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The Originals: Our Matarangi Pioneers

Featured: Paul and Louise Falleni with Toni Gordon reminiscing about the early days of Matarangi in the 1980's.

In this first installment of a two part feature article, we look back with those early permanent residents of Matarangi from 30 years ago, to discover what was Matarangi like in those pioneering days.

'Out of this world but well within your reach'. This was the slogan on one of the original fliers in the early days of Matarangi development that encouraged folk to come and secure their dream. There is no doubt that Matarangi (Maori- finger pointing to the sky) with its serene beauty and tranquility is what brought people here and why some have never left. Originally a sand spit with just pine trees and farmland, the peninsula which is almost entirely surrounded by water was promoted as being your own "drive on island". It certainly sounded 'out of this world' and quite frankly it is!

Of all the original 'permanent' families that came to Matarangi in the very early days, only a handful remain. Heather and Lindsay Arthur are the longest permanent residents currently

living in the village followed Paul and Louise Falleni. It is them and other early residents that trail blazed for us. They were the first golf club, they established the boat and fishing club, they fundraised for the fire station hall, they worked in the shop, for the developer, in the forest, in trades but most importantly, they established the wonderful community spirit that is alive and well in Matarangi today. They are the originals - our Matarangi pioneers.

Heather and Lindsay Arthur bought their section, lot 69, in 1979 for \$10,500 on Kenwood Drive and built a 60 sqm bach. "Lindsay was working for the forestry company in Te Rerenga and we were living there when we bought the section and built. But in 1987 we decided to live in Matarangi permanently and build a larger house," said Heather.

Heather remembers that the actual 'first house' built in what we know as the original 'Matarangi' development. It had been built a few months earlier by Graham Collings who was the first Beach Estates manager and his

wife Margaret. Prior to that there had been an old farmhouse down in the Cove that George and Joy Simpson lived in, when they were farming on the land. It eventually got burnt down in a Fire Brigade training exercise. "We bought our section even before the causeway was built. The only road in was the Bluff Road that went through to Rings Beach. Kenwood Drive itself was just a track," recalls Heather.

Louise and Paul moved from Auckland in 1988 after buying land around 1985/86 and building in 1987. It was then that Paul established his business in Matarangi called Falleni Electronics. Louise had connections to the area as she was originally a local girl having moved to Te Rerenga in 1960 with her parents Loui and Elfie Holzgang. Her sister Toni Gordon is also one of "The Originals". Toni and her late husband Brett moved to Matarangi on the 19th December 1986 where Brett, a builder, built their first home.

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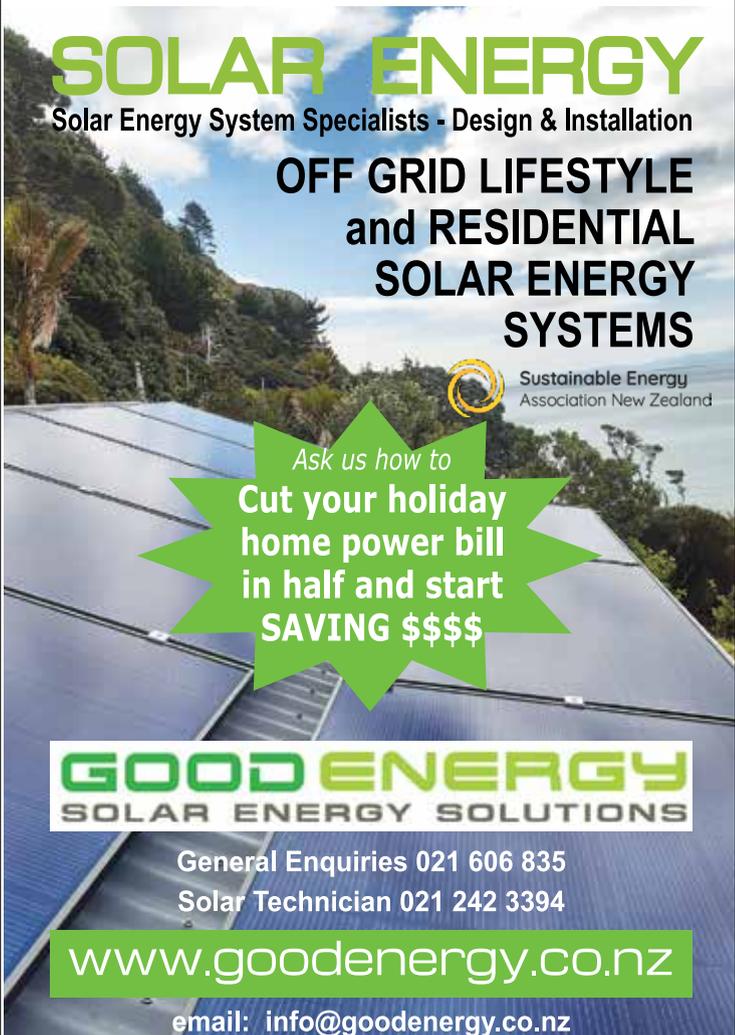
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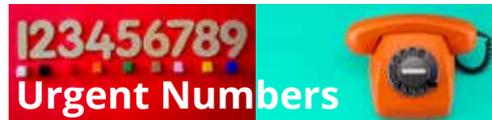
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The beach communities of Matarangi, Whangapoua, Kuaotunu, Otama and Opito are a very special part of our beautiful Coromandel. One thing that is so noticeable is the growing numbers of bach owners making the decision to ditch the city life and come down and enjoy this wonderful district permanently. This has become even more so during these Covid 19 times. To all of those that have moved into our area over the past year - welcome.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

2020 has been a tough year for everybody, but hopefully a busy summer period will provide a welcome boost to morale and to local businesses.

To those who are making their annual trip here or are visiting for the first time, I have no doubt that your holiday here will leave a lasting positive impression.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and all the best for what I hope will be a better 2021.

Scott Simpson
Scott Simpson MP

Fine Arts Exhibited at The Dunes

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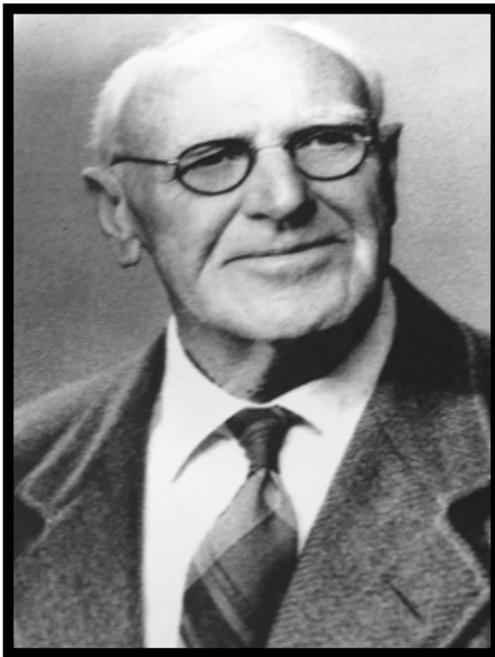
Permanent space at the Dunes has been set aside for the artwork to be exhibited to the public.

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"NO BOOTS FOR MR MOEHAU"

Teresa Kedzlie explores the work of a Coromandel born mid 20th century novelist - E.H Audley



neighbours. His timeless world is bounded by the sea, the sand hills and the forest, until in the name of development, it's seclusion is threatened on two fronts. The reactions of the community are varied and lively."

