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A TASTE OF MATARANGI 2019

Rain threatened all morning but come 10 a.m. on the 6th of April, in time for the opening waiata and welcome by local iwi Ngati Huarere, the skies brightened up. Perfect timing for people to enjoy another fabulous festival of music, food, wine, beer and fun on the Village Green.

Takapuna couple Christine and Peter Dean were two of the many visitors who came to enjoy the Festival. "This year's 'A Taste of Matarangi' has been another enjoyable day – relaxing with good friends, good food, refreshments and music. We enjoyed watching the cooking competitions, particularly the children from Te Rerenga School- they were all so confident and enthusiastic," said Christine.

"The threat of rain was no problem - rain or shine, A Taste of Matarangi is such a great day out for all the family. As a volunteer I just love meeting everyone as they come in the gates, eager to lap up the atmosphere, food and music," said Hilary Falconer.

The live music began on the main stage with Lance Strong's Crimson Coast playing their original Coromandel style melodies. They were followed by the drum & guitar duo Lock & Load, who got the crowd grooving through their lunchtime with their classic rock tunes. The afternoon live session kicked off with the gentle jazz, soul, blues and funk fusion of Lou'ana Whitney whose distinctive voice and original tunes were well received. Last up were the Waikato based headline act The Monroe's who took the crowd of 2500 through a covers list from the 1950's to today and back with stops along the way with crowd favourite tunes from ACDC and the Eagles.

The cooking competitions were popular events. The children's cooking contest saw two Te Rerenga School teams compete to create their own dish. Pretty impressive salmon and steak dishes were cooked by these budding chefs. The Great ATOM Cook Off then demonstrated the culinary and BBQ skills of winning Tauranga couple Kelvin and Kelly who competed against two other enthusiastic foodie couples.

Again Matarangi showed everyone what an incredibly special community this place is. The 'A Taste of Matarangi' committee took the opportunity to thank all involved at a special thank you lunch on April 28. It was to thank all the generous sponsors and festival volunteers, as without them this festival would not be possible. Committee member George Ririnui personally thanked a number of people for their significant support and the festival committee was able to make donations of \$18,000 to local charities. KSAR was the festival's main charity this year and Peter Younger was presented with a cheque for \$10,000. This donation will make a significant contribution to their organisation. "It costs \$3500 to outfit each KSAR volunteer," said Peter. Cheques of \$2000 were also presented to the following: Brian Bowering of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust; Bill McLean from the Mercury Bay Community Patrol; and Shane Simpson, Board of Trustees member at Te Rerenga School. A further \$2000 will be donated to Project Kiwi. The MBP is proud that we are a silver sponsor for this amazing event that brings the whole community together. We look forward to 2020's festival.

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The Good Sort of the Month is **Janine Verner**. Janine steps up every year and helps to organise the annual Kuaotunu Bubble Festival fundraiser for the Kuaotunu Kindergarten. After a spell of poor weather the first date for the Bubble fest could not happen, but Janine in short time saw an opportunity for a date where the weather would hold and quickly bought everyone young and old to keep the Bubble tradition alive in Kuaotunu for another year. Well done Janine the community of Kuaotunu salutes you.

Credit to Felicity Jean Photography. The kids had a great time at last month's Kuaotunu Bubble festival.

VOX POPULI

My husband John and I attended the wonderful Anzac Day service in held Matarangi last week while we were on holiday in your beautiful area. We were simply amazed by the incredible community spirit and respectful tone of the service.

The children who spoke were a credit to their schools, the elders who shared their histories and the organization of the Anzac event was superb. We were only in Matarangi for a week, but through the Anzac service we felt that we were part of your community.

— **Michelle Hopkinson (Gold Coast)** —

Vox Populi is a Latin phrase that literally translates as "the voice of the people." If you have any thoughts that you want to share in 50 words or less, please email the editor: contact@matarangibeachpaper.com

A TASTE OF MATARANGI 2019



It sure got busy at times at this year's A Taste of Matarangi



Drum & guitar duo Lock & Load who got the crowd grooving during their lunchtime set



Headline act The Munroe's swept the weather into sunshine with their classic rockroll



It was all action in the Cook Off tent as the contestants had just 2 hours to prepare a gourmet meal.



Just some of the crowd of 2500 enjoying the wine, food and music at this year's A Taste of Matarangi.



Super Cooks Kelly and Kelvin of Tauranga won the Great A Taste of Matarangi Cook Off in a tight contest that really impressed the judges.



The volunteers really make the day work. They are great ambassadors for our community.



