check It's Alright or phone 0800 658628.

Stay Safe

Brendan O'Connell
Acting Chief Fire Officer



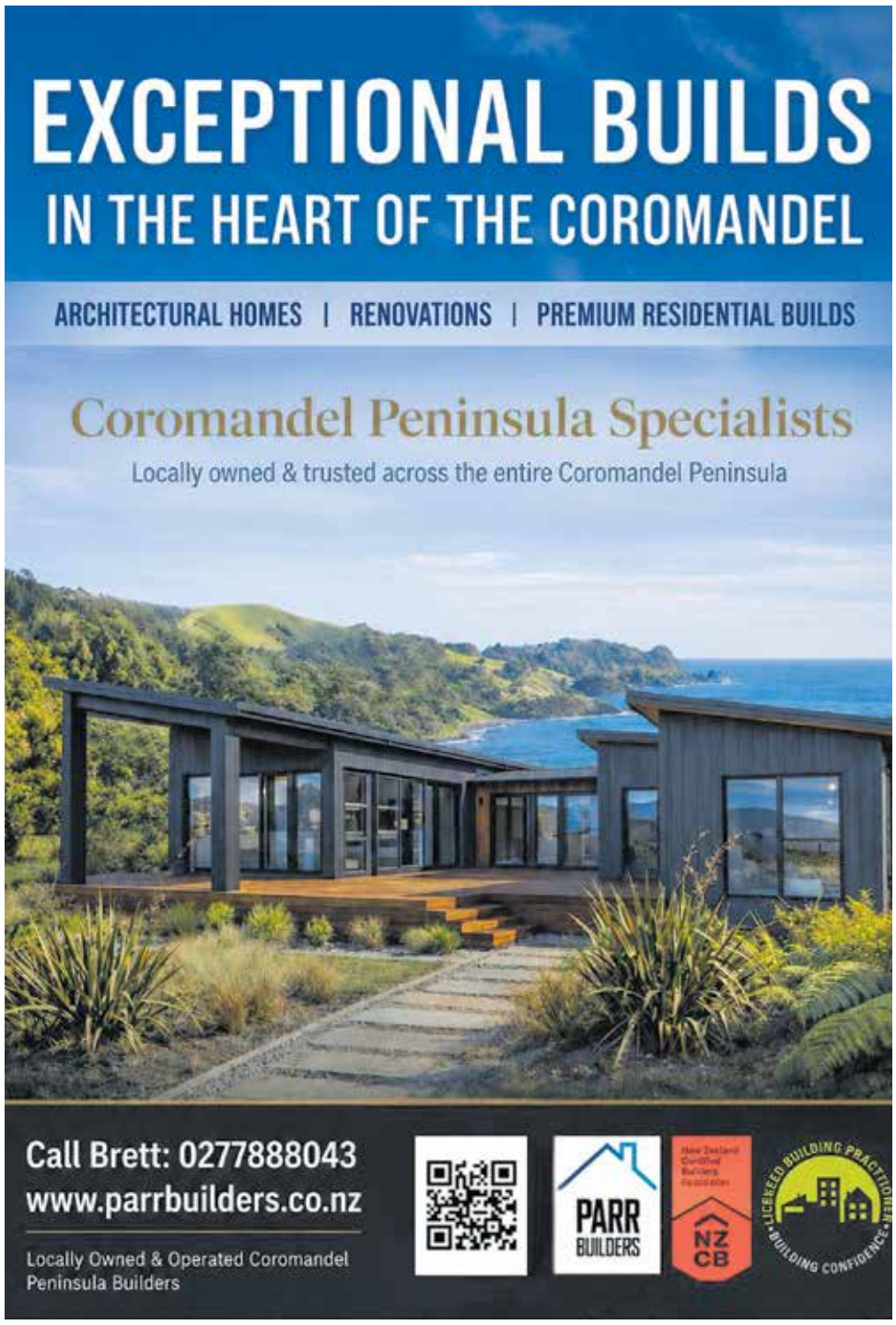














The Dunes Matarangi was filled with excitement and great golfing spirit as 96 amateur golfers and 32 PGA professionals came together for the 2026 Dunes PGA Pro Am. It was a fantastic day, bringing together our sponsors, PGA professionals, members and visiting players to celebrate a shared love of golf and our wider golfing community.

