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ALISHIA'S VERSION OF PARADISE

It was a dream come true for Artist and former Matarangi local Alishia Falleni when she was invited to exhibit her work in New York recently. Alishia who attended Te Rerenga School and as a young adult worked for Puku and Kerre at the Matarangi General Store held a solo exhibition of her work at 'The Bishop' a contemporary art gallery located in Brooklyn.

Each year the Bishop selects emerging and talented artists to show case their work during what they call their 'pop up' season. "This is an absolute dream for me", said Alishia prior to the exhibition. "It means the world to me to have this opportunity in New York to establish myself as an artist internationally".

The exhibition titled 'A Version of Paradise' opened on July 19th and ran until July 27th. Her parents, long time Matarangi locals Paul and Louise Falleni flew over to New York to be with her at the opening. "I feel so blessed to have had all this support and my parents by my side" says Alishia. Alishia was later joined by her Aunt, Emmy who also attended the 'artist talk' that Alishia presented during the exhibition, about her work and the story behind it.

Alishia who currently lives on the Gold Coast, is a self-taught artist and originally had a passion for painting scenes of seascapes and landscapes which she sold privately by commission. After visiting New York, she was overwhelmed with inspiration. "I had never painted cities before. New York grabbed me with its' lived in' charisma. I wanted to paint all aspects of it. The pretty and the gritty", says Alishia. While in the Big Apple she was asked about her art and met someone who took interest in a particular piece that she had painted of a New York scene." It was suggested that it would be a fun project for me to exhibit in Brooklyn. He contacted some galleries for me and I was introduced to Stevenson, the owner of the Bishop Gallery. He said he found my work interesting and would love the opportunity to host my art in his gallery," says Alishia

It took Alishia 18 months to get ready for the exhibition and she worked hard to produce nine pieces of art all being scenes around New York. I focused more on the real New York as subjects. I have painted street corners, subways, graffiti, and park scenes. Each of my pieces has been finished

with a stencilled bird sprayed with aerosol spray paint. This bird represents the question "What Sets You Free?" and the recognition of potential," adds Alishia.

The exhibition was a resounding success with a number of artworks sold including her biggest piece. Alishia has also been approached about further opportunities to display her work in New York. Alishia is really grateful for the support she has received from home and in NY. "What an experience "A Version of Paradise" has been. I have made new friends, engaged in many wonderful conversations, felt the love and support from my family and friends. My heart is full! I am so happy that my art that has been purchased, is going to such wonderful people. Thank you to everybody who have made this experience so very special. I really love how my art has connected me with so many people. Also reconnecting with you all back home is so lovely for me", added Alishia.

To read more about Alishia and follow her exciting artistic journey, check out her blog at www.alishiafalleni.com

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GOOD SORT OF THE MONTH

The Good Sorts of the month is Chris Cotton. Chris has once again gone to considerable time and effort to collate and organize the 2019 Matarangi Phone Directory. There was more work to do this year, reflecting the increasing number of permanent and semi-permanent residents who live in the village.

Well done Chris! Your community salutes you!

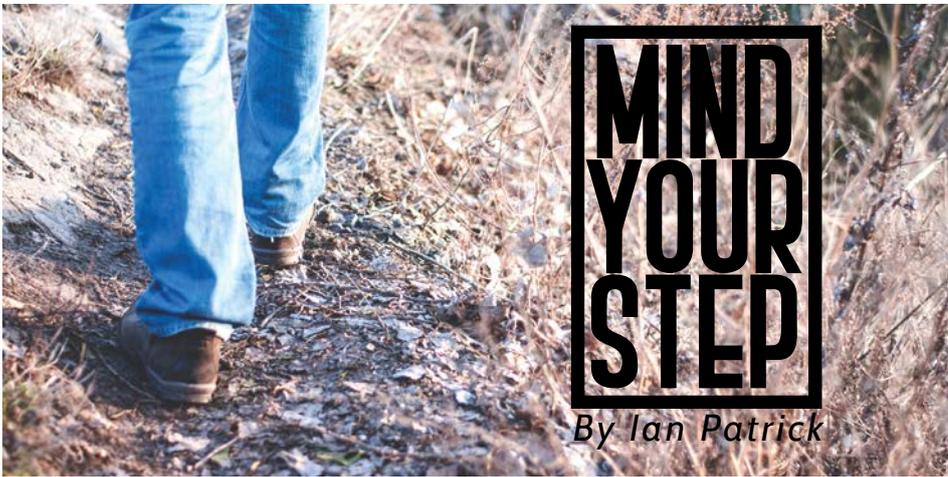
MATARANGI VILLAGE PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Following the compiling of names by Chris Cotton all that remains to do is the layout and design over the next couple of weeks and the phone directory for the 2019-2020 period will be ready to be delivered later this month.

