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GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR NEW TRUST

"The trust is a great idea and will be an asset for the community," said Jeannie Morton, "It will be a big step forward for Matarangi in the future."

The formation of the Matarangi Community Trust by the Matarangi Ratepayers Association Inc (MRAI), has received overwhelming support by the Matarangi Community, who sees the opportunities for breathing life back into the golf course and reinventing the community.

"It is like a weight has been lifted off the community."

"It is a breath of fresh air. A new beginning."

"There is so much potential and benefit for everyone in this."

"It will open up new opportunities for Matarangi."

"It will get us back to the good old days."

"I feel we have turned a corner and getting the Dunes back up and running will be a real boost."

These are some of the comments the MBP has picked up over the last few days from residents.

Though centred on the Dunes golf course and club house, of which the recent acquisition by members of the community has allowed for the new entity to be formed, the trust itself is not just about golf, but an avenue to broaden and build resilience in social, recreational, environmental, educational, and well-being aspects within the community whilst maintaining the open space character of the village surroundings.

The foundation trustees of the Matarangi Community Trust are Sharon Walker, Allan Dickinson, Alison Hackett, Glenn Leach, Alan Cunningham (Treasurer) and Alastair MacCormick (Chair). John Skelton has accepted appointment as the trust's Honorary Secretary/Accountant and Tadek Gawor has been bought in to assist with strategic planning and the business case. The solicitors for the trust will be the Auckland firm of Malloy Goodwin Harford Lawyers.

Before the Trust can go public with its plans, it needs confirmation of its status as a charitable trust and the establishment of a partnership with

TCDC relating to the future of the golf course properties. The Trust is now in the process of filing applications for incorporation and charitable status, with the details of the objectives of the new trust on MRAI website for public viewing.

At its first meeting the trust discussed goals and priorities, future funding activities and how to preserve the open space of the golf course land in perpetuity, establishment of a Matarangi golf club and how the Club House might become a widely used community facility to benefit the wider community.

Golf Course Superintendent, Raymond Fanning, has been approached to convene a working group of golfers to develop a business proposal for a new golf club based at the Dunes course that will maintain its reputation as an enjoyable course for regular and occasional players and well enough known to attract visiting golfers.

The other priority is to fast track people back into using the Club House facilities. Work is currently underway to get the kitchen and bar area operational before the Christmas holidays.

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GOOD SORT OF THE MONTH

The spirit of 'love thy neighbour' is certainly alive and well in Matarangi. A big 'thumbs up' to Paige Williams and Russell Povey, who enlisted other locals to help them when their neighbours' cabin was tipped over during the extremely high winds recently. The power of social media soon had a team of helpers strap it down and made sure that the poor absentee owners' cabin and contents were safe. The owners are really grateful for the help they received and are blown away by the kindness of the community. Paige, Russell & co, the good folk of Matarangi salute you!

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

Congratulations to Te Rerenga school girl Sophia Adshad who gave a wonderful solo performance on the Tuia 250 Stage, an all-day music event held at Taylor's Mistake during the Tuia 250 weekend. Sophia sings with the Anita Prime Music Academy.

Congratulations to Solomon Williams from Kuaotunu who won the overall Tuia 250 Art Competition for children in Years 5-9, winning an art materials voucher for \$150. Entries were received from school children from all over the Coromandel region.

Congratulations to Sue & Harry Karl who became first time Grandparents last month not once but thrice

in three days, with a baby grandson arriving and then followed by twin baby girls!

Congratulations to Graeme Kensington who has been awarded with a special plaque acknowledging his 5 years-service as the Matarangi Boating & Fishing Club delegate to the NZ Sports Fishing Council.

Thanks also to the Reserves Committee for organising the tidy up of the tennis courts by Four Square in readiness for Labour Weekend.

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

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Mayor Sandra digs in for a second term

It's a real honour to be voted in for a second term and I thank each and every one of you who voted for me to return as your Mayor on election day.