A special congratulations goes to PGA professional Quinton Thompson, who took home the win with an outstanding round of 68, setting a new course record in the process. It was even more special as Quinton secured his first professional win, making it a memorable day for him and everyone who was there to witness it.

Congratulations also to the winning team: Debbie Graham from The Dunes, Tony Maxwell and Soyoung Maxwell from Royal Auckland and The Grange, alongside PGA professional Jerry Ren. The team finished with an impressive score of 94 points.

The success of an event like this would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. A heartfelt thank you to our Platinum sponsor, Pet-n-Sur, and our Gold sponsors, MINO Ltd and Pro Drive Golf. We are incredibly grateful for your support and contribution to making the event such a success. Pro Drive Golf provided a fantastic prize table, which was a real highlight for the players, with plenty of happy winners at the end of the day.

The course looked magnificent, and we received so many compliments on its condition. A huge thank you to our greenkeeping team for all the hard work and care that went into preparing for the course. The positive feedback was a real credit to their efforts, and something the whole team can be proud of.

Behind the scenes, many people put in time and effort to help make the event such a success. A big thank you to our Golf Committee, volunteers and the entire Dunes team for all the work that went into preparing for and delivering the day. We would also like to thank everyone who kindly opened their homes and billeted the PGA professionals. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated and helped make the weekend extra special. To all the players and PGA professionals who travelled from near and far to be part of the event, thank you for joining us and helping create such a fantastic atmosphere.

Events like this are a wonderful reminder of what makes The Dunes special - the people, the support of our community, and the opportunity to bring everyone together through golf. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this year's event such a memorable occasion and proud of what we achieved together.

Reported by Nicky Fanning, Golf Operations Manager. Featured: PGA Pro Am winner Quinton Thompson; and winning team Debbie Graham, Tony Maxwell, Soyoung Maxwell and PGA professional Jerry Ren.





Matarangi Business Association Autumn Update

The Northern Mercury Bay business association has officially rebranded as the Matarangi Business Association to clarify its identity and better reflect its membership base. The previous name caused confusion with the Mercury Bay business group located over the hill in Whitianga. Given that 95 per cent of local members are based in Matarangi, the new name establishes a clearer focus, though businesses from outside the village remain welcome to join the group.

To support the relaunch, Mike James has designed and launched a new website at matarangibusiness.org.nz. He donated his time and technical expertise to establish the online directory, which will showcase all registered members. Thank you Mike.

The association has also set up a formal bank account with Ann Dixon appointed as the Treasurer, and an initial joining fee of $50.00 has been established, with the ongoing annual reduced subscription rate to be determined at a later date.

A major focus for the association ahead of the festive season is the erection of a new directory sign at the local shopping centre, which is scheduled to be completed before Christmas. The overall cost of building and installing the structure is funded through a sponsorship from Richardsons Real Estate, and local builders will handle the installation.

Individual businesses must be registered association members to be included on the sign and will cover the cost of their own specific tile. We are currently sourcing approximate pricing for these tiles, which will display the business name, activity type, contact information, and an optional QR code. In addition to the physical sign, the association is planning to introduce a specific window sticker for members to display at their premises.

The association has also confirmed it will take on the responsibility of running the local Christmas Parade again this year. Prospective members and interested parties are encouraged to spread the word and direct any immediate enquiries to the dedicated association email address: info@matarangibusiness.org.nz

Kūaotunu Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

All children, families, trustees and teachers, past and present, and members of the wider community, are warmly invited to come and celebrate 20 years of Kūaotunu Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten

SAT 14 NOV · 10am
Irishtown Road, Kūaotunu

Stargazer Sights

November 2026

The early morning eastern pre-dawn sky has bright Jupiter and fainter and slightly reddish Mars near eachother with bright Venus further down. Venus has completed its pass behind the Sun and is now visible as the morning 'star'. It will rise higher each day as it gradually pulls away from the Sun and has much fainter Mercury well below it.

