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A NEW ERA TEES OFF AT THE DUNES

Two weeks after The Dunes Golf Resort was bought by a local consortium of property owners fifty new 18-hole members have signed up - increasing the membership by 50%.

The new owners have vowed to turn the course and club into the best facility on the Coromandel Peninsula.

To promote the change of ownership, new members can join The Dunes Golf Club for 16 months, until 31 March 2021, for just \$1200. This is under \$20 a week to play the best course on the peninsula. There are similar 16-month deals for country members, nine holers and juniors.

Earlier this year the Environment Court found in favour of a TCDC proposal to declare all the golf course open space. Following this decision, the previous owner accepted an offer from the Matarangi consortium and the course, clubhouse, and bowling green were purchased by Matarangi Land Holdings earlier this month.

Since then there has been a maintenance programme activated on both the clubhouse and

machinery, which will slowly get the clubhouse back to its former glory.

Last weekend the owners launched their venture with a 'Thank You' get together for current members and other locals who have been undertaking volunteer duties over the past fortnight.

On Friday December 20 the Dunes pizza oven, kitchen and bar will open to the public and will be open seven days a week from noon-9pm, throughout the summer. Off peak hours and menus will be decided in the New Year.

Kitchen and pizza operators David Terpend and Hannah Godliman will be offering a selection of wood-fired oven pizzas using manuka, with fresh vegetables and salads. "We'll use slow braised meat on our pizzas, but will have vegetarian options," said Hannah. "We just want to provide the local community with good quality wood-fired pizza. From the kitchen we will have some seafood options, plus Japanese Karage (tangy chicken), hot chips, and a choice of two fresh salads."

Operations Manager Simon Hill is looking forward to the new era at The Dunes. "I'm feeling the positivity and the fantastic community vibe. I take my hat off to the many volunteers who have put in a great deal of time to get us up and running again," said Simon. "It's great to be back here with my Matarangi family."

"The golf shop will be open from 7am to 5pm everyday day. The bar and restaurant is open daily from noon-9pm. The bowling green has also been revamped and is in good nick. It's just \$5 in green fees for a roll-up," said Simon.

The Dunes is also initiating a junior membership for the first time in many years with low green fees to encourage the younger participation. At the same time all 18-hole green fees have been set at \$50. So whether you are a social golfer, affiliated to another club in New Zealand or a member's guest the cost is the same.

In 2020 The Dunes will reintroduce a number of regular tournaments, monthly meat pack haggles and the ever popular Fire Brigade Ambrose.

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Thanks to: Puku & Kerre Liquor Store

Fire Station Open Day

27th Dec 2019 - 10am

Get up close & personal with the MVRFF engines. Down at the Matarangi Fire Station Kids can even have a go with the fire hose. See the Jaws of life operating!
Thanks to: FENZ

Bar Crossing Seminar

28th Dec 2019 - 9am

We are presenting a 'Bar Crossing Advisory Seminar' at the Fire Station Everyone Welcome
Thanks to: Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club

The Big Dig

28th Dec 2019 - 11am

Hey Kids can you dig? If so get down to the beach off the village green find an ice block stick (Hands Only) see what your prize is. Age groups up to 5y, 6 - 10y & 11 - 15y
Thanks to: Richardsons Real Estate

School PTA BBQ Fundraiser

28th Dec 2019 - 11am

Our local School Te Rerenga has its very own PTA pop down to the Village Green at 11 for their BBQ Fundraiser for the local kids who attend this amazing country school.
Thanks to: Te Rerenga PTA

Matarangi Rocks

29th Dec 2019 - 8am-3pm

From the beach to the harbour and everywhere in between. We have hidden 50 rocks that are easily seen. Hunt one out. Don't be a bore. A special prize is waiting in store So Pop into the 4 Square for Details
Thanks to: 4 Square Matarangi

Pipers Bike Decorating

29th Dec 2019 - 3pm

Kids of all ages are welcome to come with their best dressed decorated bike in front of the shopping centre on the Reserve prizes for the most creative design on the day can't wait to see what this year has installed for us.
Thanks to: Pipers Cafe

Kids Fishing Comp

30th Dec 2019 - 9:30am

Bring your small fry (Under 12years) down to the Matarangi wharf for the kids to show up their parents for the kids fishing competition. Great prizes for the biggest sea creature, most fish and biggest fish
Thanks to: Jet Ski Fishing Show

Sand Castle Comp & Big Beach Day

30th Dec 2019 - 12:30pm

From individuals to families, young to the not so young. Show your creativity on the day with castles big or small. Down on the Beach Off the Village Green.
Thanks to: Beach Realty & MoreFM

Havaianas Jandal Throwing

30th Dec 2019 - 4:30pm - 5pm

MORE FM'S Family Mini Sports Day @ the Village Green, including 3 x Legged Races, Wheelbarrow races, Jandal throwing, Novelty races, Jelly belly scramble.
Thanks to: Coromandel's MoreFM

Annual Fishing Comp

2nd Jan 2020 - 5:00am

The adults get a chance to show who the reel fisherman is!
Tickets Avail @ Matarangi Beach Realty Ltd & Matarangi Store.
Thanks to: Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club

Mini Olympics

2nd Jan 2020 - 1pm - 2pm

Mini Olympics get down to the Village green for a fun filled arvo with the Team at Coro More FM
Thanks to: Coromandel's MoreFM

Cardboard Cup

3rd Jan 2020 - 2pm

If you're aged between 8-18 years get out all those cartons and boxes create your unique designed vessel ready to race on the day around the 50m course at the Wharf. Entry forms from Richardsons.
Thanks to: Richardsons Real Estate