My first term was about putting in the groundwork, getting unity around the table with all our elected members, pulling Council staff and communities together and strengthening relationships with iwi, other agencies and groups. There's still more to be done in this space, but the momentum is

there and I'm here to make sure it keeps on going.

Being a MP for nine years and now a second-term Mayor, I know that getting projects across the line can be a hard slog. But it's

not different to my days when I was dairy farming with my husband Bernard, while bringing up the kids. It's about getting on. I've still got the drive and commitment to make things happen and I promise that's what I'll be doing again for the next three years with our newly-elected Council and Community Board members. I'll be your advocate, your supporter and your champion, to make sure we get the best outcomes for the Coromandel – a place we treasure, value and care about, now and into the future.

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Mercury Bay Community Board UPDATE

First meeting of the new Community Board – 9am on Monday 25 November at the Mercury Bay Service Centre, 10 Monk St, Whitianga. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can comment in the public forum. Check tcdc.govt.nz to read the agenda online. (Order papers are listed two working days prior to a meeting.)

Whangapoua Boat Ramp rebuild – Draft Resource Consent conditions have been issued and we will be working through these with Waikato Regional Council. Providing the conditions are workable, we can expect the consent to be granted in the next two weeks to November. Work on the rebuild is expected to start this financial year, with stage two, installation of the pontoons, scheduled for 2022/2023.

Matarangi boat ramp dredging – This took place in October to remove excess sand and sludge and make the ramp more user-friendly.

UPGRADE OF MERI TE TAI MANGAKAHIA RESERVE

We've been out to talk to the community about proposed improvements this year. These include improvements to the toilets, playground, barbecue and picnic area, dune protection planting, and rubbish facilities.

We have amended the concept plan in response to community feedback and the new concept can be found on our website:

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If you have any further comments please e-mail

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30 November. Current construction work on site will be tidied up so that the existing toilet can be used over the summer period. Work on the new toilet is scheduled to start in the New Year, after the summer peak period.

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Proposed Water Supply Bylaw

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FLY DC3 AND IGYOB



The Junior Classes at Te Rerenga School have a very exciting school trip planned!

On November 7th they are going to see the FLY DC3 plane land at Whitianga Airport and then have a look around the plane! The FLY DC3 is a classic 1940s DC3 that often visits Whitianga over the summer months, flying from Ardmore Airport either as a private charter or on a special 'Whitianga Day Out'.

FLY DC3's charity is IGYOBP (I GOT YOUR OWN BACKPACK). I Got Your Back Pack is a registered charity that provides back packs for women, men and children who have

to leave their homes in a hurry due to domestic violence. IGYOB fills the back packs with important basic items such as water, food, toiletries, toys and books for children, and with an unwritten message that there is love and support out there for them. It says "we are here for you and we understand". As part of this, FLY DC3 has committed to collect little hotel/motel supplies from the generous travelling folk of NZ and repack them into lovely little packs to put into the big IGYOB Back Packs. These quality packs then get sent all around New Zealand to support families in crisis. The charity likes to provide at least 6000 packs a year.

Te Rerenga School would like to do a collection for this charity which the children will present to the cabin crew on the day of their trip. It would be fantastic if our local communities could get behind this initiative and donate any unused little shampoos, soaps and sachets that they may have collected from motels and hotels while travelling. If you have any such items they can be dropped into Te Rerenga School on or before November 6th or at Beach Realty Matarangi.

Featured: The Douglas DC3 'ZK-DAK' (operated by 'Fly DC3 NZ') is one of only a few in the world to hold a full 'Airline Operating Certificate'.



SKIPPERS ROAD SEALED

Skippers Road at the new Opito Sands subdivision has received its tarseal and is (in the words of an ever cheerful Sue Edens) looking "Beautiful" and "Ready for the summer." The new side street off Skippers Road is named Joy Place after Sue's late mother Joy Chapman who farmed the family property alongside her husband Skipper Chapman for many years. Pictured is Sue with Russ Christianson of Colliers who is marketing Opito Sands.

