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GOLF COURSE OPEN SPACE IS RETAINED

Many Matarangi residents and property owners breathed a huge sigh of relief with the dismissal by the Environment Court of the Golf 2012 Ltd appeal against the open space provisions contained within the decisions version of the TCDC District Plan as they related to the Dunes golf course. The decision means that unless Golf 2012 can make an appeal to the High Court (on a point of a law only) then the land occupied by the course will remain zoned as open space and cannot be subdivided in whole or in part into residential housing.

The Environment Court drew upon the planning history of Matarangi since its inception, from a 1977 Town & Country Planning Appeals Board hearing through to later district plans that have governed its land use and how it relates to the environment. The overarching exposition during this time has been that substantial areas of open space have had to be incorporated.

In his decision Judge D.A. Kirkpatrick ruled that the use or non-use of land as open space in the coastal environment of a holiday settlement like Matarangi is not necessarily wasteful, noting that, the protection of the natural character of the coastal environment is a matter of national importance

and has been for over 45 years since the original Matarangi development was initiated. "Open space provides obvious amenity values that align with s7 of the RMA and in the context of a peninsula, which is already substantially developed and has finite characteristics."

Golf 2012 argued that it should have the ability to make reasonable use of the land when the encumbrances to maintain it as a golf course expire in the next few years. However, the court stated that it had not received any evidence of an unreasonable burden on the company beyond the argument that private land should not be zoned for public purposes without the owner's agreement. Judge Kirkpatrick noted in his decision the ruling from *Fore World Developments v NCC - W 029/2006* that the purpose of the RMA is not simply a matter of maximising the financial return on expenditure with the test in section 85 as outlined in *Hastings v ACC A068/01* not being a just a question of private rights but one of public interest. Accordingly, the provision of open space at the western end of the spit where the course is located has occurred through the coaction of private ownership over time, with the court noting

that subsequent predecessors in title can also be presumed to have knowingly acquired their property interests on that basis.

The court also concluded that the current encumbrances over it being used a golf course were irrelevant with respect to open space zoning provisions within the district plan. Therefore, once those encumbrances are removed, any future variation to the use of the current course will have to reconcile stringent development control, resource consents and a structure plan requiring the open space zone to remain publicly accessible, notwithstanding a determined and well funded public opposition within the community.

The Matarangi Ratepayers Association Inc. (MRAI) welcomed the decision and vowed to continue its mission to represent the interests of its ratepayer members and thanked them for their ongoing support to fight the appeal. "MRAI is delighted with the decision of the Environment Court to disallow the appeal of Golf (2012) Ltd. Council successfully defended its decision to zone the land as Open Space and reject the Golf (2012) request for Residential zones," noted MRAI Chair Alastair MacCormick.

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of the
month



The Good Sort of the month is the Matarangi Ratepayers Association Committee. They are a group of community-minded folk who pour a huge amount of time, energy and talent into making Matarangi such a vibrant and vital community with great public and recreational amenities ensuring we have here a great quality of life. The committee are our guardians with respect to the environment we live in; that it is protected and enhanced in a thoughtful considered manner. Congratulations Alastair and team for the wonderful job you do. Your community salutes you!

VOX POPULI

"I just want everyone to know that our local community is simply wonderful. We have such a range of people from diverse backgrounds who come together to make it such a fabulous place to live. Everyone one supports and looks out for one another and keeps the community spirit strong. We live in a beautiful part of the world but what makes it so special is us - the people."

— Sharon Walker (Matarangi) —

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



RINGS BEACH PROJECT COMES OF AGE

– By Ian Patrick –

Since our last update on the progress and initiatives taking place on the Matarangi Reserve Conservation Project there have been significant moves afoot.

With the intention of providing an invaluable community asset and, in time, a glimpse into the way our forest estate looked before our colonisers exploited the area, official Waikato Regional Council recognition has been given to the value of the work being carried out by an enthusiastic group of volunteers.

The felling of wilding pines, funded by an \$80,000 grant from Waikato Regional Council, is scheduled to commence during June this year, and the final stage will be completed in June 2020. During the felling operations DOC has decreed that the entire Matarangi Reserve will be closed to visitors for safety reasons.

The biggest effort in ensuring the success of the felling is the continuing need to pluck regrowth before it can get established. In sparse and dry ground particularly, seedlings spring up for a year or two around the remaining stumps.