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

Congratulations to Film Director James Muir for his film Mauri o te Kauri winning the Oceania section of the Quetzalcoatl Indigenous International Film Festival in Mexico last month.

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



When walking the Rings Beach Wetland track you will be aware that about 100 metres east of the top end of the Matarangi ridge there is a short and rocky stretch of the track which was narrow with the ground tilted towards the drop-off.

After felling wilding pines last year the clearance revealed an almost vertical drop, not previously apparent, of an estimated 80-100 metres.

On the 22nd of July the contractors from Walkway Solutions Ltd, the same efficient company that carried out the upgrade of the track from Matarangi up to the Vodafone track four years ago, conveyed rock breaking equipment to the site by helicopter as well as the staff who proceeded to widen and level the track and install a few steps over two days.

This stretch is now a lot safer, but the drop-off is still steep so care is recommended at this

point. At the same time a few hundred metres further on where the track levels out, a helipad was created by clearing vegetation to facilitate evacuation in the event of medical emergency or accident.

Matarangi Fire Force and Westpac Rescue have both been advised of the presence and location of this helipad.

The work, which was not particularly cheap was generously paid for from funds donated by a number of civic minded property owners from Matarangi, for which the Rings Beach Wetland Group Inc are particularly grateful and towards whom the community should also be appreciative.

The photographs show the before and after and a clear indication of the potential danger from the original condition of the track.



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CHRISTMAS DINNER

It was a marvelous festive mood at the Matarangi Tradies Mid-Winter Christmas dinner. The community spirit was strong with laughs and smiles all round, and the competitive spirit was just as strong in the Christmas trivia quiz. The meal prepared by Scott Corbett was simply outstanding as you have now come to expect. Quite a number of rotund looking gentlemen were going up for generous second helpings and the bar was ticking over nicely.

Winner of the door prize, a hamper sponsored by Darren & Sharon Walker of the Four Square Matarangi, went to Natasha Cox

Winner of the trivia quiz, a bottle of French Champagne sponsored

by Rosie Jakicevich of Glengarry Wines, were the Kingfishers Team made up of Dave & Bronwyn Blake, Stuart Lillis, with Scottie and Tom our chefs.

Winner of the surprise chair, a bottle of Australian Red Wine, sponsored by Stephen & Sharon Clay of Peninsula Pest Services, went to Simone Rinui.

Sponsorship and organisation of the entire night was generously provided by the following companies -

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It was a super effort by the organisers Sharon Clay, Sue Sinclair and Pip Teklenberg to make the event happen. Thanks to those locals who sponsored this wonderful evening to spread festive fun and celebrate the hard work our tradies and businesses do in making the community.

Everyone is now looking forward to the next Tradies Christmas party later in the year. We all hope to see you there!

1. Our MC for the evening was Sharon Clay.
2. Howard Smith getting into the festive spirit as only Howard can!
3. The Hall's and the Threadgold's eagerly awaiting the superb dinner prepared by Scott Corbett.
4. Geoff Batey and Rosie Jakicevich were smiling right through the evening.
5. The Christmas Trivia Quiz bought out the both the competitive and Christmas spirit in everyone.
6. Sue, Pip and Sharon went to a great deal of effort to decorate the Fire Station Hall into a proper Christmas party.

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AN OUTSTANDING ERO REPORT FOR OUR LOCAL SCHOOL

Te Rerenga School's recent ERO report has now been confirmed by the Education Review Office. The school is delighted with the findings of this report.

Key points of the report included: -

The school is working towards achieving equitable and excellent outcomes for all its students. 2018 achievement information provided by the school shows that almost all students achieve at or above the appropriate curriculum level in reading. Most students achieve well in mathematics and a large majority achieve in writing.

Strong professional leadership guides all aspects of school development. Leaders have established positive relationships between staff, students, community and local iwi. Clear and consistent expectations designed to support teaching, learning and accelerated outcomes have been established. Leaders promote and participate in professional learning and development to enhance teacher capability. A strategic focus on culturally responsive practice supports Māori student

sense of identity and belonging. There is a strong emphasis on student wellbeing, learning and achievement.

The rich curriculum effectively engages students in their learning. Inquiry-based themes provide relevant and authentic contexts. A range of extra-curricular activities enrich learning for students in a supportive family-like environment. There are many opportunities that enable students to develop leadership skills. The unique place of Māori is shared and celebrated. Children with additional needs are well catered for through detailed individual planning.