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— CJ'S BIG SEVEN O —

Chris 'CJ' Palmer recently celebrated his seventieth birthday with a big celebration at the fire station. Chris in his speech to the gathered friends who came from near and far said the night was not just about his birthday milestone but as a thank you to his 'Matarangi family' who have meant so much to him over the years.

British born CJ arrived in New Zealand aged 22 after journeying overland from the UK via the Middle East, Asia and Australia. In his speech CJ said he kind of arrived in New Zealand 48 years ago and just stayed. "New Zealand appealed to me," said Chris. "I got a job". During the evening a TV screen showed images of CJ from his childhood, through to his early days in New Zealand flattening in Wellington (complete with suntan and Bjorn Borg style flowing locks), to working on farms and later as a top Auckland tennis player in the 1970's and 80's and on through to today and his relaxed beach and golfing lifestyle here at Matarangi.

The evening was admirably MC'ed by Hilary Falconer, and many glowing tributes and humorous anecdotes from old friends were proffered as the drinks flowed. The fabulous food by caterer extraordinaire Brenda from Pipers' capped off a great birthday evening for CJ.

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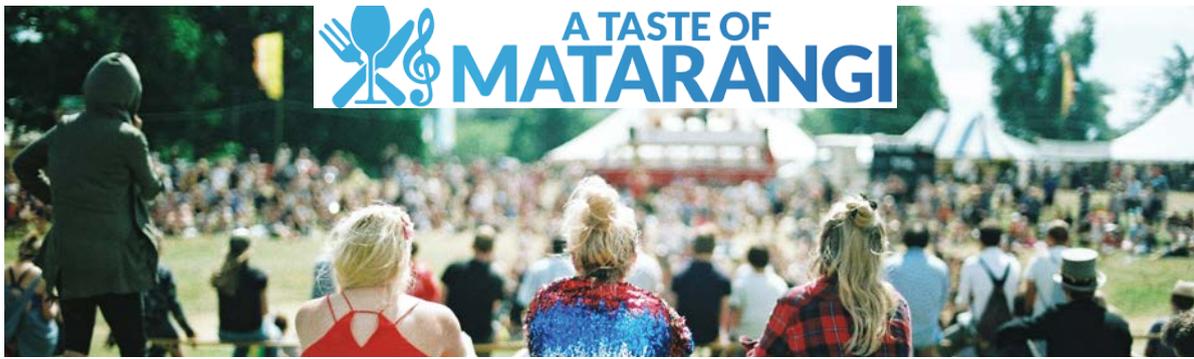
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VANDALS STRIKE AGAIN

Every vacation weekend we always have the small number of idiots show up and cause havoc in and around the place. This Labour weekend sadly was the usual situation with damage being done around Matarangi. The vandalism was widespread with letterboxes from Kenwood Drive through to Mercury View kicked over or smashed, signs pulled out and litter all over the place. The ladies toilet at the Village Green was also attacked.

Above: Pete & Marie Murphy's letter box in Mercury View was one of those smashed.



TAOTUA BOOKED FOR A TASTE OF MATARANGI

Tell your friends, book your accommodation - it's an event not to miss - the 8th annual food, wine and music festival, A Taste of Matarangi on April 4th, 2020.

The latest addition to the great line up of musicians next year is Taotua - a duo delivering an incredible groove with just acoustic guitar and percussion. TJ Taotua has been performing for 18 years, covering genres and styles such as blues, jazz, funk, Motown, disco and old school.

Combining soulful acoustic guitar and voice with percussion, Taotua will provide our audience with a unique listening experience and the perfect festival mood for enjoying delicious food, wine and of course, socialising.

To kick off our fundraising for next year's event we are holding a fun night of BINGO on Saturday 16th November at 7.30 p.m. To be held at the Matarangi Fire Station, the bar opens at 7.00 p.m, with the first game at 7.30 p.m.

Enjoy 12 rounds of bingo and supper for \$35 and make sure you bring extra cash for Scratchies raffles. Tickets available at Puku and Kerre's Liquor Store.

