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OFF TO SEE DAD PLAY AT THE RUGBY WORLD CUP

Te Rerenga School student Netani Walsh-Waqaniburotu has had his last day at Te Rerenga School for a while as he has flown up to Japan to see his Dad play in the Rugby World Cup.

Netani's father is Dominiko Waqaniburotu who is the captain of the Fijian Rugby team. Dominiko made his debut for the Fijian team in June 2010 against the Wallabies in Canberra. He played for Waikato in 2009 after representing Waikato at Under 20 and Development level before moving to France to play for the Brive Rugby Club in 2012. This year Dominiko was signed by Top 14 team Section Paloise (Pau). It was Dominiko that captained the Flying Fijians to their first ever win over France in 2018 and the Maori All Blacks in July this year. Dominiko is a Rugby World Cup veteran appearing in the 2011 and 2015 competitions for Fiji and this year is his third Rugby World Cup!

Netani who has just turned 11 wasn't sure if his Dad's side would progress from their pool (which is Pool D), due to Fiji's shock loss to Uruguay and then a loss to Australia. Before he left NZ Netani said that Fiji would have to win the rest of the matches in their pool if they had any chance of getting to the quarter finals. To do this "Wales would have to beat Australia and Fiji would have to beat Wales", said Netani. With the win over Australia by Wales at the time of writing it is starting to be nail biter for Fiji. Their success now depends on whether they beat Georgia on October 3rd and if they beat Wales on October 9th. "It is all about participation and doing your best though", said Netani.

After the World Cup Netani and his family will head to France for the Northern Hemisphere rugby season. While in France Netani attends

school and is a fluent French speaker. His teacher at Te Rerenga School, Kristin Street, says that Netani is a very talented young man. "He can even rap in French, which amazed his classmates", said Kristin. Netani said he is hoping that he will be back with his friends at Te Rerenga School sometime next year. It is usual for him to attend Te Rerenga School when he is in New Zealand, staying with his mother and grandparents in Kuaotunu, while Dad is away busy with rugby commitments.

Netani was really excited about going up to Japan mainly because he was going to see his father who has been up there with his team for a while. No doubt whatever the outcome is for Fiji, it will be a wonderful experience for him to experience World Cup fever in Japan and see his Dad play and captain his national side.

Have a great time Netani and safe travels!

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GOOD SORT OF THE MONTH

The Good Sorts of the month are the team of locals who had the brainwave and initiative to get the 'Kuaotunu and Surrounding Communities will Travel' Facebook group up and running. The service is invaluable due to the Kuaotunu Bridge closure and is certainly making the lives of many so much easier. To Janine Verner and those behind this great idea, and Leanne Robinson for offering to administrate this site, well done and thank you!

The good folk of Kuaotunu and the Surrounding Communities salute you!

FAREWELLS

Simon Hall recently had his last day of work as Manager at the Dunes. Simon has always been a friendly and helpful face to visitors and golfers over the last few years in the clubhouse. We wish Simon well on his upcoming overseas holiday and all the best for the future. We hope to see you back in the Matarangi community before too long.

The Matarangi and Kuaotunu communities have bid farewell to the man in the red van. Brett our local Rural Delivery hung up his RD keys for the last time last month and his run is being taken over by the new driver. So say hello to Leighton if you see him. Brett will of course be staying in the local area and hopes to be able to spend more time fishing. Thanks Brett for the last 3 years for delivering the MBP to us.

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

A little birdie has told us that Matarangi residents, Marie Murphy, CJ Palmer and Nicola Martin all celebrated special 'O' birthdays in September. Congratulations and Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to former Te Rerenga local Caitlyn Yates and her long term partner, Connor Stoyel-Wiggins who are getting married on October 5th at Hot Water Beach. Caitlyn and Connor met while they were both students at Mercury Bay Area School. The MBP wish them all the best for their future life together.

If you know of people that need congratulating, please email the editor:
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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



SH25 Kuaotunu River Bridge closed for repairs

The State Highway bridge over Kuaotunu River was badly damaged in the early-September storm and the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) has decided to close it to all traffic so it can be repaired as quickly as



Whangapoua Boat Ramp Upgrade

Reconstruction of Whangapoua's concrete boat ramp at Opera Point will start this financial year.

The design is complete and we're now waiting for consent from Waikato Regional Council.

Stage two, installation of the pontoons, is scheduled for 2022/2023. The existing boat ramp has shown cracks in the concrete at the end of the ramp.