Teachers respond well to the learning needs of students. Those whose learning requires acceleration are clearly identified and progress monitored closely. Learning intentions and progressions guide deliberate planning for groups of students. Individualised support enables all students to achieve.

Positive and affirming relationships between teachers and students contribute to caring learning environments. Teachers promote positive partnerships for learning through regular communication with parents, family and whānau.

Trustees work collaboratively to improve outcomes for students. They actively represent and serve the school community. Regular consultation ensures community aspirations are heard. Trustees set appropriate targets focused on accelerating the achievement of at-risk students and receive regular reports on the progress of their students. Informed decision-making based on achievement data and recommendations from leaders enables students to have equitable opportunities to learn.

The full report should be available to read on the ERO website in the next week.

<https://www.ero.govt.nz/>

ROOM 4 ART DAY WITH FLOX

Our room 4 children were fortunate to work with Hayley King aka Flox last week. We became interested in her art after seeing her contribution to the new Tuia Mātauranga murals in Whitianga. This day of art taught us all some new techniques using stencils and spraypaint to create our own masterpieces. We were able to partially fund our day with Flox through the generous donation of Margaret James and Janet Powell who collect mussel buoys from the beach, which are returned to the mussel companies, generating a donation to our school. Creating our artworks was quite a process with scalpels used to cut stencils for our layers of art. Spraypaint was used to build the artworks up and create amazing pieces of art that we are really proud of!

With her trademark native birds, ferns and flowers the artworks of Flox are a celebration of Aotearoa's environmental taonga (treasures). Her works are always vibrant and confident in colour. Though Pakeha, the Kaitaia born artist embraced the local Nga Puhi culture when she was growing up and has drawn on that experience in creating her work. Her intricately hand-cut stencils are what sets Flox apart from the rest. With a philosophy deeply ingrained in the value of the hand-made, her processes pay homage to the craft of the cut – what she refers to as her Labour of Love.

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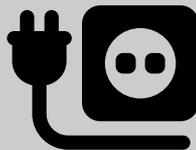
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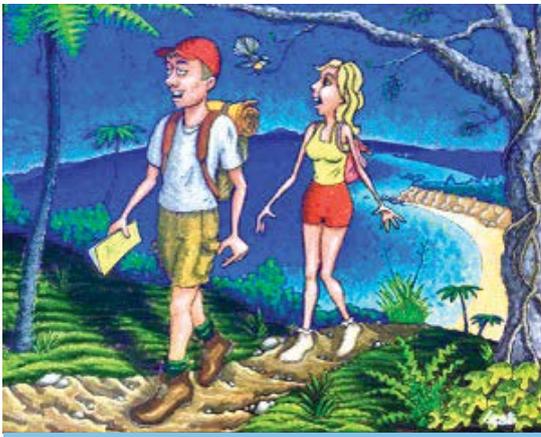
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My pest of choice this month is the dreaded Whitetailed Spider. It has a cigar shaped abdomen, black or grey in colour, dark orange/brown banded legs with a white mark on the end of its abdomen.

They typically live in gardens and are found in houses. Dark folds of clothing, towels and shoes attract them and bathrooms are a favourite place. They are mainly active at night as they hunt for other spiders, their favoured prey being common black house spider. They are not native but have been introduced to New Zealand as early as 1886 in Waiwera.

It breeds fear into some because of the common perception that their bite can cause tissue necrosis and ulceration. White tail spider bites may cause a small red or discoloured bump, similar to an

insect bite, that burns or itches and has some symptoms that may include nausea, dizziness, lethargy and headaches depending on your susceptibility.

However, extensive clinical research has found that necrosis is highly unlikely from this spider. It was also noted in research that in its native Australia, in 200 years of colonisation, not one case of necrosis was ever noted. Perhaps our minds have been playing overtime on this maligned spider.

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SELECT COMMITTEE FAILS COROMANDEL PETITIONERS

Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki say the Select Committee has failed the Coromandel; the Committee has, nearly two years after receiving their petition, decided not to support the extension of Schedule 4 to include the Southern Coromandel. The extension would protect the entire Coromandel Range (and Coromandel Ecological Region) from industrial mining, where now that protection stops at State Highway 25 Kopu Hikuai Road.

While the group is still reviewing the reasoning behind the decision, there are a number of aspects that are disappointing, as well as the result. "It seems that Labour has not supported this, despite having it as a policy in their manifesto for more than 10 years and Minister David Parker restated that support for the move publicly last year," says Augusta Macassey-Pickard, spokesperson.