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TUIA 250



We were delighted to hear that the Kuaotunu Bridge reopened in time for us to attend Te Powhiri at Wharekaho on October 21st, as part of the Tuia 250 commemorations. The day at Wharekaho for Te Powhiri was a very long hot day but it certainly was one all of the children will remember for life; the experience in participating in such a historic part of local history! The sound of the massive kapa haka group of the children from the schools from all over the Peninsula was extremely moving. The sight of the long line of manuhiri (visitors) moving along the Wharekaho beach was spectacular and seeing the flotilla of boats out off the beach was incredible. We considered our children to be outstanding ambassadors for the school throughout the day. Their performance on the stage after the powhiri was inspiring and the staff are all very proud of them.

Leading up to Te Powhiri, we worried due to the bridge closure, about the logistics of getting the children there and also to a combined schools cultural festival at Mercury Bay Area School, held earlier in the week. The school was overwhelmed with the response by the local communities, to the posts we put on Face-Book about seeking help in

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getting there. A huge thanks in particular goes to Alan Cunningham and Shelley Bouslen from the Tuia 250 Trust, Gary Fitzsimons from Go Kiwi Shuttles, and Grant Higgins from NZTA, who contributed significantly to the cost of getting our children to Whitianga and Wharekaho.

Left: The Te Rerenga children participated in a massive kapa haka at Te Powhiri.

LEGO MASTER COMPETITION



Te Rerenga School recently held their inaugural Lego Master Competition. The challenge was to design a LEGO masterpiece that represented something from our local area. The entries received were very creative and definitely reflected our local area, including "The Beach;" "Kuaotunu Town;" "Whangapoua;" "New Chum;" "Matarangi Shops;" and the "Kuaotunu floods". Mrs Maria Gawor from Matarangi was our guest judge and she also generously donated towards the purchase of the Lego prizes.

Above: Charlie & Danny Bay's Lego masterpiece titled Kuaotunu Flood and Bridge Repair

STORYLINES FESTIVAL

Recently we were visited by four authors and illustrators as part of the Storylines Festival bus tour. Storylines has run their national festival since 1993 with the aim of bringing together children's writers, illustrators, poets and storytellers with their readers and audiences, to enjoy books and reading and to encourage literacy. Storylines chooses visitors to schools that are well known and have an ability to speak entertainingly to the children. The children were really engaged and enthralled by what they heard. Our visitors were author Jessica Pawley, Gyn Harper and Elaine Bickell, along with illustrator Sandra Morris. Before our visitors arrived each class had learned a little bit about their visitor so were well prepared for question time.

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Some of the school children in the mass kapa haka group performing a welcome waiata.



The huge Powhiri was a once in a lifetime event for those who attended Tuia 250.



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Coromandel's More FM Breakfast Host Andy George and his team visited Matarangi with their mobile studio on Labour Weekend Saturday.



Paul Shaw relaxing at the Fire Station with his trophy following his winning of the 2019 Ambrose.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE MATARANGI BEACH PAPER?

Staunch All Blacks supporters Gray, Mossy, Maurs, Judy and Claire with some Welsh fans in YOKOHAMA posing with the MBP before the semi-final of the Rugby World Cup.

We love receiving your 'Where in the World is the Matarangi Beach Paper?' photos. Please email your photos with a caption to the editor: contact@matarangibeachpaper.com



Thames born musician Daniel Sharp and his band played the Opito Sands subdivision party last Sunday. Here he is with Scott Simpson and Sue Edens.



After nearly 3 years I have finally got a photo of Dave Blake in the MBP! (Ed). Dave from Matarangi Monitoring as sponsor presenting Allen Morison with the prize for 2nd Snapper in the recent Kontiki fishing competition. (Photo Credit Leanne Robinson)



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Richard Cobden Grainge with the very rare original account of Captain Cook's three voyages published in 1784 by Alex Hogg of London and purchased by Richards's Great, Great, Great Grandfather Henry Cobden Grainge. The bound compendium has been handed down over the generations as a family heirloom.