The existing boat ramps were poured at two different levels, which is an inconvenience for boat ramp users. The proposed concrete boat ramp will eliminate these issues and the addition of a pontoon will make the boat ramp more user-friendly for boaters.

tcdc.govt.nz/boatramps

possible. NZTA hopes to have it open again by Labour Weekend next month.

Check the NZTA website for updates: journeys.nzta.govt.nz/traffic

MAKE YOUR ELECTION CHOICES

Voting packs have been posted to registered voters for the local elections and now it's up to you to make

your choices for Mayor, Councillors, Community Board Members and the Coromandel representative on the Waikato Regional Council.

You've got until noon on 12 October to return your voting paper. You can mail it using the postage-paid envelope included in the voting pack, but be sure to allow plenty of time for delivery. Post it no later than 8 October, or even earlier to be safe. Or, you can hand deliver it to any of our Council service centres.

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Mercury Bay Community Board
UPDATE

Kenwood Drive playground and reserve

– We have removed the shade sails from the playground in order to carry out repairs and these will be reinstalled as soon as possible. New metal aggregate has gone in at the car park to help fix the rough terrain and pot holes. Gorse and general weed control is ongoing on the harbour esplanade walkway and reserve areas. We have also repaired the No 20 beach access steps and replaced the broken seats.

Community Board Grants – The Board allocated its budget of \$40,000 to applicants at its last meeting on 28 August. The list of successful approved grants is online at tcdc.govt.nz/cbgrants2019

Meri Te Tai Mangakahia Reserve upgrade



– This is due to be continued in 2020 following the outcome of an archaeological assessment and final community endorsement of the plan. The upgrade includes improvements to the toilets, playground, barbecue and picnic area, the storage shed, rubbish facilities and improved dune protection planting. More information: tcdc.govt.meritetaireserveupgrade

Next Mercury Bay Community Board Meeting – Dates will be published after the local election on 12 October 2019.

Kerbside Collections

Our Kerbside rubbish collection service will be one day later after the Labour Weekend public holiday on 28 October.



More information:
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If you are leaving town before your collection day, our Matarangi refuse transfer station (RTS) at 107 Matarangi Drive is a 24/7 drop-off facility for pre-paid Council rubbish bags and recyclables. There is also an RTS in Whitianga at 237 South Highway, Whitianga.

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STUDENTS HELP OUT



Students help with the first planting of the Million Metres Stream Project

Reported by Lynne Butler

A wetland project on a local farm is one of three properties that are having works carried out under the Waitekuri Focus Catchment project which is to showcase how landowners can carry out simple projects to improve water quality, biodiversity and sediment control with these Whangapoua properties.

Students from Te Rerenga School acknowledged Arbour Day this year by helping plant native plants at Waitekuri Wetland.

More than 40 students, staff and parents put in 200 plants, the first of 5000 to re-establish 13,600 square metres of unproductive farmland into native wetland habitat as part of the Million Metres Streams Project.

It's a joint project which sees the landowner work with Waikato Regional Council and the community for the benefit of the environment.

Waikato Regional Council catchment manager officer Elaine Iddon said wetlands were vital for the health of freshwater ecosystems, and it was great to see the students get stuck in and dirty on planting day.

"Students learnt that only 5-10 per cent of wetlands remain in

New Zealand, and they were stoked to be helping to restore a wetland for our native species."

Pied stilt, New Zealand pipit and white-faced heron already use the area for foraging.

The Million Metres Streams Project is crowdfunding to purchase native plants. We encourage the whole community to get behind this project, which will in time contribute to a cleaner healthier harbour along with improved habitat and increased shellfish beds. Every \$1 helps, with 1 meter of wetland planting for each \$26 donated.

To donate or find out more about the project visit www.millionmetres.org.nz/open-project/waitekuri-wetland

Footnote: The Te Rerenga School Children were back planting during Conservation Week recently. Room 4 were joined by Emily from DOC and Elaine and Aniwa from Waikato Regional Council. There were 200 plants carried into the wetland and planted. Once they finished planting they walked to the area that was planted in June to see how well the plants had grown.

Featured: Caption: Te Rerenga children helping to create the Waitekuri Wetland.

— KUAOTUNU BRIDGE UPDATE —

Repairs to SH25 at the Kuaotunu River Bridge are making good progress and a free shuttle between Kuaotunu and Whitianga is being offered while the damaged bridge is closed until Labour Weekend following last month's storm.