The wonderful book by Graeme Lay called 'Whangapoua: Harbour of the Shellfish', published by the Whangapoua History Project Group in 2009 has a section about 'No Boots for Mr Moehau'. It confirms that E.H. Audley was the uncle of Audley Wylie's mother and was born in Coromandel in 1896. Further research indicates that he was one of the eight children belonging to Matilda and Frederick Audley who was for a time the Harbour Master at Coromandel. Audley's family was a reasonably prosperous one as his father was part of the mining party that discovered the famous Hauraki gold mine; "Legge's Reef" in 1894. The Victorian Villa named Audley House constructed in 1895 was where he grew up. Today it is an iconic Coromandel landmark situated on the Whangapoua Road (SH25) heading towards Matarangi.

After serving in World War One, Audley became a teacher working both in the Auckland region and in Britain and was a headmaster in Manurewa until he retired in 1953. He took up writing as a hobby and had many short stories published before his first book 'Islands Float at Eleven' was published in 1952. His enthusiasm for the Coromandel region was characterised in all his fiction and this book depicted life in the colonial gold mining town of Thames, through the eyes of an eleven-year old boy.

Audley's other novels are suggestive of local realities of that time many of which are still relevant today. The community which was named Matarangi in 'No Boots for Mr Moehau' according to Lay (2009) was a "fictionalised depiction of the Whangapoua area, and is a sensitive portrait of a community beset by social and economic changes" (p.145).

The story tells of Mr Moehau's battle with a company that wishes to develop a holiday resort and with local Maori who are prepared to sell their land for economic gain, as well as his encounters with the Maori Land Court.

His other novel, 'A New Gate for Mattie Duliovich' (1965) is about a Dalmatian farmer on the Coromandel Peninsula and a local Maori, Amo who join forces to protect the land from commercialism, when businessmen

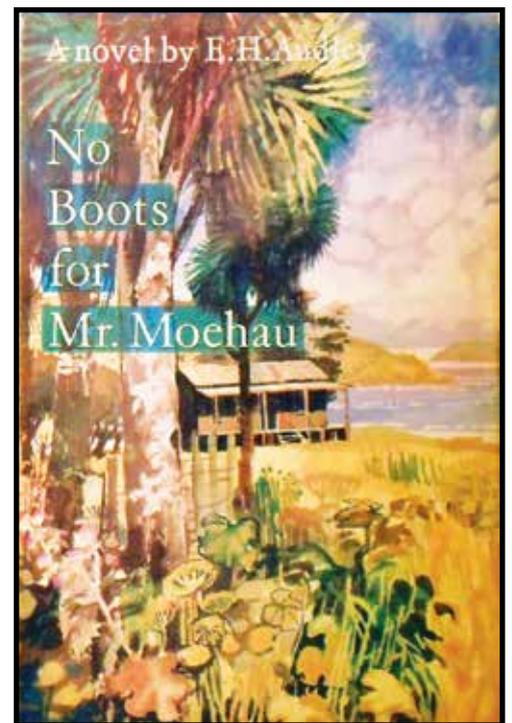
want to build a boating marina and a luxury hotel.

These novels if you can get hold of them, are well worth a read. The themes could easily be set in the modern day with other pristine and iconic coastal locations coming under pressure for development and the resulting controversy and struggle to protect them. It shows that Audley nearly sixty years ago, was indeed light years ahead of his time.

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Photos: E.H. Audley
No Boots for Mr Moehau



There's nothing like being lost in a second-hand bookshop and finding a book that was meant to meet you. Fossicking around and stumbling upon a gem can be for some, one of life's pleasures especially if it is a rare or hard to find book. A first edition maybe or one that has personal or sentimental significance.

What a treasure it was to find 'No Boots for Mr Moehau' by E.H. Audley. For a long time now I have wanted to find out more about this book written in 1963 and the person who wrote it.

As a child I had been told that my late mother's friend Audley Wylie had been named after some author. Audley was the daughter of Bert Denize whose family had bought what was known as the homestead block at the Northern End of Whangapoua Beach in 1944. It is where as a family in the 60s and 70s that we visited Audley and her family and other friends who camped there.

The blurb on the dust jacket sets the scene for this fictional novel writing that the book is set in "Matarangi a dwindling Maori Community on the Coromandel Peninsula. Mr Moehau of the title potters contentedly on the shore, beach combing and visiting his nets or near

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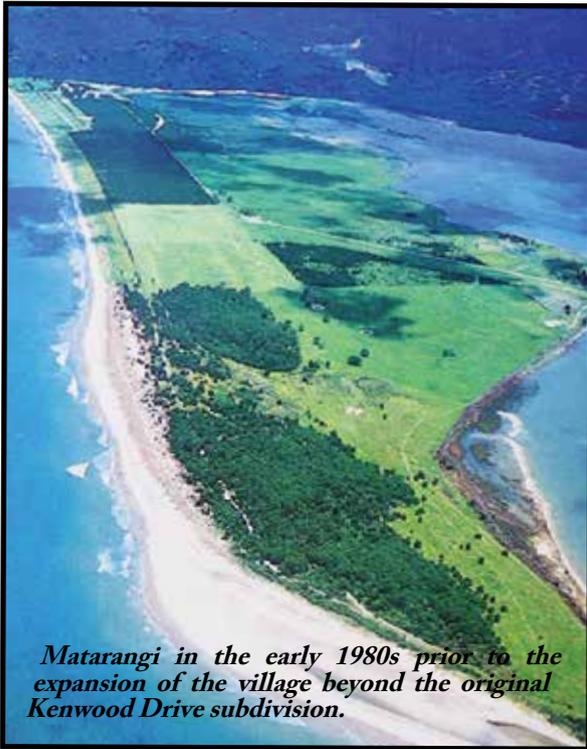
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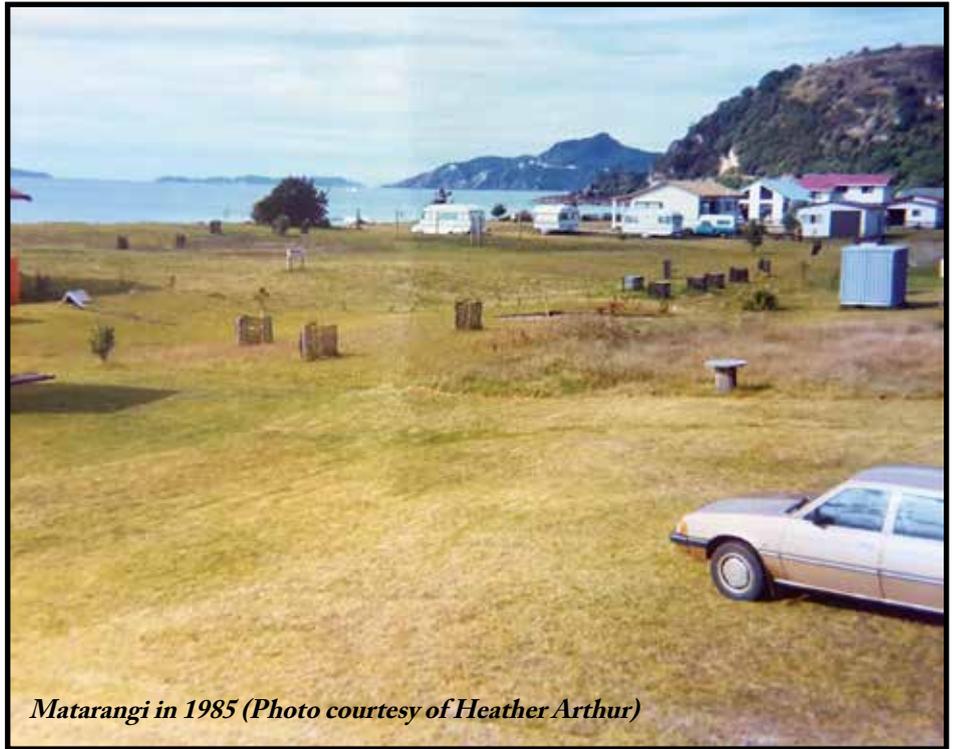
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THE PIONEERS: THE MBP TALKS TO MATARANGI'S ORIGINAL RESIDENTS



Matarangi in the early 1980s prior to the expansion of the village beyond the original Kenwood Drive subdivision.