The primary reason not to support the petition relates to Te Tiriti o Waitangi; CWoH had made it clear in the supporting submissions to the Committee that any boundary changes to Schedule 4 must follow a Crown negotiation with Hauraki tangata whenua. However, little specifics are given in the decision as to what the Committee refers to, or if the Committee had input from tangata whenua.

"We have deep concerns, about mining activities here, the precedents that would be set for all the rest of the Coromandel, and how desperately vulnerable this environment, these species are to industrial mining."

The group has indicated that they will comment further once they have had time to fully review the decision.

Featured: Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki are disappointed that the government have gone back on their word with respect to the extension of Schedule 4 over all of the Peninsula.

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OPITO'S 'BIG DAY OUT' PLANTING

Report by Chris Severne

A big thank-you to all the volunteers who helped out on Saturday 20 July for Opito's 'Big Day Out' planting. With close to 2000 grasses to get into the dunes at Stewart Stream Reserve in Opito Bay we needed a good turnout. And we did!

A special thanks to all those who helped. Tanya Patrick, Coastal Management Coordinator for TCDC, Tony Fox – Councillor Mercury Bay Ward and Jim Dahm a coastal management scientist who has extensive experience throughout New Zealand restoring damaged dune systems. A barbecue was held at the end to celebrate our good efforts. We will repeat the planting again next July. Our aim is to restore the whole dune system from Stewart Stream to Calder Place over the coming years replacing exotic weeds with native dune binding grasses.



A great turn out of keen volunteers for the Opito Bay Big Day Out helped plant 2000 grasses on the dunes adjacent to the Stewart Stream Reserve.

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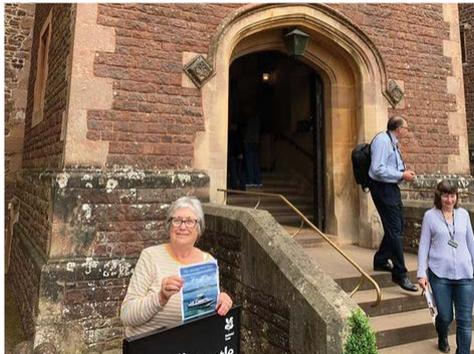
An avid reader of the MBP is the Trust Waikato Chair Edgar Wilson. Recently in the United States Edgar took this photo from his son's office in Jersey with the Skyline of New York in the background.



Angela Williams of Puka Crescent recently travelled to Williams in Arizona with old Thames Hospital nursing mate Frouk Miller. Many of you may recognise Frouk as being a DOC Dotterel Ranger.



Matarangi residents Shirley and Werner Muellers with their friends and Matarangi bach owners Robert Bax and Kathy Woolley catching up with the local MBP news during their Un-Cruise wilderness adventure in Alaska.



Here is Val Jones with the MBP at Dunster Castle in the County of Somerset. Val and Phillip caught up with our very own Simone Parr who featured in the Where in the World last month.



Opito Bay Ratepayers Chair Chris Severne was 'encouraged' into having this photo taken by the MBP editor for the Where in the World column when they recently attended the Philanthropy New Zealand conference in Wellington.