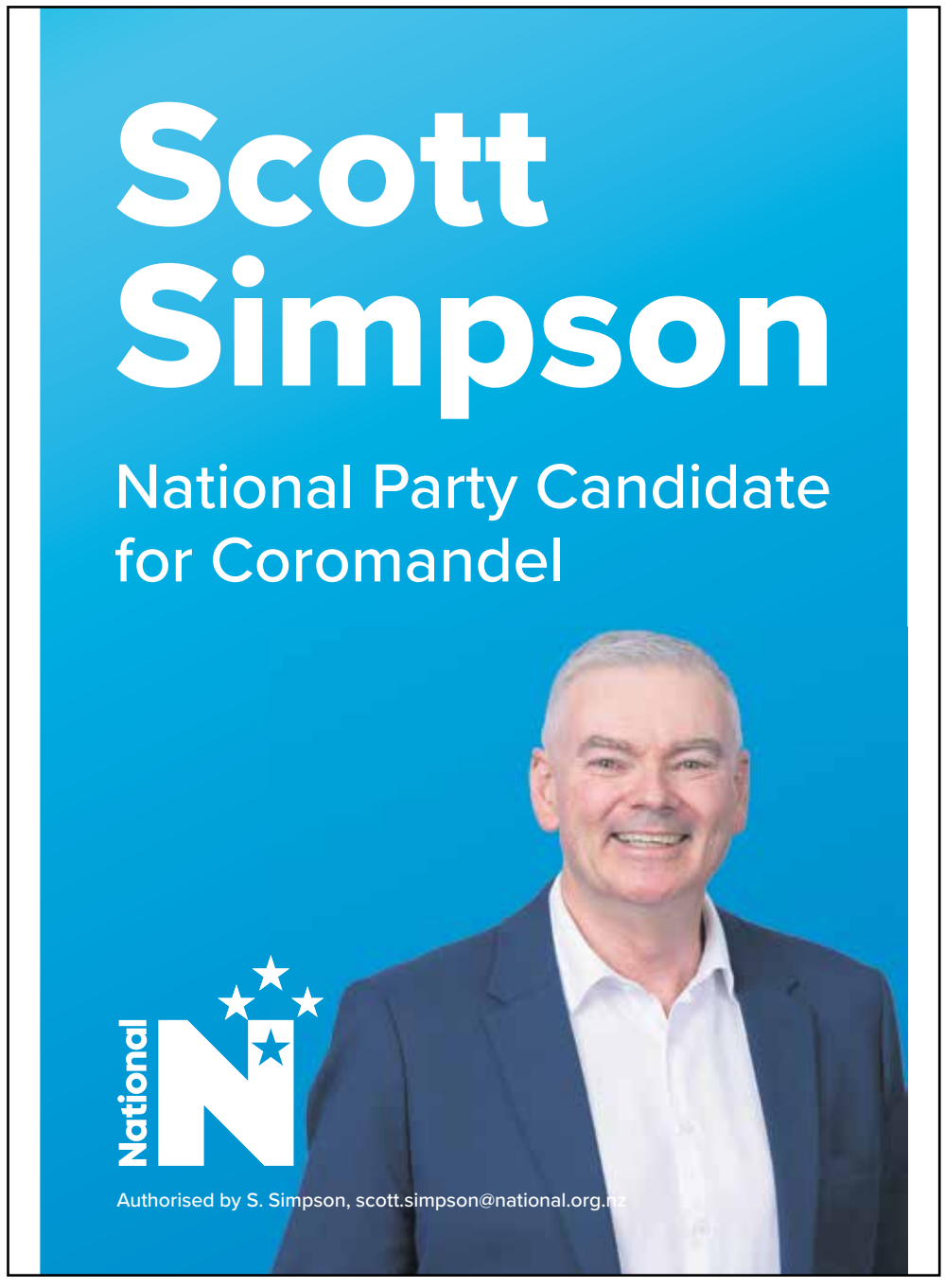
Meanwhile slightly yellowish Saturn remains high overhead in the evening sky and is joined by the Moon towards the end of the month.

