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ABOARD FOR A LAUGH

Seventeen Matarangi locals hit the high seas recently for a three-night Comedy Cruise from Auckland. They had no idea where they were going except that they would be leaving Queen's Wharf to spend time, somewhat mysteriously 'out at sea', before returning to port nearly 3 days later. As P & O say, the cruise was "LIKE NO PLACE ON EARTH." It was a trip to nowhere but this adventurous lot didn't care: they were just out for a laugh!

With great anticipation the Matarangi crew boarded the Pacific Aria on a Friday afternoon for their nautical mini break. While it was agreed that what happened on the ship stays on the ship our nauti friends are happy to share some

highlights. Sail Away was a 'white out' for the Bianco party with everyone dressed in dazzling white attire. Cruising out of the Waitemata Harbour in the early evening was just breath-taking. Armed with a cocktail in hand it set the scene for the weekend.

The Gatsby night was an opportunity to 'frock up' and party on. Sequins, feathers and 1920s finery appeared in every direction and our lot certainly scrubbed up well.

The threat of a big storm meant that the ship had to do a bit of a U turn and head back in closer to land. It was pretty cool to get up close and personal with Little

Barrier as we moved back into safer, sheltered waters.

Bingo, casino, duty free shopping and a golf chipping contest were all some of the activities that this lot enjoyed, but top of the list had to be the sing along at the Piano Bar and of course the comedy! They say "laughter is the best medicine" and there was certainly plenty of that over the weekend with some great NZ, Australian and UK acts.

Back in port early on a Monday morning the cruise was over. A whirlwind of a weekend, but with plenty of laughs, and the feeling of really getting away from it all. The cruise did what it set out to do. Fun times with fun friends and fun company.

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good sort
of the
month



The Good Sort of the month is Judy Nobilo and her wonderful team who organised the Pink Ribbon Breakfast fundraiser held last month at the Dunes. Pink Ribbon Breakfast is the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ's biggest fundraising campaign, where amazing Kiwis like our Matarangi ladies came together to support patients and their families through their breast cancer journeys. Congratulations Judy and team for participating in such a worthy cause. Your community salutes you!

VOX POPULI

It seems to me that all the posts on the Matarangi Facebook Page and reminders in the Matarangi Beach Paper about removing rubbish, fish carcasses and dog poo are not making an iota of a difference. Do we need to be even more explicit? Do we need reminder signs put up at the entrance for people to read as they arrive or leave Matarangi telling them what is the respectful thing to do? Is this something that the Residents and Ratepayers Association could consider?

— Angela Williams, Puka Cresecent —

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

OUR COROMANDEL



News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

June, 2019

Milestone coastal project begins

Our Council has taken a major step forward in the delivery of our Coastal Management Strategy with the appointment of international consultancy Royal HaskoningDHV to support the development of our Shoreline Management Plans (SMPs).

Royal HaskoningDHV (RHDHV), an independent engineering and project management consultancy, has been awarded the \$1.9M contract. Our Council is the first in New Zealand to develop SMPs across the entire district with the active involvement of all key stakeholders.

SMPs will provide a large-scale hazard assessment on our flooding and erosion



issues and identify subsequent risk to people and the environment for our long coastline over the next century. SMPs also identify the possible interventions for managing those risks in a sustainable manner. RHDHV has set up an office on the Thames Coast to run the three-year project. www.tcdc.govt.nz/coastalmanagement

GET READY FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS



Every election matters and the choices you make at voting time make a difference. Voting packs are posted around 20 September and you have until noon on 12 October to vote. Make a difference – vote.

Find out more about how our Council works at the upcoming information session, covering how budgets and rates are set and how activities are funded. This is essential information for anyone considering standing as a candidate, but all are welcome. The session begins at 5:15pm and runs for about two hours.

- 4 June – Thames War Memorial Civic Centre, 200 Mary St.

Dog registration time

If you have a dog, it's nearly time to register it or renew its registration for 2019/20. Dogs aged three months or older must be registered.