Matarangi in 1985 (Photo courtesy of Heather Arthur)

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Toni Gordon now lives out of the village on the main road between Matarangi and Te Rerenga, on the orchard that she and Brett owned. Their daughter's Claire Veevers and Abbie Gordon also now live locally as do other early section owners, such as Judy and Ivan Nobilo, Rosemary Jakicevich, and Margaret Briggs, just to name a few.

Louise Falleni describes clearly what Matarangi looked like in those early days. "The Matarangi development when we bought was on both sides of Waimarie Ave to Puriri Place on the sea side, and up to Matarangi Drive on the other side. The subdivision stopped at the end of Waimarie Ave. There was a dusty road that went to the airfield and the old boat ramp. The work sheds for the golf course were on the other side of the airfield at the harbour end. There was another dusty old track to the golf course as well," recalls Louise. "The rest was either paddocks or pine trees. Local farmers Russell and Judith Clague had the bull farm and ran their stock on the estate. I also remember 'The Pines' being called the 'tortured forest' as it was so dense with wild pine. The kids honestly believed it was haunted"

When Heather moved permanently to Matarangi in 1987, she started to sell real

estate and had a long career with Richardsons until up until her retirement in 2013. According to Heather in the early days Matarangi was mainly sections. There were very few houses. "What people may not know is that there was no water in the village then. You had to put down a bore and have a pressure pump to get it. Houses really did not begin to be constructed until the mid to late 1980s when people decided to live permanently. In the early days it was just utilities and caravans. That was all people in those days could afford. The covenants in those days were strictly enforced. I think that was a good thing as it helped keep things orderly," says Heather.

Blue Lewis, who is Life Member and Patron of the Matarangi Boat and Fishing Club said he first heard about Matarangi in the mid 1980s when he was a publican in Hawera. "I saw an advertisement in the Sunday Star Times for this place called Matarangi and it intrigued me. Later in 1987 when my wife June and I were on a trip to Auckland we decided to take the long way home and detour to the Coromandel and have a look at this place. I remember driving the Bluff Road to get here and June was not that impressed. However back then it was the pine trees and the shade of the place that I liked. I just liked the set up," recalls Blue. "There were only just a few families living here in those early days. Paul

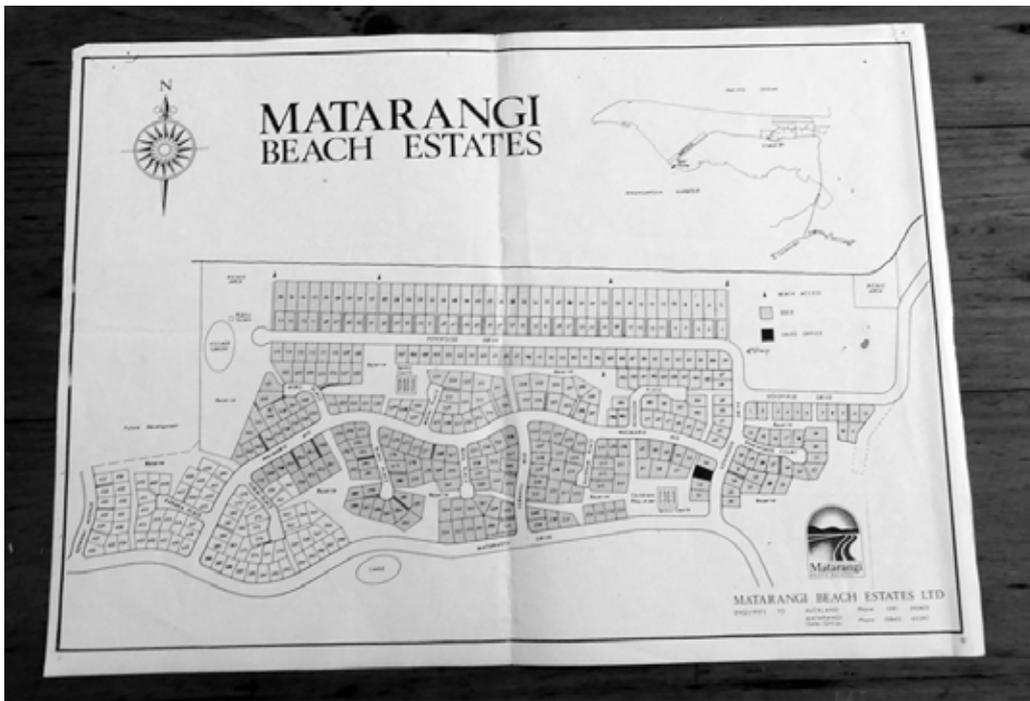
and Louise Falleni, Allan Sison, Brett and Toni Gordon, Stu and Val McKenzie, Lindsay and Heather Arthur, Sue and Grant Smith and probably one or two more but it is a long time ago now," says Blue who with June moved here permanently in 1991, eventually setting up Matarangi Monitoring.

Another early arrival into Matarangi was Alan Crowcroft. He first bought his section in 1986 and paid \$11,000 for it. Living in Takanini and working as an engineer for Alcan, as soon as the section was bought he and his family would come down every weekend rain, hail or shine. Alan, his wife Ruby and their boys began building their bach using pre-built framing. Like Blue, Alan and Ruby also moved permanently here in 1991. By that stage there were around 20 permanent households and Alan recalls the friendliness and the strong neighbourhood spirit that existed when the village was tiny. "We lived outdoors a lot, down at the beach and going to BBQs to help new arrivals settle in. A group of us started having weekly progressive dinners, which my wife Ruby was the instigator. There would be Pat and Dave Rowe, Bob and Linda Segetin, Ken and Lynne Calendar. We would take turns doing the various courses and rotate around to everyone's houses.

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Getting grocery supplies was a bit of a mission for these new locals back then. “When we purchased there was a tiny shop on the corner of Kenwood and Goldfields Drives which was only open during the summer holidays, selling just bread, milk and ice creams,” says Louise.

Heather worked in that shop and recalls that “it was a bit of a nightmare at times with pages and pages of orders for milk and bread coming in. There would be a long line up of holiday makers out the door and along the street but they would all wait patiently while I would be frantically sorting the orders all out. They would just stand and chat and get to know each other. In a way that is how many of the early holiday makers got to know each other standing in line, waiting for their bread

and milk.” According to Blue, shopping for groceries was something that had to be really planned for in the early days of Matarangi. The ladies would car pool for the long drive down to Thames which was the nearest proper supermarket in those days. “Getting there was quite an effort. Both roads over the Kuaotunu and Whangapoua hills were unsealed,” recalls Alan. “It was only well into the late 1990s that the gravel road between Coromandel to Whitianga was fully sealed completing the peninsula circuit” adds Louise.