In just a week since the closure, roading contractor Higgins reports it has achieved a lot: Piling rigs and the sheet piles are now on site and three-quarters of the bridge deck has been removed. Minor repairs to the abutment of the foot bridge is complete and contouring of the riverbank is underway.

NZTA and the TCDC have agreed to provide a free shuttle bus service from Kuaotunu to Whitianga while the bridge is closed. Go Kiwi Shuttles will depart Kuaotunu, outside the fire station, at 7:30am and 8:30am and will return at 4:30pm and 5:30pm each day. For further information on the shuttle, contact Gary and Sandra at Go Kiwi Shuttles on 866 0336.

Council has installed a temporary bike rack outside the Kuaotunu Hall at 12 Blackjack Rd for bus users and further racks can be brought in if required. There will be increased security will be in place during the night to keep an eye on the vehicles parked either side of the bridge.

The 'Kuaotunu and Surrounding Communities will Travel' Facebook page is where you can go to for updates, offers of transport, pickups, deliveries and everything in between while the bridge is down.

Right: The Kuaotunu hall was packed for the public meeting concerning the closure of the Kuaotunu bridge on SH25.



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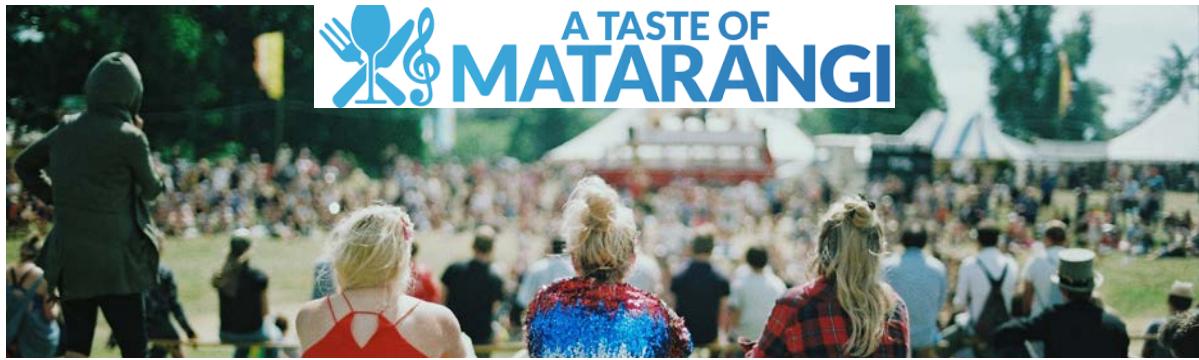
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The all-day entertainment starts with locals The Mercury Bay Dixie Band - a seven piece group of experienced local musicians playing traditional jazz favourites. This will be a great way to start your day as you select the perfect posse and check out the tasty food and beverages options.

An improvement to the event next year will be positioning the food stalls to the rear of the event site. This decision was made to allow more space for seating throughout the event,

easier access to all food stalls and fewer problems with queues encroaching on walkways and festivalgoers.

Families will enjoy the return of the helicopter simulator and fun activities for children with more great entertainment to be revealed soon. Remember to book your accommodation now and be ready to buy your tickets this Labour weekend - it's going to be a festival not to miss!

If you want a food stall at next year's festival, please email your interest to Karen at: tasteofmatarangifoodstalls@gmail.com

Volunteer help is always welcome no matter how much time you can contribute. If you'd like to help the committee, whether on the entry gate, setting up or packing down of the event, please contact Mary either by email at info@atasteofmatarangi.co.nz or mobile: 027 2904940

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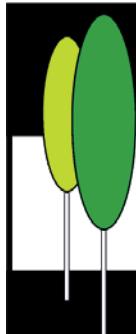
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Congratulations to Ella Edkins from Coromandel who was recognised for her leadership qualities with a BLAKE Young Leader Award at a recent Te Rerenga School Assembly and was presented with a prize pack, certificate and BLAKE Young Leader Award Medal. Sponsored by Westpac NZ since 2011, the annual BLAKE Young Leader Awards acknowledge young New Zealanders who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities within their school communities.



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— LOCAL RESIDENT WINS TOP PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD —

James Muir who is a Matarangi resident and Te Rerenga School parent has won a top Australasian photography award. James was the overall Grand Prize Winner for the Sony Alpha Awards, a competition held annually that showcases Australian and New Zealand photography using the Sony Alpha camera range.