The Rings to Matarangi Swim

3rd Jan 2020 - 7:30am Back Up Day 4th

The Rings to Matarangi Beach Swim Brush off the wetsuits & get in the water for a swim from Rings to Matarangi.
<http://ringsmatarangiswim.co.nz>
Thanks to: Bill Blackmore

Matarangi Doubles Tennis

4th Jan 2020 - 9am

Mens and Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament \$20 per team Grab a partner come on down to the Courts in Sands Cres. This is sure to be a hit on the day. Registrations in by the 2nd at cjpalmer@hotmail.com or 0272719376
Numbers are limited get in quick
Thanks to: Chris Palmer, Pip Perry & You Travel

Matarangi Mile

5th Jan 2020 - 12noon

For all you keen runners get your racing shoes or feet down to the Beach off the Village Green for the first Matarangi Mile. If you're 13 years and over this one's for you Plus great prizes for the place getters:
Thanks to: The Matarangi Beach Paper

Matarangi Beach Tennis Open

5th Jan 2020 - 1pm

2nd Annual Matarangi Beach Tennis Open When: Saturday 1pm Where: Village Green, end of Kenwood Drive of Matarangi Beach on the sand.
Categories: U14s, U18s, Men's, Women's, Mixed, all matches are doubles. \$5/person for Junior events \$10/person for Adult events Message Nic Burnie or 0210398039 to enter or for more details.
Thanks to: Nic Burnie

Auckland Jet Ski Racing NZ

5th Jan 2020 - 10am

This event you won't want to miss. Hear the Roar of the Jet Skis as they race up and down the shoreline, bring your sand chair umbrella & enjoy the race, this will be a thrill a minute.
Thanks to: Graham Harford

Matarangi Markets

28th Dec 2019, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Jan 2020
Thanks to: Chris Cotton



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Congratulations to these Te Rerenga School students that were the recipients of the following trophies at the final assembly for 2019 on the 18th December:

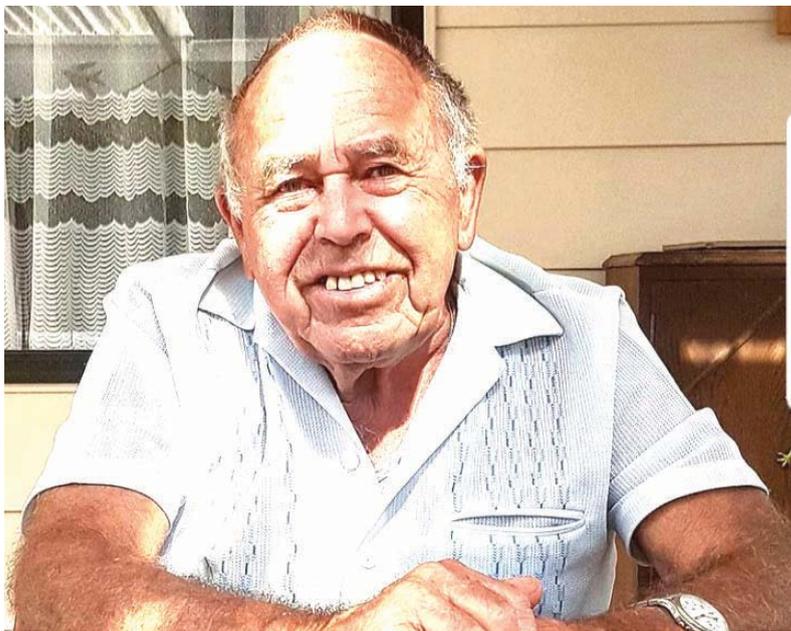
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LOUI HOLZGANG (1930-2019)

A Life of Farming, Family and Community

— By Lousie Falleni —

Alois (Loui) Josef Holzgang was born on 15th February 1930, in Kussnacht am Rigi, Switzerland. He was the 4th child of eight and he grew up in a very close and loving family. As he grew up, he was very much involved in village life, youth clubs, shooting club, local theatre, helping on a local farm, fruit picking and helping with hay making. He would also collect health giving herbs from the Rigi Mountain for the elderly. Loui had already completed his schooling at the age of 14 and he went on to help his father, a shoemaker, then went on to work in a Tannery during the war and then as Works Supervisor at the local glass factory. Here he knew the names of every worker, around 250 of them as well as knowing every facet of glass making.

In 1950 Loui did his compulsory Army Service where he was well known for his marksmanship and was very proud of the special medals he won. During this time, he got into conversation with a fellow train traveller who told him about New Zealand and gave him the name of an orchardist in Te Kauwhata needing a helper. He wrote to the orchardist and on the 23rd of November 1950 he boarded the ship Toscana, leaving from Genoa with three mates bound for New Zealand.

Loui and friends arrived in New Plymouth and from there they caught a taxi to Morrinsville. He then went on to Te Kauwhata where he was happy as an orchardist before working in the bush at Te Hoi. It was through a friend that he was introduced Tony Peyer and one of his daughters Elfie, who he married on the 5th of June 1954. It was the beginning of a very successful, loving marriage. Together they share milked in the Waikato where their three daughters Emmy, Louise and Toni were born.

On the 1st of June 1960 they moved to Te Rerenga and only weeks later son Seff was born. It was a new adventure as there was no electricity there at the time. Loui worried about how Elfie would cope as she was a city girl but she was not worried as long as they had each other, their children and their own home. At the time the district was made up of 3 sheep farms and 14 dairy farms, all of which were on cream supply. Here he was a dairy and a pig farmer. Between milkings the rest of his time was taken up breaking in the farm, but never on a Sunday, as that was family day ... beaches, bush walks and general exploring.

Loui was very involved in the community and was voted on to the Te Rerenga School Committee in April 1961 as secretary – treasurer, a position he held for 14 years. During this time, he was very involved in the removal of the old school and the building of the new one. This was closely followed by the fundraising and building of the school swimming pool and changing sheds. Bo and Jack Veevers are now the third generation of our family to learn to swim in this pool.