Richard who has had a place here in Matarangi since the 1980's has been fascinated with the life of Captain Cook since childhood. He also took this wonderful picture that could have been taken 250 years ago, the replica of the Royal Navy bark HMS Endeavour moored off Opito Bay on the evening of October 19th prior to the Hiko and Powhiri the next day.



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SAND DAPHNE UNDER THREAT

The TCDC have erected small signs down in the 'Pines' end of the beach in order to protect the Sand Daphne (otherwise known as Primilea Villosa). Sand Daphne is a NZ native dune plant that is at threat of declining. The Council are asking people to tread carefully as they walk through the dunes, and also not to pick the plant.

Sand Daphne is one of a small number of native species that grows in sand dunes in the North Island and on Chatham Island. The species has been listed as in 'decline' by the NZ Plant Conservation Network. A number of councils, the Department of Conservation and Coast Care groups have been planting and managing Sand Daphne in coastal dunes for some years with varying degrees of success in order to help the survival of the species.

Sand Daphne is also known in Maori as Autetaranga or Toroheke and is a sprawling woody low-growing plant with small green leaves. When well-established they can form into a circular plant well over a meter in diameter. Sand Daphne flowers usually from September to March and their small flowers are white or sometimes cream coloured. Tread carefully everyone!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Kuaotunu Hall Committee** is pleased to announce that it will be holding its Annual General Meeting at **3pm on the 23rd of November** at the Kuaotunu Hall.

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MATARANGI BOAT & FISHING

The weather has been abysmal for those wanting to get out for a fish this month. The winds have been constant. There were some encouraging reports from the few that braved the elements and hopefully the weather improves with the decreasing equinox winds.

The Club held its annual Labour Weekend Competition on Sunday 27th.

Unfortunately, due to bad weather on the Saturday, the entries were down, but the 11 boats that entered had varying degrees of success. Many thanks to Hurdley Office Furniture for the donation of 2 office chairs for spot prizes. The postponed Kontiki competition, kindly sponsored by Matarangi Monitoring Services, was held in conjunction with the boat competition. The full prize list and photos appears below and can also be viewed on Facebook.

The Club's Junior Prize Giving was held prior to the competition prize giving. Congratulations to Blake Davis winning the Davis Family Trophy for the heaviest kingfish, Guss Pratt winning the Steve and Lynn Hatch Cup for the heaviest Trevally and Bo Veevers winning the Murphy Trophy for the heaviest Snapper. A special thanks to Darren and Sharon from the Matarangi Four Square for their generous prizes for the Junior members present. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The scallops are still scarce and on the small size with the fish inside wasted and pale. The actions of the commercial fraternity that can take them at 90mm has had a lasting detrimental effect on the beds over the last 5 to 10 years. The continual dredging has destroyed the scallop's environment and it will be several years before it recovers, if it ever does.

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. Updated photos of the bar, courtesy of Mark and Shirvani at MATARANGI REALTY, can be viewed at Matarangi Realty, the Fire Station and at the boat ramp notice board. 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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Peter Murphy, President

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The Murphy Cup is presented to the angler who lands the Junior Heaviest Snapper. Over the last club fishing season (1 July 2018- 30 June 2019)/ The 2019 winner was Bo Veevers 4.524kg receiving the prize from Marie Murphy

Michael Graves (pictured right) skipper of the winning boat Rumors with 48.987 points won the Labour Weekend Fishing Competition.



BOAT FISHING COMP RESULTS:

1st Boat Rumors 48.987 points Michael Graves
And a close 2nd: Boat Captain Morgan 48.589 points
3rd Boat Ambrosia Rose 43.568 points
Spot prizes from Hurdleys furniture
#24 Rumors
#25 Captain Morgan

KONTIKI CONTEST RESULTS:

Sponsored by Matarangi Monitoring Services
1st Snapper Mark Fiskin

2nd Snapper Allen Morrison

JUNIORS CLUB PRIZE GIVING:

For season 1 July 2018- 30 June 2019
Murphy Cup Junior Heaviest Snapper - Bo Veevers 4.524kg
Steve & Lyn Hatch Junior Heaviest Trevally - Guss Pratt 2.22kg
Davis Family Trophy Junior Heaviest Kingfish - Blake Davis 9.76k

FIRE REPORT

A steady month for call outs with three to attend, two medicals and one vegetation fire.

