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JAKE'S BREAD

A SLICE OF THE WORLD COMES TO MATARANGI

Reported by Hilary Falconer

One of the comfort foods of lockdown globally was sourdough bread – both making it and eating it – but few of us knew we had an experienced baker sharing lockdown in our neighbourhood.

When Jake Westacott, who lives in California and works in Malibu, came back to the family beach house in Kuaotunu because of the Covid19 pandemic, he shared more than lockdown. Jake has worked in kitchens around the world from Japan, UK, USA and Canada to South America and says, "I don't know what to do if I'm not cooking for a crowd". So, during isolation and using the domestic oven of his mother, Isabel Gilbert-Palmer, he decided to share his passion for bread making with friends and neighbours with his novel 'Relax, it's Sour Dough Sundays' and delivering loaves to their letterboxes.

As the restaurant industry suddenly began to shut down in mid-March, Jake made the decision to fly home, managing to catch the last flight out of LAX Airport that would get him to New Zealand. In the last 25 years he's only made brief trips back, so isolating for two weeks in Kuaotunu when it was even quieter than normal, was a little different from life in L.A.

"I'm surrounded here by travelled and educated locals who understand good food, so I thought I could add something to their lockdown menu, with a sourdough bread made using a biga (dough starter) I created here in Kuaotunu."

The bread was so well received, Jake enquired about using the wood fired pizza oven at the The Dunes in Matarangi, thinking along the lines of the 'dark kitchen' concept which is increasingly popular in Europe and the USA and extending his concept to weekend bread for others.

Starting on Queen's Birthday Weekend, the pop up artisan bread project will deliver pre-ordered, fresh, organic loaves to Matarangi and Kuaotunu on both Saturday and Sunday.

Jake will be stoking the wood fire from midnight, working the shift till 8am to produce a unique sourdough and focaccia made with his Kuaotunu starter and the purest ingredients – South Canterbury flour, filtered rainwater, New Zealand salt flakes, Red Island olive oil and rosemary from a friend's garden in Kuaotunu.

The pop up project is called Manantiales Bread after the village in Uruguay which is Jake's second home and where he was heading to cook when his life was diverted by Covid19.

He is now waiting on delivery of 1000kg of the finest South Canterbury flour from Farmers Mill and looking forward to "playing" with the wood fired oven at The Dunes.

To get your mouth watering, have a look at Jake's Instagram page: manantiales_jakes_bread

Initially he will produce a 900g sourdough (\$12) and a 900g focaccia (\$15), prices include delivery, payment to be made by an honesty box system – leave payment in an envelope in your letterbox or doorway and it will be replaced by a delicious, freshly baked loaf between 10am and 11am Saturday and Sunday.

Bread must be pre-ordered 48 hours in advance: by noon Thursday for Saturday delivery and by noon Friday for Sunday delivery. Order via: or by txt: 021 171 61 92 or via Instagram: Manantiales_jakes_bread.

Jake's bread will also be available at Nina's store in Kuaotunu each Saturday and Sunday after midday.

Featured: Artisan Breadmaker Jake Westacott

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Congratulations Corner



Congratulations to Matarangi locals Paul and Pauline Dickinson who celebrated their 50th golden wedding anniversary on the 16th May.

Paul and Pauline had originally planned to celebrate with Pauline's brother Rod, who gave the bride away 50 years ago. Due to Covid 19 their plans had to change and they were unfortunately unable to travel to Perth to visit him. Instead they went 'local' and had an amazing getaway celebration at Puka Park Lodge in Pauanui.

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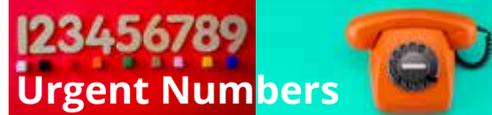
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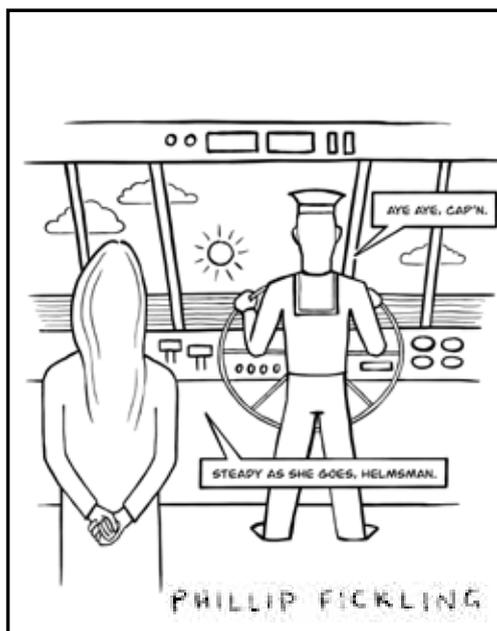
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THE GOOD SORT SPY