The Kombi Cafe served some yummy Coffee according to the MBP's Editor



There was a high level of security at this year's festival. You don't want to mess with these guys!



What a busy and learning-filled term we have had at Te Rerenga School. One of the many highlights was the school working bee and the incredible number of school families that came along to help. The working bee saw the installation of our school half-pipe and boat, which are two new and extremely well-utilised areas of play for our fortunate children.

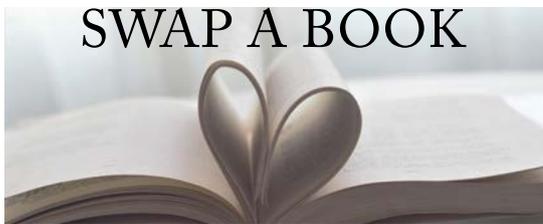


We were very proud of our student's, who participated in the A Taste of Matarangi Cook Off. Congratulations to Katie, Stina & Isobel who won the student chef competition (featured below). Joseph, Tyler & Julia also did an amazing job of their meal and we couldn't have been prouder to watch their calm, collected and skilled cooking in front of all those people! Many Thanks to Nicola Martin and Mary Kedzlie who sponsored the lovely cook books as prizes.



Next week we will be welcoming the Education Review Office to our school. We are really looking forward to showing them what a wonderful school we have, with fantastic teachers, amazing students, supportive parents, a beautiful environment and most importantly great learning and achievement.

Left: Dave Blake our school bus driver and security guru presenting the Te Rerenga kids their prizes at the Kids Cook Off.



Local Matarangi resident Pauline Dickinson would like to start up a book swap club.

"The idea is that we get together as a group and bring a book we have enjoyed and provide a brief chat about it, telling the group why you loved it. We then put the books out and swap it with someone else's," says Pauline.

Pauline has suggested that the book club meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and has offered to hold the first meeting at her home at 114 Miro Place on June 5th at 7 pm. "Bring a wine or another beverage and I'll do supper," says Pauline. Book Swap Club members can then have a turn hosting an evening.

For more details and to RSVP, please contact Pauline. Phone 021 2716927

Congratulations Corner

Congratulations to Ella Tomkins. All that hard work at Mercury Bay Area School as a scholar and in the swimming pool has paid off. Ella has won a 4-year scholarship, to McDaniel's College in the US state of Maryland where she will study Criminal Justice & Psychology and be a member of their college swim team the "Green Terror". Mum and dad, Graham and Gilly Tomkins are of course hugely proud of Ella's latest achievement who starts at McDaniel's on 19th August.

If you know of people that need congratulating, please email the editor:
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TWO GO UNDER PAR AT THE DUNES

— *By The Fairway* —

Good things obviously come in threes at The Dunes as a trio of regulars completed memorable days on the course.

Stew Green, playing off a 6, shot 72 on Saturday April 13 to take the stableford competition with 43 points.

Eleven days later Geoff Atmore, playing off a 7, also shot 72 (net 65) to qualify for the Tony Cotton Memorial Shootout.

Also on shootout qualifier day Alwyn Riggs played the perfect approach from 140m on the par 5 third to record an eagle.

It is anticipated that coring will be undertaken

on the week May 6/10 and the course will be closed to allow staff to complete the job as quickly as possible.

This means there will be no 9 Holvers, women's or men's competitions that week.

Meanwhile the first three qualifying rounds of the Tony Cotton Memorial Shootout have been held and the qualifiers are Tracey Mulligan, Bob Stevens and Geoff Atmore.

The second round of qualifying for Jacko's Top Dogs is May 22. The leaders after the first round are Chris Palmer and Rhys Mathias.

Saturday May 4 will be another of our popular Meat Pack Haggles. Tee off between 8am and noon. Make up your own fours or there is a

toss-up at 10.30am. Entry is \$10 plus \$2 for twos and \$1 nearest the pin.

The qualifying rounds for the Club matchplay championships have been played and the first round draw to be played by June 7 ish

Graeme Kensington – bye, Geoff Atmore v Rhys Mathias, Ralph Stevens v Dennis Ford, Chris Palmer v Murray James, Stu Arnold v Rod Patea, Barry Bowen v Bob Stevens, Tony de Coek v Robin Fleming, Barry Titchmarsh v Dave Gaskell.

Once the greens are back to their pristine glory after coring we will announce the date for the delayed Par 3 tournament. It is hoped it can be played by the middle of June.