We're sending out renewal forms to all registered dog owners in the district around the end of May.

Payment is due by 31 July. From 1 August a 50% late payment fine applies.

If you are registering your dog for the first time in our District, get in touch with us so we can talk you through the details and provide you with information about our dog exercise areas, the restrictions on beaches at certain times of the year and other useful tips.

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Renew your dog registration online at www.tcdc.govt.nz/renewdog

Queen's Birthday Kerbside Collections



There will be no Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections on the Queen's Birthday public holiday (Monday 3 June) so collections across the district will be one day later that week. Check the Kerbside schedules for your area at

www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Please put your blue official pre-paid rubbish bags out on the kerbside with your recycling wheelie bin and glass recycling crate – if it's your week for recycling – on the morning of your collection day. It's Week 1 in our fortnightly recycling schedule.

Bags left hanging from trees or poles or left in cages will not be collected. If pests ripping bags open are a problem in your area, consider a gullinator, a sturdy mesh sack that sits over the rubbish bag. Available at our Council service centres for \$15.

Please do not put rubbish bags on top of recycling wheelie bins. This causes delays to collections while drivers remove them. Instead, put rubbish bags on top of your glass recycling crate.

If you're leaving town before your collection day, take your blue rubbish bags and recycling to any of our seven Refuse Transfer Stations (RTSs) for no charge. The Matarangi, Tairua, Pauanui and Whangamata RTSs have 24/7 drop-off facilities for blue rubbish bags and recycling. Our RTSs are all open on the public holiday until 5:30pm.

Locations and hours for all our RTS:

www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts

Library NEWS

Toddler Time – every Monday during term times – 10.30am to 11.00am.

Lego Club – every Tuesday during term times – 3.30pm to 5.00pm

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Mercury Bay Community Board UPDATE

The Mercury Bay Community Board will next meet on 12 June, 9am, at the Mercury Bay Service Centre at 10 Monk St, Whitianga.



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Te Rerenga has had a Great start to Term 2

The Education Review Office [ERO] visit was extremely positive and we are eagerly looking forward to receiving their written report, after the verbal feedback that the Board of Trustees received. We can tell you that they were very impressed with the teaching and learning at Te Rerenga School. The reviewers visited each class and were able to see our confident, articulate learners, our knowledgeable and skilled teachers, and the positive, warm and responsive environment we have.

Our student leaders traveled to Hamilton for a National Young Leaders Day. They listened to a variety of presentations about what it means to be a leader, and they commented on their return to school that it was a fantastic experience.

Te Rerenga School has its first PTA!

Our Parent-Teacher Association mission at Te Rerenga school is to encourage and develop parental and community involvement, integrate new families into the school's culture and support the school through fundraising to improve facilities and opportunities that benefit the students of Te Rerenga School.

We have Kayla Clarke as Chairman, Natalia Bay as Vice Chairman, Niamh Given as Secretary, Claire Veevers as our Treasurer and we will be working in conjunction with Anna Yates and the Board of Trustees this year, focusing on raising funds for a new pool cover for the school pool and the junior playground upgrades.

Volunteering is an integral part of what the PTA does and family and community involvement is encouraged and welcomed. We have a few fantastic community events up our sleeve, but if you have any fabulous ideas for events that bring the community together, or are able to donate to one of our focus areas please get in touch with our team on tererengapta@gmail.com or Kayla on 022 509 1368

All meeting dates and activities will be posted regularly on our school newsletter and Te Rerengas Facebook page.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support and generous donations.

Warm regards,
Kayla Clarke (Chairman of the PTA)

Congratulations Corner

Congratulations to talented artist and former Matarangi resident Alishia Falleni who will be exhibiting her art in New York! Alishia who currently lives in Australia is the daughter of long-time local residents Louise and Paul Falleni and as a teenager worked in the Matarangi General Store!