The highlight of the month for us was our annual 3 person ambrose golf tournament. The weather was pretty iffy to start with but turned out to be a nice fine day.

We ended up with 26 teams and everyone really enjoyed the day. The prize giving and lunch were held at the Fire Station after everyone finished their round.

First place with a score of net 59 was team PGW consisting of Paul Shaw, Gavin Allden and Warren Jackways. The team also won the very prestigious Malcolm Spry Memorial Trophy with having a member of an emergency service in the team. Second was Formosa 2 with net 62 and third was Rustcos Rebels with net 62.6.

Thanks to everyone who helped out on the day and a very special thank you to all of our sponsors and especially the Dunes Golf Resort for providing the golf course.

On the 5th October we participated in the Challenge Cup which is a fishing competition between the Matarangi Boat and Fishing Club and the Fire Brigade. Unfortunately we lost that competition but will be back again next year to try and regain the Cup which we have held for the most part.

On the 12th we had another full on day of training to achieve more NZQA unit standards and continue upskilling our volunteers. This all helps to prepare us as we go into another Fire Season with the weather and climate becoming more extreme as the years go by.

On the 19th my wife and I attended a Gold Star celebration in Coromandel for Shane Walker. This was an awesome evening and an honor to be part of the celebration of 25 years of service to the Fire Services for Shane. This is a credit to Shane for his dedication and commitment in serving his community.

Stay safe everyone, Stu Arnold

Below: Team PGW consisting of Paul Shaw, Gavin Allden and Warren Jackways won the very prestigious Malcolm Spry Memorial Trophy at the recent Matarangi VRRF Ambrose Golf competition.



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It was the second time that Peter their wine rep had visited us in Matarangi and this time he shared with us a couple of Kahurangi Estate Wines but also wines from two other vineyards. Mondillo in Central Otago and JJ Hahn from the Barossa Valley. Peter also generously shared the tasting notes for all these wines with us.

The first wines tasted were both a Rose. First was the Kahurangi Estate Rose 2019. The grapes from this wine are from two selected vineyards in the Upper Moutere Valley. It is made from 100% Pinot Noir, is deep-ruby in colour and raspberry, pomegranate and savoury-sweet notes abound.

The second Rose was from Mondillo in Central Otago. The vineyard is situated in Bendigo, the area made famous by Shrek the Sheep. The Mondillo Rose 2019 was also made from 100% Pinot Noir

and again deep ruby in colour with aromas of strawberry, raspberry and watermelon combined with a cherry dry finish.

The wine club members then sampled the Kahurangi Estate Chardonnay 2018. This wine has yellow peach, mango, vanilla and hazelnut characters with hints of nougat and butterscotch with ripe fruit intensity and a creamy texture on the palate. As Peter said, "this is a very approachable Chardonnay."

Two red wines were then tasted. The first was a Central Otago Pinot Noir. The Mondillo Central Otago Pinot Noir 2016. This was a full-bodied wine with ripe dark cherry aromas and a concentrated core of berry fruits. The seductively smooth palate is packed with fragrant spices, blackberries, chocolate, violets and soft oak.

The final wine of the evening was the JJ Hahn Section 72 Shiraz 2018 from the Barossa Valley. This was a medium bodied, full flavoured wine with a vibrant brick red colour. Notes of tea leaf, cedar, sweet berries, spice, chocolate and cigar box aromas full the glass.

The evening concluded with a delicious supper of roast pork or beef buns. The pork was provided by Puku and Kerre, the beef from Darren & Sharon Walker and the buns from Matarangi Four Square. Once again the meat was expertly carved by Steve Threadgold.

All these wines are available at Puku & Kerre's Liquor Store.



NGARTI @ ARTSTATION

Our newest local art group NgArti, did a fantastic job of transforming the old fire station in Monk Street, Whitianga, into the ArtStation pop-up art gallery for Tuia 250 this past month. The venue staged three installations highlighting alternative perspectives towards themes associated with Tuia 250.