There will be several Chinese Tiangong passes to view 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. It is always best to check the website heavens-above.com for updated timings.

November 3 – The third quarter Moon sits right between bright Jupiter and fainter Mars in the eastern dawn sky.
November 4 – The Moon now sits below Jupiter with the bright star Regulus in Leo between them with Mars higher up.
November 5 – The Moon is now almost half way down towards bright Venus very low on the eastern pre-dawn horizon.
November 6 – The crescent Moon lies about half way between Jupiter and Venus in the pre-dawn sky.
November 7 – The crescent Moon lies just to the left of bright Venus at dawn.
November 8 – The Moon now sits right next to Venus but both are very low on the horizon and easily lost in the glare of the rising Sun.
November 12 – Mars is getting ever closer to Jupiter in the pre-dawn sky with bright Venus much lower down.
November 14 – There is a short Tiangong pass in the NW from 9:24pm.
November 15 – Mars and Jupiter sit right next to each other in the dawn sky with bright Venus much lower down and from 10:01pm we have a Tiangong pass in the west.
November 16 – There will be a long Tiangong pass from the NE at 9:01pm.
November 18 – There will be a long Tiangong pass from the west at 8:38pm.
November 19 – The Moon is approaching Saturn high overhead after dusk.
November 20 – The Moon sits just to the left of Saturn high overhead.
November 21 – The Moon has moved to lie just below Saturn.
November 22 – Faint Mercury is at its furthest from the Sun this morning in the pre-dawn sky very low on the eastern horizon.
November 23 - The Moon is approaching the Pleiades and getting closer each night and we have a good Tiangong pass from the west at 10:05pm.
November 24 – The Moon sits right beside the Pleiades but its brightness will make them hard to see without binoculars.
November 25 – There is a long Tiangong pass from 9:41pm in the west.
November 28 – The Moon lies beside the twin heads of Gemini on its way to meet Jupiter and Mars at dawn.
November 30 – There is a bright little gathering of the Moon, Jupiter, Mars and the bright star Regulus in Leo at dawn.
December 1 - The Moon sits right between Mars and Jupiter at dawn.
December 2 – The Moon now lies above Jupiter and Mars at dawn.
December 3- The Moon has moved away from Jupiter and Mars and sits well above them at dawn.







Help from local **Trades** and Services
Family Fun Things to do **Events**
Where to **Shop** The best places to **Eat**
Community groups Getting Married
Find it all in one place!
Allabout Whitianga
See yourself here®

Monday

Ladies' Pilates
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

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

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

Contract bridge
Mercury Bay Bowling Club, Whitianga, 1pm
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

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)
Fire Station Matarangi
Phil Mosen 027 4761734

Sunday

Sunday Market
Matarangi Drive (in front of shops), 10 am-1pm
Long weekends summer to Labour weekend
Lesley 021 280 0780

BB

An adventure, activity, and values based ministry for boys aged 5-15 years old. For info contact: Robyn 020 409 39674 or email: robyn.balfour2@hotmail.com

Justice of the Peace

MATARANGI

Mary Kedzlie 027 2904940 or 07 8664096 (work).
Simone Parr Ph: 027 6572980
Ernest Raina Ph: 021 716 852

OPITO-KUAOTUNU

Geoff Martin Ph: 021942213
Sue Edens Ph: 027 486 8036

Golf

The Dunes Golf Club Days - Affiliated Visitors Welcome:

Mens 9 Hole Monday [Back 9] and Thursday [Front 9] - 9.20am

Ladies 9 Hole Tuesday [Front 9] and Thursday [Back 9] - 9.30am

Mens 18 Hole Wednesday - 10am

Ladies 18 Hole Thursday – 10am

Twilight 9 Holes Friday - 2.30pm-3pm

Mixed Haggle 18 Holes Saturday - 10.30am-11.30am (Pre-register via The Dunes website)