This is a solo exhibition of Alishia's work and is titled 'A Version of Paradise'. The exhibition is being held at The Bishop Gallery on Bedford, Brooklyn NYC opening on Saturday July 20th 2019. If you would like to learn more about Alishia and view her art check out her web site <http://alishiafalleni.com>

David Wight of Opito Bay has been awarded the Queens Service Medal for his long contribution to the Opito Bay and Kuaotunu communities. Since 1973 Mr Wight has played a significant role in establishing key services to the local community, such as helping lead negotiations to create an electricity supply to Opito Bay and initiating the New Year's Day beach activities and fishing contest. He also served on the Ratepayers Association of Opito Bay for 20 years. As part of this role, he negotiated contracts with the local council for several amenities, including public toilets and more efficient rubbish collection.

Mr Wight is the current Chair of the Kuaotunu Domain board and has voluntarily looked after the foreshore and amenities. He has spent 38 years volunteering with the Kuaotunu Volunteer Fire Service, including 34 years as Chief Fire Officer, and was also the Search and Rescue Coordinator in Opito Bay.

Over the years Mr Wight has organised numerous fundraising activities within his community including the raising of funds for life-saving equipment to be provided at local beaches. This is a very well-deserved recognition of outstanding service to our community.

If you know of people that need congratulating, please email the editor: contact@matarangibeachpaper.com

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BIODYNAMIC FIELD DAY

— with Peter Bacchus —

On May 4th at the Kuaotunu Food Forest eleven keen participants enjoyed a very motivating morning learning how to build a biodynamic compost stack. Utilised were green materials from the weeding bee of the previous day, combined with horse and cow manure, mulch and old compost. Peter Bacchus with his incredibly wealth of knowledge explained the beneficial properties of the different biodynamic preparations used in the compost heap and gave lots of good advice on how to keep the soil healthy and to increase growth and production. The workshop was a very enjoyable and memorable experience.

Many thanks to all participants and of course to Peter Bacchus for his generosity in sharing his know how. Regular weeding is ongoing at the food forest every Friday from 3pm – everyone is welcome. Further projects are underway as well as future workshops are being planned.

Reported by Klaudia McLeod



Biodynamic workshop participants gained a wealth of knowledge from Peter Bacchus.



MATARANGI BEACH HOUSE WINS AWARD

Matarangi Cabins by CAAHT Studio Architects has won a residential housing award at the 2019 Waikato/ Bay Of Plenty Architecture Awards. The Pines beach house impressed the jury with its clever balancing of resident comfort, quality of detailing, aesthetic principles and practical design aspects.

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MEET OSCAR,

the variable Oystercatcher



By Annemieke Kregting (Kuaotunu Bird Rescue)

I got a call that an Oystercatcher was injured after it was hit by a car. I asked the caller to drop it at the Vets and I would call in there soon to see what could be done. X rays needed to be taken to assess the damage on the left wing. It revealed a humerus fracture (equivalent to a human upper arm). X ray picture below.

Vet Kirsty-Anne Holtzhausen who soon named him Oscar, was willing to give this bird a chance and operated the next day. A pin was inserted to keep the bone stable and the wing was bandaged to the body to stop it from moving. Much like a swing but tied to the body. Now that is, in fact, a relatively common procedure in other animals and humans, but in birds the Humerus bone is pneumatic. That means that the bone is hollow and is connected to the respiratory system of the bird. That makes bird anesthesia very tricky. It was a relief to all, to see Oscar wake up without complications.

I took him home and made sure he was comfortable. Keeping a wild bird in captivity isn't an easy job and we have to consider quite a lot of issues. Getting the diet, and housing right, and stress levels low. Any wild bird doesn't like to be handled and easily stresses without showing it. But Oscar needed medication twice a day and needed to be Tube fed initially, so we couldn't avoid catching him each time. Once he was nicely wrapped up in a towel he usually just let it all happen. Getting the diet right is the most challenging job of a rehabilitator, and we had made the food up in a liquid to start with so it would pass through a small feeding tube. A mixture of high protein food was

blended with insect powder and we could also mix in the antibiotics and pain relief Oscar was on.