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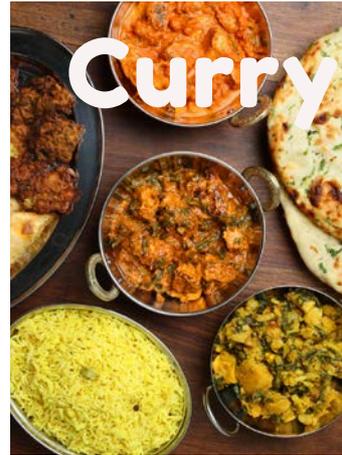
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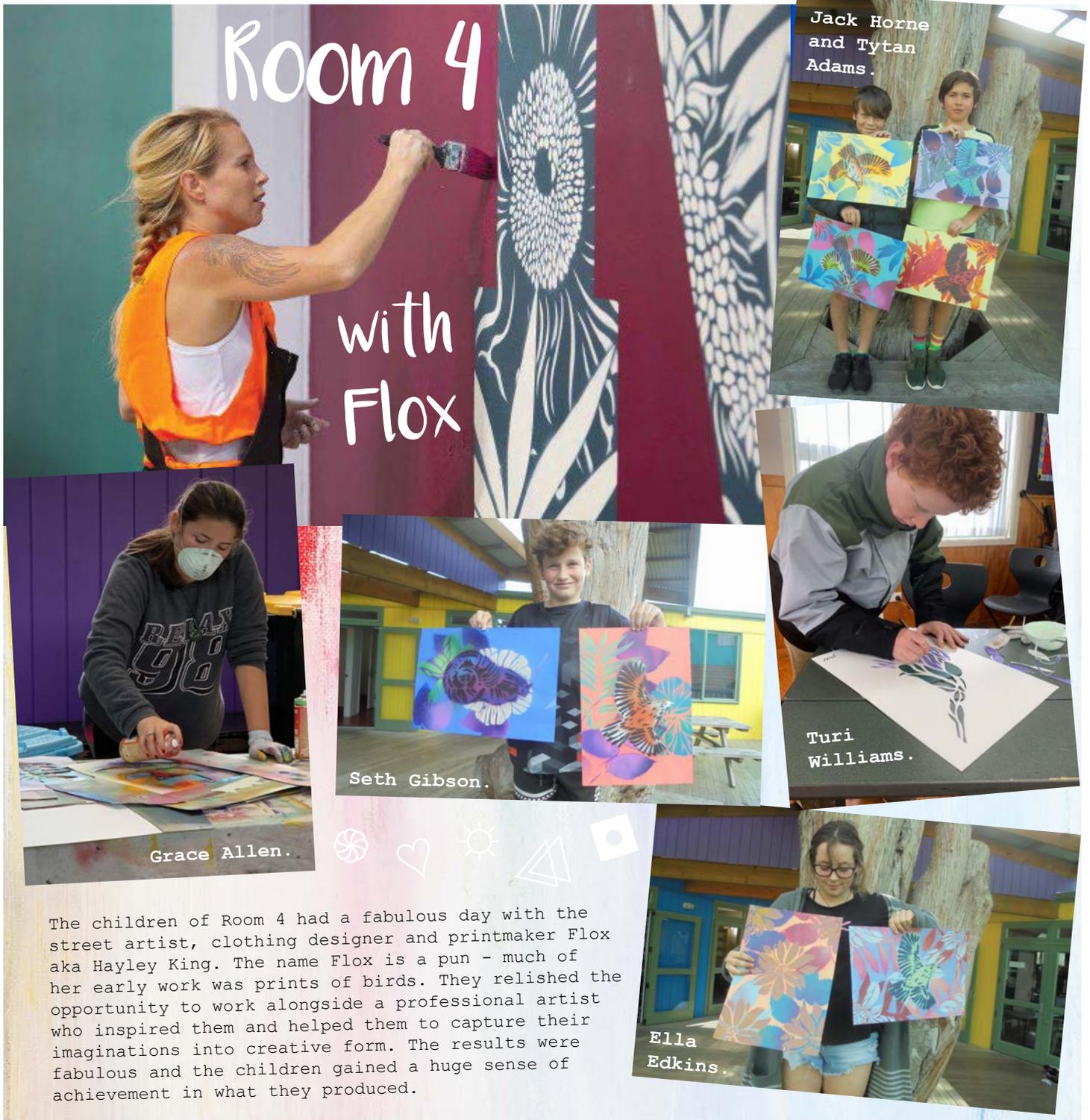
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The children of Room 4 had a fabulous day with the street artist, clothing designer and printmaker Flox aka Hayley King. The name Flox is a pun - much of her early work was prints of birds. They relished the opportunity to work alongside a professional artist who inspired them and helped them to capture their imaginations into creative form. The results were fabulous and the children gained a huge sense of achievement in what they produced.

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GOLF AND A LONG DRIVE

Avid Matarangi golfers Geoff and Jenny Atmore recently have returned from a trip to the 2019 US Open held at the famous Pebble Beach course on the Monterey Peninsula. However, before the chance to see the world's best golfers in action they embarked on a 26 day US Road Trip to explore the Great American West.

This is John Ford country, a rolling movie set in which Gary Cooper could appear at any moment. The long drive saw them over the Sierra's and along the Highway 50, billed as the loneliest road in USA. Heading into the Big Sky states of Nevada, Colorado, Utah

and Arizona, their journey took them through national landmarks such as the Canyonlands, Maob, Monument Valley, Area 51 and along the Extraterrestrial Highway and Death Valley before heading back into California's ranch and vineyard country in time for the golf at Pebble Beach. The scenery—super-sized and stunning! Desert, snowcapped mountains, canyons, buttes, mesas, you name it – they saw it during their 3700 mile drive!