In thicker undergrowth seeds fail to germinate so readily.

In a further step forward, the group, which until now has operated under the umbrella of the Coromandel Peninsula Coastal Walkways Soc Inc. which is based in Tairua, have formed their own legal entity, the Rings Beach Wetland Group Inc. to better represent their conservation focus, evolving from what was initially simply a walking track construction into a full scale restoration project.

With the growing significance of this project, more local residents wishing to be associated

with the values of the group are volunteering to participate. Their enthusiasm is infectious and reassuring to the founders who are not getting any younger. Younger and fitter participants who would enjoy the satisfaction of being associated with a success story are always welcome.

One hundred Tanekaha trees were planted this autumn in what may be the final planting in the wetland area by the Rings Beach group, though Kauri 2000 are continuing their plans to re-establish Kauri in the reserve.

A safety upgrade to a short section of the track, revealed to have a steep dropoff when pines were removed, will be widened in July, and at the same time a helicopter landing pad will be levelled to provide for evacuation in the event of any medical emergency situation. This essential work has been made possible with generous donations from local residents.

To support the ongoing maintenance needed to repair and replace traps, purchase consumable supplies and tools, a welcome grant of \$1000 has been made by the Matarangi Community Library.

Track- counter records updated in March indicate that once again there has been a steady increase in walkers using the circuit, in excess of 15,000 in the last year.

Now that the group is a fully local entity, supported by the residents of Kuaotunu and Matarangi, and not relying on an umbrella host managing their financial affairs, we would hope that we can count on a greater level of support from local users of the facility to progress conservation values. The new group is called the Rings Beach Wetland Group Inc. and the new bank account is Kiwibank A/C No. 38 9020 0502420 00

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The first ever AGM of the MVRFFAI will be held at The Matarangi Fire Station, 201B Matarangi Drive, at 7:30pm on the 21st August 2019.

Matarangi Volunteer Rural Fire Force Association (MVRFF) (CC32311), a trust, ceased trading on 31st December 2018 at which point all assets and liabilities were transferred to the new incorporated society.

Performance reports for the first six months of trading (Financial Year End 30th June 2019) will be tabled. All financial members of the MVRFFAI are invited to attend.



Term 2 has drawn to a busy end and the children and staff of Te Rerenga School are having a much deserved Winter Break.

The last week of term was particularly exciting with all of the children and staff performing in their school production "The X Factory" a musical by Gawen Robinson, at the Crossroads Church in Whitianga. The school's music teachers Anita Prime and Helen Rhind directed the production.



In direct contrast to the most successful ERO visit Te Rerenga School had at the beginning of the term, the show was about a school called "St Dithers" who, following an extremely poor ERO inspection, has been labelled 'Average,' and was in grave danger of being closed down.

The St Dithers' Board of Trustees, worried about the fate of their school and with only 6 weeks to turn things around, decide to take drastic action. They realise that improving the school in that length of time would be impossible and that it would be easier to replace the head, and most of the pupils, with 'super-talented' ones. They also decide to bring in an entirely new staff made up of celebrities from the world of entertainment!

The show is a parody of the X Factor TV show, with a new head teacher, Simon Trowel, appointed, to make the school into a breeding ground for young super stars, who will one day be on TV reality shows and dominate show business forever!

The Te Rerenga children and staff worked hard preparing for the show over the term and were delighted to showcase their talents to the parents and wider community.



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Congratulations to Pete and Marie Murphy of Matarangi who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Peter and Marie were married at Saint Jude's Church in Avondale on July 19th 1969 by the Reverend B. Gilbert. Their reception was held at the Carousel in New Lynn before the happy couple jetted across to Sydney for their honeymoon.

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

THURSDAY NIGHT OUT

For those who miss their regular Thursday night out dinner at Omaras since it closed over winter, Brenda Riggs from Pipers Café has stepped into the breach, and is now opening up her Café on Thursday evenings to fill the gap.

"As some locals have requested, we are going to start our Thursday night dinners again. Bookings are essential so we know how many to cater for, and for you to know you can get a table," says Brenda. "We have also renewed our wine list and there will be wine specials available."

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volunteers. We will only need a few hours to get the plants in so contact me if you are available to help. To see the results of last year's plantings pay a visit to the Stewart Stream Reserve when you get a minute.