After a week we gave him some more space in the aviary and encouraged him to feed himself, but he still needed to be caught for medication twice a day.

Week two and unfortunately the pin was showing sticking out of the bandage, so it had moved. Back for an X-ray at the Vets and followed by another operation to insert a bigger surgical pin as well as some wire for stabilization over the fracture.

Oscar again woke up happily and came back home with me. This time I decided to restrict his space to reduce complications.

Smaller space can also mean more stress so it was decided to put him on an antifungal drug to prevent the common stress-related disease Aspergillosis, which could kill him in the end. Challenging to reduce such a drug to a dose small enough for a 600-gram bird.

So far so good and all seems well. Oscar is an easy patient and eats constantly.

Finding suitable food for him isn't easy. In the wild, they eat mainly insects and crustaceans and eat all day. I had to buy him frozen marina mix with scrimps and mussels in it and find earthworms from the garden. Our mealworm farm was soon empty as Oscar ate them all.

Kuaotunu Bird rescue is now registered to do banding so an identification band was put on Oscar's leg and the number will be registered at the National Banding office. Before Oscar can be released the pin and wire have to come out again so fingers crossed.

Another check up in a week and hopefully once the pin and wires are out he can finally stretch both his wings and meet up with his partner again in Whitianga.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

By Teresa Kedzlie

Non Resident Ratepayers Need to Have Their Say

The next local government elections are on Saturday 12 October 2019. Local elections are held every three years and in our area our local government includes the Waikato Regional Council, Thames Coromandel District Council and the Mercury Bay Community Board. At the same time elections are also held for District Health Boards and Licencing Trusts.

According to Scott Simpson, MP for Coromandel, the Thames Coromandel District has the largest number of non-resident ratepayers in the country. This is not surprising considering the number of beach settlements and holiday homes in our region. "It is important that non-residents are on the electoral roll if they want to have a say as to who represents them and how their rates are spent," says Mr Simpson. This is certainly the case for Matarangi. Currently we have approximately 500 permanent residents and 1500 built dwellings and sections. That is a large number of non-resident ratepayers who may be able to vote and have their say.

The TCDC says if you live and vote in one council district, but also pay rates on a property in this area you may be eligible to enrol as a non-resident ratepayer elector in the TCDC district. Their website states: "Residents who pay rates on a property in another

district or community board area, may be entitled to enrol on the Ratepayer Electoral Roll (i.e. if you live in Auckland but have a bach on the Coromandel, you may be eligible to vote here too). Companies, businesses, trusts, corporations or societies which are ratepayers of a property in a local authority district or community board area, may also nominate an elector to vote on their behalf, provided any such elector resides outside the district or community board area where the property is situated. Partners, joint tenants and tenants in common who collectively pay rates on a property in a local authority district or community board area, may also nominate one of the group who is an elector to vote on their behalf, provided any such elector resides outside the district or community board area where the property is situated."

You have until the 16th August 2019 to get onto the ratepayer electoral roll. Rolls close on this date. After this date, anyone who is entitled to vote and who is not enrolled as an elector, or whose details are incorrectly recorded on the roll, will have to cast a 'special vote'. If you think you may be eligible to enrol or to nominate a person as a non-resident for the ratepayer electoral roll, you will need to obtain an Enrolment Form for Ratepayer Electors from the TCDC or download the form from the TCDC website. <https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Your-Council/Elections/>



Pestie Corner

~ With Sharon Clay ~

Here we are in winter and its only just turned cold this weekend, which means the usual pests have been having a field day with the warmer weather. Don't forget to keep an eye out for those mice, rats and cockroaches.

Rabbits are our target this month. They are regarded primarily as an agricultural pest but here in the Coromandel they abound. Their burrowing and scrapes cause extensive damage on erosion-prone soils, so much so that land can be rendered useless but also threaten ecological values where they browse on vulnerable native plant communities. As they have no native predators, they have in the past boomed to huge numbers as seen in Otago.