It was also a mission for the children travelling to and from school. The bus came into Matarangi to collect both the Te Rerenga and Mercury Bay pupils at 7.30 a.m. and got back at 4.30 p.m. You were collected and dropped off at the corner of Kenwood and Matarangi

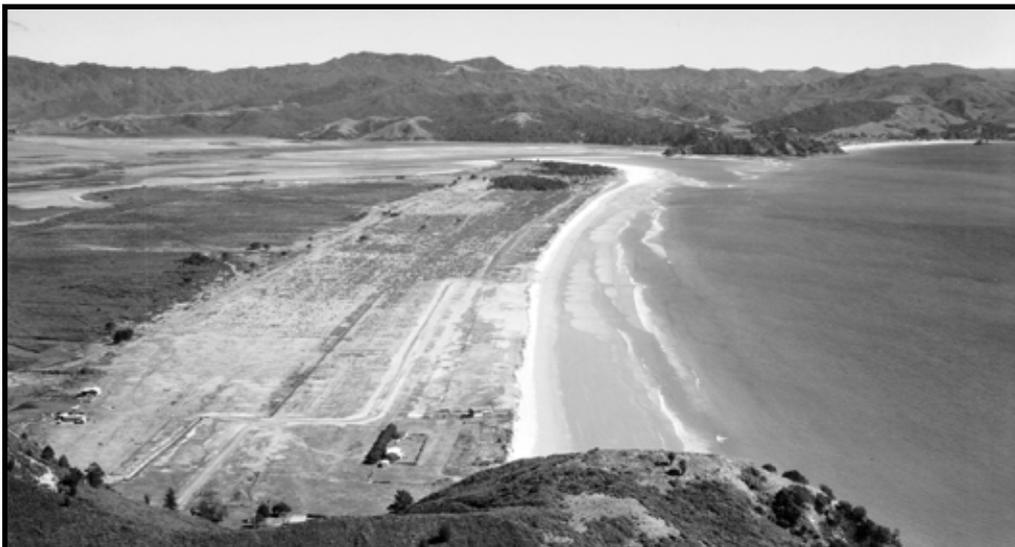
Drives. “It made for a really long day for the little five year olds but that’s how it was and it was the same for everyone. You just had to cope. Unless it was raining the children walked with their Mum’s and Dad’s until they were big enough to go by themselves or they biked,” recalls Louise.

A new larger shop was built in 1989 and Louise worked there. My biggest memory was the happy kids coming in for 1 cent lollies but the parents being not so happy if we didn’t have their favourite brand of bread or if the NZ Herald had run out. In total Louise worked for the Beach Estates for 15 years, as after attaining a diploma in landscaping she then worked on the estate, doing the mowing and looking after the subdivision landscaping. When the clubroom restaurant and bar opened she then went on to manage that. Toni, also worked in the village and was the shop manager until it was sold on. Today, she still works in Matarangi and is currently working for The Dunes.

In those days, living in Matarangi was a great place to be and it was all about making your own fun. “Everything we did had no rules but everything we did was based on common sense,” says Paul Falleni. It was all about community and the community went to everything. They were a social lot. “In the very early days before the golf course, we would have Friday night evenings at the workshop. Before that we met at the old farm house in the Cove. It was great because the whole family went to everything. One yummy memory was when Blue and June Lewis would be at the beach before they moved permanently and June making whitebait fritters for every one,” adds Louise.

Read part two of the Matarangi Pioneers in the January edition of the MBP coming out on the 8th. It will be also online at www.matarangibeachpaper.com

Below: Matarangi taken in August 1972 photographed by White’s Aviation. (Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington). At this stage the road formation works for the original Kenwood Drive subdivision were in place.



Long term resident Alan Crowcroft has lived in the village for around 30 years.

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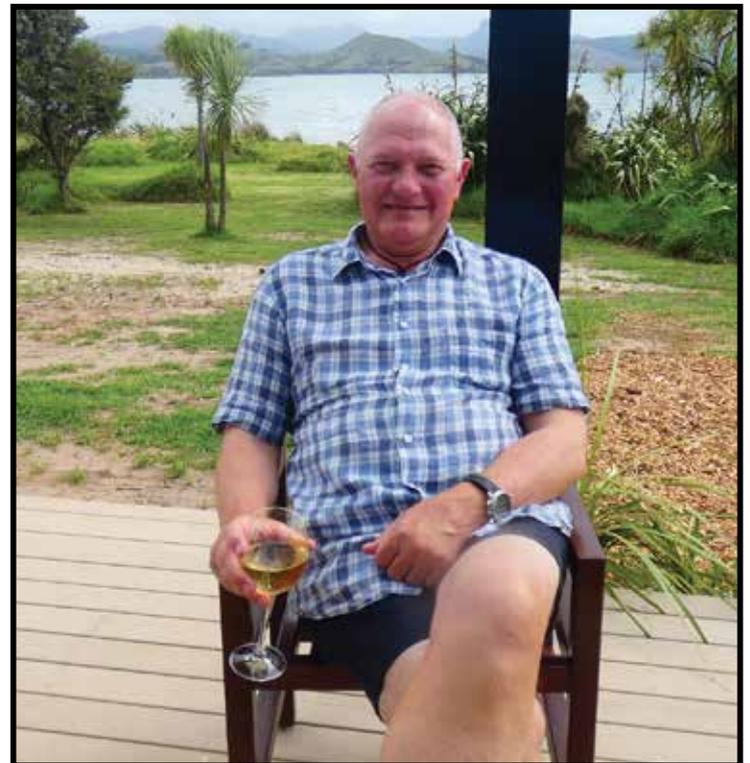
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Golf and Community Club News

CHRISTMAS 2020

Come try the new Crispy Chicken Burger at the Dunes!



Chair of the Dunes Community Club, Tadek Gawor.

On 22 November the Dunes Community Club held its Inaugural Annual General Meeting. It was good to see so many members attending the meeting. The AGM appointed the 2021 Committee. The new Committee members are: Bev Gwyn, Jean Brooks, Kevin Comer, Nicky Fanning, Raewyn Williams, Robin Fleming, Shirley Muellers, Simon Hill, Steve Moss, Tadek Gawor, Wayne Davis. The new Committee met for the first time on Friday 11 Dec 2020. The meeting focussed on allocation of various responsibilities, amongst others: Tadek Gawor was elected the Committee Chairperson and Jean Brooks as the Deputy Chairperson.

A big thank you goes to the Dunes owners and the outgoing Committee (John Anson, Scott Corbett, Nicky Fanning, Robin Fleming, Bev Gwyn, Simon Hill, Shirley Muellers, Marie Murphy, Raewyn Williams) for their commitment and contributions to our small community.

Once the holiday season is over, the Committee will meet to plan the 2021 activities. The Club membership continues to grow. Should anyone wish to join the Club, please go to the Club webpage (<https://www.thedunes.co.nz/community-club/>), where you can find information about the membership description, club rules and benefits, and the link to the Application Form.

On behalf of the Dunes Community Club, we wish all the MBP readers a happy, enjoyable, safe and restful holiday season.

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A Successful First Year Says Dunes AGM



It has been a busy and eventful year at the Dunes Golf Course culminating with the first Annual General Meeting of The Matarangi Golf and Community Clubs.