The Whangapoua Hall (now privately owned) was the hub of the community as it had a generator for power. Loui joined the hall committee and the film society and there were movies at the hall every second Saturday evening. Other activities that he and Elfie attended were table tennis, indoor bowls, badminton, cards, bingo and the many other social gatherings held there. Loui was the area pig and cattle buyer for the Pig Marketing Assn as well as Advisory Member for the Young Farmers Club.

Firewood collecting was always a family venture. Loui loved this task. He got his first axe at about the age of 4. Tree felling,

wood splitting and stacking were an art to him. In fact, until the day he died he always stacked his firewood and it had to be done his way. In the words of his dear friend Lindsay Arthur, every single bit of a branch was cut up and dried for firewood, some with scissors down to 2 inches long. He was a conservationist of the highest order. Another of his perfected traits was making schnapps from any excess fruit. Nothing went to waste and what wasn't good enough for schnapps was food for the pigs. The finished product was always very popular with visitors as a coffee accompaniment.

After giving up dairying Loui went to dry stock and then back to forestry work. One day, when he was in up the forestry he discovered a piece of Carnelian stone and it became his hobby, collecting it and then cutting and polishing. He not only loved the beauty of the stone but also its health benefits. He never went anywhere without a few pieces of Carnelian in his pocket and was always proud to show it off and give some away.

Once semi-retired he worked at the Golf Course at Matarangi, mowing the Fairways. He loved this work and soon became more involved as the chief sausage BBQ person for all the tournaments that were held until he was about 85 years old. In the early days of the construction of the Fire Brigade he was a great volunteer helping out wherever he was needed. He was also the main BBQ person there at any fundraisers over the years

Loui never forgot his Swiss Heritage and was a member of both the Hamilton and Auckland Swiss Clubs. He joined in activities and gained many shooting medals through club events in Henderson and Kaukapakapa. Over the years he made many friends and he and Elfie always had a steady stream of Swiss visitors.

Loui and Elfie lived very happily at Matarangi throughout their retirement and enjoyed several wonderful overseas trips including Switzerland, America and Rarotonga. Both Louis and Elfie loved being close to their family who all lived close by in the early retirement days. Loui also enjoyed his vegetable garden and his fruit trees that were tendered with great skill and returned an abundance of fresh produce. He was an amazing cook and many a family meal was enjoyed at their home. Loui cooked the mains and Elfie, a fabulous cake and sweets baker did the rest.

Sadly Elfie passed away in February 2012 and was dearly missed over the years. On 4th November Loui was taken suddenly at his home but as sad as the family is we all know he is now happy to be back with his beloved wife.

We will all miss you. Emmy and family, Louise and Paul and family, Toni and family, Seff and family, and special friend to Fred and Loretta.

Featured: Loui and Elfie Holzgang moved to Te Rerenga in 1960 and played a major role in building our local community over the last 60 years. (Credit: The Falleni family)



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THE MATARANGI COMMUNITY TRUST LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

— By Alastair MacCormick —

The Matarangi Community Trust (MCT) has got off to a quick start, making a \$1,000 donation for the maintenance of the popular Matarangi Bluff track. The trust also approved a grant to repair security cameras that record the movement of vehicles in and out of Matarangi.

Over the next 12 months the Trust's prime objective is to secure community support for plans to preserve key open spaces following the recent change of ownership for the Dunes golf course at Matarangi. The new owners are a group of residents who have generously provided temporary advances to Matarangi Land Holding Ltd (MLH), enabling the acquisition of the property by local interests. With the help of enthusiastic volunteers MLH has already re-launched the golf club with a membership drive and breathed new life into the clubhouse.

For decades the Matarangi Ratepayers

Association has held the belief that community ownership of the golf course properties is the only sure way to prevent subdivision and preserve the amenities: open space, spit head walking track, golf course, bowling green and spacious clubhouse building.

Many other Matarangi amenities such as the tennis courts, the Bluff tracks and the proposed Harbour Park will need support in the future. All are crucial to keeping Matarangi such a wonderful holiday settlement. Having seen the need for a new charitable entity to be able to own, promote and maintain some of these amenities, MRAI sponsored the formation of the Matarangi Community Trust.

MCT is now an incorporated charitable trust with wide powers to own property and support charitable community activities. Donations to MCT of \$5 or more are eligible for the 33⅓% tax credit.

The trust objectives are to:

- Establish, support and maintain open space reserves, facilities and other amenities for community and public use at or proximate to Matarangi for the promotion of health and other purposes beneficial to the community.
- Support public welfare, health and safety and emergency management for Matarangi residents and visitors and Matarangi entities.
- Support and advance education of children at Matarangi.

MLH and MCT are working closely in tandem with professional advisers to sort out a long-term plan for ownership and operation of the recently acquired golf course property. The issues are complex and all parties including the Thames Coromandel District Council and the Waikato Regional Council are working together to reach the best outcome. Even with all the good will in the world it will take months to finalise the go-forward plan.

Once there is an agreed plan, there will be a campaign to fund the Trust for its proposed activities.

A majority of the MCT trustees must be Matarangi residents or ratepayers and they are appointed by a panel nominated by the Mercury Bay Community Board and MRAI. The foundation trustees are widely representative of the Matarangi community: Alan Cunningham (Treasurer), Allan Dickinson, Alison Hackett, Glenn Leach, Alastair MacCormick (Chair) and Sharon Walker. John Skelton is the Trust Secretary.

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Featured: Alastair MacCormick the Matarangi Community Trust Chair

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OUR RESCUE CHOPPER AND WHAT IT MEANS TO US

By Teresa Kedzlie



Relief reverberated around our community last year when the news broke that the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Base at Crosby Field in Whitianga had been retained! Finally, the 'powers that be' had seen sense realising that this was essential for an isolated area, where medical emergencies can be time critical.