The calicivirus was introduced to New Zealand in 1997. It causes rabbit haemorrhagic disease and greatly reduced rabbit numbers rapidly. However, as the disease left resistant animals behind their breeding has, over time, increased the resistance in the population and rabbit numbers are on the increase again.

Using bait stations and an anti-coagulant poison in residential areas is best thereby avoiding any adverse contact with children and pets. The system of bait dropping using carrots is now illegal and should not be used.

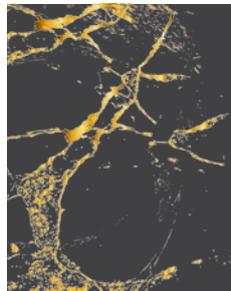
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Lance and Michelle Adams of Whangapoua are in the Carribean on a tropical island for the six months house-sitting. "We are off to a good start... it's hot, the beaches and the people are amazing, just like home, so we don't feel like fish out of water," writes Michelle. "Wild horses and chooks everywhere, mangoes and iguanas galore, crayfish straight off the boat US \$8lb and we are yet to discover the world's finest bioluminescent bay.... we should be ok."



Somewhere out in international waters but we don't know where, these Matarangi locals stepped back in time to the 1920's taking the MBP with them!



Peter and Carol Hazael crossing the Tropic of Capricorn on their way to the Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia. They are on a four month caravan drive from Perth to Brisbane across the top end.

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Matarangi

MID-WINTER SWIM

Sunday June 23rd



It's that time again for the mid winter swim. Please come along for an invigorating plunge into the sea off the Village Green at Matarangi on Sunday 23 June at 11am. Note no wetsuits. A part will be available courtesy of the Matarangi Beach Paper after your swim, if your body has been fully submerged in the beautiful ocean.
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OUT & ABOUT



Another successful Pink Ribbon Day raising over \$3000 for Breast Cancer was held at the Dunes.



Marie Murphy and friends were up to some Fisly Business during the recent Doris Day Out! (Photo credit: Leanne Robinson)



Harry and Sue Karl with the Minister of Defence the Hon. Ron Mark at the unveiling of the new statute of Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park in Thames on April 28th.



Kerre Baker and Lou Bradley looking relaxed and fabulous in white during their recent comedy cruise to no place in particular. (See front page story)

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DORIS DAY OUT

By Leanne Robinson

Another great 'Doris Day Out' Ladies' competition was had by 30 anglers plus their skippers & deckies recently. As usual the fun continued on at Prize Giving with some generous cash prizes and vouchers donated by our wonderful sponsors and presented by club Patron, Blue Lewis, to the winners. The Best Dressed team competition is always a tough one for the judges and this year was no different! This was followed by a fantastic meal of fresh fish, chips & salads (thanks to Howie & Lance Taylor for cooking the fish to perfection!).

A huge thank you to our sponsors: Wayne & Alexia Vegar, Matarangi Four Square, Puku & Kerre's Liquor Store, Matarangi Plumbing, Matarangi Beach Realty, and the Kelly Family. We look forward to seeing you all back next year! And to those who want get in on the fun, get your teams together and keep an eye out for next year's date to lock in!



Best Dressed Team: Sharon Clay and Sue Sinclair with their SS Doris vessel

ABOVE: Heaviest Weight Snapper: Claire Veevers
BELOW: The Octopussies (L to R): Lyn Hatch, Alexa Vega, Maree Taylor and Toni Gordon with Steve Hatch

ABOVE: Runners Up Best Dressed Team: "The Water Witches". Cherrie Epps, Julie Cork and Karen Malcolm.
BELOW: Vietnamese Fishing Ladies (L to R): Louise Bradley, Claire Veevers and Leanne Robinson