Dune Restoration Project

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CITIZEN SCIENCE BEACH PROJECT

Around New Zealand Sustainable Coastlines has set up a network of around 80 'Citizen Science' beach sites to monitor plastic pollution on our beaches. An enthusiastic group of volunteers from the Bay carried out its first of a quarterly survey on Saturday 15th June.

Site: A 200 metre x 20 metre strip heading North from the Grieves Corner Walkway (897 Blackjack Road).

What we found: 11 items in total, 7 plastic and 4 rubber pieces. These included a toy soldier, 2 pieces of nylon rope, a 12cm length of plastic tube and pieces of blue rubber that we assumed came off a building site 400m up the beach (rubber was used to protect layers of glass sheets stacked together).

Weight of items: 25g. We can say, and be proud of it, as mentioned by the team at Sustainable Coastlines, we do have a near pristine beach compared to others. We need to keep it that way! If you want to be part of our second research exercise, contact me. We are looking at early October.

Featured: A group of keen Opito residents after planting the 1000 grasses on the dune last year.



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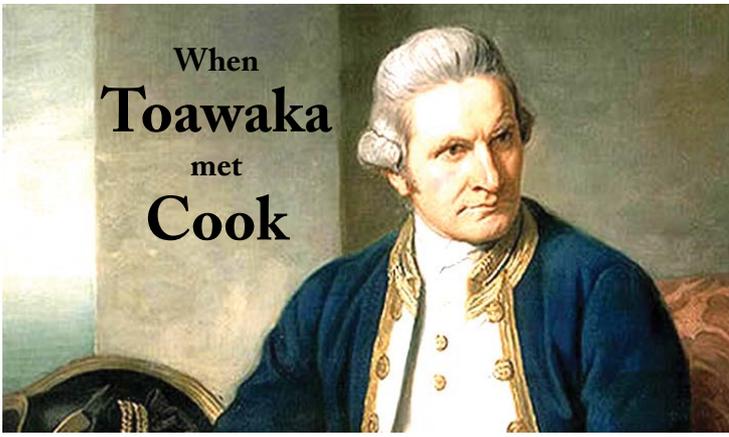
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THE MATARANGI BEACH PAPER.

When Toawaka met Cook



In a new book released today, the claim is made that not all Māori saw the arrival of Captain James Cook in Aotearoa New Zealand as 'an invasion by a murderous pirate'.

Such charges have been voiced loudly in recent months leading up to the Government's Tuia 250 commemoration of Cook's landings in October this year.

In their book When Toawaka Met

Cook, authors and Mercury Bay historians John Steele and Richard Gates quote Ngāti Hei's Joe Davis as saying that his people, led by their chief Toawaka (or Toiava in most earlier published historical texts) saw the Endeavour's arrival in Te Whanganui o Hei – Mercury Bay as an omen of change, after years of brutal warfare and invasion by other Māori tribes.

According to Ngāti Hei's oral history, Toawaka believed that these 'pale-faced strangers with all their new powers' might be the answer to helping him and his people develop a better way of life, and halting the fear and bloodshed of their previous 300 years.

For Ngāti Hei therefore, Joe Davis says Cook's visit over 12 days in November 1769, was seen as an amicable encounter – acknowledged in their Wharetāewa pa a few days before the Endeavour sailed, by the very first pōwhiri accorded a European. "The visit was always seen by Toawaka and our ancestors," says Davis, "as a 'decisive first step toward new beginnings', both for Ngāti Hei and many of our other Hauraki tribal allies of those days'.

When Toawaka Met Cook, described as an 'insightful and engaging read' was released throughout New Zealand on June 22 and will cost \$24.99.



Hello folks,

Here we are now past the shortest day of the year and the countdown to summer is on and the hunting season is winding up for waterfowl. Today's topic is one that our keen hunters will appreciate - Canadian Geese.

Canadian Geese were first introduced into NZ from Canada in 1905 with 50 breeding pairs, which have now exploded to over 60,000 birds. Most are mainly in the South Island but they are in the North Island, and in the Whangapoua Harbour area, they have certainly become a pest.

The effect on pastures by their competing for food with farm animals, and by leaving their large droppings has turned them into a pest. Their current population continues to increase, and so too, their risk to aviation safety, the damage they inflict on pasture and crops, as well as their fouling of waterways. This increase has been boosted dramatically following the end of Fish and Game Council annual culling operations.