“Being at the Open was a great experience and really worth the effort. Like most live sports of course you actually don't see as much as you can see on TV, but the atmosphere and being able to roam

the course and get up close to the players is quite special. The course set up was really tough with small fast greens and very thick rough, and it makes you realise just how good these players are,” said Geoff.

Geoff has come up with some travel insights for those thinking of doing their own great American road-trip.

“You don't go there for the food. Apart from the expensive high-end restaurants, in the small towns particularly, by our standards the eateries are very average. Servings are way too big and the amount of food wasted must be huge.

“The two lane highways on which we did the vast majority of our travel (3750 miles!) were uniformly superb – perfect surfaces and well signposted. However, lane-hopping on the freeways, tailgating and speeding both in built-up and rural areas seem to be the order of the day.

“People who asked where we came from were uniformly positive about New Zealand. Everybody is friendly and open, almost excessively so by reserved kiwi standards.

Featured: Jenny Atmore at the US Golf Open after her long drive around the American West.



Pipers Café of Matarangi have a new brew for you. They have just changed their coffee to COalition, and the keen observers will have noticed the new branding on the outside of the café. The new blend is called Black Jack, which uses beans

sourced from South America, Central America and Indonesian. It is a full-bodied Italian-style roast with all the good things a dark coffee has - full flavour, long lasting crema. It's dark and smooth with notes of dark chocolate.

COalition is roasted by Mathew Johnstone, who has been in the industry for over 20 years, working for some of the big names including Atomic and Allpress. The coffee is roasted using new technology that combines the traditional drum-with the newer hot air style to get the best of both worlds. The result is smoother, more consistent coffee through better control and software. It also recycles power for better efficiency and a smaller footprint.

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From the Editors Desk.

Protecting our dark skies and reducing light pollution has long been an important issue for many local residents. Kuaotunu listed it as one of their desires in their first Community Plan back in 2009. In a recent survey of KRRRA members for the current Kuaotunu Community Plan, dark sky protection rated highly amongst residents.

The issue surrounding the protection of night skies again came to the fore this month in Opito Bay, with respect to potential light pollution from overhead street lighting. Thankfully, with the intervening leadership of Mayor Sandra Goudie, this issue has been resolved. Opito Bay highlighted the unique conditions of our local night skies in the Mercury Bay North and brought together Chris Severne, chair of the Opito Bay Residents and Ratepayers and Alastair Brickell of Kuaotunu. Alastair has had a long history of advocating for dark sky protection around the Coromandel Peninsula. Both are now also

pushing for greater dark sky protection. Chris has already received a positive response from Mayor Sandra and senior council staff.

“The Opito Bay Community will be pursuing with the Council a ‘Dark Sky’ policy for the Kuaotunu Peninsula,” said Mr Severn. “The Great Barrier has done it. Tekapo has done it. Why not have one on the iconic Coromandel Peninsula? Let’s add night sky viewing to the list of wonderful things you can do, on at least one part of the Coromandel,” says Chris. “One of the great features people love about the Coromandel is the view of the magnificent night sky. I have seen visitors from Europe and the States spellbound by our night sky at Opito. Let’s see if we can make this happen.”

Alastair Brickell who operates his own observatory from his property in Kuaotunu, believes we can and should. He is a member

of the International Dark Sky Association (IDA), which is based in Tuscon (AZ), the international body who award the Dark Sky Places classifications. Alastair has been taking local readings with a Dark Sky Meter to establish a baseline of light pollution in association with the Auckland Astronomical Society (AAS). The readings from Opito (far southern end of the beach), Otama (viewing platform overlooking the wetland) Kuaotunu (boatramp and Stargazers Observatory), and Whangapoua, have shown even darker skies than those required for the IDA’s highest category of reserve, a Dark Sky Sanctuary, such as the one recently established on Great Barrier Island. The levels of darkness approach those at the sites, of many major professional and government observatories located around the world.

Alastair suggests that probably the most appropriate classification for our area would be an “International Dark Sky Community”, initially at least, even if the Kuaotunu Peninsula already exceeds the sky darkness of most other similarly designated areas. However, if there was enough ‘community by-in’ there is no reason not to try for the higher “Dark Sky Sanctuary” status, says Alistair. Already a group of local individuals, businesses and organisations are preparing presentations to council to achieve some sort of dark sky designation so we can preserve our night sky for future generations. Those who are interested or concerned should liaise with their local ratepayers groups.

LOW IMPACT BOLLARD LIGHTING FOR SKIPPERS ROAD?