MATARANGI RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION AUTUMN UPDATE

An issue raised at the recent committee meeting of the Matarangi Ratepayers Association (MRAI) was the upcoming Local Body Elections in November 2019 and the vacancy on the Mercury Bay Community Board created with the passing of Paul Kelly. MRAI encourages its members to find out their eligibility to vote as ratepayer electors in the TCDC local body elections and take an interest in candidates for Mayor, Councillors for the Mercury Bay Ward and our Mercury Bay Community Board. More information can

be found on the TCDC website; <https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Your-Council/Elections/>

Other issues MRAI is currently working on include the planning application for the next stage of the Beaches Development Limited subdivision proposed for the area between the shops and the Whangapoua Harbour, a review of the TCDC Matarangi Community Plan and more signage for Matarangi.

Directional signage is to be placed near the entrance and more prominent speed restriction

signs are to be erected both outside and inside the Matarangi entrance wall.

Regarding the Golf (2012) Appeal in the Environment Court, there has still been no decision announced.

Your committee members voted in at the AGM in January are Alastair MacCormick (chair), Keith Cullum, Ian Patrick, Bob Stevens, Harry Karl, David Macdonald, Grant Short, Ben Green, Kieran Mullins, Tracey Green and Hilary Falconer.

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GEORGE RIRINUI
*Ex New Zealand Army,
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“It is a time when I reflect upon and honour our fallen who served overseas and didn’t return. We shall never forget what they have done.” *George is featured in the picture above.*

COMMANDER MUZZ KENNETT
RNZN, with 45 years of service

“As an active naval officer I think about all the people who have gone before me, whether they have served in the Army, Air Force or Navy, in the sacrifice in all the wars they have served.”

BRENDAN JONES
*Ex RNZAF, served in
 Afghanistan*

“Anzac Day is a time when I remember those who did not come home as well as those who did but struggled for years afterward. It is a time to remember the service of all who served.”

THE MEANING OF GEORGE’S SASH

A number of you may have noticed the sash that Parade Commander George Ririnui wore during this year’s Anzac service. The history of this special item of the New Zealand Army uniform dates back to the Boer War when it was used to recover fallen or injured soldiers who would be strapped by the sash in front of a horse mounted cavalry rider and bought back from the front to their home unit.

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Top Left: Commander Muzz Kennett of the RNZN gave a report on the new replacement naval dive vessel HMNZS Manawanui and the new fleet tanker HMNZS Aotearoa.

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Top Right: Robyn Twemlow with husband John. Robyn shared the wonderful story of her father a WW2 soldier from Southland who as a POW escaped captivity.

Bottom Left: Master of Ceremonies Gordon Barnaby.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

— by Teresa Kedzlie —

MAUI, KUPE AND HEI – WHAT’S THE CONNECTION?

This year in October we will be commemorating 250 years since Captain James Cook made his first landing in New Zealand and the Mercury Bay region will play a significant role in these celebrations. This commemoration will be known as Tuia 250 and while this will be a major event for us it is important to remember that our history didn't just start with Cook. The Coromandel Peninsula is rich in Māori history and is even noted in myths and tales about people who inhabited New Zealand.

The story of Maui and the Fish is one of most well-known stories in Māori Literature and the Coromandel has a connection to this legend. The story recounts how Maui fished up of the North Island. The story goes like this. Maui's brothers set off on a fishing expedition but did not want to take Maui. Maui really wanted to go so he hid and did not reveal himself until they were way out at sea. Maui then cast a fish hook made from his grandmother's jawbone and in front of his brothers hauled up his catch above the water. The fish that Maui hauled up was the North Island which became known as Te Ika-a-Māui (the fish of Māui) and the South Island is referred to as Te Waka-a-Māui, or Māui's canoe. If you look at the map of the North Island, the head of the fish lies at the south of the North Island and its tail is the North. The barb at the base of the tail is the Coromandel Peninsula. Māori call the Coromandel Peninsula Te Tara-o-te-Ika a Māui which translates as 'the jagged barb of Māui's fish'

Another legend is that of Kupe and it also has links to the Coromandel Peninsula and Whitianga. Many believe that Kupe was the first Polynesian to discover New Zealand. According to Maori tradition he sighted the Coromandel Peninsula around 950 AD, before the other canoe migrations. It is believed that he travelled from Hawaiki to New Zealand in

a canoe with his wife and daughters and the first peak they saw was Mochau Mountain at the top of the Peninsula. The name Aotearoa is said to have come from his wife who after sighting the cloud-covered mountain said "E Kupe, he aotaea, ua u tatou" (O Kupe, yonder is a cloud, we have landed). It is then believed that Kupe made his first landing at Whitianga, hence the Māori name for Whitianga being Te Whitianga-Nui-a-Kupe, meaning 'Kupe's big crossing place' marking his journey from Hawaiki to New Zealand. When Kupe left to return to his homeland, legend also has it that he left an old sail hanging on the cliff face, known as "The Mare's Leg" at Cathedral Cove.