As they became a growing problem, culling operations were introduced to keep numbers down to acceptable levels. They were, in fact,

the only gamebird managed with the goal of keeping numbers down. All other species are managed to keep numbers as high as possible. However, the use of poison to cull them is prohibited, due to possible secondary poisoning to non-target native species.

From a recreational hunter's perspective, they are the most demanding of our waterfowl to hunt. It takes a high level of skill and knowledge of the birds to successfully hunt them as they have a very high sense of sight and sound. The best time to cull them is in their moult season – January and February - when they can't fly, and are called "flappers" due to their flapping of wings to move across water.

Trivia Moment – Canadian Geese can poop on average 2 kilos per day and with an approx. number of 500 birds in Whangapoua Harbour, that's 1000 kilos of poop a day.

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"This is a positive outcome for all Matarangi ratepayers. Uncertainty surrounding the future of this open space has negatively affected Matarangi property values since Matarangi Beach Estates was placed into receivership following the 2010-11 collapses of Hanover and Allied Farmers," said Mr MacCormick. "It is great news for owners of the 216 properties with frontage to the course, all of whom bought with the clear expectation of continuing outlook onto the open space occupied by the golf course."

Spokesperson for the Holes 1 and 2 Group, Rod Cameron, who with the TCDC and MRAI were respondents to the Golf 2012 appeal, said they were delighted with the very clear decision from the Court.

"Our objective since 2009, along with that of the MRAI, has been to uphold the environmental and planning integrity of the original developers. As the court decision has outlined in some detail their objective was to create a unique holiday community with substantial areas of open space so it is pleasing to finally have that confirmed and the threat of "in fill housing" by subsequent owner/developers substantially eliminated," said Mr. Cameron.

"Had this been allowed to occur, for whatever reason, it would have been a gross violation of community trust in the environment that we all bought into. As a group we are grateful to the many local residents and property owners together with the MRAI for their support over the last 10 years in reaching this point," said Mr. Cameron. "Matarangi is a great holiday destination and developing community with

many of us driving long distances many times a year to take advantage of its uniqueness. We acknowledge that we have some way to go yet but this court decision is a major step in the right direction."

Nicola Martin whose home overlooks the 3rd fairway on the course was very happy with the decision. "It was the right result for Matarangi. It is so important to maintain the natural character and environment of the community as much as possible. Protecting our open spaces, where families and everyone in wider community can gather and enjoy is what people live here for."

Matarangi businessman Mark Hall said that the impact of the decision was a massive boost to property owners in that it gives them certainty. "The subdivision concept has had open space and the golf course as the determining factor in its success. It is quite the jewel in the crown," said Mr Hall. "It was not just a course but a Bob Charles design course and over time the design integrity and historical significance of that will become increasingly important as part of our heritage."

Keen local golfer Graeme Kensington remarked that a cloud had been lifted over the community and club because of the decision. "We have had a loss of morale and commitment of people who might want to play. However, it is time to look to the future positively and recognise the huge potential that having a high quality operating golf course can have and the destination benefits that it can bring."



After a long on-going generous privately-funded wilding-pine eradication program, the Black Jack Reserve has gone from a dry scraggly wilding-pine eyesore to a thriving regenerating bush block gracing the Kuaotunu skyline with its prominent form. The regrowth since the pines have been felled is amazing.

Kauri 2000 is enhancing this by replanting kauri. They have now planted almost 3000 kauri on the Black Jack over the past three years.

Preparation for planting involves many hours of work, not only by Trustees Jill Kaeppli and Dave Fitzgerald, who manage the preparations, but also the contractors clearing planting lines and the workers that take the plants into the site ready for planting. Getting 1300 kauri on site is a job that requires some young fit workers as 75% of it was up hill this year. Having a good team working together is paramount.

Kauri 2000 is a real success story which is all thanks

to the loyal support the Trust receives from many organisations and individuals, including the Mercury Bay Area School, sponsors the BNZ, Evakona Language School, volunteers who come from near and far, and generous donations from supporters who may not be able to join planting days but support the work of Kauri 2000 financially.

Planning is already in progress for the 2020 planting. 'Rest assured we will let you all know when it is time to volunteer once again,' says Jill.

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Jill Kaeppli, trustee, mob 0276 563 442

Photo courtesy of Kauri 2000 Trust

Featured: Mercury Bay Area School students were among the many volunteers who came to assisting in the planting of a further 1300 Kauri.

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Lynne and Allen Morrison relaxed poolside at the Noosa Lakes Resort with the June edition.