Many have their own story about what the red and yellow rescue chopper means to them. Little did I know when I attended the '2018 Helicopter Thank You', on behalf of the MBP last year, that I was about to join that precious 'chopper club'. In the early hours of June 1st my life was saved when in a critical condition I was flown from Thames to Waikato Hospital for emergency surgery. Without a doubt it is due to the chopper that I am a lucky soul here to tell the tale and now when I drive home back into Matarangi, I always glance at the helicopter's 'Welcome to Matarangi' sign with gratitude and security. It reads "Your Coromandel Life Line." It sure is.

You could call Howard Smith, a rescue helicopter 'frequent flyer' being evacuated from Taranaki Base Hospital twice and twice from Matarangi. His most recent flight in the Westpac sponsored chopper was after collapsing suddenly at the 2018 Anzac Day service. "Fortunately I am able to say, that I am alive thanks to the Westpac chopper," said Howard. "The service and care given to me was fantastic. Such caring crews, they transported my wife with me, supporting her as well. It is our life line making living in paradise easier knowing we have such a great service available to us."

Te Rerenga's Andy Corles, was a strong supporter of the campaign to retain the helicopter base and is thankful for it every day. In 2014 Andy required the helicopter following a serious car accident. In dreadful July weather Andy aqua planed, causing his car to spin hitting a bank. This left him as a C6 tetraplegic. "After they rescued me, I was taken to the Coromandel Airstrip and airlifted to

Auckland. If it was not for the ambulance, fire crew and Westpac helicopter I would not be here today. When they found out how serious the injury was, they realised I would not survive the ambulance ride to hospital," said Andy.

Michael Lintott's memory after his Matarangi accident in September, is hazy. "I drifted in and out but remember talking to the medical person briefly and landing at Middlemore." Michael is really proud of our fire rescue team who arrived within five minutes of his wife's phone call. Badly injured he remembers seeing their faces while waiting to be transported to Waimaire Avenue where the helicopter was waiting. "I was told that the ambulance was there within twenty minutes and the helicopter ten minutes later." Michael is very grateful he got to Middlemore Hospital quickly and that everyone was so efficient and professional.

Matarangi's matriarch Jeannie Morton says we are extremely privileged to have this service in times of emergency. "I have been taken to Waikato Hospital after two medical events - one a dislocated shoulder followed a couple of weeks later by a stroke. No three hour ambulance trip to Waikato Hospital, just a twenty minute flight with the added bonus of medical treatment continuing all the way. A great experience. Long may it last," adds Jeannie.

Beryl Kensington says that she and her family have been fortunate to use the service twice. "Several years ago I was flown to Waikato after suffering a medical event and two years ago our 10 year old grandson who was having seizures, was flown to Starship. Both times the paramedics and crew were professional and caring." Beryl encourages anyone living on the peninsula to join and become 'Friends of The Westpac Helicopter'. "By joining up, you have that insurance and it helps to keep the Westpac Helicopter on the Coromandel," comments Beryl.

There are other ways you can support the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust. The trust is once again one of 'A Taste of Matarangi's' main charities for 2020, so by purchasing tickets and attending the festival in April, you are showing support. Another small way is by donating your loose change and popping it into one of the collection boxes located at Four Square Matarangi or Puku and Kerre's Liquor Store. Every bit helps and you never know when you or someone special to you might need this vital service.

To become a 'Friend of the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust' go to:
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Recently while going through some archives at school I came across some reflections written five years ago by a Mr. Terry O'Leary who had been a sole charge teacher at Te Rerenga School. It wasn't just his memories of what the school was like in 1948 and how things have since changed that was of particular interest to me. There was a personal connection too. I was fascinated because I knew this man, but didn't know until I came across this document, of his connection to our local school Te Rerenga.

Terry O'Leary would have to be one of my father Bill's oldest life-long friends. They were born weeks apart in Thames in September 1928 and both went to school together. Over the years, our father who has always been a trivia buff, often quoted to us his full name, Jeremiah Terence Kingsford O'Leary who was named after and born on the day that the famous Australian aviator, Sir Charles Kingsford Smith and his Fokker plane, The Southern Cross landed in Christchurch. This was a significant event in New Zealand history as it was the first international flight to ever land on our soil. Interestingly enough Kingsford Smith did return to New Zealand in 1933 and he flew over Thames dipping his wing, much to the delight of two little boys!

Terry, who went on to have a long successful career in education, describes perfectly what rural education was like back in the day, in post WW2 New Zealand, and how different it is to schools of today. It is a wonderful account of Te Rerenga School 70 years ago.

This is what he said.

"Te Rerenga is a little settlement about 10 miles south east of Coromandel. The circumstances which led to my being there as the sole teacher are quite unique, when taken in the context of

the present time. Not long after leaving school in Auckland, I took up a job in the office of what was then Carrington Builders in Thames doing wages and office duties. My old Principal at Thames High School in collusion with my First XV and First XI coach invited me to dinner one evening and suggested I become a teacher. In keeping with my attitude that if they thought I could do it, I would do it, contact was made with the District Senior Inspector in Auckland, and arrangements were put in place for me to take up the position of relieving sole teacher. The school had only been open a term, having been closed for approximately eleven years. Intensive land development at the time brought working families into the district and combined with the few farming families, created a demand for the school to be opened. There were 13 pupils when I went there ranging from New Entrants to Standard 4.