Our Good Sorts this month are the Chris Charteris and Lizzie Leckie who during the lockdown got stuck into removing Kahili Ginger from areas they could walk to around the Kuaotunu area. So far they have collected a record of 650kg of roots and leaves of the stuff and are still going strong. Thanks also must go to Benson from the WRC who has gathered up the Kahili Ginger and taken it away for disposal.

The good folk of Kuaotunu salute you!

If you would like to nominate someone to be a 'Good Sort' please email the editor explaining in 50 words or less your reasons why to:

contact@matarangibeachpaper.com

THE SCHOOL BELL

There was great excitement when all the children arrived back to school at level 2. The happy laughter and smiles on faces were a delight to see! Many of the children had certainly shot up in height during the 2 months away. Classes settled back into routine quickly and are now getting on with their learning.

We have welcomed to school a number of new children and their families, since on site learning has recommenced. Our 'starting back' roll reached 111 and we have more children enrolling. Some families are deciding that they wish to remain living in the area for the next wee while. Who wouldn't want to live in paradise!

The teachers were really impressed by all of the fantastic learning that took place at home over Lockdown. Children who were specifically noted for managing themselves and committing to their learning during the time away from school as Lockdown Legends were:

- Room 5: Aoife Given; Jack Simon; Violet Comer; Rosie Adams; and Ena Redfern
- Room 4 - Isabella Comer; Solomon Williams; Ryley Youl; Stina Franke-Towgood; Charlie Whitcombe; Connor Armstrong; Baxter Amosa; Angie Thomson; Elijah Bianchi; Isobel Airey; Josh Franke-Towgood
- Room 3 - Lachlan Waugh; Roland Matthewson; Ari Forsyth; Cooper Mullins; Jacob Comer; Rosie James; Roman Amosa; Maddie Corles; and Ava Hendrickson
- Room 2: Charlie Bay; Harley Cowley and Hannah Kim-Treang
- Room 1: Flynt Hendrickson; Robbie Lendrum; Kruz Drake and Archer Bianchi

We are unable to hold school sharing assemblies for the foreseeable future, however teachers will still give certificates and other awards. The children have shown so much resilience during this crazy time and great learning continued in a variety of ways. So this needs to be acknowledged!

Mary Kedzlie (*Acting Principal*)

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE MATARANGI BEACH PAPER?



Due to Covid 19 the Matarangi Beach Paper has been stuck at home and hasn't travelled far. It's not hard to guess where these two familiar faces are! Yes, overlooking the number three hole on our beautiful golf course. It is great to now have the restrictions lifted and see all the golfers back out there!

With travel limits in place the MBP will be home for a while. We would love to see 'Where in NZ' he travels to, supporting our local tourist economy.

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

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Kerbside collections back to normal but with a change in plastic recycling



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Recycling is collected fortnightly. Put clean tins, paper and cardboard in your wheelie bin.

From 2 June we only want plastic types 1 and 2 in wheelie bins and at our Refuse Transfer Stations, but we'll still accept other types of plastic for two weeks. From 15 June wheelie bins with plastic types 3 to 7 or unnumbered plastics won't be emptied.



Glass jars and bottles in Council recycling crates will be collected at the same time as your wheelie bin.



Collection dates are on our website tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside



Locations and hours for all our RTS: www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts

What are plastics 1 & 2?

Plastics 1 and 2 include things like milk and soft drink bottles. LOOK FOR THE NUMBER on the bottom of the plastic item. If there's a 1 or a 2 inside a triangular recycling symbol, you can rinse it out and put it in your wheelie bin for collection. Take the lid off and discard it, they're too small to be recycled.

Any item that doesn't have a 1 or 2 on it should go in your rubbish. The recycle.co.nz website has good information on what plastic items can be recycled.

Why the change now?