Murray and Cathy Spiers have been motorcycling on the Trans-Siberian Highway and took a copy of the MBP to remind them of home.



Simone Parr visited Oxford, the historical seat of great literature and learning. Appropriately she took with her an early copy of the MBP.

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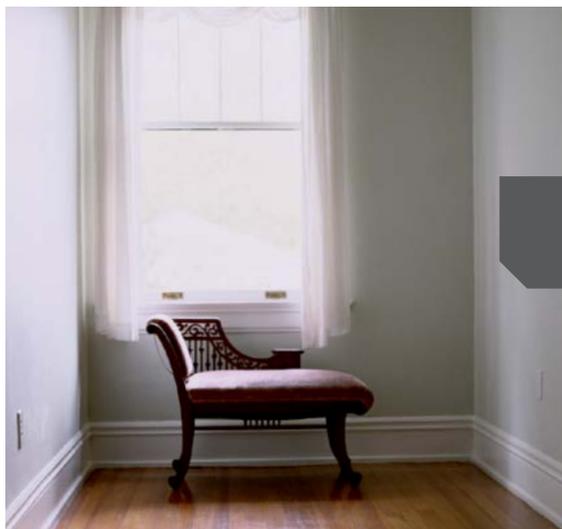
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FIRE STATION AWARDS

On 22nd June the Matarangi Volunteer Rural Fire Force held their annual Honors' Night. The evening also marked the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of the Matarangi Volunteer Rural Fire Force.

It was a great celebration of Matarangi memories and achievements where everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and was capped off with a superb dinner prepared by chef Scott Corbett.

See page 16 for further details and photos.



Brett Gordon and Stu McKenzie, who were part of the original Matarangi fire crew, cutting the 30 year anniversary cake.



Fire Chief Stu Arnold thanking wife Mary-Ann for her help in setting up the venue and her support.



Principal Rural Fire Officer Paul Shaw presenting Phil Morton with his gold bar for 12 years' service.



Maria Matchett being presented with her gold bar for 3 years' service by Principal Rural Fire Officer Paul Shaw.



A strong year for local Real Estate team.

On Saturday 22nd June the Richardsons Real Estate Matarangi team enjoyed celebrating with friends and colleagues at the annual company awards night at Puka Park Resort. A strong year for the local office resulted in a number of awards and the contribution from all team members was recognised as a key factor. The Richardsons team wish to thank all the successful buyers and sellers they have worked with throughout the year, cheers to you all.

- Highest Residential Sale of the year- Peter Sharp
- Runner up Salesperson of the year - Keith Goodall
- Second Runner up Salesperson of the year- Simone Parr
- Highest number of listings (which have sold) – Keith Goodall



Keith Goodall
Runner up Salesperson of the year



Peter Sharp, Mandy Vegar,
Kayla Clarke and Keith Goodall



Peter Sharp
Highest Residential Sale of the year



THE ANNUAL MATARANGI MID-WINTER MADNESS

Thirty-five hardy souls from Matarangi and Kuaotunu braved a crisp southerly and bone-numbing water temperatures off Matarangi Beach to celebrate the middle of winter on Sunday 23rd June.

Organised by the Matarangi Beach Paper this was the 6th year that this annual event has been held. Every year there are always a few more showing up, which is pleasing.

The traditional rules of 'anything goes swimsuit-wise but no wetsuits' was in force. 'Full immersion under the waves' was the other rule. Once out of the water and wrapped up they were rewarded with a little warm-up port offered enthusiastically by Mary Kedzlie.

A big thanks to all the participants of this fun community event. For those of you who couldn't quite psych yourself up for it this year....Remember there is always next year!!



Some keen souls sprinted to get it over and done with. Others entered the water a tad more reluctantly.



Come on in! It's beautiful in here!



A sense of achievement and a well-deserved tippie awaited those who participated.



After dunking themselves in the tide, a toast of port to celebrate and recover from the mid-winter madness was the order of the day.

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MATARANGI RURAL FIRE FORCE REPORT

A steady month for call-outs with three to attend, one, a fairly large structure fire in Manaia at a Mussel Yard, and two medicals, one severe laceration to a hand, and one person collapsed and unconscious. Luckily all incidents had a good outcome.