Aspects of my appointment could not, under any circumstances, be contemplated today. Firstly, I was appointed unseen, without an interview, on the verbal recommendation of Mr. Dorrington, Principal at Thames High School. Secondly, just being out of school, I had no teacher training at all. Thirdly, on opening the school, I was greeted with cobwebs, dust covered floor, the oldest of school desks and no teaching resources at all. It was just after the war and teachers were in short supply (it goes without saying young female teachers would not have considered such service in such a remote area).

In order to gain some teaching knowledge and build up some teaching resources I walked the 10 miles in to Coromandel where Maurice Marshall (Mossy Marshall was later to be an Olympic Miler at the Helsinki Olympics) was in his first year of teaching. He was head boy of Thames High School when I was in Form 3. He was a great help – made me aware of the publication known then as The Teachers Monthly Guide, a publication which offered method and examples for English, Arithmetic, Nature Study, Social Studies, Art etc. I spent the day with Mossy observing and taking notes and walked the 10 miles back to Te Rerenga.

During my time there, until the end of the school year in 1948, I did not receive any assistance in the way of visits by school inspectors or anyone remotely connected with education. Difficult to believe in the current educational environment. Some evenings after school were spent eeling with the kids in the many streams, while weekends were

occupied pig hunting on Saturday and fishing on Sunday.

Without exception the people were wonderful. I had some remarkable experiences, both then and in later life, relating to my time at Te Rerenga."

— Terry O'Leary 2014, aged 86 years.

Te Rerenga School is the local school for the Whangapoua, Matarangi and Kuaotunu communities. Our school caters for students from Years 1 to 8 and currently has four classrooms. There has been significant roll growth recently with the school roll finishing in 2019 with 95 students and it is expected that the school will resume in 2020 with the roll starting at just over a hundred. In 2019 we were delighted when our school had an outstanding review by the Education Review Office.

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Above: Bill Kedzlie pictured with Terry O'Leary (on right) at his home in Napier in 2017



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(makes 4 or 5)
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 1 tin Coconut Milk
 1 cup Crushed Pineapple
 Pineapple Juice to dilute
 Crushed ice.
 Mix together in a jug.



Long Island Iced Tea

(makes 1)
 1/2 shot Vodka
 1/2 Shot Tequila
 1/2 Shot White rum
 1/2 Shot Gin
 1/4 Shot Triple sec
 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
 1/2 cup Cola
 Lemon or lime slice for garnish
 Mix ingredients together over ice in a tall glass
 Pour into a shaker and give one brisk shake and pour back into the glass.



Strawberry Daiquiri

(makes 1)
 Juice 1/2 lime
 1 tsp caster sugar
 2 measures white rum
 Add fresh strawberries and blitz
 Pour over crushed ice and decorate with sliced strawberries.



GOT A KAURI IN YOUR GARDEN?

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These are just some of the examples of proposed new earthworks rules the Environment Court had directed the TCDC and Department of Conservation (DOC) to get public feedback on, to look at ways to manage kauri dieback in urban zones of our district in the Proposed District Plan.

The proposed rules would require people carrying out earthworks within a 'kauri hygiene zone' to obtain resource consent. A kauri tree's 'hygiene zone' is the area covered by its root system and is three times the radius of the tree's canopy.

The proposed rules would also require a Kauri Dieback Disease Risk Management Plan, which would set out the procedures to be followed to avoid the risk of the spread of kauri dieback disease. It would also need to spell out how the movement of soil and organic matter from earthworks would be managed.

If you have any questions you want to be answered, send an email to the TCDC to communications@tcdc.govt.nz or phone 07 868 0200.

There are a number of ways you can make a submission:

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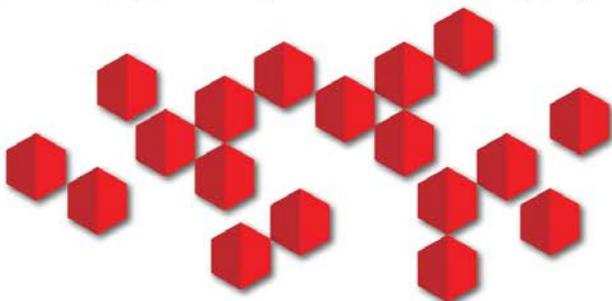


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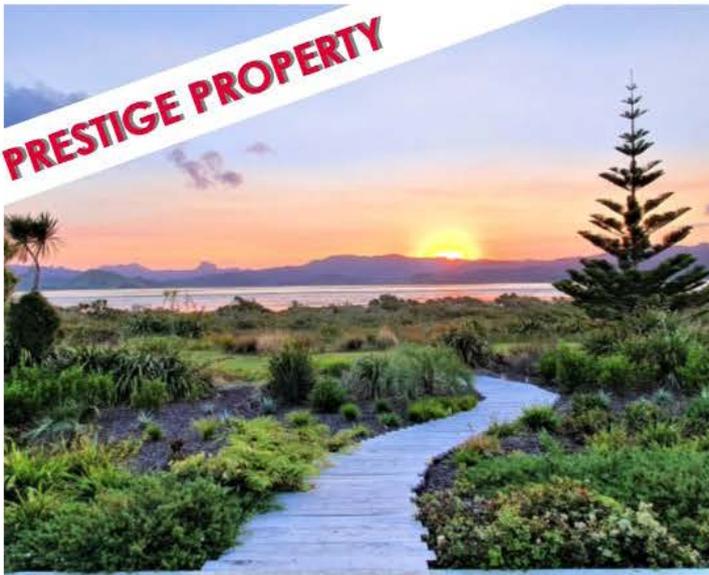
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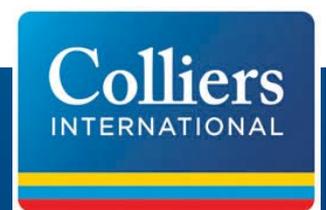
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We also enjoyed listening to David Kinzett from Tohu, who once again entertained us with his wine knowledge but also gave us a great lesson on how to correctly open a bottle of bubbly. There won't be any champagne corks hitting the ceiling in our house this year!