This was a great achievement as there were over 4000 entries submitted from both Australia and New Zealand by professional and amateur photographers. The winning photo was titled 'Fresh Ice, Liquid Salt' and was an image of a drifting iceberg somewhere in the Southern Ocean near the polar circle.



James who is a producer and cinematographer specialises in natural history and environmental documentary, will no doubt find his \$10,000 prize of Sony camera invaluable. Congratulations James. His winning image can be downloaded from the Sony Australia Flickr site: <https://scene.sonyanz.com/competitions/alpha-awards-2019>. Photo credit to James Muir.

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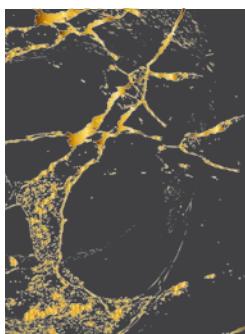
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John & Thea Schoutens & Graham & Carol Ward reading the paper while visiting the castle at Cacassone, France



Faye Flegg is over in Australia. She says she is having a great time visiting her son and little family. Here is Faye with the MBP at Tramshed, Harold Park, Sydney.

ALISHIA'S PAINTING COMES HOME TO MATARANGI

Louise and Paul Falleni with one of Alishia's paintings that has come back home to Matarangi. The painting was bought by a local Matarangi couple who after reading about her art in the MBP, checked out Alishia's website and fell in love with this beautiful cloud painting.



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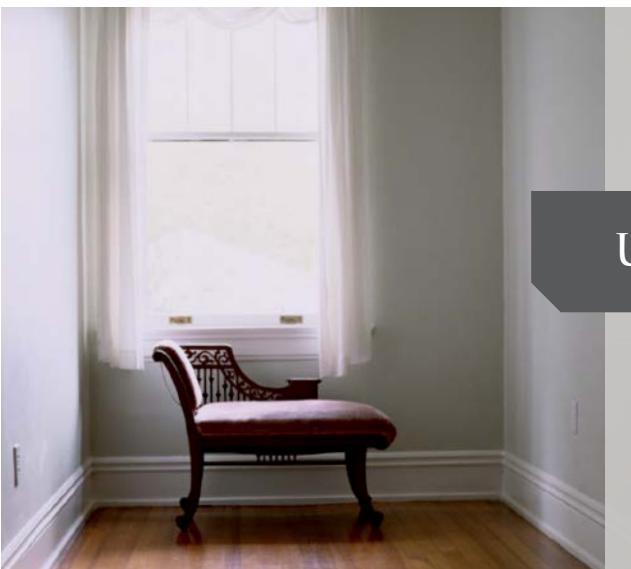
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FISHING CLUB PRIZE GIVING

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Club Patron Blue Lewis with Stu Arnold presenting Bob Segetin with the Stu Arnold trophy for amassing 494.73 points.

At the top table was Chris Kelly with Sue Karl, Blue Lewis, Kitty MacDonald and Harry Karl

Jacko Bradley won the Moss Family Snapper Trophy for his 9.675kg effort. He also won Bob Segetin Trophy for landing a 17.7kg Kingfish.



Great friends together! Leanne Robinson with special guest Chris Kelly.

Marie Murphy with Emma Goile looking young and beautiful.

The Bowens and Gribbles enjoyed the wonderful seafood dinner.

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VANDALISM ON THE SPIT

— By Diane & John Skelton —

The Department of Conservation sign on the beach side of the spit, by the start of the track in front of the Pines was recently pushed over. It was re-erected but shortly after completely disappeared. We have strong evidence it was an act of vandalism and have contacted the police. The endangered dotterels are starting to prepare their nests now, so they need protecting. The sign will be replaced.

Dogs and motorised vehicles are not allowed on the spit end of the beach as it is a conservation area. There is another 4km of beach where they are allowed, subject to TCDC regulations. Dogs must be on leads on the track around the edge of the golf course around the spit. Signs are in place advising walkers with dogs of this requirement. The reason for this is, if dogs wander onto the beach when not under control they may chase or scare the dotterels and if the birds leave their eggs for too long the eggs could die. They could also stand on eggs and destroy them. Please also stay away from areas that will be continuously roped off over the summer to allow the birds to nest.