On 22nd June we held our annual Honors' Night, which also was the 30th Anniversary of the Matarangi Volunteer Rural Fire Force. This was a great night which everyone enjoyed immensely and a wonderful meal was provided our chef Scott Corbett. Thanks so very much for all the hard work that my wife MaryAnn and our secretary Chris Cotton put into this evening. Thanks also to Stew McKenzie and Brett Gordon for reminiscing about the start and first few years of the Fire Force and cutting of the Beautiful Anniversary cake.



Medals were presented by Paul Shaw our Principal Rural Fire Officer and special guest Daryl Trim, Area Manager Eastern Waikato. Three year Service Medals were presented to Darren Gribble, Howard Smith and Maria Matchett, a Six Year Service Bar to Matthew O'Connell, a Nine Year Service Bar to Mark Hall, Peter Murphy and Graham Hall and a Twelve Year Service Bar to Phil Morton.



Thanks to all recipients of medals, truly deserved for all your hard work and service to our community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our other Firemen for

all of their service and to our wonderful wives, partners and family for their support during the year as without that we would not be able to provide the service that we do.



Also a big thank you to our committee, Accountant John Skelton, Bar Manager Brian Baker and all of our Bar Staff, Chef and Cleaners for all the work you do to keep the Fire Station Club ticking along so well.



Our Financial year end is the 30th June and Subscriptions for the Club are due on that date. Please ensure that all Subs are paid by the end of July if you wish to maintain your membership.

We are well into winter now so please be careful with heating appliances and fires keeping everything at least one meter away from them.

Stay safe everyone, Stu Arnold.



1. Darren Gribble receiving his medal for 3 years of service.
2. Paul Shaw presenting Graham Hall with his 9 year service medal.
3. Howard Smith also passed his 3 year service milestone.
4. Mark Hall also passed his 9 year service milestone.
5. Mathew O'Connell receiving his medal for 6 years of service.
6. Pete Murphy was another who has achieved 9 years of service.

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Local News in Brief

Whangapoua Drainage

The TCDC are currently improving drainage and working to reduce surface flooding in Whangapoua by constructing a kerbside dish channel and soakage pits along a section of Tangiora Ave from the shops to Opera Place. While this won't involve any road closures, there may be some interruptions for nearby property owners when the dish channel is poured. The contractor, Schick Civil Construction aims to have the work completed on 12 July.



'Mauri o te Kauri' *is Ready to Screen*

Kuaotunu filmmaker James Muir and his team from the Coromandel Film Collective have completed their eagerly-anticipated film 'Mauri o te Kauri' and are now preparing to take this 50 minute landmark Coromandel documentary to the world.

The film premiered on May 24 at the 2019 Reel Earth Environmental Film Festival held at the Globe Theatre in Palmerston North to rave reviews. 'Mauri o te Kauri' is an interactive natural history documentary film about the magnificent Kauri, our rare and giant natural wonder of the forest.

With over 3 years in the making, the film weaves natural and human history into an informative, inspiring and real story, that follows the Kauri tree's journey from seed to forest giant, meeting the plants, insects and animals that live with it. It also documents the environmental carnage of clear-felling during the early 20th century, through to its struggle for survival against the rampant emergence of Kauri dieback.

Books & Banter Club



The Books and Banter Club held their first gathering last Wednesday evening which was great, but have realised it clashes with another popular club night in the first Wednesday of the month

They have now changed the night to the first Monday of each month between 7 and 9 pm. The idea of Books and Banter is to bring along a book or books you have read and enjoyed, share and swap them about.

Bring BYO wine if you like but there will be tea, coffee and supper at each gathering.

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MATARANGI BOAT AND FISHING CLUB

The month of June has seen some pretty good weather for the fishing fraternity. When the weather turns bad it seems to last only a couple of days. The water temperature is starting to fall and the fish are a bit more reluctant to bite, but can be enticed with burley around foul bottom. Patience is a great virtue. Most people are retuning with a nice feed but beware, there are a lot of small fish around. Use larger hooks and move spots if nothing bigger arrives in the trail.