The TCDC has given a commitment to the Opito Bay community, that future lighting on Skippers Road will be low impact bollard style lights. This helps to allay concerns of the Opito Bay Ratepayers Association who were fearful that the council would keep overhead lamppost style street lighting normally found in metropolitan urban areas, for the Skippers Road subdivision.

“The detail of the type and specifications is being worked on at present and we have given a commitment to consult with the Opito Bay Ratepayers Association before they are finally agreed,” said TCDC Communication Manager Laurna

White. “Lighting consultants are looking at bollard designs currently, which we will then be sharing with the community over the next few weeks.”

Low level, low light pollution bollards had been agreed to in the past in order to achieve compliance with TCDCs structure plan on the basis that Opito Bay values its dark night sky. It is one of the few coastal settlements in New Zealand where people can enjoy the night sky without light pollution.

Local farmer and owner of the Opito Sands subdivision Sue Edens, says she would actually prefer to have no street lights along Skippers

Road and has suggested to the TCDC that they take away the street lights and use them somewhere else. “Would make everyone happy. Me especially as I never wanted street lights of any sort right from the beginning,” said Mrs Edens.

With the commitment by the TCDC for bollard style lighting Mr Severne was pleased with the result. “The ratepayers of Opito Bay are delighted with the decision by TCDC and the developer to now only have low light bollard style lighting in the Opito Sands subdivision on Skippers Road. There will only be five lights in the whole subdivision ensuring minimal impact on the ‘Dark Skies’ we enjoy at Opito.”

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We tasted three Whenua Awa wines – Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. This vineyard is Marlborough East Coast, about 40km inland from Seddon in what is known as the Earthquake Flats, at about 400m above sea-level. It is the altitude that gives these wines their intense flavours, plus the complex effects of varied oaking procedures.

Two Tohu Hawkes' Bay reds followed – Tohu Merlot and Tohu Syrah, both from contract grape growers; the Merlot from 1005 Merlot grapes, and the Syrah with some Viognier added.

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With George Ririnui's departure to the Chatham Islands, Steve Threadgold took over the carving knife of the delicious roast pork and buns after the tastings.

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GOLF 2012 LTD TO APPEAL THE OPEN SPACES RULING

After losing in the Environment Court last month Golf 2012 owner Mike Siemelink has made an application to appeal the decision concerning the Open Spaces zoning of the Dunes golf course. This appeal has to be made on a point of law and counsel for Mr Siemelink will principally argue that the court in its test of s85(3) of the RMA focused too much on the public interest rather than the owners reasonable fair use of the land and that the court took into account a number of irrelevant considerations in making its determination in favour of the TCDC's application of the District Plan on the Dunes course. Mr Siemelink wishes to convert a number of fairways on the course into residential housing. The TCDC and local community wish to retain the open space of the course and the planning integrity of the environment.

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The water temperature has fallen to around 14 degrees, which has changed the fishing results. There are still some snapper around with some anglers having rewarding catches especially around deeper fowl. If you are having no success, try another spot and beware of the tide flow. There have been some very respectable catches of Terakihi on the muddy worm beds. These fish tend to move about but usually stay within their schools, which can be identified on your depth sounder. Remember to use smaller hooks with their favourite tucker, fresh pipi as bait. There is usually a bi-catch of juicy Gurnard in these areas.

The weather has been unbelievable for July with the sun shining and little to no wind. We have had the odd front come through but the bad weather only seems to last a couple of days. Beware of off shore swells, which have been generated over the horizon. Always check your weather forecasts before going out.

We have our Annual Prize Giving Dinner on the 7th September at the Matarangi Fire Station. Unfortunately, this function is members only and comprises of a massive sea food menu. Details will be sent to all members along with details in the next newsletter.

Our next fishing competition is to be held on Saturday 26th

October being the Labour Weekend competition. This is an open to all competition and a Kontiki competition will be held in conjunction on the same date. The Kontiki competition is kindly sponsored by Matarangi Monitoring Services Ltd and will be confined to Matarangi Beach.

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. 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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OUR MONTHLY PUZZLE
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Six friends visited a market and each bought an item from a particular stall, each paying a different price for their item.

Can you work out who bought what and what price they paid.

Can you also work out the number of each item the stall holder sold.

Fred bought his item for \$20

David was fascinated by the Ancient game reproduction and purchased the last that the stall owner had on stock. This item was the stall owner's third best selling item.

The dice tower was priced at \$35 due to extensive etched decoration.

George, a friend of the stall holder obtained his unique item which he had actually made in the stall holder's workshop earlier, without charge.