400 years after Kupe's big crossing, the Te Arawa canoe made its journey. Hei was the navigator and was a master Polynesian sailor who navigated around the Pacific using natural phenomena like bird migration, ocean currents and the stars to guide him. Hei and his people remained in Whitianga and the local iwi Ngāti Hei, are descendants of Hei of the Te Arawa canoe. The people of Hei commemorated their leader by naming Mercury Bay as Te Whanganui-o-Hei, (the Great Bay of Hei) and the beach settlement of Hahei in his honour.

The 250th anniversary commemorations have been given the Maori name Tuia, meaning to weave together, symbolising bringing people together in unity. While the celebrations will be marking the first on shore meetings between Maori and European it is also aiming to support our national identity and cohesion and promote cultural diversity. By recognising the voyagers who arrived in New Zealand earlier such as Maui, Kupe and Hei and telling their stories will be acknowledging our dual heritage and hopefully inspire current and future generations.

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Makers 1 Exhibition a Great Success



The focus on quality handmade design shone through at the Makers 1, a craft and decorative arts exhibition held in the Kuaotunu Hall over Easter.

Coordinator and exhibition curator Isabel Gilbert Palmer said the two day exhibition was a great success for the Makers work. "Their examples of



Supporting the Makers and the vision of the Exhibition a huge thank you must go to the top team of Allyn Kersnar, Jenny Fickling, Shirley Wiley and Hilary Falconer.

Featured Left: A visitor from Hawkes Bay enjoying the craft works at Makers 1 exhibition.

Featured Right: Dave Bryant of Kuaotunu exhibited his wood craft at Makers 1.

mastery over the medium, multi-formity, lots of energy, colour and humour, all which came together to make stand alone, fresh exhibition," said Isabel. "With the authentic conversations held between Maker and Maker, one hopes a new creative community will grow from that and also between each Maker and the public."



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Nicole is off to Switzerland and thus her Schnipp Schnapp Scissors Palace in Kuaotunu Village is closing at the end of April. To celebrate the great hair cuts, colour jobs, chit chat, laughs and sometimes a little sustenance many of us enjoyed there.

More info to follow re DIY Hair Do's and Hair Dressing for the fun of it!

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OUT AND ABOUT



Nicole from Schnipp Schnapp outside her Kuaotunu Caravan. Nicole is heading back to Switzerland this month and will be publicly farewelled on May 11.



Sue Edens addressing the Opito Sands Subdivision dinner at Lukes Kitchen to celebrate the development's latest progress milestone.



Matty Nobilo (7 yrs) with his first Kingfish (left). He was fishing in Dobra dan on Saturday, 20 April with his friend Zach Dempsey and caught this 13 kg Kingie off Opito Bay.



Sue Sinclair discovered this very sizable yellow duck enjoying the balmy weather on Whangapoua Harbour over Easter. Sue says the duck has made many friends and has brought many smiles during his stay on our beautiful harbour.

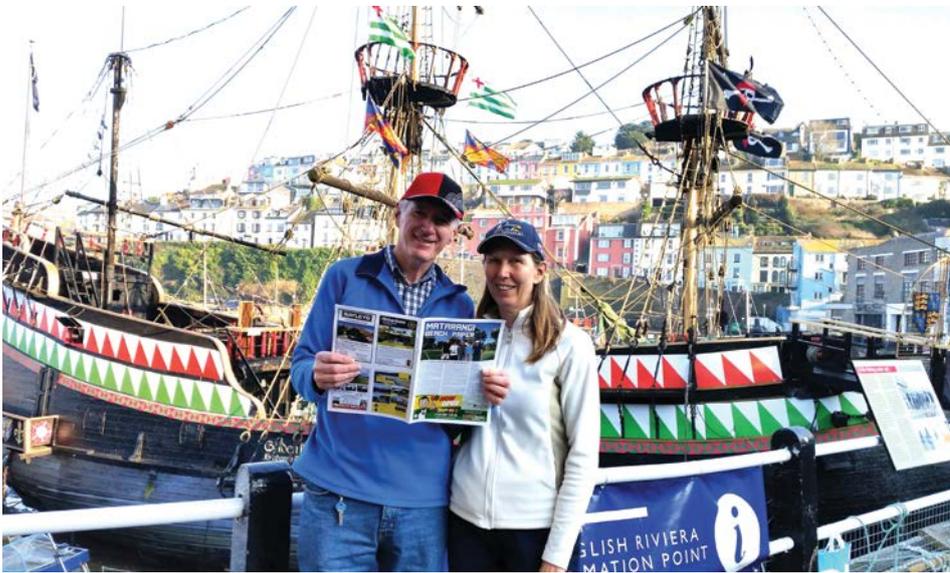
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This month we have a special 'Where in the World is the MBP?' that came from English couple David & Christine Hoy of Brixham, in Devon. David and Christine took home a copy of the MBP following their stay with John & Diane Skelton of Matarangi at their Airbnb on the Fairway.