Kūaotunu Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten
20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
All children, families, trustees and teachers, past and present, and members of the wider community, are warmly invited to come and celebrate 20 years of Kūaotunu Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten
SAT 14 NOV · 10am
Irishtown Road, Kūaotunu

STARGAZERS
Astronomy Tours
Night or Daytime Tours available.
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation available
STARGAZERS offers an ideal dark sky site to observe the stunning New Zealand southern night sky in all its dark sky glory with a range of optical tools on offer.
392 SH 25, RD2 KUAOTUNU
www.stargazersbb.com
PH: 07 866-5343

October Tides

	High	Low	High	Low	High
2		05:32:00	11:48:00	18:01:00	
3	00:10:00	06:23:00	12:42:00	18:58:00	
4	01:06:00	07:19:00	13:41:00	19:59:00	
5	02:07:00	08:20:00	14:44:00	21:03:00	
6	03:11:00	09:25:00	15:48:00	22:07:00	
7	04:18:00	10:30:00	16:50:00	23:09:00	
8	05:21:00	11:31:00	17:47:00		
9		00:06:00	06:19:00	12:27:00	18:39:00
10		00:58:00	07:12:00	13:18:00	19:27:00
11		01:45:00	07:59:00	14:04:00	20:13:00
12		02:30:00	08:43:00	14:48:00	20:56:00
13		03:11:00	09:25:00	15:31:00	21:37:00
14		03:52:00	10:06:00	16:13:00	22:18:00
15		04:32:00	10:47:00	16:55:00	23:00:00
16		05:12:00	11:29:00	17:39:00	23:42:00
17	05:53:00	12:13:00	18:25:00		
18	00:27:00	06:38:00	13:01:00	19:15:00	
19	01:15:00	07:26:00	13:52:00	20:07:00	
20	02:07:00	08:20:00	14:47:00	21:01:00	
21	03:04:00	09:18:00	15:42:00	21:56:00	
22	04:02:00	10:15:00	16:34:00	22:48:00	
23	04:58:00	11:09:00	17:24:00	23:38:00	
24	05:51:00	12:00:00	18:11:00		
25		00:27:00	06:40:00	12:48:00	18:58:00
26		01:14:00	07:28:00	13:35:00	19:44:00
27		02:00:00	08:15:00	14:23:00	20:32:00
28		02:47:00	09:02:00	15:11:00	21:20:00
29		03:35:00	09:50:00	16:02:00	22:10:00
30		04:23:00	10:40:00	16:54:00	23:02:00
31		05:14:00	11:33:00	17:49:00	23:57:00
1		06:07:00	12:28:00	18:47:00	

LINZ

Kids Komic Korner



Allabout Whitianga
See yourself here®
Proud sponsor of local community groups, clubs and events
allaboutwhitianga.co.nz
Phone Cathy: 021 396 481

NZ MOVE IT

Moving House?

Packing | Removals | Storage

Local | NZ wide | International



- On site inspection
- Packing service (optional)
- Storage
- Specialist items

Your trusted local team since 2010

07 866 5589

www.nzmoveit.co.nz info@nzmoveit.co.nz



Call us now for a free, no-obligation measure and quote

GUTHRIE BOWRON WHITIANGA

2/9 Joan Gaskell Drive, Whitianga 3510

07 866 0035 | sales@gbwhitianga.co.nz

facebook.com/gbwhitianga | guthriebowron.co.nz

OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY 7.30 AM - 5 PM & SATURDAY 9 AM - 1 PM



SYLVIA LOK

PMU & PEDICURE SPECIALIST



25 years experience | European Trained

Specialist Pedicures

Suitable for diabetic patient

Treatment for:

- Ingrown Toenails
- Corn, Calluses, Verruca
- Diabetic Footcare
- Cracked Heals
- Thick and/or Fungal Nails
- Senior Footcare

Permanent Make-Up

Natural looking eyebrows and eyeliner

Free Consultations Available

Services:

- Dermapen 4 Needling
- GUINOT Advanced Facials
- Eye trio: Lash & Brow Tint, & Shape
- Body and Brazilian Waxing
- Dermaplaning

sylvialok.co.nz 021 199 0222 Whitianga

Peninsula Pest Services



Contact us for the control and prevention of insects, rodents and other pests!