Plastics 1 and 2 can be recycled in New Zealand but types 3 to 7 have to be shipped



overseas and are no longer accepted by most global markets.

We're working with WasteMINZ, which is lobbying the government to ban the use of plastics 3 to 7 and we're actively looking for alternative solutions.

In the meantime, choosing product containers that are plastics 1 and 2 will drive down the demand for plastics 3 to 7 in time.

Queen's Birthday weekend collection

A reminder: There will be no Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections on the Queen's Birthday public holiday (Monday 1 June) so collections across the district will be one day later that week.



Mercury Bay Community Board UPDATE

Next meeting: The Board will meet at 9am on Wednesday 1 July. The meeting will be in-person at the Mercury Bay Service Centre, 10 Monk St, Whitianga. See tcdc.govt.nz/meetings to read the agenda online (published two working days ahead of the meeting).

Call for volunteers to join our Coastal Panels

Are you interested in our precious coastal environment? Keen to see how solutions can be found to help our communities adapt to coastal hazards and risks?

Our Council is now looking for volunteers to join four Coastal Panels that will help inform our Shoreline Management Plans (SMPs) around our Thames-Coromandel coastline.

Areas for the four Coastal Panels are:

- Thames and Thames Coast
- Coromandel Town Coast to Kennedy Bay
- Whangapoua Harbour and Mercury Bay
- South-East Coast (including Tairua, Pauanui and Whangamata)

We are in discussions with local iwi about the process. Panels will be advisory boards, made up of Community Board representatives, citizens, iwi, local businesses and asset owners, and it's intended they provide a fair and balanced representation of the relevant viewpoints about our coastal environment.

"Coastal Panels will be the engine for our Shoreline Management Plan project, which is all about building resilient coastal communities," says our Mayor Sandra Goudie.

"This is a critical new step in the project, and I look forward to our communities getting involved and working together to come up with community-led, coastal adaption solutions," she says.

How to get involved

If you would like to get involved, you will find the expression of interest form at tcdc.govt.nz/coastal Send your completed form to ourcoast@tcdc.govt.nz

Expressions of interest close on June 11, 2020.

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Library Update

Our district libraries in Thames, Tairua and Mercury Bay are open to walk-in customers from Monday 25 May. There will be a 3pm closing time each day for the first week, but from Tuesday 2 June we will be back to normal hours.

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Rating Information Database

A complete copy of the rating information database is available for public inspection. This records all information required for setting and assessing rates, and is available at our Thames Service Centre – 515 Mackay St, Thames. A condensed version (without names and addresses) is on our website: tcdc.govt.nz/rid See the full public notice and information on how to lodge an objection at tcdc.govt.nz/publicnotices

DOGS

We've approved the early adoption of dog fees for the 2020-2021 financial year, so we can send out dog registration letters to owners one month before the

start of the new dog registration year on 1 July 2020. This provides dog owners time to register their animals before the penalty is applied from 1 August 2020. The new dog registration fee kicks in on 1 July 2020 and increases from \$75 to \$80 for all dogs except guide dogs and dangerous dogs. See tcdc.govt.nz/dogs for more information.



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'To the Motu and Back'

The aspiration that kiwi will once again become abundant, that their call will be heard by many throughout the Coromandel Peninsula is becoming real. This peninsula has the greatest rate of kiwi recovery in the country because so much of the land where kiwi live has active and efficient pest and predator control in place. Every dead stoat helps a kiwi chick live.

Kiwi need our help. It is our job to keep them safe from what hurts them. While we can celebrate our rate of recovery on the peninsula – currently 4.8% – way above the aim of reversing -2% annual decline, we must also understand what the statistics are telling us. 75% of the land where kiwi live currently has pest and predator control in place. This means 25% of kiwi are vulnerable. If we increase the number of people involved in pest and predator control, and increase the places where pest and predator control is, there will be less things out there to hurt kiwi.

'To the motu and back' is a key part of returning kiwi in abundance to the Coromandel Peninsula. To achieve this, a population of Coromandel brown kiwi is being established on predator-free Motutapu Island. Free from danger, kiwi released onto Motutapu Island will breed and create a robust population that can be returned to safe sites on the peninsula, expanding existing populations, boosting small remnant populations and even creating new ones.