NgArti at the ArtStation featured the debut of Wharekaho artist, Peter Matai Johnston of Ngati Hei, with his work "Swapped my lands for blankets" telling a moving and deeply personal story relating directly to the history of Mercury Bay.

Also featured was "He Tirohanga Ki Tai: Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery", an exhibition featuring both leading and emerging Maori artists whose works critique the European perspective on Cook's arrival and the ensuing colonial experience from an indigenous viewpoint.

Finally, a collaborative display of work by well-known local and national artists, under the banner "This is Us" was the third element of the showcase and included an eclectic mix of artists, weavers, ceramicists, print makers and writers.

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STARGAZERS SIGHTS

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This month is a very interesting month as we can witness three unusual events involving three different planets; one of them very rare.

The most unusual and important event will be the Transit of Mercury early in the morning of November 12. This is the event that Captain Cook observed while in Mercury Bay in 1769 and his observations allowed him to precisely locate the position of New Zealand on the globe for the first time.

A telescope with special solar filter will be needed to see the transit but interested stargazers will be able to use one of the many set up at Cooks Beach on the reserve behind the shops before sunrise. We will have only an hour to see the last stages of the transit as the Sun rises but this rare event is not to be missed as the next one visible in NZ will be in 2032. However, if you are very rich by 2030 AND Elon Musk realises his SpaceX dreams you will be able to observe an even rarer Transit of Venus from the surface of Mars that year! If you are reasonably young you will be able to see a Transit of Earth from Mars too but you'll have to wait until 2084!

Another unusual event will be visible on the evening of November 2 back on Earth at 9:19pm when the giant planet Saturn will disappear behind the unlit side of the Moon's crescent as the Moon moves through the sky on its 28 day journey around the Earth. It will be fun to watch it slowly appear to move towards the Moon from about 9pm onwards. About half an hour after it disappears the Moon will have moved far enough along its path to uncover the gas giant planet again and it will pop out of the bright side at 9:59pm. This will be a bit hard to see due the great difference in brightness between the two objects. Look on the bright side of the Moon's crescent at about the same level as where it disappeared to try and catch faint Saturn coming out.

The third thing to watch this month will be the movement from night to night of extremely bright Venus climbing up the evening twilight low in the west at the end of the month, passing bright Jupiter on the 24th.

- November 1 - Faint and slightly yellowish Saturn will lie just above the crescent Moon in the constellation Sagittarius. Bright Jupiter lies about the same distance below the Moon.
- November 2 - The Moon moves ever closer to Saturn and covers or "occults" it at 9:19pm but lets it pop out again at 9:59pm.
- November 3 - The Moon has now moved to be some distance above Saturn.
- November 12 - Transit of Mercury...Cooks Beach at sunrise (6am) and not to be missed!
- November 20 - Very bright Venus lies just below and to the left of bright Jupiter low in the western dusk sky.
- November 24 - Venus now passes very close to brilliant Jupiter. For early risers the crescent Moon, Mars and the bright star Spica make a pretty triangle low in the eastern sky. Mars lies just to the right of the Moon with Spica above.
- November 25 - A new triangle has now formed in the pre-dawn eastern sky. This one involves the very thin crescent Moon again with Mars above and very faint Mercury to the right, almost on the horizon.
- November 26 - Venus now lies some distance above bright Jupiter.

COMMUNITY GUIDES INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN WHANGAPOUA

Meri Te Tai Mangakahia Reserve in Whangapoua is getting a much-needed upgrade and thanks to feedback from the community a finalised plan is now in place.

The improvements take in the toilet, storage shed, the playground, the barbecue and picnic area, improved dune and pohutukawa protection, more planting, additional parking, and improved waste management. The moloks will be retained but will be relocated to other side of back dune by the new RIB storage area.

A total of \$467,500 from the central government's TIF (Tourism Infrastructure Fund) has been allocated for this work. The Mercury Bay Community Board will also contributed \$200,000 for the park improvements and are working with iwi around the possibility for a mural on the reserve.