Over the last few weeks the dotterel warden has spoken, nicely, to several groups of people with dogs not on



leads on the track. They all said they knew the rules but apparently did not think it applied to them. It applies to everyone.

We are all here because we enjoy the beauty and nature of this special area. Please help to maintain it and help to keep the at risk dotterels from completely dying out.

VOX POPULI

I live in Kuaotunu and have been visiting for over 55 years and now a resident for 30 years. I am writing to express my deep concern at the extent of the rubbish and litter that is strewn along the sides of the highway and the pull over points with rubbish dumped. Never in all those years have I seen more bottles, plastic and general rubbish. In fact I traveled to Matamata over the weekend and was appalled at the general state of those highways as well. All our local representatives travel those roads, is it not evident to them?

May I suggest Council make some sort of push to clean this up before our tourist season really kicks in and maybe a sign or some campaign to jolt people into the reality that we are not a 3rd world nation and that we have a perfectly good process to collect rubbish. Sadly, I see our clean and green image is becoming a joke. A recent visit to Tasmania Australia was in total contrast, a very clean and picturesque place, highly regarded and maintained, possibly our elected representatives could take a page out of their book.

I wish you all the best in the upcoming elections and thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully, Jane Russell

Vox Populi is a Latin phrase that literally translates as “the voice of the people”. If you have any thoughts that you want share, please email the editor.

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STARGAZERS SIGHTS

The International Space Station (ISS) will be briefly visible very early in the mornings from October 2-5 and in the evenings from October 17 onwards. So if you spot something moving slowly across the sky during these periods it will probably be the ISS. Look very low in the southern sky to see it as it passes into view for a few minutes on those mornings after suddenly popping into view as it passes out of the Earth's shadow. In the evenings it often disappears back into the shadow before it completely crosses the sky.

Venus is coming back into view very low in the western evening twilight sky. It will rise a bit earlier each evening as it continues to move away from the Sun. It is very bright and also starts to have a slightly crescent appearance in a small telescope towards the end of the month as we see it in a more and more side on aspect every week. It also gets slightly bigger each week as it gradually moves closer to us. It is often referred to as the morning "star", even though it is a planet; almost the same size as the Earth but totally covered in clouds.

Jupiter and Saturn are still overhead in the early evenings with Jupiter being the brighter of the two gas giant planets. A small telescope will reveal Jupiter's four biggest moons while the remaining 75 moons are far too small to be seen! Jupiter is in the constellation of Scorpio, one of the few constellations that looks like its namesake. Meanwhile Saturn is in Sagittarius (which actually looks like a teapot standing on end!). We will lose sight of Jupiter in a few weeks as it is setting noticeably earlier every evening now although Saturn will be around for a couple of months still.

October 2 – A crescent Moon lies in the western evening sky just below bright Jupiter.

October 3 – Jupiter is now just above the lovely crescent Moon in the early evening sky looking west. Venus lies very close the bright star Spica in the very early evening western sky.

October 4 – The Moon has past by Jupiter as it orbits the Earth and now lies just above the largest planet and some distance below Saturn, which looks slightly yellowish and is fainter than Jupiter. Venus still lies very close the bright star Spica in the very early evening western sky.

October 5 – Saturn is just above the first quarter (half) Moon with brighter Jupiter much further below.

October 6 – The increasingly bright Moon is now just above Saturn in the evening sky. Being a planet Saturn does not twinkle like the other stars nearby and will be a bit of a challenge to spot as the Moon is so bright and close.

October 19 – The ISS will make a lovely pass tonight moving from the NW starting about 8:56pm and crossing high overhead to disappear into the Earth's shadow in the SE at 9:01pm.

October 20 – The ISS can again be seen tonight high overhead from 8:07pm in the NW moving towards the SE and disappearing at 8:15pm.

October 29 – Mercury and Venus both lie very low in the western twilight sky with Venus being by far the brighter of the two. They are just above an extremely thin crescent Moon which is almost on the horizon. Much higher up is Jupiter which is fainter than Venus.

October 31 – Mercury and bright Venus are still visible low in the western twilight sky and the crescent Moon has now moved to be just below Jupiter.

with Alastair Brickell of Stargazers Tours & BnB

MATARANGI BOAT & FISHING CLUB

The water and weather conditions for the month of September have been somewhat unpredictable with big seas, high winds, extremely heavy rain, thunder and lightning and believe it or not some really settled calm weather. When the weather allowed, there were some reasonable catches of snapper caught, mainly about shallow reef areas. There have been some reports that the odd snapper and gurnard are being caught on Kontikis, but beware of a number of small sharks.