The first stage of this project is to build a geographically well-represented founding population of kiwi on Motutapu Island. Kiwis for kiwi is sourcing this population through monitoring of adult male kiwi in a variety of spaces on the Coromandel Peninsula and lifting their eggs (male kiwi incubate eggs).

This is called the Operation Nest Egg (ONE) programme. Eggs are hatched at a captive-rearing facility and then released onto Motutapu Island and this will be their forever home. We are using this programme strategically.

So far 106 kiwi have been released onto Motutapu Island and the island population already has the representation of 52 sires. It is highly likely a number of chicks have hatched on Motutapu Island, so realistically there's more kiwi than just those released on the island.

The second stage of this project is to bring kiwi hatched on Motutapu Island home to the Coromandel Peninsula. Only non-microchipped birds will leave the island to maintain the founding population. They will also exceed a specified weight threshold to ensure they're big enough to fend off a stoat once back on the peninsula and they will only be released into spaces we know are safe.

The next part of the project is to increase the representation of kiwi on Motutapu Island from the eastern area. To achieve this we are working with the Kapowai Kiwi Group. We would also like to return to the upper Coromandel area (avoiding the Port Charles and Stony Bay areas because of their contribution already) looking at sites on the western side of the peninsula, Papa Aroha, Tuatēawa as well as the Colville Hills.

So if you have friends or family who own property where kiwi are present who may be open to contributing genetics to the island population in these areas? Budget restrictions may limit our approach by fiscal year, but it would be great to start following up on any leads/contacts you may have. Please contact me directly (See contact details).

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The Fire Station is still off limits to the public because of the current situation. Limited training can resume so you may see vehicles outside the station. You will notice the painting of the station is complete for now and it is looking much tidier thanks to Fire and Emergency NZ .

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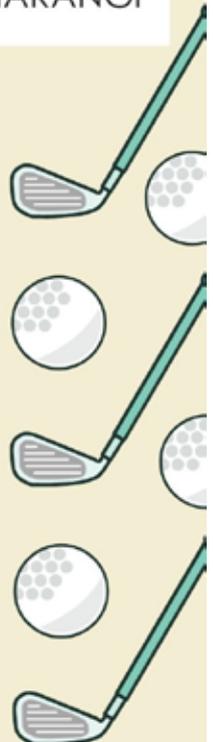
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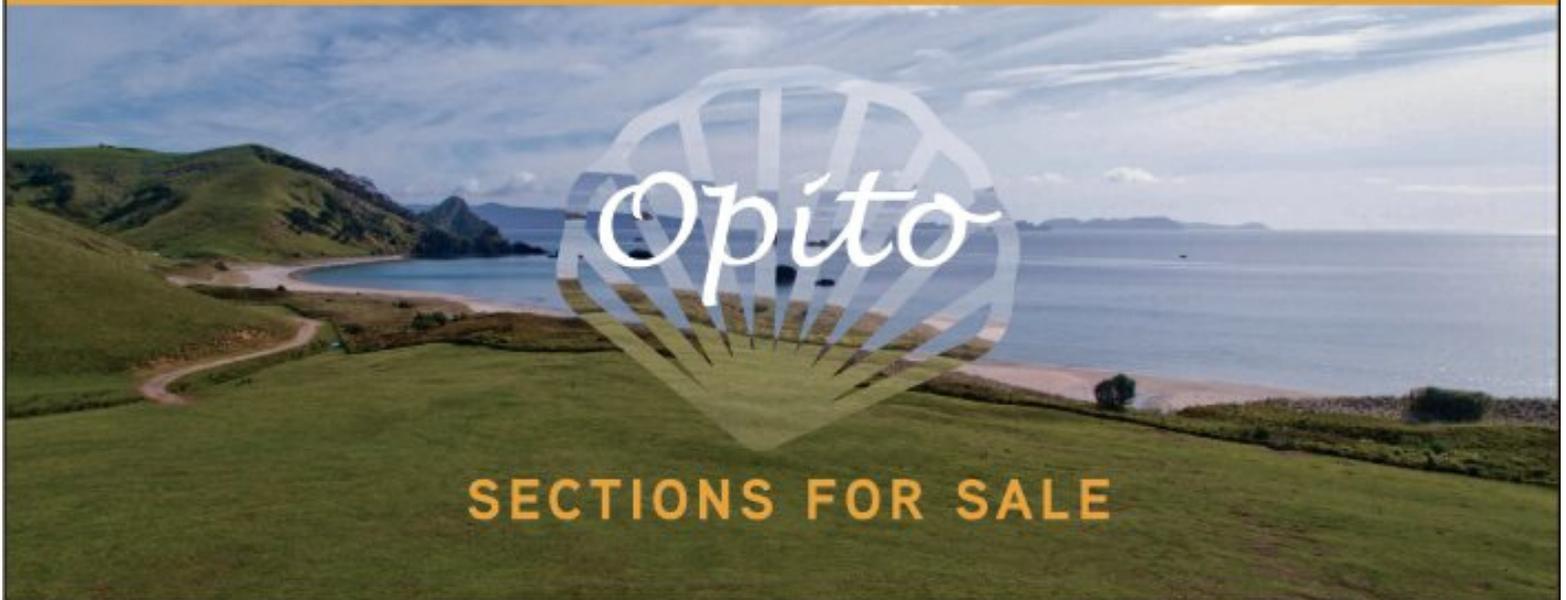
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The development of the subdivision at 68 Skippers Road is now complete with titles due February 2020.