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PUZZLE CORNER

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They have decided the ticket price will initially be a mathematical puzzle such that each adult will be required to pay in dollars the number of different numbers obtained by multiplying each of the numbers from 1 to ten together in pairs and then adding to that, the digit that would be exactly half way between the digits of the number obtained.

Senior citizens and students would pay in dollars the addition of the first two numbers missing if the integers obtained in the first process above were listed in ascending numerical order.

What was the price of the Adult and the concession tickets?

— TRAFFIC LOGIC PUZZLE ANSWERS —

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Pestie Corner

— with Stephen & Sharon Clay of Peninsula Pests —

Well here we are again at another Labour Weekend and we have all survived the storms of October. The wind has eased, we've got sunshine and there have been some nice fish caught.

The weather has certainly made spraying for those pesky bugs very problematic but fear not, we will leave no bug unsprayed, no spider web left unattended, no ant to crawl inside your cupboards. No insect will be left behind despite the floods, wind and rain.

Look out for ants after this rain and note that the blow flies are now on the wing. We still have some spaces left for treatments so contact us if you need some work done prior to Christmas but don't leave it too long as we have limited spaces left. The New Year is starting to book up.

As a big "Thank You" from us both, we have a little competition going. Answer the five questions based on our Pestie Corner each month, email in your answers to Peninsula Pest Christmas Trivia as the subject title to penpest.nz@gmail.com and go into a draw for a Christmas gift to be drawn by Liam of the MBP at the Matarangi Tradies & Businesses Christmas dinner on the 30th November. Don't forget to put your name on the email and one entry per family.

1 – How many fly species do we have in New Zealand?

2 – Rabbits can eat a lot of grass per day, so how many rabbits eat as much a sheep?

3 – We know that cockroaches can live a long time without its head, but how long is that?

4 - If an average 8 year old child was as strong as an ant, what form of transport could they possibly lift?

5 – Canadian Geese can poop a lot per day. How many kilo, on average, can they poop?

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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

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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

 Kuaotunu ICONZ for Girlz. Growing Girls for Good. Held at the Kuaotunu Hall. Wednesdays at 4pm-5.30pm (during the school term). For Girls aged 8-13 years old. For more information, please contact Robyn 020 409 39674 or email robyn.balfour2@hotmail.com.

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

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SATURDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

Matarangi Markets start Labour Weekend.

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AMERICAN MUSCLE CAR MEETING - CLASSIC CARS WHITIANGA

November 03, 2019

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NOVEMBER 2019 TIDES WHITIANGA					
	High	Low	High	Low	High
1		04:38	11:06	17:05	23:24
2		05:25	11:55	17:55	
3	00:13	06:13	12:44	18:46	
4	01:02	07:02	13:35	19:39	
5	01:53	07:54	14:27	20:33	
6	02:46	08:49	15:20	21:28	
7	03:41	09:46	16:13	22:23	
8	04:37	10:43	17:04	23:14	
9	05:31	11:35	17:53		
10		00:03	06:22	12:23	18:39
11		00:47	07:08	13:06	19:22
12		01:28	07:51	13:47	20:04
13		02:08	08:32	14:27	20:45
14		02:48	09:13	15:07	21:27
15		03:28	09:55	15:49	22:10
16		04:09	10:38	16:34	22:54
17		04:53	11:23	17:21	23:41
18		05:39	12:11	18:11	
19	00:31	06:28	13:02	19:04	
20	01:24	07:22	13:57	20:00	
21	02:22	08:20	14:54	20:59	
22	03:24	09:21	15:53	22:00	
23	04:27	10:24	16:52	23:00	
24	05:29	11:25	17:49	23:59	
25	06:28	12:24	18:46		
26		00:55	07:24	13:20	19:40
27		01:48	08:17	14:13	20:32
28		02:39	09:08	15:05	21:23
29		03:27	09:56	15:54	22:12
30		04:14	10:43	16:43	22:59

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