Reporting to the meeting Allan Dickson outlined the formation of Matarangi Land Holdings Limited (MLHL) 12 months ago who took over for the former owner Mike Semelink of Golf 2012 Ltd. A group of 21 shareholders came together with Ross Mear and Allan being appointed as the initial directors. Mr Dickinson told the meeting that it was "a big challenge to get the course and clubhouse into a state we could all be proud of" and that this work only happened because "the community got behind the project."

During the settlement process late last year as the ownership of the Dunes course shifted from Golf 2012 Ltd to Matarangi Land Holdings Limited, Tadek Gawor assisted with formation of a volunteer steering group to revitalise the utilisation of the Dunes.

Earlier this year, two committees, the Golf Club and Community Club committees were formed who played a significant role in getting the Dunes facility back on track and utilised by the wider community.

Allan thanked the volunteers behind the scenes like Ross Gwyn, Bob Stevens, Chris Palmer and others who contributed their time and experience in getting the golfing side of the Dunes up and running smoothly. Allan singled special thanks to John Skelton for his huge input into doing the accounts, selecting and installing the new Point of Sale System, getting our membership system up and running, organising the fibre connection, installing a new phone system, amongst many other tasks. Allan also thanked sponsors Ricoh for the printer, scanner and copier to help in the Club's organisation and Steve and Maureen Ross and Atlas Gentech for the installation of a state-of-the-art security system.

Future plans for the clubhouse include the relocation of the golf shop to its original location and the reinstatement of changing rooms. This will see the conversion of the current golf shop into a community room for activities such as Yoga, Mah-jong, and Meetings.

Facilities Manager Simon Hill has put together a great team with Scott Corbett to run the kitchen. Over the next year there may also be changes made to improve layout and look of the clubhouse. Allan thanked Raymond Fanning and team for doing an exemplary job resolving issues and improving the course.

When MLHL purchased the golf course it was with the intent that it be owned by the community. To that end Alastair MacCormick and the Matarangi Community Trust has been in discussions with TCDC. Until we have clarity on this, MLHL's intent is to continue to work with our great staff and the community to improve and maximise the offer we have as a Golf and Community Club.

Allan advised that yes there were many issues including aging plant and equipment, irrigation systems and pumps, water issues, lake cleaning, and consent issues with TCDC. Allan hoped to get TCDC on board with some of these problems.

Tadek Gawor chair of The Dunes Community Club noted that membership continues to grow and behind the scenes the committee has worked with the Dunes' Management over the past year to define the Club Benefits and The Committee Charter.

Tadek thanked the 2020 interim committee for their contribution, time and effort. (Bev Gwyn (Golf Club Representative), John Anson, Marie Murphy, Nicky Fanning, Raewyn Williams, Robin Flaming, Scott Corbett, Shirley Muellers, and Simon Hill (Management Representative). David Key was thanked and acknowledged for providing the Quiz Trophy. The Quiz nights have been very successful thanks to Rhys Matthias & Hilary Falconer and Andy Corles.

The Bowling Group led by John Anson has proven to be very popular and has become an enjoyable twice weekly activity for the Community. During the year The Dunes was utilised for Canasta/Games sessions on Sunday afternoons (led by Shirley Muellers) and Mah-Jong on Monday afternoons (led by Sheila Key). Tadek acknowledged and thanked the owners for allowing the community the use of the facilities.



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THE SCHOOL BELL



It has been a pretty fun and full on December for our students at Te Rerenga with loads of interesting and exciting events.

Room 3 & 4 had an amazing time at their respective camps at the Kauaeranga Valley and at Hahei. We then had our school athletics day, followed by our musical concert where the children performed musical items that they learnt throughout the year during their weekly music lessons. It was also a special time for our departing year 8 students. They had a fun morning out at the Driving Creek Zipline in Coromandel last week followed by the traditional Leavers Dinner at The Dunes that evening!

The Room 4 Sustainability group also met with Amber Boyd from Whitebait Connection to undertake water sampling from the Waitekura Stream. This is the stream that flows into the wetlands we have been planting. After locating and studying various bugs, eels, fish and critters along the banks and in the stream, as well as checking the amounts of vegetation as well as the water clarity and flow, the water was deemed in "Excellent" health. Monday was our annual funday with the traditional water slide and Mr Adshead's head shave for cancer raising funds for the Mercury Bay Cancer

Support Group. As you know this is an issue particularly close to our school's heart this year and we are delighted with the support that Darrell got.

Congratulations to Year 4 student Sophia Adshead on her amazing drumming that has been featured this week on You Tube. A few weeks ago Sophia was asked to take part in a drum off to demonstrate that 9 year old girls can drum. It started with a call from a friend saying they had seen a 10 year old girl in the UK drumming and challenging other drummers to a drum off competition. This friend figured if a 10 year old girl in the UK can do this, a 9 year old in NZ can do it too and Sophia was asked. We are waiting to see what the response will be now that Sophia is online!

Check her out on YouTube!

If Sophia gets enough likes on the post, she will be up for a drum off with a famous drummer!

Watch out for our great little school featuring over the summer break! A group of our fantastic parents have organised a float in our Matarangi Christmas parade this Sunday with some of our students taking part. Many of our children also participated in a sign competition as part of the Dotterels in Schools Programme. The winning entries are having their signs

located at the following beaches over the summer to remind people about our precious birds. Congratulations to the children whose posters will be at Opera Point; Whangapoua Estuary, and at the Conservation area (West end) of Matarangi Beach. The PTA are also organising a bucket fundraising event on New Years Eve at 4 p.m. Parents and children will be walking the streets of Matarangi and Whangapoua with buckets to raise funds for our PTA. This is our major fundraising event for the year due to Covid so please support us.

We'll we have just had our final assembly and rung the school bell for the last time in 2020. It will be a year forever etched in our school's history and our hearts for a variety of reasons. I am so proud of the children, my staff, parents and the wider school community as to how they managed themselves through what has been some sad, challenging and turbulent times. I am also very grateful for the wonderful support we received from our wider community. On that note, do have a wonderful and safe holiday period everyone and I will enjoy sharing our school's news with you next year.

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A TASTE OF MATARANGI

Event Update

A Taste of Matarangi is a tremendous example of what can be achieved by a community coming together. It takes skill and commitment to put a successful event together and the current organising committee continue to achieve this each year.

Organising an event can be a great experience, revealing plenty of untapped talents and skills along with gaining valuable event management practice, collaborating with event staff, connecting with the event audience and being involved behind the scenes to deliver an incredible experience.

Everyone has something to give and volunteers are an essential part of A Taste of Matarangi helping to create a fantastic festival experience for our audience and artists.

As we plan ahead for the 2022 festival, the committee would like to invite interested people to assist across several roles of the event set up:

- Marketing
- Stallholders
- Fundraising
- Entertainment
- Charities
- Operations
- Volunteers

If you have any of the following skills and would be interested in being part of this wonderful event we would love to hear from you:

- Event management experience
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- 2 Chorizo Sausages
- 1 tbsp cooking oil
- 1 bag of undressed coleslaw
- 1 finely sliced red capsicum
- 1 sliced avocado
- 150g crumbled feta cheese
- 1 x 400g tin kidney beans rinsed and drained

DRESSING

Place the following dressing ingredients in food processor and process until smooth.