We love that it is not just locals who take the MBP with them on their travels.

Tourists also come into the area taking home with them a little bit of the local community with them by way of our local paper.

Christine Hoy said that their tour of NZ was nothing short of fantastic and that they enjoyed every single day, wherever they were. "It probably helped that we arrived just in time for a heatwave and we

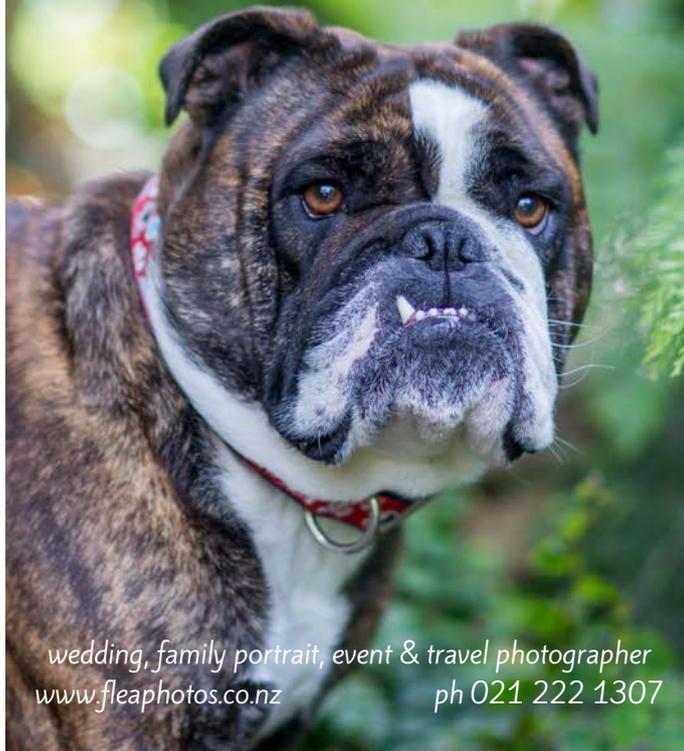
were blessed with sunny weather for the bulk of our tour of almost eight weeks," wrote Christine Hoy in a letter to John and Diane. "We really enjoyed our stay at your place and it was great to meet and talk with you both. Matarangi is a really special place and it is easy to see why you chose to spend your retirement years there. It is naturally beautiful and peaceful."

"I remembered seeing the 'Where is the Matarangi Beach Paper' feature and thought a picture from historic Brixham might be of interest. The galleon in the background is a replica of the Golden Hind, which was under the command of Sir Francis Drake, who incidentally was born in Devon. He was the first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe (the second overall) and he was given a knighthood by Queen Elizabeth 1st for successfully acting as a privateer against the Spanish and destroying many of their ships at Cadiz about a year before the Spanish Armada sailed against Britain," wrote Christine.

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WAITING FOR LILLA

Lillah, is 6 months old, neutered, registered purebred Burmese who has sadly gone missing from our home at Te Rerenga over the weekend of 20th of April.

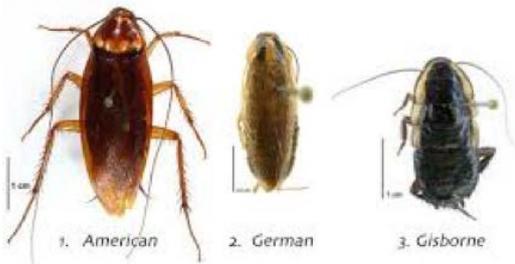
Lillah is a very friendly gentle happy kitten, who loves to play with people. She would greet people as we

arrived home and follow us around the house, running in front of us as we walked the garden, or leaping out from behind something, bounding off in another direction. She is full of life and love and we miss her very much. She often raced next door to Te Rerenga school to play with the children in the playground and chase the ball with them. She didn't catch birds, but did play with mice across the lawn, although I never saw her kill one. Lillah was on an 18 month – 2 year wait list from a Burmese breeder and we waited patiently for her, all very excited, and she is a big part of our family.