Tohu was established twenty years ago in the Marlborough region and is the world's first Māori-owned wine business. To kick off the evening off we tried some bubbles from the Rewa Range which is named after New Zealand's native honeysuckle tree, the Rewarewa. Interestingly in Māori, Rewa means to float and to elevate which describes perfectly the bubbles we saw in

these wines! The first tried was the Blanc De Blanc, a Methode Traditionale 2014 made from 100% Chardonnay grapes. As David said this wine would go perfectly with some Coromandel Oysters!

The second wine was the Rewa Rose Methode Traditionale 2015, which is made from 100% Pinot Noir grapes. These bubbles would be a lovely Xmas gift as they beautifully presented in a box that was specially designed for Tohu by the renowned artist Flox, who visited and worked with our Te Rerenga School children during the year.

The following wines are also great drops to enjoy on Xmas Day. The Tohu Rose 2018 had a pleasant palate with watermelon and pomegranate flavours and the White Label Merlot 2018 and White Label Syrah 2015 are perfect BBQ reds.



These wines all available at Puku & Kerre's. David will be back in Matarangi in April as Tohu is one of the featured wines at A Taste of Matarangi.

Above: Jo and Nikayla showing off the lovely Rewa Rose wine boxes, designed by the artist Flox.

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5. Entering one of the many Matarangi Summer Festival Events.



6. Getting out the old bowls kit and doing a 'roll up' on The Dunes bowling green.



7. Grabbing a bucket and collecting cockles or tuatuas from the harbour at low tide, then heading home and making fritters for tea.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE MBP?

Whilst we had a whole lot of "rubbish" weather this past spring, Sharon and Steve Clay (far right) were off to Samoa with their latest copy of the MBP as holiday reading material. They sympathetically thought of all their friends suffering the wind and rain in Matarangi whilst drinking their cocktails in the tropical sun.

Maria George writes that she was in South Africa on vacation and just had to pop up to Zimbabwe and check out Victoria Falls. Such an amazing place she knew it was perfect for a photo with her favourite local paper! Maria works for Usher & Co Lawyers in Whitianga.



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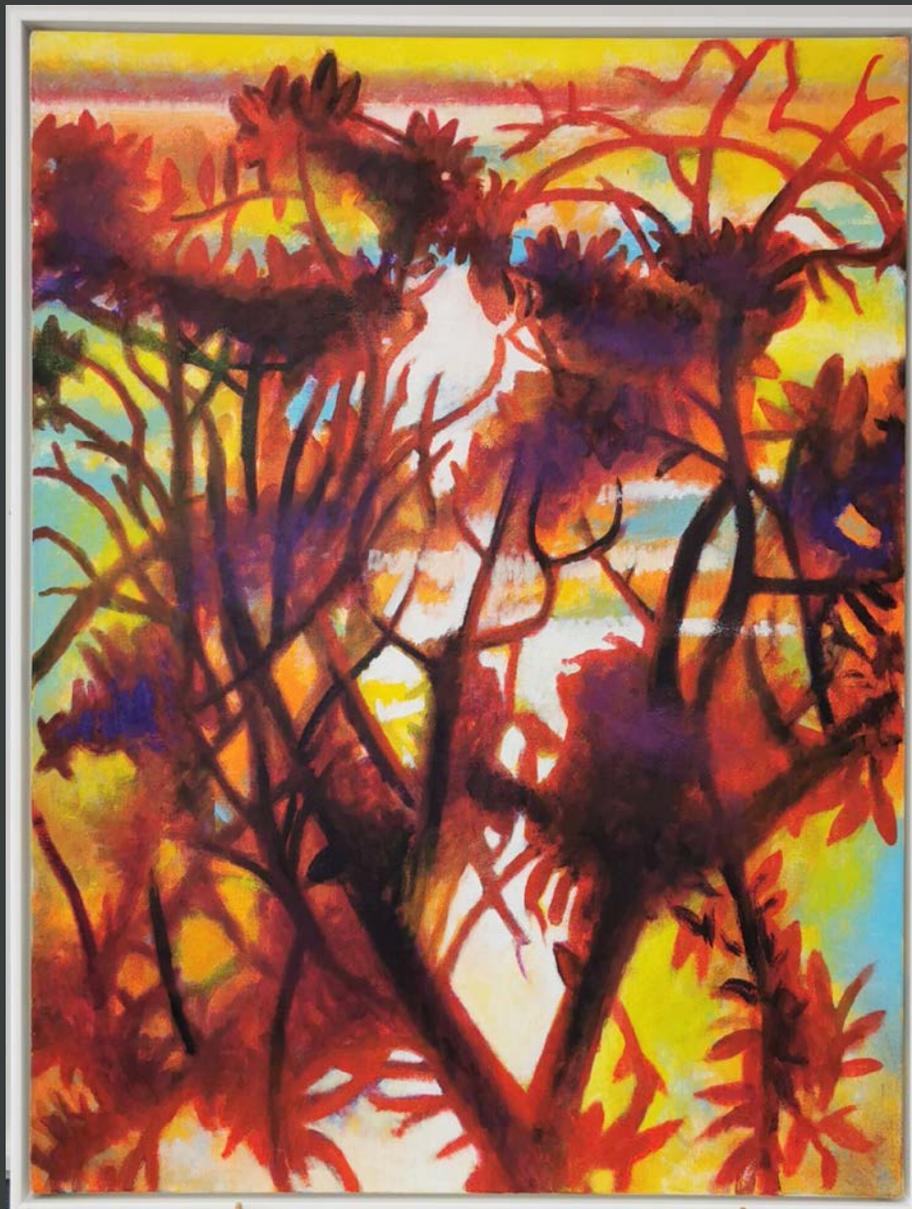
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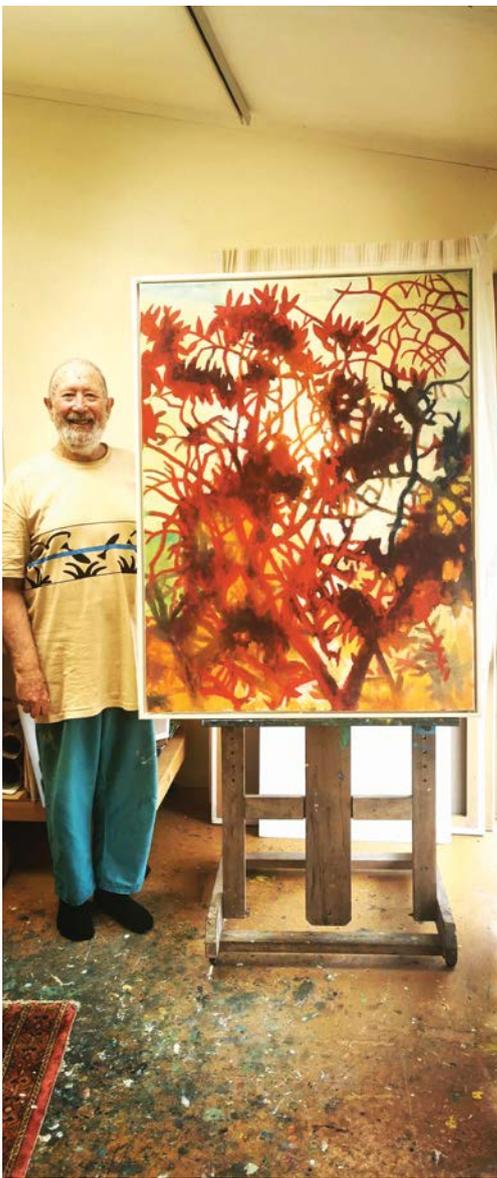
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This summer art lovers are in for treat at the Bread and Butter Galley in Whitianga as legendary New Zealand painter Michael Smither is holding an exhibition to celebrate his 80th year.