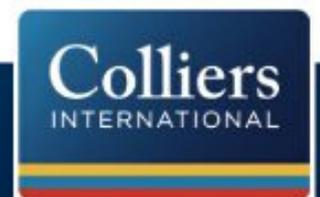
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The Wine Report: Pinot Noir Harvest 2020

Reported by Natalie Lions of Roaring Wine Tours Central Otago

As the days grow shorter and cooler in Central Otago, the last of the Pinot Noir ferments are finishing and being pressed off into barrels, and attention once again turns to vineyard tasks and hand pruning the vines slowly over the cold winter months.

Vintage is usually a joyous time in our New Zealand wine regions. A time where workers, old and new, come together to harvest and process the fruit.

To say that our 2020 harvest in New Zealand was strange would be an understatement.

As we moved into lockdown on March 25, with the pending harvest on our doorstep, producers in the region feared whether we would be able to harvest at all, and fretted the potential reality of staying indoors watching their fruit rotting on the vines. Some contemplated harvesting earlier to "get it all in" with the idea that sacrificing quality is better than nothing at all. Luckily, the government recognised that we are a key industry, contributing \$2B in exports annually, and gave the green light to go ahead but under strict protocols.

Protocols that saw us witness sanitised social distancing, winemakers and viticulturists living in campervans onsite and away from their families. Harvest bubbles, stress and uncertainty, and small teams working together in isolation to get the work of many done in the same time frame. Oh, and we had to sanitise, sanitise, sanitise.



Harvest 2020 was completely different this year due to Covid 19 and the strict social distancing rules in place. (Photo Credit: Natalie Lions)

Ordinarily it would be a time for celebration, frequent social gatherings, exchanges of knowledge and techniques, a buzz of excitement in the air, and large teams harvesting in close proximity to each other.

Now the country has downgraded to level 2, we can put all those new cooking abilities acquired in lockdown into action, and pair our favourite winter dishes with some fabulous Central Otago Pinot Noir from boutique NZ owned producers, AND - found on the shelf at Puku & Kerre's...

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A BIG THUMBS UP TO DAVE!

Thumbs up to Matarangi property owner Dave Comp who made and installed a rescue life buoy and box at Jack's Ramp. Dave who is on the Board of Directors for Surf Life Saving: Northern Region said on the Matarangi Face Book page that he felt that it was a missing part at the southern end of the beach and therefore it became his Covid 19 lockdown project. "We have other rescue tubes near the village green but they are a tad overgrown. We might need to do some digging to make them a bit more visible," said Dave. Good stuff Dave. This has been really welcomed by everyone and we love your initiative. As Mark Hall commented, "Action speaks louder than words."



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THE FISHING REPORT
Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club



Believe it or not, we are allowed to go fishing. There have been mixed reports but overall boats have been coming home with a feed of snapper. The Kontiki guys have been struggling after being very successful during level 3. There have been reports of success in the deeper water and around the top end of Mercury Island. Also it appears that winter fishing is upon us with the areas of foul producing the goods. Be careful of the building swell with this south easterly. Our committee had our first meeting since lockdown and have revised our fishing calendar and reset the dates for this year. We have had to cancel the Queens Birthday Competition and postpone the AGM due Covid 19. The updated calendar is:

- Challenge Cup with Matarangi Fire Force – 29th August. – subject restrictions
- The Annual prize giving Dinner – 12th September – Details to follow. - subject restrictions
- The AGM to coincide with the Labour Weekend Competition – 25th October subject restrictions.
- Doris Day Competition – 21st November. – subject restrictions

Our financial year ends on the 30th June, so members subs will be due. The subscription remains at \$45.00 and new membership cards will be distributed on payment.