The house seems empty, and quiet without her.

We all miss Lillah very much, she is a big part of our family, and I am sure that the children of Te Rerenga will miss her too if she does not return to us.

If you have seen Lillah, please contact Christine at Bread & Butter Gallery on 07 8664927 or home at (07) 260 5046 or email on chris@breadandbutter.co.nz



Pestie Corner

With Sharon Clay

Hello everyone,

Here we are again, another Easter gone and the colder weather has started. We hope you have all had a great long weekend but I now have to bring you back down to earth. Yes, the rats and mice have moved on in.

We've been noticing a very high increase in rodent activity all over the Peninsula. Rats and mice are currently looking to nest so insulation is a great nesting fabric for them meaning your roof space is their favourite hotel at the moment. Trim back overgrown shrubs and trees from you home as rats can leap a reasonable distance. Block up any holes in your exterior walls, guttering and roofing and ensure any rubbish is in closed bins or removed immediately and keep your bait stations topped up.

Cockroaches are also prevalent with the colder weather. We have 3 main types in New Zealand - the American,

German and Gisborne cockroach. As they prefer damp, dark places, they are often found inside walls, behind household appliances and in cupboards and can survive months without food and up to 4 weeks without water. This makes them very difficult to get rid of.

Due to the large range of foods they eat, from faecal matter to fresh food intended for people to eat, they can contaminate your food or the surfaces you use thus making you ill. You can reduce your chances of a cockroach infestation by filling cracks in walls and foundations, keeping living areas dry and clean, disposing of rubbish and removing human waste and food waste from the home quickly and efficiently.

If you already have cockroaches, you might need to set baited traps or apply an insecticide to the area. Insecticides work best when continuously applied to areas where cockroaches hide during the day or where they pass through at night time.

TRIVIA MOMENT

A cockroach can live for a week without its head. Due to their open circulatory system, and the fact that they breathe through little holes in each of their body segments, they are not dependent on the mouth or head to breathe. The roach only dies because without a mouth, it can't drink water and dies of thirst.

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April has been a very busy month for our volunteers with six call outs and a couple of our main events for the year. Call outs consisted of two minor medical calls and one serious where we had to use the Westpac Helicopter to assist a heart attack patient and three fires. The fires were one power box, one fence fire in town and one significant scrub/vegetation fire.

On Easter Saturday we had all hands on deck for our annual Fishing Comp. and Fish Auction. This is always a very popular event and this year we had 59 adult tickets sold and 13 children's.

The weather played ball again and the Auction was very well supported with most people taking home a great feed of fish as our filleters were kept very busy. The main prize of \$1000.00 sponsored by Fleet Servicing Ltd for the average weight snapper was once again won by Howie Taylor. A great effort from Howie as this is the third time he has won this prize.

I would really like to thank all of our sponsors as this event would not be possible without your very generous support.

The other big event is ANZAC Day and what a great day we for this

special day. Another huge crowd of participants and onlookers supported our March and Service. Thanks to Parade Commander George Ririnui for another successful day. Unfortunately, this was George's last ANZAC Day in Matarangi as he has taken up a position on the Chatham Islands for a couple of years. Thanks also to Gordon Barnaby our Master of Ceremonies and all of the other speakers, our Community choir and of course all those that brought a plate to assist with lunch.

We will be having a change in our Fire Season on the 1st of May as for the first time in nearly 25 years there will be an Open Fire Season until further notice. Please be aware that the Fire Index will be monitored closely and may change at any time. We will keep you informed as the season progresses.

You may have noticed some changes happening at the Fire Station at the moment as our toilet block is being completely upgraded. This work should be completed by the end of May. Thanks to everyone for your support with our fund raising as it is this type of thing that the funds go towards.

Stay safe everyone, Stu Arnold.



1. Howie Taylor won the closest fish caught weight contest for the second year in a row.
2. Jacko Bradley landing his Easter Fishing competition winning 9.7kg Snapper.
3. Alan McDonald presented with the Mercury outboard motor he won at the Matarangi Rural Fire Force Annual Easter Fishing Competition by Sponsor Peter Brown of Mercury Marine New Zealand.
4. Jacko Bradley receiving his winner's prize off Fire Chief Stu Arnold.
5. A big crowd attended the Easter Saturday fish auction and prizegiving to raise money for the Matarangi Fire Station.