Queen's birthday weekend saw the running of the annual members - only fishing competition, the Kontiki competition, and the AGM. This year we held our first measure - only competition. This entailed 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 measure - only competition running over Saturday and Sunday. Unfortunately the weather didn't play ball, with rough seas, strong winds and rain on Friday and Saturday. The Kontiki lines ended up parallel to the beach and entwined with seaweed, resulting in no fish being measured. On Sunday the weather was perfect and with the strong SW winds overnight knocking the bar flat. Unfortunately the previous weather kept most contestants in bed and we only had 5 boats go to sea. The results follow;

1st Paul Morgan with a 65cm snapper, 2nd Steve Clay with a 50cm snapper, 3rd Phil Mosen with a 44cm snapper, 4th Peter Murphy with a 38.5 cm snapper and 5th was Stu Arnold with a 36.5 cm snapper. Phil Mosen also took out the average length fish

Following the weigh - in on Sunday, our AGM was held at 4.30 pm at the Fire Station. There were no new nominations received for the committee and the existing committee was re-elected. There were three resignations from the committee and I would like to thank Glen Bradley and Jacko Bradley for their valued contributions to the running of the club. A special mention goes to Graeme Kensington for his valued contribution as a delegate and his work behind the scenes, researching the depletion of sea birds as a result of over-commercial fishing.

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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- FITTING LIFE JACKET IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT WHEN CROSSING A BAR.

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Chris Cotton is currently compiling an updated Matarangi Residents Telephone Directory. The directory is aimed at permanent and semi-permanent residents.



If people would like to be included in this list, would 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.

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Nearly forty members of the Wine Club braved wintry weather to taste some of the New Zealand and Australian wines distributed by Vintners, Wine Wholesaler and Importer, introduced by the charming Coretin Celbert.

The New Zealand Craggy Range wines vary from the volcanic clay soils of Te Muna Rd in Martinborough which produce a great Pinot Noir, to the stony warm soils of Gimblett Gravels in Hawkes Bay. From Gimblett Gravels vineyard we tasted the pleasant Te Kahu Merlot Cabernet, and the rich, fruity and totally delicious Syrah. It was interesting to compare this Syrah with the much cheaper Redstone Shiraz using the same grape variety, produced by the Australian McLaren Vale's Coriole vineyards.

We also tasted a Shiraz from the iconic Hunter Valley Mt Pleasant which produces reputedly the best range of Shiraz in Australia. The Shiraz wine there is still being

produced from grapes planted in 1880.

As well as all the interesting discussions about the wines as Coretin brought the wines to our glasses for our consideration, Puk and Kerre supplied delicious roast pork with apple sauce in buns, to accompany the wines and round off the evening. George Ririnui was a masterful hand with the carving knife.

Once again, a very pleasant evening of good new wines, good food and good company.

Wines from Craggy Range Wines, Mt Pleasant and Coriole vineyards are available from Puk and Kerre's Liquor Store.

These wines are available at Puku & Kerre's.

Featured: (L-R) Leanne Robinson, Bronwyn Ririnui, Andrea Dickinson, Marie Murphy, Louise Bradley and Brenda Riggs

— LOGIC PUZZLE —

WAREHOUSE RAID.

Inspector Locke of the back yard interviewed a woman who was a witness to a large gang raid on a warehouse. "I saw nothing" she said "as I was hiding in a wheelie bin." "In that case can you tell me what you heard," asked the inspector "could you tell how many there were?"

"I have no idea how many there were but after all the shouting a group of them sat near me and were boasting about their previous crimes"

"That could be useful tell me what you recall them saying."

"One of them said that exactly 3/4 of the gang had been convicted for violence and another said that exactly half of the gang had convictions for robbery. The first then said that only two of the robbers had not been convicted of violence as well and that made them a real hard lot." The woman continued "One of the gang then said that 1 in seven of the gang had been convicted of fraud and when someone said they were soft the original speaker said that one of the fraudsters had also been convicted of violence."

As the woman seemed to remain quiet for a period the inspector asked, "Can you remember anything else that was said?"

"I recall one of them said that he was a safebreaker and cleverer than most as he was one of a few who had got away without being convicted of anything. He claimed that the number of those without convictions was the same as those convicted of fraud and interestingly no-one in the gang had been convicted of the same type of crime more than once. One of them then shouted that convictions were an inevitable consequence of the job and that he had been convicted of forgery as well as all the other 3 types of convictions they were discussing. In fact, he said that on his own he represented 10% of the gangs convictions. The rest are amateurs none of them have had more than 2 convictions."

"He wasn't very clever at all then" stated Inspector Locke "I remember thinking the same," said the woman "and those convicted of violence aren't hard either they are usually cowards." continued the woman.

Inspector Locke nodded he had worked out the number of men in the gang and the number of those who were just thugs having only being convicted of violence. – Can you?