The scallops are still on the small size and are a bit hard to find. The usual posies are still producing, but the actions of the commercial fraternity that can take them at 90mm has had a lasting detrimental effect minimising the number of legal scallops available. Remember the legal size of scallops for recreational gathering is 100mm and a total number of 20 per person per day.

A reminder to our members that subs are now due and we welcome new members. Membership can be obtained from Mark and Shirvani at Matarangi Realty.

Our Annual Prize Giving Dinner was held on the 7th September at the Matarangi Fire Station. This event was a resounding success. A big thank you to Scott Corbett for the amazing seafood banquet that was enjoyed by everyone. A full list of the prize winners with details can be found on the Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club Facebook page.

Our next fishing competition is to be held on SUNDAY 27th October being the Labour Weekend competition. This is an open to all competition. Tickets with all the required information and rules are on sale from Mark and Shirvani at MATARANGI REALTY and from Sharon, Darren and the team at MATARANGI FOUR SQUARE. 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. We are intending to get updated photos of the bar prior to Labour Weekend courtesy of Mark and Shirvani at MATARANGI REALTY. If anyone requires information regarding how to read the bar, evaluating the break and how to cross the bar safely, please contact me and we will endeavour to take you out and explain any queries.

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Puku & Kerre's Wine Club



September Wine Club was a fantastic night and was packed out by wine club members. The draw card was Maison Vauron's Tour de France Tasting, which exemplified everything good about France. Good Food, Good Wine and Good Company.

Maison Vauron are French wine and food merchants based in Newmarket and have the reputation of stocking New Zealand's largest range of French wine and cheeses. The wine club members were in gourmet heaven as platters of their gorgeous cheeses, charcuterie and other delicacies were generously supplied by the company to accompany the wine tasting that was presented by Will Brunel-Morvan. Will, who hails from Paris took us on a journey to four different French wine regions.

First was the Loire Valley where we tasted the Fesles Rosé Anjou 2018. The Loire Valley is an UNESCO world heritage site renowned for its landscape and Chateaux. The Loire River which runs through the Valley is the longest river in France. It is a famous wine region planted with many different grape varieties and offers France's widest range of wines. The second tasting was also a Rosé but this time from Provence. All vineyards in Provence are dedicated to making Rosé and the particular wine we tried was Chateau Roubine Cotes-de-Provence Rosé 'R' 2018. This wine comes from one of the top 5 vineyards in Provence and is a benchmark for quality Rosé.

The next wine region on the Tour De France was Burgundy where we sampled a 2017 chardonnay from the Cave de Lugny Macon Villages. The Caves de Lugny is a large cooperative with 250+ members. In fact, it produces about half the total wine made in the region! Over 85% of the vineyards are planted with Chardonnay grape varietal. The wine club members then journeyed to Rhone Valley where they tried Lafond Côtes du Rhône 2018. The vineyards of Domaine Lafond have been in the family for several generations and the Lafond family has a long history in the Southern Rhone Valley that dates all the way back to 1780. The wine we tried was

made from a blend of Grenache and 30% Syrah.

Next we were treated to a Vieux Lazaret Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015. Châteauneuf-du-Pape is a famous French Wine Appellation located around the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape also in the Rhône wine region. It is one of the most renowned appellations of the southern part in the Rhône Valley. Châteauneuf-du-Pape literally translates to "The Pope's new castle" and the history of this wine is firmly entwined with papal history when back in 1308 the pope, relocated the papacy to the town of Avignon where it remained for 70 years. The "Avignon Popes" were said to be great lovers of Burgundy wines and did much to promote it during the Avignon Papacy. The Châteauneuf-du-Pape we tried was also made from 60% Grenache, 23% Syrah and other permitted varieties and is regarded to be an excellent vintage.

These Maison Vauron wines are available at Puku and Kerre's Liquor Store and the Maison Vauron cheeses can be purchased at Matarangi Four Square.



Will Brunel-Morvan of Maison Vauron with Teresa Kedzlie

Spring Art Celebration this Month

The Coromandel Arts Tour is on again this year during the first two weekends of October. Come and meet up to 34 local artists who work in a wide range of techniques.

Each artist will have work displayed at Hauraki House on Kapanga Road for the duration of the Arts Tour from 10am-4pm. The Hauraki House Gallery is a great starting point to pick up the free Artists guide and to plan your weekend of free studio visits.