The Lawn bowl lifter was purchased by one of the women and was more expensive than the game. It was the only lifter sold that day.

The item brought by a woman for \$25 was the stall holders second best selling item, selling twice as many as the next best but still sold half as many as the most popular.

The stall holder told Maggie when she handed over her \$35 that she was the last sale of the day. It was interesting that he had not sold the same number of any of his 6 different items of stock.

Elspeth purchased the item that sold the least well, while Fred bought the most popular, which was not the chest obtained by one of the other men or coasters.

The stall holder sold \$590 worth of goods at the market.

	Ancient Game	Coaster set	Dice Tower	Lawn Bowl Lifter	Light Box	Wooden Chest	\$0	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40
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This is a good thing though but our volunteers are still training hard every week to keep their skills up.

The AGM for Matarangi Volunteer Rural Fire Force Association Inc. is being held at the Matarangi fire Station on 21st of August starting at 7.30pm.

All current members of the Club are invited to attend, please have your membership card available for inspection. A complimentary refreshment and nibbles will be offered after the meeting.

August is going to be a fairly busy month for us as we have a Conference in Rotorua to attend and a Working Safely With Aircraft course being run here in Matarangi.

Remember to be careful with Open Fires and hot ashes and staying at least one meter away from Heaters.

Stay safe everyone, Stu Arnold

STARGAZERS SIGHTS

This month we can use Jupiter and Saturn to help us locate two of the prettiest constellations, Scorpio and Sagittarius. Brilliant Jupiter lies just below the red giant star Antares which is in the neck of the scorpion, while its claws lie above and to the left while the twin stinger stars in the tail lie way over to the right in this huge constellation.

Sagittarius looks like a teapot standing on its handle with slightly yellowish Saturn lying just below the handle with the triangular lid and spout above this. In fact, the spout is not far below Scorpio's stinger stars.

August 2 – Mars lies very low in the western evening sky with a very thin crescent Moon just above and to the right.

August 3 – The thin crescent Moon now lies higher in the evening twilight sky with the bright star Regulus below and to the left with faint Mars further down just above the horizon.

August 6 – The Moon lies just to the right of Spica, the brightest star in the constellation of Virgo.

August 9 – Bright Jupiter lies high in the sky just to the left and below the Moon with the bright red giant star Antares in the neck of the scorpion just above.

August 10 – The Moon is now just below bright Jupiter with Scorpio's twin stinger stars off to the right.

August 11 – The Moon has moved in its 28 day orbit around the Earth to now lie about half way between Jupiter and Saturn.

August 12 – The Moon has become even brighter and is now just below Saturn but its brightness makes this a challenging observation.

August 20 – The International Space Station (ISS) may be visible from 7:31pm low in the NW moving towards Jupiter before going into the Earth's shadow only a minute later at 7:32pm.

August 21 – The ISS might be visible with a longer pass tonight starting at 6:41pm low in the NNW and then moving to the NE and ESE.

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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 10.30am. @ 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 10.15 - till 11.15 (after Ladies Pilates) - duration 1hr. Phone Christiane 0273122584

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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.

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WEDNESDAYS

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

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SUNDAYS

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21 SEP

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18-21 OCT

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	High	Low	High	Low	High
6			4:50	11:14	17:09 23:39
7			5:44	12:09	18:04
8	0:32	6:38	13:05	19:01	
9	1:26	7:33	14:02	20:00	
10	2:22	8:30	15:01	21:00	
11	3:17	9:28	15:59	21:58	
12	4:14	10:25	16:55	22:54	
13	5:08	11:19	17:47	23:47	
14	6:01	12:09	18:35		
15		0:36	6:49	12:54	19:19
16		1:21	7:35	13:37	20:01
17		2:03	8:17	14:16	20:41
18		2:43	8:57	14:54	21:19
19		3:21	9:35	15:31	21:58
20		3:59	10:14	16:09	22:36
21		4:37	10:54	16:48	23:15
22		5:16	11:35	17:30	23:57
23		5:58	12:20	18:16	
24	0:41	6:44	13:09	19:06	
25	1:29	7:35	14:04	20:02	
26	2:23	8:30	15:02	21:00	
27	3:21	9:29	16:02	22:01	
28	4:21	10:29	17:00	23:00	
29	5:22	11:27	17:57	23:59	
30	6:22	12:23	18:52		
31		0:55	7:19	13:18	19:46
1		1:50	8:14	14:11	20:39
2		2:43	9:07	15:04	21:31
3		3:36	10:00	15:56	22:23
4		4:27	10:52	16:49	23:15

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