Be aware that the bar doesn't have a major channel at the moment and has changed over the last 2 months. Be careful crossing as the swell is also up at the moment. Also be aware that the sand has drifted well into the harbour. 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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PESTIE CORNER With Sharon Clay of Peninsula Pests

Here we are in uncertain times for some and lots of changes for others. One thing that hasn't changed are the pests and lately they have been coming out in larger than normal numbers. Due to the lockdown, the activity around homes, especially holiday homes, has been minimal and so rabbits, stoats, feral cats, possums and especially rodents have been a field day in our own backyards.

With the change in weather, rodents have been seen in very large numbers – and of course creating damage to properties. We have seen large holes in wooden floors and gib board walls, chewed butynol on roofs and insulation shredded and used for nests. Plugging up holes with steel wool or something similar, cutting back overhanging trees and shrubs and keeping all rubbish in closed bins will help reduce infestations in the home.

Having lockable bait stations constantly filled with baits placed along rodent run lines is a better option for homes and businesses. The baits typically used now are of an anticoagulant nature which means that the rodents do not know that they have taken poison. The delayed action of anticoagulants is very important for their effectiveness and in making this type of poison a safer option in homes. With anticoagulants, the delayed onset of illness means they do not associate the illness with the bait and so will have multiple feeds ensuring they have taken more than a lethal dose from which there is no recovery. The lockable stations ensure no pets or children can get into them.

As rodents are usually active at night, seeing them during the day suggests large numbers and competition for food. In open areas, they typically move along walls, fences, furniture etc. They are creatures of habit and will use the same pathways every night. Having good memories of the routes, they are suspicious of new things in their environment (neophobia) so keeping the same position of stations and traps is a must.

Trivia Question – What is a word for a group of rats??
The word is mischief!! And that is exactly what they do – cause mischief.

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DUNES GOLF BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS



Volunteers Tony De Coek, Mike Friis and Barry Bowen filling in some of the rabbit holes on the course. (Photo: CJ Palmer)

It is good to see our golf club getting back into the swing of things now these pandemic restrictions are slowly being lifted. For those that have been out there playing you will have noticed that a number of fairways have had some attention in order to help regenerate more growth and that the greens are recovering well. A lot of overgrown rough areas have also been cut down. The rabbit problem has been a big issue though and head greenkeeper, Raymond, is looking at ways and means of getting rid of them. In the meantime, some volunteers and ground staff have been out on the course filling in the holes with sand as a temporary measure. New green keeping equipment will be arriving soon which will include a new workman vehicle and blower.

Our first official Men's Day was held on Wednesday 20th May and there was a great turnout with the weather conditions perfect for the occasion. Ladies Day and 9 Holers are also now underway again and all playing and socialising at the club is being conducted under the current Government guidelines.

Members Covidivot Ambrose Tournament Sat 27th June
Your golf committee has been working on formulating a fun Ambrose Tournament for members only to be held on the above date. This has been suggested to celebrate the easing of our Lockdown restrictions and to give our golf programme a good kick start again. The basics are that you need to register by 17th June, the 3 Person teams will be drawn out of a hat by the committee and there will be a small charge to cover a meal afterwards and some prizes. This will be an enjoyable day and a chance to play with someone new as well as being able to mix and mingle at the club afterwards.

Happy Golfing, CJ Palmer.

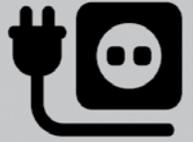
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PUZZLE CORNER

with David Key

The judge in the case of Inspector Lockes last raid has asked how long the gang has been involved in the protection racket. He has found an calculation which again has been coded. He has found a calculation which is supposed to be the amount paid monthly by an early victim of this particular racket but once again the numbers have been coded. In each case the numbers have been swapped for letters with the same letter always representing the same number and no number being represented by more than one letter.

He knows that this calculation is a long multiplication and explained to his team how it worked, using this example.