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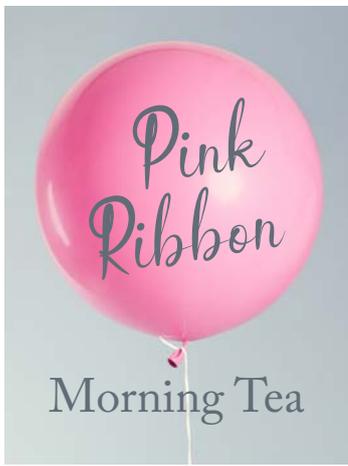


A little bit about us

We are an upmarket boutique independent company on the worlds stage in the Beautiful Matarangi Beach our two little boys iZac 6 & Tane nearly 5 come in most days are a joy to have in. I'm sure there first word was SOLD !! My husband Mark is amazing, not only is he a successful Sales Agent he's also a qualified chippy and is building our family home here at the beach, plus he's a Volunteer fireman how handy is that. I won't ramble on but would like to extend a HUGE Thank you to all those who have supported us over the last 14 years with many of our clients that have now become good friends along the way and we hope to make plenty more in the future ahead of us.

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A wonderful Pink Ribbon Morning Tea was held recently at The Dunes to raise funds for Breast Cancer.

There were approximately eighty ladies in attendance who were all dressed up to the nines in elegant pink regalia.

The guest speaker was our very own Matarangi matriarch Jeannie



Morton who shared fascinating stories about her family history.

It was also great to see some young Mums of our community attend with their lovely babies who were also all dressed up!

The morning tea raised \$3072. "What an amazing contribution our community made to the Pink Ribbon campaign," said Judy Nobilo. "We all should be very



proud." A big congratulations Judy and your fabulous committee for all your hard work in putting on such a successful event.

Middle: Matarangi matriarch Jeannie Morton shared fascinating stories about her family history at the Pink Ribbon Day Breakfast.

Right: Judy Nobilo



2019 MATARANGI PHONE DIRECTORY

Chris Cotton has once again started to compile an updated Matarangi Residents Telephone Directory.

The current list of local residents compiled last year is already out of date with new people moving into the community. Chris also says if people know about people who have left Matarangi over the past year could they let her know.

If people would like to be included in this list could they send their telephone details to her at abaccotton@xtra.co.nz and she will add their contact information.

The Matarangi Beach Paper is sponsoring the printing and distribution of the 2019 Directory, which will hopefully be completed in the next few weeks.

Remember to email Chris at abaccotton@xtra.co.nz with your phone number/s.



OUR HEARTFELT THANKS
from Stuart and Karin Lillis

On Saturday the 27th of April Stuart had a medical event requiring an urgent response and he certainly received that on this day, from the Matarangi Fire Station response team. A massive thank you to all the fantastic firemen and medics who helped him, also our neighbours who could not do enough for us.

Their professionalism and kindness was greatly appreciated. We are all very fortunate to have such amazing emergency skills available to us here in Matarangi. In Stuart's case, the outcome without this service could of been very grim.

After a 3 day stay in hospital he was home and in good health again, incredible really!

Once again, thank you very much to everyone who helped Stuart and I on that day.



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WAITAIA RD FORESTRY ACCESS RAISES CONCERNS

Twenty Waitaia Road residents gathered last month for a public meeting over using their road for the removal by logging truck of timber from the nearby Waitaia Forest. Extraction of 50000 tonnes of logs will start next summer and the concerned residents feel the current proposal by the Waitaia Forestry Syndicate to use the road will seriously impact them due to safety, noise, traffic, and loss of amenity caused by trucks constantly going up and down their quiet Kuaotunu road.

UNCLE DUNKLES CHILLI'S @ FOOD SHOW

Kuaotunu's Uncle Dunkles Chilli's are one of the five exhibitors representing the Coromandel Food Collective who are off to the Auckland Food Show this July. Held over four days from July 25 to 28 at the Auckland ASB Showgrounds, more than 30,000 people are expected to visit.

The company produces locally-sourced ingredients to make its wood-fired chilli sauces, slow cooked and smoked in a wood-fired oven with NZ tea tree wood. Flavours include chilli, chilli BBQ, and extra hot chilli sauce. You can visit Uncle Dunkles at 20 Black Jack Road Kuaotunu.