June Solution on Page 18.

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STARGAZERS SIGHTS

We might have a chance to observe the International Space Station this month. Look for a quickly moving "star", often starting low in the southwestern or northwestern sky early in the evenings. It's fun to watch it "go out" as it passes into the Earth's shadow 400km above us. There are also the planets Jupiter, Mars, Saturn and faint Mercury to see and often these can be readily located using the Moon as a guide.

July 4 – Very low in the NW sky immediately after sunset a minute sliver of the Moon will lie immediately to the right of slightly reddish Mars. Very faint Mercury lies just above Mars. It should be possible to just make out the rest of the Moon as it glows weakly by reflected sunlight bouncing off Earth's clouds and oceans.

July 9 – It is possible that we might have a chance to see the International Space Station not once but twice tonight. The first pass will be very brief as it rises right on the SW horizon at 6:01pm and moves low in the sky to the SE to go into the earth's shadow shortly after 6:04pm. Once it has gone around the world once it will reappear at 7:36pm in the southeast moving to the southwest only to disappear a minute later as it goes into the Earth's shadow which has by now moved much higher in the sky.

July 13 – The bright Moon in the evening sky lies just above and to the left of bright Jupiter.

July 14 – The nearly full Moon has now moved just below Jupiter in the evening sky. Very early in the evening and very low in the west it is possible to see that Mars has moved away from Mercury and now lies in the "Beehive Cluster" a group of young stars.

July 15 – The Moon now lies further down in the sky and lies between bright Jupiter and much fainter Saturn below it and to the right.

July 16 – Saturn can be easily found just above the top left edge of the full Moon...it is very faint and will be easier to spot if you cover the Moon up with a finger.

July 17 – The very bright Moon has now moved to lie below and to the right of faint Saturn.

July 31 – Faint Mercury has now completed its pass in front of the Sun. It can now be seen very low in the pre-dawn northeastern sky as in the mornings we are seeing things on the other side of the Sun from what we can see in the evenings.. There is a very thin sliver of a Moon just below and to the left of Mercury.

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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

Book Swap Club. The Book Swap Club will meet between 7 and 9 pm on the first Monday 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 Cora on 021 222 6707.

Books and Banter Club. First Monday of the month - 7 to 9 pm. Bring a book you have enjoyed to share and swap. Coffee and tea and BYO wine. Phone Cora on 9212226707 if you wish to attend and for venue details. Numbers are limited!

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

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.

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SUNDAYS

Matarangi Markets start Labour Weekend.

Upcoming Events

6 JUL

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13 JUL

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16-17 AUG

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21 SEP

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18-21 OCT

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May Puzzle Answer

Ada stole Computer chips from Dunedin caught following a car chase

Benjamin stole Diamonds from Edgecumbe and was identified by a witness

Charlie Stole Bearer Bonds from Auckland and was caught on CCTV

Daphne stole guns from Christchurch and walked into a police station

Edmund stole Euros from Bleheim and was caught by careful surveillance.

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	High	Low	High	Low	High
5		02:29	08:50	14:49	21:21
6		03:22	09:44	15:41	22:13
7		04:16	10:38	16:33	23:06
8		05:10	11:33	17:28	
9	00:00	06:05	12:29	18:24	
10	00:55	07:01	13:26	19:22	
11	01:50	7:57	14:25	20:21	
12	02:45	08:55	15:24	21:21	
13	03:41	09:52	16:22	22:19	
14	04:36	10:47	17:18	23:15	
15	05:30	11:40	18:10		
16		00:08	06:22	12:30	18:59
17		00:57	07:12	13:17	19:44
18		01:44	07:58	14:00	20:28
19		02:28	8:42	14:42	21:09
20		03:11	09:24	15:21	21:50
21		03:52	10:04	16:01	22:30
22		04:32	10:45	16:40	23:10
23		05:12	11:26	17:21	23:51
24		05:54	12:10	18:05	
25	00:34	06:37	12:56	18:52	
26	01:19	07:23	13:46	19:42	
27	02:06	08:13	14:40	20:35	
28	02:57	09:05	15:35	21:31	
29	03:51	10:00	16:31	22:28	
30	04:47	10:55	17:27	23:24	
31	05:44	11:50	18:21		
1		00:20	06:41	12:45	19:15
2		01:15	07:37	13:38	20:08
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