- 1 cup coriander leaves, roughly chopped
- Zest and juice of 1 lime
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 tbsp honey
- ½ cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Slice chorizo finely and cook in oil until golden. Drain on paper towel. Combine coleslaw, capsicum and beans in large bowl and toss with half of the dressing. Place salad mixture on a large platter. Top with avocado, feta and chorizo. Serve remaining dressing separately.

Rotisserie Chicken with Spinach and Yoghurt (serves 4)

With the Matarangi Four Square now selling Rotisserie Chooks this a great salad to quickly throw together!

- 100g Bulgur Wheat
- ½ tsp Moroccan Seasoning
- 250ml boiling water
- 5 tablespoons Unsweetened Greek Yoghurt
- 3tbsp olive oil

- ½ red onion finely chopped
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 handful of chopped basil leaves
- 3 handfuls chopped baby spinach leaves
- 50 g toasted walnuts
- Salt and Pepper
- ½ store bought rotisserie chicken cut into bite sized pieces. Skin and bones removed.
- ½ lemon
- Extra baby spinach leaves for serving

Place Bulgur Wheat, Moroccan spice and boiling water in saucepan and simmer for 4 minutes over low heat. Drain.

Mix together yogurt, vinegar, oil and onion in bowl. Set half aside for later. Stir in bulgur wheat, spinach, basil and ½ of the walnuts. Season with salt and pepper. Add chicken and toss gently to combine.

To serve, arrange extra baby spinach leaves on base of a platter. Spoon on the chicken mixture and then top with remaining yoghurt mixture. Scatter remaining walnuts on top. Finish with a good squeeze of lemon juice. Bon Appetit!

Natalie Williams of Roaring Wine Tours in Central Otago recommends the following wines for these salads:

Misha's The Soloist Rose would go perfectly with the chicken salad and Maude Pinot Gris with the Chorizo Salad.

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

If you are looking for inspiration as to what to feed the multitudes who descend on the bach over summer, these salads are a couple of our favourites. Delicious and quick and easy to prepare, they will certainly impress your guests and you won't have to slave over a hot stove for too long. Why should you! You are on holiday!

To cater for more just double your quantity. Serve these salads on a large platter with a loaf of freshly baked ciabatta from the Matarangi Four Square on the side. Voila! You have a meal in itself!

Grilled Chorizo, Bean and Avocado Salad (serves 4-6)

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THE WINE CLUB REPORT



The Ca'di Raji Prosecco Brut was first up. Produced from just outside Venice, Rowan described this dry brut as "easy going, fun and frivolous."

A classic French style rose was then tried. By .Ott is a Rose from Provence that is produced by Domaines Ott who joined forces with Louis Roederer in 2004. A dry Rose, Rowan described it as "pretty, peachy and drinkable."

The Maude Pinot Gris from Wanaka was then showcased. Maude who has won accolades for their Pinot Noir has produced an off dry Pinot Gris which Rowan said has just a "smiggin of sweetness."

The next white on offer was the Babich Irongate Chardonnay. Produced in oak with a rich creaminess it was more like the authentic old style chardonnay.

The first red wine of the evening was the Te Mata Syrah rom the Hawkes Bay. With blueberry, violet and peppery overtones Rowan also described this wine as "easy going, voluptuous, friendly and plush." Rowan took delight in informing the crowd that Te Mata are known for using "Grey Pickers" This indeed resonated with the audience, the majority of being a similar demographic!

The final wine for the evening before we devoured some scrumptious pork rolls was the Crimson Pinot Noir from the Atarangi Vineyard in Martinborough.

Rowan said this was a "benchmark Pinot Noir" and with its attractive Pohutakawa label would be a nice drop to open at that Xmas BBQ.

All wines are available at Puku & Kerre's.

Rowan from Euro Vintage was a refreshing presenter, at the December wine club with his witty and somewhat irreverent descriptions of the wines that were tasted on the night.

Euro Vintage is a privately owned distributor that has an impressive range of both New Zealand and International wines of which six were showcased. As Rowan said he wanted to share with us some "summer focussed stuff."



In this world of the fake and the frivolous it is important that we cherish the integrity of the makers and creators of art works. The authenticity of the exhibition at the Kuaotunu Arts Extraordinary weekend displayed both purpose and preciousness. Twenty two artists and artisans from around the Coromandel, bought together a total of 124 artworks under two thematic umbrellas. Firstly, the celebration of handmade multimedia and multiformity design in 'Makers 2', and secondly in a 'Collection of Trees' an evolution of the 25 Christmas Trees exhibition held in previous Decembers.

What was striking was the cheer precision and strong aesthetics of all the works. Also this exhibition took the presented works to another level of cultural diversity and technical sophistication. This is not surprising as the village of Kuaotunu and its surrounds is the heart of the arts on the Coromandel, a creative crucible of talent and expression.

A couple of interesting works and artists exhibiting for the first time in Kuaotunu were Dessa Bluu's mosaic sculpture 'Connected Cultures', which explored the artists Pasifika and Scandinavian roots, and textile artist Ichiyo Terauchi's 'Red Poppies' which fully encapsulated the Japanese design philosophy of Shibusa, making a well crafted apron and through delicate decoration created something of practicality and elegance.

Always of immense interest, it is fascinating to see what Phillip Fickling comes up with at any Kuaotunu art exhibition. In the Trees of Christmas Collection his 'Kiwi Bach' Christmas decorations were another example of genius meeting whimsy. One immediately imagined a Pohutakawa in full bloom decorated with Phillip's beautifully crafted Kiwi baches as the ultimate expression of a summer Christmas on the Coromandel.

Isabel Gilbert Palmer and her team do a fantastic job bringing the community together with events

like these that showcase the skills and talents we have right here on our doorstep, and at the same time raising funds for the community food forest.

Artists exhibiting were: Yuko Bayer, Dessa Bluu, Dave Bryant, Isabel Gilbert Palmer, Jazz Gilsonan-Fistzgerald, Prue Gilsonan, Muriel Jakowitsch, Terry Lysaght, Gabrielle McKane, Julianna McLean, Lisa Passmore, Eliza Reed, Tawa Rikihana, Ichiyo Terauchi, Dionne Wood, Melissa Boyd, Hannal Clayton, Chris Cotton, June Jenson, Annemieke Kregting, Christine Towgood and Phillip Fickling.

Photo: Yuko Bayer of Whitianga (centre) with her two friends "The Two Hiromi's" was one of the 22 Artisans who exhibited at the Kuaotunu Extraordinary Arts Exhibition. Yuko specialises in traditional Japanese soap making.



SUMMER BOOK REVIEW: 'PenguinKind, 501 small sustainable actions under \$100'



Stuck for a Christmas gift this year or have a book voucher to use, check out a book that has hit our NZ book stores recently that we are sure will appeal to the 'Coromandel' reader

who is concerned about protecting our environment and being sustainable.

PenguinKind, 501 small sustainable actions under \$100' has been written by Carolyn Managh who has family strong connections to the Northern Coromandel. She writes about this in her book and the influences of her mother and grandmother.

Thoughtful, witty, and well-researched, PenguinKind is a comprehensive book to guide you through the hundreds of small lifestyle changes required to live safely and sustainably in the new normal. You will be surprised at how easily it becomes second nature to use a safety razor instead of disposable alternatives, measure laundry detergent rather than free-flow pouring, time your showers, make your own condiments, think outside the gift box, transform used coffee grounds into a face scrub, wrap gifts with your own art, and make sorbet from browning bananas.