WHANGAPOUA BOAT RAMP UPGRADE PONTOON

Progress for the ramp renewal and installation of a new pontoon at the Whangapoua Boat Ramp with the planning, design, Iwi consultation and consenting process is now underway. A Bathometric survey has been completed and a project consultant for the design and consent has been appointed. The next steps following the design will be to put the contracts to tender. Around \$40,000 has been budgeted by the Mercury Bay Community Board this year for the boat ramp project.

KAURI 2000 PLANTING DAY

If you are doing nothing on Saturday 8 June, this is the day for you to get out there and be a volunteer planter for the Kauri 2000 annual seedling planting day. With a start time of 9:00am at the Blackjack Reserve all you need is to be reasonably fit and be able to offer up 4-5 hours of your time for conservation. If coming please make sure that your footwear and tools are clean to help contain the spread of Kauri Dieback. A sausage sizzle for the volunteers will follow the planting. For details phone 07 866 0468 or contact the office on info@kauri2000.co.nz.



Kuaotunu Bird Rescue

Photo: Soudscope Photographic Adventures

NEW WEBSITE FOR KUAOTUNU BIRD RESCUE

Annemeike Kregting and her team of volunteers at the Kuaotunu Bird Rescue have recently unveiled a brilliant new website to inform and engage the community about their work in taking care of local birdlife. They invite you to visit <https://www.kuaotunubirdrescue.org.nz/> to check out all the news and updates.

Started by Annemeike, a trained Vet nurse in 2005, Kuaotunu Bird Rescue aims to rehabilitate the nearly 300 wild birds injured or in distress from all around the Coromandel region with the goal of then releasing them back into the wild.

Kuaotunu Bird Rescue depends entirely upon donations of money, time and supplies in order to care for the hundreds of birds it receives each year. They are always looking for volunteer drivers and caregivers. To find out more go to the new website!!

2019 MID WINTER SWIM

It's that time again for the annual mid winter swim. Please come along for an invigorating plunge into the sea off the Village Green at Matarangi on Sunday 23rd June at 11am. Note no wetsuits. A port will be available courtesy of the Matarangi Beach Paper after your swim, if your body has been fully submerged in the beautiful ocean.

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The weather has been unbelievable this month. The water temperature is still up around 17 – 18 degrees. The fishing has been good out around the 40 -50 metre area with fish in the 400 range and in around the reefs some very respectable snapper have been landed. There have been occasions where the angler has been the loser and fishers have returned without any bounty.

The diving at this time of the year is exceptional with unbelievably clear water and minimal swells. With the water temperature still up in the 17 degree area, it makes for some really interesting dives with a few bugs still around. Watch out for the soft shells on the crayfish!

The Annual Doris Day Women's Fishing Contest was held on Saturday 27th April. Unfortunately the numbers were down this year partially due to the changing of dates. Those that participated were well rewarded with some great fish being landed and with the fantastic prize money on offer thanks to the Vegar family. A very successful prize giving with a fantastic variety of food was enjoyed by all.

Queen's birthday weekend saw the annual members only fishing competition and AGM. This year we trialed our first measure only competition. This entails the entrants photographing their catch on an official measuring board and presenting the photo to the weigh master, thus allowing the release of the larger breeding fish. Also running in conjunction with the boat

competition, the Kontiki fishers had their competition running over Saturday and Sunday. This is also a measure competition.

Following the weigh in on the Sunday we had our AGM at the Fire Station to which everyone was welcome.

Look in next month's MBP for results of the competition and update on the AGM.

Be aware that the bar doesn't have a major channel at the moment. Also be aware that the sand has drifted well into the harbour and several boats have run aground and had to wait for the tide to go out and then come in again. 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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MATARANGI RURAL FIRE FORCE

Another quiet month for call outs with two to attend, one fairly large scrub/vegetation fire and one motor vehicle accident .