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Our annual Ambrose Golf Tournament is starting to fill up so make sure you get your entries in soon. This is being held on 11th October with the prize giving and meal being held at the Fire Station straight afterwards.

With Daylight Saving coming into effect it is timely to do your annual check of all smoke detectors, press test buttons and change batteries if necessary.

Stay safe everyone.

Stu Arnold



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This year there will be two screenings: The Sampler on Friday 1 November, which is a selection of highlights from a range of genres. On Saturday 2 November we will show Love and Other Catastrophes. Both screenings are at 7.30pm.

Tickets are \$12.50 per night or \$20 for both nights. Get your tickets from the Colville Store, Richardsons Real Estate, Coromandel or online at cssc@colville.org.nz.

We are looking forward to seeing some folk from over the hill in Whangapoua, Matarangi and Kuaotunu come to Colville to see some visual treats. Hope to see you there!

Pestie Corner

— with Sharon Clay of Peninsula Pests —

Well mother nature has certainly turned us upside down this past month with beautiful fine weather one minute and then torrential downpours and massive flooding and destruction the next. You'd think that the pests would have laid low too, but no... it's ants we have to watch out for now.

Ants are social insects and form colonies with one or more wingless female – the Queen – and the female workers and scouts. Males are only produced when there is a need to reproduce. Once they mate, they die. It is the Queen's job just to lay eggs that is why effective treatment relies on taking the bait back to the Queen.

As ants have poor sight, the colony creates its own chemical aromas – pheromones – that triggers particular behaviours such as alarm signals showing the trail back to the nest and identification of other colonies. Scouts find the food and then return to the nest laying the trail back to the source of the food for worker ants to fetch the food back to the nest. A give

away there are ants near is the scent of formic acid. We have 40 species of ants here in New Zealand, there are bound to be some very near you while reading this. There are 11 endemic species to New Zealand and 29 have been brought into the country such as the Argentinian ant. This ant has been known to be particularly destructive to electrical equipment in homes as well as vehicles and are extremely invasive.

An initial site assessment is required to try and locate nests and trails prior to treatment. The adage of "spray and granules outside and gel inside" helps to control and rid the ants however the treatment is not a one off. It may take 2 or more treatments to rid the area of the ants depending on the infestation. Ceiling fumigators may also be required should the colony be inside the wall and ceiling cavities.

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The car stopped for Accident damage had a broken light. The driver explained that the damage had only just happened. This car was not the slowest when asked to stop.

The blue car was stopped for erratic driving despite traveling at half the speed of one of the others stopped that day.

The car with the bald tyre was stopped for not giving way. They were traveling exactly twice as fast as the red car when signalled to stop.

The car with loud exhaust was travelling 10Kph below the 70Kph speed limit, this was not the green car or the car found to have exceeded their available road charges

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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.

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

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

ICONZ for boys. The Adventure begins here. Anchor - Year 1-3 (5-7 year old). Adventure - Year 4-6 (8-10 year old). STARTING TERM 2 Extreme - Year 7-9 (11-13 year old). Held on Wednesday evenings, Kuaotunu Hall, from 5.30pm - 7pm. Any inquiries, please contact Robyn 020 409 39674, or email: robyn.balfour2@hotmail.com

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THURSDAYS

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

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

Hatha Yoga 9 - 10.30 am

TUES, THURS & SAT

Rings Beach Wetland Volunteer days. 8.30-12.30 Ph: 866 5338

SATURDAYS

Hatha Yoga 3rd Age. 9-10.30am (For over 60 yr olds and/or for people with limited mobility)

SUNDAYS

Matarangi Markets start Labour Weekend.

Upcoming Events

COROMANDEL ART'S TOUR

Gala Opening – (free entry). Friday 4 October 6pm. Hauraki House Gallery, Kapanga Road

OPEN STUDIOS (free entry)

Saturday 5 October, Sunday 6 October, Saturday 12 October, Sunday 13 October. 10am-4pm

HAURAKI HOUSE GALLERY EXHIBITION

Saturday 5 October – Sunday 13 October - 10am-4pm. Gallery open during the week. (free entry)

TUIA 250

Friday 18 October - Monday 21 October, Mercury Bay. Full event details go to: <https://www.mercury250.org>

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9	04:18	10:26	16:53	23:01	
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