Peppered among the chapters are stories about penguins and their quirky ways. As the indicator species for ocean health, penguins are represented in this book as the ambassadors for all wildlife, to remind us that we are on a treacherous path and must take action to get off it.

Proceeds from PenguinKind will help fund scientific research and conservation tracking through Global Penguin Society and NZ Penguin Initiative.

PenguinKind is packed with stories of Carolyn's personal journey towards sustainability, falling in love with the farm boy next door after 30 years apart, and implementing all 500 of the small sustainable actions. These are woven with stunning penguin photography by Richard Robinson and delightful illustrations by Italian fashion illustrator Andrea Tarella.

Penguin Kind can be purchased directly at <https://www.smallmarvels.co.nz/> or at Paper Plus stores for \$39.99.



Featured: Carolyn Managh



The new kauri dieback cleaning station at the start of the Matarangi Bluff Walking tract through to the Rings Beach Reserve is here just in time for the summer tourist season.

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CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

Congratulations to these Te Rerenga School students that were the 2020 recipients of the following trophies at the school's final assembly.

- The George Bell Memorial Trophy for Courage - Angie Thomson*
- Originality Trophy donated by the Charteris family - Charlie Tinkler*
- The Swanson Cup for Academic Excellence - Eden White*
- The Leadership Trophy donated by Anna Yates - Eden White*
- The Respect and Kindness Trophy donated by Anna Yates - Charlie Tinkler*

Congratulations also to Harold Abrahamson who has been recognised by the Council for his service to the Mercury Bay community for over 30 Years. Harold is a respected local community leader and was a highly regarded TCDC Councillor during the late 1980's and early 1990's, instrumental in advocating for a significant number of local projects that we are benefitting from today.

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25 QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

1. What stick would you put in a mulled wine?
2. In the "Gingerbread Man" fairy tale who or what devours the gingerbread man in the end?
3. How many Drummers drummed?
4. Alphabetically, which of Santa's reindeer comes first?
5. In the Christmas song "Let it snow" what has happened to the lights?
6. Modern Christmas Trees originated in the 16th century in an area now known as which country?
7. The Australian external territory of Christmas Island is in which ocean?
8. At what point in the Christmas celebrations are you likely to hear the effects of Silver Fulminate?
9. Which takeaway food is so popular in Japan at Christmas that it often has to be ordered weeks in advance? a) Pizza b) Big Mac c) KFC
10. The Twelve days of Christmas traditionally finish on which date?
11. Claret is a dry red wine produced in which region of France?
12. Yes or No. Was the plastic lined airline sickness bag invented in 1949?
13. What is the seventh planet from the sun?
14. What is the longest river in England?
15. In which city was the 1996 Summer Olympics held: Was it Los Angeles, Atlanta or Salt Lake City?
16. Caviar is obtained from which fish?
17. Is the British Airways ribbon logo on their aircraft mostly blue?
18. What is the state capital of Ohio?
19. What is the world's northernmost capital city?
20. How many Olympic Games Gold medals has Mark Todd won?
21. What is considered the best steak/wagyu beef in the world?
22. What is the name of the latest RNZN ship?
23. John Paul Jones, Jimmy Page, Jon Bonham and Robert Plant were in what Rock Band?
24. Name the 'Gone with the Wind' actress who died in 2020 aged 104?
25. How many terms as US President did Franklin D. Roosevelt serve?

Compiled by Andy Corles
Answers below.



A Right of Reply? Ian Patrick

Last month members of the community farewell long term residents Ian and Diane Patrick. Ian a frequent contributor to the paper has requested a right of reply.

In response to The MBP's editors kind words in the December Matarangi Beach Paper I have the right of reply and would like to give credit where it is due. Thanks to those friends who delivered such generous praise. However, all communities, and smaller ones in particular rely on the efforts of volunteers to enhance living standards for everyone and Matarangi provides an excellent example.

Firstly we have the Rural Fire Force, a team of highly trained and skilled men under the leadership of Stu Arnold keeping us safe. Mark Hall, a member of that group deserves special credit for conceiving and working tirelessly to establish the new Community Patrol with his group of enthusiastic volunteers.

Matarangi suffered a succession of owners of the Golf Course who had no real interest in running a golfing business and subsequently under funded the green keeping team. For

many years now a keen group of volunteers under the leadership of Geoff Atmore have regularly assisted in maintaining the course to a high standard.

A strong group of civic minded residents under the leadership of Ross Green and Ross Healey not only assisted the Ratepayers Association in funding the legal challenge over open space zoning, but made possible the purchase of the land for the general benefit of the local community. This was the culmination to the threat of that land being subdivided by an owner who seemed to believe that the community could and would have no objection to the amenity value and ambience represented by that open space being ripped away and destroyed.

This outcome was the culmination of 30 years hard work by the various Ratepayers Association committees. That committee has always consisted of a group of skilled people with serious commercial experience behind them, currently deployed for everyone's benefit.

Any resident not yet a member of the association clearly has no

understanding of the contribution made over all those years to everyone's benefit and particularly to the value of their investment, or how important the ability to demonstrate strong local support is in giving the officers credibility in negotiations.

Two people in particular, Alastair MacCormick and Keith Cullum spent thousands of hours and considerable expertise in successfully managing the challenge to the open space zoning issue.

And finally the newly formed Matarangi Community Trust, with a strong committee chaired by Alastair is vital to the ultimate goal of full community ownership of the open space land occupied by the golf course. Until this happens and the temporary funders are reimbursed the property will never be fully secured so it will be vital that all residents recognise the importance of acting together to complete the task.

The popular and well trodden walking track on the Matarangi Reserve and associated Conservation project has been created by an enthusiastic group of dedicated volunteers, most aging somewhat. Although largely Kuaotunu folk the greatest benefit appears to be to those many Matarangi residents who enjoy it, a high proportion of the 19,000 walkers recorded last year. However, volunteers are under represented from your side of the hill and a few younger helpers (under 80!) would no doubt be welcome.

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Cinnamon 2. A Fox 3. 12 4. Bitzen 5. They Have Been Turned Down Low 6. Germany 7. Indian Ocean 8. When Pulling a Cracker 9. KFC 10. January 5th 11. Bordeaux 12. Yes 13. Uranus 14. Sevens 15. Atlanta 16. Sturgeon 17. Mostly Red 18. Columbus 19. Reykjavik 20. 2 21. Miyazaki Grade A5 Beef 22. HMNZS Aotearoa 23. Led Zeppelin 24. Dame Olivia de Havilland 25. 4

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Matarangi Beach Summer Festival

Dec 2020

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Santa Parade

20th Dec 2020 - 11am

Santa is coming to town, gather your mates & decorate your fav set of wheels or put your best Xmas Costume on for our beach side parade. All welcome and For the Kids Santa is coming.

Thanks to: Puku & Kerre Liquor Store

Fire Station Open Day

27th Dec 2020 - 10am

Get up close & personal with the MVRFF engines. Down at the Matarangi Fire Station Kids can even have a go with the fire hose.

Thanks to: FENZ

Matarangi Mile

27th Dec 2020 - 12noon

For all you keen runners get your racing shoes or feet down to the Beach off the Village Green for the Matarangi Mile. If you're 13 years and over this one's for you. Plus great prizes for the place getters.