MATARANGI BOAT & FISHING CLUB



The weather has continued to present some great fishing opportunities with the water temperature still remaining above 18 degrees. The Kontiki fishers have been catching some great fish but unfortunately we are once again being plagued with weed. The 'puddle' is still producing some good snapper in the 400 – 500 range, but don't be disappointed when some days aren't as good as others. East to south east winds has always been the fisherman's curse. Kahawai can still be caught in quite large work-ups in the bay. Fish caught will spew out plenty of whitebait on the floor of the boat, indicating that small lures are the best.

The diving at this time of the year is exceptional with unbelievably clear water. The temperature is also still in the good range and there are reports of some nice crayfish being caught. Remember the limit is 6 per diver, but please limit your take as this fishery has been depleted and is slowly recovering. On that note, I hope the scallop beds between Opito and Matarangi are rested this year by the commercial sector to allow some recovery of this resource.

The Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club annual Challenge Trophy Competition against the Matarangi Volunteer Rural Fire Force on the 30th March was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather. This competition will be held later in the year and all members will be notified when a date is settled.

The Matarangi Volunteer Rural Fire Force held their annual Easter fishing Competition on Saturday 20th April. This competition was well supported and the weather was favourable. There was a great array of prizes donated by sponsors and the biggest snapper went to Jacko Bradley with a fish weighing 9.7 kg. The children's competition from the wharf saw a large number of contestants who caught several piper. Everyone was also amazed to see stingray swimming around under the wharf.

Be aware that the bar doesn't have a major channel at the moment. There are updated photos at the boat ramp notice board, Matarangi Four Square and Matarangi Beach Realty, courtesy of Mark and Shirvani. If anyone requires information regarding how to read the bar, evaluating the break and how to cross the bar safely, please contact me and we will endeavour to take you out and explain any queries.

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Puku & Kerre's Wine Club

The first wine club of the year was a special night indeed. Our lovely local, Rosemary Jakicevich aka Rosie, showcased wines from Hancocks and Glengarry Wines, businesses that the Jakicevich family owns. Rosie was joined on the night by her wonderful 86-year-old mother Monika, the matriarch of the Jakicevich family.

Rosie is very proud of her family's 4th generation NZ wine heritage. It all started back in 1920 when Josef Jakicevich arrived in New Zealand from Croatia. By 1940 Josef had saved enough money to buy 10 acres in Glengarry Road Oratia and it was there that he planted his first vineyard.

In 1948 the Government created wine-resellers licences in an effort to assist local winemakers. Josef grabbed this opportunity and from there that Glengarry Wines was born. Today Glengarry Wines is New Zealand's largest family-owned liquor retailer with 19 stores in Auckland and Wellington.

The family then purchased Hancocks in 1991. The Hancocks name traces its origins back to 1859 when Thomas Hancock purchased the Captain Cook Inn in Khyber Pass Road Newmarket. The company went through many changes in its first 100 years, including the manufacture and distribution of spirits. It was the Jakicevich family's vision to restore Hancocks proud heritage as a valuable supplier to the licensed trade. Hancocks are now exclusive distributors in New Zealand for many renowned local and international spirit brands.



Rosie shared with us five wines:

Jackson Estate 2015. From Marlborough. A dry style Riesling with apricot overtones.

Allan Scott Sauvignon Blanc 2018. Also from Marlborough. A vegan friendly wine. Has a tropical fruit character balanced with passionfruit, and a dry finish.

Brookfields Bergman Chardonnay 2017. From the Hawkes Bay. Ripe peach, butterscotch and oak are evident on the palate.

Grant Burge 2016 5th Generation Barossa Merlot. Burge was a pioneer of Merlot in the Barossa Valley. A very smooth red.

Lake Chalice Marlborough Falcon Pinot Noir 2017. Won

Silver medal at the 2019 Royal Easter Show Wine Awards. A very reasonably priced pinot with dark cherry and spice flavours.

The evening concluded with divine glazed ham and rolls prepared by Rosie and either a port or a spiced rum.

Taylor's Fine Tawny Port. Established in 1692 Taylor's is one of the oldest of the founding Port houses in Portugal. A light style that can be drunk as an aperitif and also enjoyed after a meal.

Admiral Spiced Rum. Made by Rosie's son. It is a spiced rum using rum from the Caribbean.

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Featured: Rosie with her Mum Monika Jakicevich

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LOGIC PUZZLE

— APRIL SOLUTION ON PG 18 —

Inspector Locke of the back yard had been told to provide security for several celebrities attending events during the month of May.