I am pleased to report that the renovations are complete on our toilet block and the result is wonderful. We are just waiting for acoustic ceiling tiles to be installed to complete the updating of our lounge area.

With winter upon us I hope you have all had a chance to get any electric blankets, heaters and other electrical appliances inspected or repaired as needed. Also of course chimneys should have been cleaned ready for winter.

In the last week of May we sent out subscription invoices to members for the 2019/20 year. If you did not receive yours please contact John (021-795582) or email matarangifire@gmail.com.

Stay safe everyone. Stu Arnold



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It was Yalumba's red wines that were mainly featured on the night but we did start off with Black Barn's 2017 Chardonnay. Black Barn is a boutique vineyard just five minutes from the village of Havelock North in the Hawke's Bay. Chardonnay is Black Barn's most awarded wine and this was a lovely lightly-oaked example.

The wine club then moved onto the Yalumba reds, all from the Barossa Valley. 50 minutes from Adelaide, the Barossa is regarded as one of the world's great wine regions and is known for its gutsy red wines. The following wines were tasted: -

- Bush Vine Grenache
- Yalumba Barossa Grenache Shiraz Mataro
- Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon
- Yalumba Barossa Shiraz

These wines are available at Puku & Kerre's.

Featured: Wine Club members Sue Karl, Leigh Cunningham & Pam Anson.



Our very own MBP designer - Shannon from Okey Dokey Designs has moved into the Whitianga town centre!

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As well as all of that, Shannon has website needs sorted too, with website design and social media branding.

Shannon started her design career in London, working with a major franchise in their Mayfair head office.

Stepping out on her own as Okey Dokey Designs in 2015, Shannon created her start up in London before bringing it home to paradise and teaming up with The Matarangi Beach Paper as our exclusive designer.

Moving in with Whitianga Signs, Shannon now has a town centre base - go and see her and the Whitianga Signs team, Brendon and Amba, any time at 65 Cook Drive, Whitianga.



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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

Ladies "Allsorts Exercise" Class beginning June 10th at the fire station starting at 10.30 (after Ladies Pilates) - duration 1hr. Phone Christiane 0273122584

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.

Hatha Yoga 10 - 11.30 am

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!

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

Ladies 9 Hole Golfers tee off @ 11.00 a.m. @ The Dunes

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

Matarangi Craft Group meets every Thursday at 10:30am @ the Matarangi Fire Station. Info: Linda Segetin at 866 5653

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SUNDAYS

Matarangi Markets start Labour Weekend.

Upcoming Events

7 JUN

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

23 JUN

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

6 JUL

Kuaotunu Rural Fire Force Surfcasting Competition. Contact Station for entry details.

13 JUL

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Mixed Media Workshop. Saturday 9.30am-3.30pm at Wendy's Art Folly, Coghill Street.

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May Puzzle Answer

 Inspector Locke Security Details Answer:
 Pop Star on the 7th using 17 men.
 Politician on the 13th using 23 men.
 Film star on the 31st using 11 men.

Doris Day Out Fishing Results

HEAVIEST SNAPPER

1st Claire Veevers 4.518kg No Dramas; 2nd Sharon Clay 3.566kg Reefcomber; 3rd Vicki Petley 3.348kg Griz

HEAVIEST KAHAWAI

1st Louise Bradley 2.148kg Openside; 2nd Cherrie Epps 2.018kg Smuk Off

HEAVIEST OTHER SPECIES (BOTH TREVALLYS)

1st Lesley Love 1.946kg Haku Hunter; 2nd Lynne Morrison 1.710kg DogBox

AVERAGE WEIGHT SNAPPER

Claire Veevers 1.528kg No Dramas

MYSTERY WEIGHT SNAPPER

Lesley Love 1.352kg Haku Hunter

AVERAGE WEIGHT KAHAWAI

Leanne Robinson 1.778 No Dramas

BEST DRESSED

1st Sharon Clay & Sue Sinclair on Reefcomber; 2nd Cherrie Epps, Julie Cork & Karen Malcolm on Smuk Off

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