Thanks to: The Matarangi Beach Paper

Bar Crossing Seminar

28th Dec 2020 - 9am

We are presenting a 'Bar Crossing Advisory Seminar' at the Fire Station Everyone Welcome

Thanks to: Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club

The Big Dig

28th Dec 2020 - 11am

Hey Kids can you dig? If so get down to the beach off the village green find an ice block stick (Hands Only) see what your prize is. Age groups up to 5y, 6 - 10y & 11 - 15Y

Thanks to: Richardson's Real Estate

Matarangi Rocks

29th Dec 2020 - 8am-3pm

From the beach to the harbour and everywhere in between, We have hidden 50 rocks that are easily seen. Hunt one out, Don't be a bore. A special prize is waiting in store So Pop Into the 4

Square for Details

Thanks to: 4 Square Matarangi

Sand Castle Comp & Big Beach Day

30th Dec 2020 - 12. pm

From individuals to families, young to the not so young. Show your creativity on the day with castles big or small, Down on the Beach Off the Village Green.

Thanks to: Beach Realty & MoreFM

Can you Handle the Jandral

30th Dec 2020 - 4:30pm - 5pm

Down on the Beach Off the Village Green. After Sand Castle Comp

Thanks to: Coromandel's MoreFM

TeRerenga PTA New Year Collection

31st Dec 2020 - 4pm

Please support the PTA with their

first New Years Eve Collection to

help support the kids of TeRerenga

School

Thanks to: TeRerenga PTA

Mini Olympics

1st Jan 2021 - 3pm - 5pm

Mini Olympics get down to the Village green for a fun filled arvo with the Team at Coro More FM

Thanks to: Coromandel's MoreFM

Annual Fishing Comp

2nd Jan 2021 - 5.00am

The adults get a chance to show who the reel fisherman is! Tickets Avail @ Matarangi Beach Realty Ud & Matarangi Store.

Thanks to: Matarangi Boat &

Fishing Club

Matarangi Beach Tennis Open

2nd Jan 2021 - 1pm

Annual Matarangi Beach Tennis Open

Just of the Village Green, on the Beach

Categories: U14s, U18s, Men's, Women's,

Mixed, all matches are doubles. \$5/person

for Junior events \$10/person for Adult

events Message Nic Burnie or 0210398039

to enter or for more details.

Thanks to: Nic Burnie

The Rings to Matarangi Swim

3rd Jan 2021 - 7.30am BackUp Day 4th

The Rings to Matarangi Beach Swim

Brush off the wetsuits & get in the water for

a swim from Rings to Matarangi.

<http://lringstomatarangiswim.co.nz>

Thanks to: Bill, Wilkie, Kirk & Sharpie

Cardboard Cup

3rd Jan 2021 - 11am

If you're aged between 8-18 years get out all those cartons and boxes create your unique designed vessel ready to race on the day around the 50m course at the Wharf. Entry forms from Richardson's Real Estate

Thanks to: Richardson's Real Estate

Kids Fishing Comp

4th Jan 2021 - 10:30am

Bring your small fry (Under 12years) down to the Matarangi wharf for the kids to show up their parents for the kids fishing competition. Great prizes for the biggest sea creature, most fish and biggest fish

Thanks to: Jet Ski Fishing Show

Rings Beach Wetland Group Info day &

Try Our Track

5th Jan 2021 - 9am - 1pm

Come & walk one of the amazing tracks in the Matarangi Bluff Reserve and find out about the work of the RBWG who created and still maintain the tracks and the conservation aspects of the reserve. Complete the challenge questions to be in the prize draw! @ Matarangi Bluff Reserve Track entrance,

Thanks to: Amy Lendrum & RBWG

Mini Olympics

6th Jan 2021 - 3pm - 5pm

Mini Olympics get down to the Village green for a fun filled arvo with the Team at Coro More FM

Thanks to: Coromandel's MoreFM

Kids Cupcake Decorating

8th Jan 2021 - 3pm

Kids get your best icing skills and decorate your cupcake for the first annual Kids best dressed cupcake judging at 3pm on the Reserve in front of Pipers Cafe

Thanks to: Pipers Cafe

Men's & Mixed doubles Tennis

9th Jan 2021 - 9am

Men's and Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament \$20 per pair come on down to the Courts in Sands Cres, Registrations in by the 7/01/21 at cjpalmer@hotmail.com or 0272719376 Numbers are limited get in quick

Thanks to: Chris Palmer & The Informer

Matarangi Markets

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Thanks to: Chris Cotton



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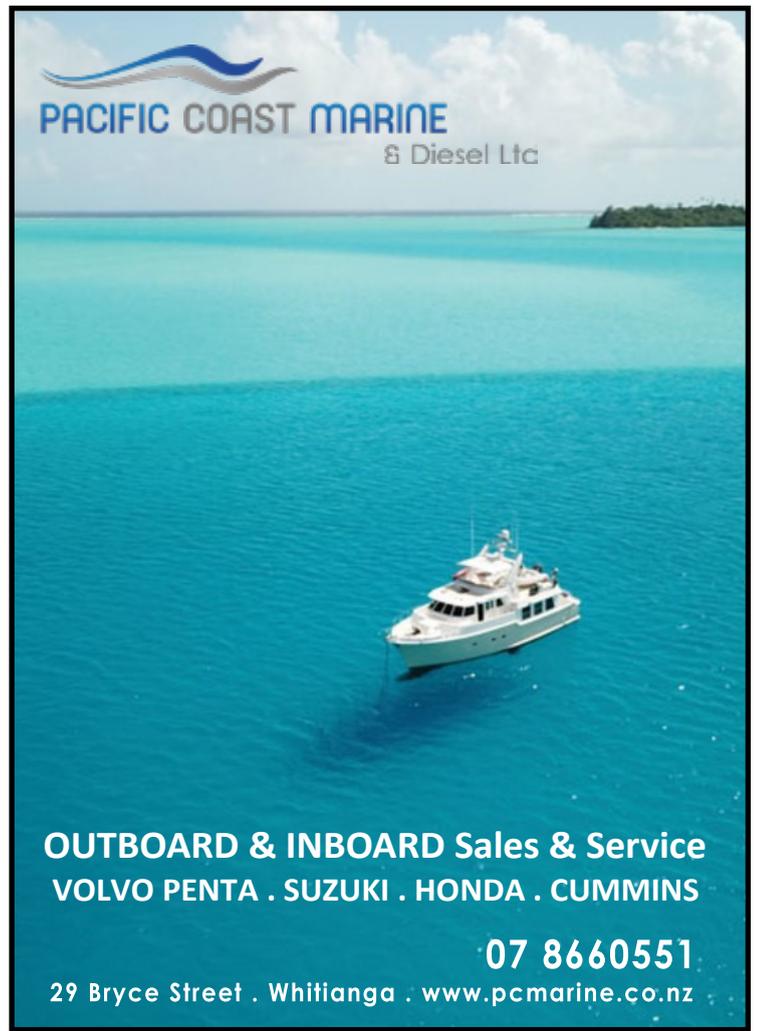
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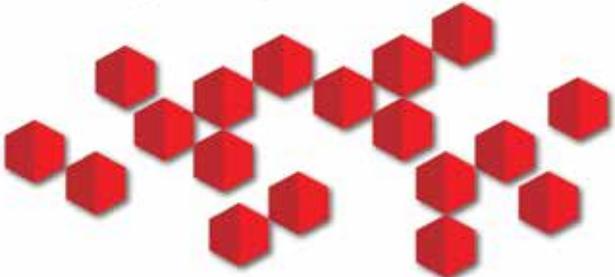


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