These had to be planned early since he was speaking daily at a conference for the fortnight ending on the second Friday of the month. He is expected to be part of the security detail at each event.

At the first two events the celebrity was a pop star and a politician respectively. He noted that at these two events the number of men that were required including himself was ten more than the date of the event.

The last event of the month a film star would be attending. The number of men needed had the same last digit as the date. Fewer men were needed at this event than either of the other two.

Interestingly he noted that all the numbers involved (dates and numbers of men) were prime numbers.

How many men and on what dates are they required to provide security for the Politician, the Pop Star and the film star.

STARGAZERS SIGHTS

This month provides another rare chance to spot faint Uranus mid-month near Venus for those readers with binoculars or a small telescope. Jupiter and Saturn return to the late evening sky with Mars setting much earlier and even tiny Mercury makes an appearance in the dawn. However, never use binoculars to observe Mercury when the Sun is in the sky.

- May 3 – The dawn eastern sky has brilliant Venus lying to the left of a very thin crescent Moon with very faint Mercury below and almost on the horizon as it is now very close to the Sun.
- May 7 – The twilight western sky has an extremely thin crescent Moon lying between reddish Mars above and to the right while the similarly toned star Aldabaran, which is actually a dying red giant star in the constellation Taurus, is to its left.
- May 8 – Reddish Mars is low in the twilight evening sky with a thin crescent Moon just above it.
- May 19 – The dawn sky provides a rare chance to spot Uranus as it is immediately to the left of brilliant Venus. Binoculars will be a big help.
- May 20 – The almost full Moon will just about obscure bright Jupiter to its right in the eastern evening sky.
- May 22 – Slightly yellowish Saturn lies below and to the right of a bright Moon in the evening sky.

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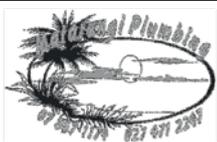
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Matarangi Ladies Pilates @ 9-10am. Ph: Christiane, 0273122584

Kuaotunu Craft & Social Club 1-4pm Ph Lia 866 2054

Kuaotunu Library 1-4pm Ph. Maxine 027 293 0369

Mens 9 Hole Golfers tee off 10.30a.m. @ The Dunes

Contract Bridge: 7pm St John's rooms, Tiki Rd, Coro. Town. Info ph Colin: 866 5428

Yoga: 7am Vinyasa @ Kuaotunu Hall. Ph: 021 08 100 125

TUESDAYS

Men's Coffee Morning (1st Tues of every Month - 7th March). 10am @ Pipers Café.

Ladies 9 Hole Golfers tee off 11a.m. @ The Dunes

Matarangi Craft Group. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 7-9pm. Meet at the Matarangi Fire Station. Contact: Lesley 07 866 0788.

KAMAG meeting 5:30pm, every 2nd Tuesday of the month @ Kuaotunu Hall. All welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

Book Swap Club. The Book Swap Club will meet between 7 and 9 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Bring a book you have loved, tell us why you enjoyed it and swap it for someone else's. Coffee/tea and cake provided. BYO wine if preferred. Phone Pauline: 0212716927

Kuaotunu Steiner Play Group. 9:30-11:30am Ph: Ina 866 2841

Men's Golf. Tee off 10am. Meet @ The Dunes just before tee off.

Women's Coffee Morning (1st Wed of every month). 10am @ Pipers Café. All welcome!

YOGA: 7am Vinyasa @ Kuaotunu Hall. Ph: 021 08 100 125

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Ladies 18 Hole Golfers tee off 9.30 a.m. @ The Dunes

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Ladies Keep Fit 9-10am @ Matarangi Fire Station. All Welcome Phone Barbara 866 2687

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SUNDAYS

Matarangi Markets start Labour Weekend.

Upcoming Events

4 MAY

Coromandel Seafood Festival. Saturday 4 May from 9am-4pm in the Coromandel Area School grounds.

12 MAY

Jennian Homes - Mother's Day Fun Run. Sunday 12 May 9am-12pm at Whitianga Waterways, Joan Gaskell Drive.

25 MAY

2nd Annual Whitianga Half Marathon. 8:50am Saturday 25 May at Buffalo Beach.

7 JUN

It's Showtime: Family Friendly Magic and Illusion Show. Friday 7 June 7-8:30pm at Whitianga Town Hall, 24 Monk Street.

23 JUN

Matarangi Mid Winter Swim. Sunday 23rd June. 11am at the Village Green.

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April Puzzle answer

The numbers Inspector Locke worked out were 20, 34 and 86, which is the address of the empire state building where the 86th floor is the observation deck.



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