Starting on 19th December 2019 and going through to 1st February 2020 the exhibition is titled Light Through The Trees.

“The light that guides me is the same light I observed as an innocent child. The light is constant. The trees now are burning with rage,” writes Michael.

“As we debate the right to be high or die, the media propelled by its own madness requires an explanation. So after a lifetime looking and learning from the trees, here we stand at last you and I. Eye to eye.”

The public will have the opportunity to meet Michael Smither between 2pm – 2.30pm on Thursdays at Bread & Butter Gallery for the duration of the exhibition.

Michael Smither who resides at Otama on the Coromandel is one of New Zealand’s most sought-after senior painters today, for his iconic super-realist and highly coloured paintings and screenprints, which capture a unique and often very personal view of his world.

He is acknowledged as one of nine pivotal painters who emerged in the 1960s to lead contemporary New Zealand art in new directions.

Celebrating his 80th year, Michael stands at the crux of the contemporary art movement, constantly exploring new ideas and themes closely connected with his own life.

Though his paintings are now highly collectable, Michael makes sure his art is accessible to the wider public who love his work, and thus keeps his screenprints deliberately affordable.

Bread and Butter Gallery is located at 26 Albert St, Whitianga.

Featured photos: Otama artist Michael Smither (Photos courtesy of Bread and Butter Gallery)



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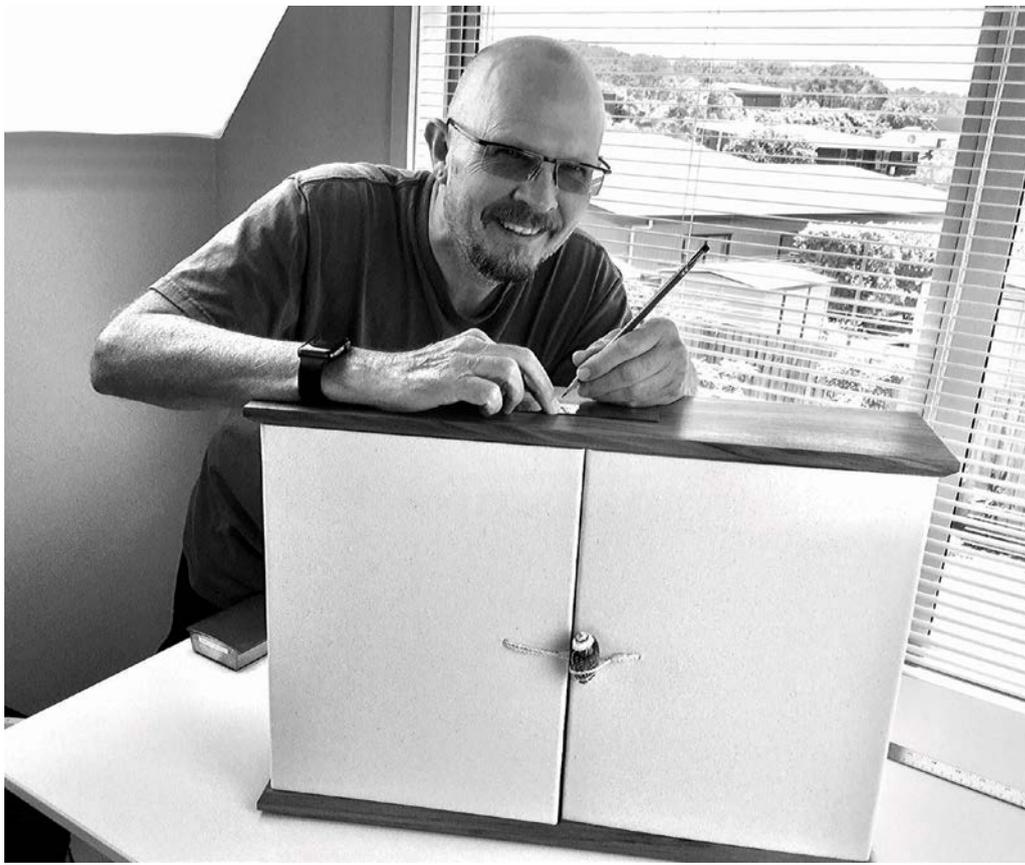
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exhibitor in the NgArti exhibition held in the old Whitianga fire station. This year's guest artist is Bay of Plenty weaver Estelle Withy, who has previously exhibited with the Makers exhibition in the Kuaotunu Hall over Easter.