Phone Simon English on **027 555 1271**

Email: **peninsulapest.nz@gmail.com**

www.peninsulapest.co.nz

LOCAL ASSISTANCE WITH SUBDIVISIONS, SITE SURVEYS AND BOUNDARY PEGGING.

Mark Blayney

Emma Rich

07 866 0088

26 Lee Street, Whitianga

Call Emma direct today: 027 299 3778

Surveying Services

0800 268 632

www.surveyingservices.co.nz

/Richardsons

Keeping the 'Real' in Real Estate



Sensational Views, Classic Charm
878 Black Jack Road, Opito Bay

809m2 | 3 | 1 | 1

Deadline Sale -Offers to be received by 1pm, 10 November 2026
(unless sold prior)

Keith Goodall
021 276 6474
richardsons.co.nz/RM4457



Park Side In Mature Surroundings
214 Matarangi Dr, Matarangi

551m2 | Negotiation | 3 | 1 | 1

Peter Sharp
021 388 833
richardsons.co.nz/RM4463



Classic Kiwi Bach by the Beach
307 Tangiora Ave, Whangapoua

809m2 | Negotiation | 2 | 1

Simone Parr
027 657 2980
richardsons.co.nz/RM4465



Beach Property with Options
105 Taupata Way, Matarangi

601m2 | $550,000

Keith Goodall
021 276 6474
richardsons.co.nz/RM4467

/Richardsons
Real Estate Ltd MREINZ /Matarangi

www.richardsons.co.nz

PROUDLY LOCAL

RayWhite.



117 Winslow Place, Matarangi
PBN | 2 | 1 | 524



114 Kauri Crescent, Matarangi
PBN | 3 | 2 | 1 | 671



131 Waimaire Avenue, Matarangi
$995,000 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 555



514 Matarangi Drive, Matarangi
$1,095,000 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 741



Louise Bradley
027 348 1700
louise.bradley@raywhite.com

Call your Matarangi based salesperson for a current market appraisal.

rwmatarangi.co.nz
White Sands Realty Ltd
Licensed (REA 2008)



125 NGAIO DRIVE, MATARANGI

ROOM FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Big on space. Big on beach life.

$849,000







- SPACIOUS OPEN-PLAN LIVING
- THREE-BEDROOM MAIN DWELLING
- TWO-BEDROOM SLEEPOUT
- STUDY, BATHROOM & SEPARATE TOILET
- 172.2m² APPROX. TOTAL FLOOR AREA
- FULLY FENCED FOR FAMILY & PETS
- CLOSE TO MATARANGI BEACH & HARBOUR



MARK HALL
Licensed Agent (REA 2008)
M: 021 607 135
E: mark@beachrealty.co.nz

SHIRVANI HALL
Licensed Salesperson (REA 2008)
M: 021 028 46458
E: shirvani@beachrealty.co.nz

VIEW ONLINE www.beachrealty.co.nz/969

BEACH REALTY

COUNTRYMAN REALTY LIMITED LICENSED REAL ESTATE AGENT REA 2008

4 | 2

BAYLEYS



Boundary lines are indicative only



368 Kaimarama Road, Whitianga

A peaceful retreat moments from town

Overlooking bush-clad hills and established greenery, this idyllic property offers a wonderful sense of seclusion yet town is only a short drive away. Its elevated position opens to a substantial sunny deck and expansive lawns with a river meandering along the boundary and your own swimming hole! Wood fire with heat transfer, heat pump and SmartVent system, garage with hobbies room complete the picture

AUCTION (unless sold prior) 11am on 26 November at 96 Ulster Street, Hamilton



Belinda Sammons
M: 027 272 7728 | B: 07 866 0098
belinda.sammons@bayleys.co.nz



Kylie Pullen
M: 021 163 6514 | B: 07 866 0098
kylie.pullen@bayleys.co.nz

MH REALTY LTD, BAYLEYS, LICENSED UNDER THE REAA 2008