1	2	3	4
		5	6
7	3	0	4
6	1	5	0
6	8	8	0

The number to be multiplied
The multiplier
Result of multipling rightmost number of the multiplier
Result of multipling next number of the multiplier
Addition of the two multiplications above and the answer to the calculation

The coded calculation he has found is below - can you tell the Inspector the victims payment and the number of months he had been paying.

A	B	C
	D	B
E	F	G
A	B	C
H	B	H

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	High	Low	High	Low	High
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2	3:16	9:24	15:53	21:50	
3	4:13	10:23	16:53	22:49	
4	5:10	11:20		23:47	
5	6:07	12:16	18:46		
6		0:43	7:02	13:09	19:40
7		1:37	7:56	14:01	20:31
8		2:30	8:49		21:22
9		3:22	9:40	15:40	22:11
10		4:13	10:29	16:28	22:59
11		5:03	11:18	17:16	23:48
12		5:53	12:07	18:05	
13	0:36	6:43	12:56	18:55	
14	1:24	7:32	13:47	19:48	
15	2:13	8:22	14:39	20:41	
16	3:02	9:12	15:32	21:33	
17	3:50	10:00	16:23	22:23	
18	4:37	10:47	17:12	23:10	
19	5:23	11:32	17:59	23:55	
20	6:09	12:16	18:44		
21		0:39	6:55	12:59	19:28
22		1:23	7:40	13:42	20:12
23		2:08	8:27	14:26	20:56
24		2:54	9:14	15:11	21:42
25		3:42	10:02	15:58	22:30
26		4:31	10:52	16:47	23:20
27		5:22	11:44	17:38	
28	0:11	6:15	12:38	18:33	
29	1:04	7:10	13:35	19:31	
30	1:59	8:06	14:35	20:31	

LINZ

Venus has been getting steadily lower in the dusk sky for the past few weeks and now moves in front of the Sun on June 4 and is invisible until later in the month when it reappears in the dawn as the 'morning star'. However, faint Mercury now takes over from Venus at dusk appearing low in the NW early in the month. Bright Jupiter and Saturn make a lovely duo rising in the late eastern evening sky to be followed a few hours later by reddish Mars which is getting ever closer to us and thus brighter. The Sun moves to its most northerly point in the sky on the 21st which marks the winter solstice and our shortest day of the year in the southern hemisphere while Matariki (the Pleiades or Seven Sisters) becomes visible in the dawn sky again early this month.

- June 4 - Faint Mercury is at its highest in the sky tonight and can be spotted just at dusk in the NW near where Venus was all last month.
- June 7 - A very bright Moon sits high above bright Jupiter and then Saturn in the late evening sky.
- June 8 - The Moon now sits directly above Jupiter with fainter Saturn slightly lower down late in the evening.
- June 9 - The Moon now sits below and to the right of Saturn with bright Jupiter a bit higher up.
- June 13 - Reddish Mars lies just below the Moon very late in the night or in the early morning sky.
- June 14 - Mars now sits just above and to the left of the Moon and is distinctly reddish and becoming closer to us and brighter.
- June 19 - Matariki is easy to spot early this morning as it lies just below and to the left of a thin crescent Moon. Bright Venus lies on the other side of the Moon at the same level as Matariki.
- June 20 - A minute crescent Moon lies very low on the NE horizon before sunrise with Matariki and Venus above it and to the left.
- June 23 - At dusk the Moon lies low in the NW above the star Pollux in Gemini with faint Mercury a bit lower and to the left.

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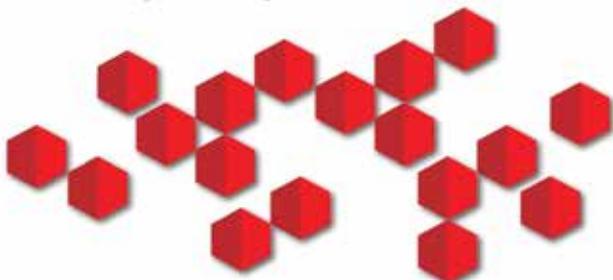


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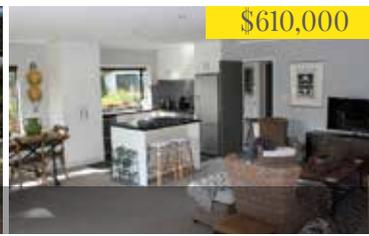
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