A special attraction for this year's 10 Artists exhibition will be a collaborative project entitled The Box, instigated by Matarangi's member of the collective, Phillip Fickling.

Constructed out of rimu and kauri, including recycled timber from the old Kuaotunu Hall, the project was inspired by French artist Marcel Duchamp's Box in a Valise. With contributions from the other artists in the collective such as woodworker Colin Verner, The Box itself becomes a mini-exhibition, demonstrating the variety of artisan skills existing within the group.

10 Artists are keeping the future destination of The Box a secret until the exhibition – it may be sold, raffled or remain a showcase for the combined talents of the collective.

So call in to see the 'Mystery Box' as well as the diverse creativity of artists living and working in our community.

The 10 Artists exhibition will be open from 10am – 8pm on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26, 10am-2pm on Monday 27. Entry is free, art works are for sale and you'll meet one or more of the artists at any time you visit as they take their turn volunteering in the hall.

Featured: Phillip Fickling of the 10 Artists Collective with the "Mystery Box"

10 ARTISTS EXHIBITION THIS JANUARY

The third annual Anniversary Weekend exhibition by Kuaotunu creative collective 10 Artists will be held from 25-27 January 2020.

A diverse display of the creative talents in this corner of the Coromandel will be available for

locals and visitors to enjoy in the beautiful setting of the historic Kuaotunu Hall.

There will be two new artists exhibiting with the collective this year. Peter Matai Johnston (Ngati Hei) is a new member of 10 Artists and a recent



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Go to the Festival Info drop down menu to find out about the music and bands, food and beverages that will be available, event news updates, the Programme, Kids Zone, the Cook Off, location and getting there, history of the festival and how to be a volunteer.

You can also see which charities we support and who our sponsors are on our website – special thanks to our Gold Sponsors; All About Whitianga, Creative Fuel Web Design and Coromandel More FM.

The ever-popular Cook Off competitions are back, with both the Te Rerenga School cooking competition and a 'Mystery Box Cook Off' for the adults.

Some rules will apply for the Mystery Box Cook Off - applications from home cooks with no previous commercial kitchen experience will be accepted and you need to be 18yrs or over.

Please go to this link to complete the Cook Off application form <https://form.jotform.co/ATOM2020/atom-coo-off>

OR for more information contact Hayley-harris@hotmail.com

In case you need any more encouragement to come to Matarangi's best festival, you can win tickets on our Facebook page in January – just like and share our page and tag two people you want to bring with you. The winner will receive the choice of two adult tickets or one family ticket to the festival on 4th April. Winners will be notified on 1st February.

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Featured: Tony & Del with Karen & CJ enjoying the music and food on offer at A Taste of Matarangi

PUZZLE CORNER

OUR MONTHLY PUZZLE CREATED BY DAVID KEY

A Special Matarangi Sudoku created by David Key - Puzzle solution on page 26.

Welcome to Matarangi Beach Holidays!

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In the above puzzle we have used the unique letters from the phrase "MATARANGI BEACH HOLIDAYS" to create a letter sudoku

Each unique letter should occur once and once only in each column, each row and in each dark bordered square. Can you fill in the missing letters.

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Regular Events

MONDAYS

Men on Mats (Pilates for Blokes) @ 8-9am. Ph Christiane, 0273122584
 Matarangi Ladies Pilates @ 9-10am. Ph: Christiane, 0273122584
 Kuaotunu Craft & Social Club 1-4pm Ph Lia 866 2054
 Kuaotunu Library 1-4pm Ph. Maxine 027 293 0369
 Mens 9 Hole Golfers tee off 10.30a.m. @ The Dunes
 Contract Bridge: 7pm St John's rooms, Tiki Rd, Coro. Town. Info ph Colin: 866 5428
 Yoga: 7am Vinyasa @ Kuaotunu Hall. Ph: 021 08 100 125
 Ladies "Allsorts Exercise" Class beginning June 10th at the fire station 10.15 - till 11.15 (after Ladies Pilates) - duration 1hr. Phone Christiane 0273122584
 Books and Banter Club. First Monday of the month - 7 to 9 pm. Bring a book you have enjoyed to share and swap. Coffee and tea and BYO wine. Phone Cora on 0212226707 if you wish to attend and for venue details. Numbers are limited!
 Kuaotunu Library. Open 24/7 when you become a member. Contact Maxine: 07 866 4341 or 027 293 0369.

TUESDAYS

Men's Coffee Morning (1st Tues of every Month - 7th March). 10am @ Pipers Café.
 Ladies Golf 9 and 18 golfers Tee off at 10am @ 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

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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 Golf 9 and 18 golfers Tee off at 10am @ 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
 Kuaotunu Steiner Playgroup - the contact to Kindergarten 07 8660094 and the time from 9 am to 11:30 am.

Sudoku Puzzle Solution

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SATURDAYS

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SUNDAYS

Matarangi Markets start Labour Weekend.

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