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Local Democracy in Action

When over a 100 people show up for a political meeting in the 21st century that is doing pretty good. In fact one could call it a huge success. Especially so in a small community like Matarangi. Some much larger towns in New Zealand with many times the population have held Meet the Candidate meetings this year and have had only half that many. All up across the two recent meet the candidate meetings at the Dunes held over consecutive weekends almost 200 people attended, with 120 going to meet the Mayors and the following week around 70 to meet the councillors.

The brainchild of Trudi Haydes, the Matarangi Meet the Candidates meetings no doubt will return for future elections, due to the success of the event and the format in how it was run.

"Some of my close friends were asking who are you going to vote for? I felt we needed the residents and ratepayers in the Northern Mercury Bay to have the opportunity to meet those standing and were going to represent our communities through to 2028."

Trudi approached Mark Bedford of the MRRA and Steve Hart of the KRRA. Both said yes to her about going ahead and offered their help and support. She also approached former TCDC Councillor Tony Fox to MC the event and Troy Leather from The Dunes who was happy to offer the venue. The response from the candidates was an instant and positive - Yes!

"I went ahead and booked the Dunes for two following Sundays. So when 120 people came from Matarangi, Kuaotunu, Opito and Whangapoua, as well as Coromandel and Whitianga to attend the first Mayoral candidates meeting the first weekend I knew right away that these meetings are necessary in enabling us in deciding who will be best to represent us. I was really pleased too that we received many questions prior to the meeting from the public that we were able to put to the candidates."

"I was close to this during the 2010 election. I remember well the changes needed in the TCDC at the time and how the newly formed council worked well together as a team," said Trudi. "We need leadership from the top and a strong team who can work together without falling apart."

Due to the numbers standing we were unable to accommodate our two regional council candidates who would usually have had the opportunity to speak. Current regional councillor Warren Mahar came up from Tairua, attending both meetings, and was able to talk informally with many of the audience and the standing candidates.

Warren's wife Liza has been an active attendee of all the meetings so far around the Hauraki-Coromandel region was really impressed with the organisation and venue of the meeting.

"We both agreed The Dunes Golf Club rooms were

the perfect venue for the amount of attendees. It was warm and cozy - not like a cold large public hall. It's a very nice Golf Club and we were very impressed with the organisation and flow of the meeting."

"In my opinion, the only way to make an informed decision is to attend one or two of these meet the candidates and mayors. I like the idea of surprise questions from the crowd as this definitely "puts them on the spot" and this is where you can see how they handle themselves and if they have the knowledge and or experience to answer the public's questions. Sort of gives you an understanding of their abilities and if they can work within a team."

"We also liked that we could mix and mingle after the meeting in the relaxed atmosphere of the Dunes Golf Club, where you could have a drink if you chose to and get to chat with the candidates and mayors whereas in a large public hall setting, a lot of public and candidates leave straight after the meeting has closed."

Those who attended were very positive in what they got out of it and said it hugely helped who they were going to vote. A number even told the MBP that they had actually changed their minds following seeing and hearing from the candidates.

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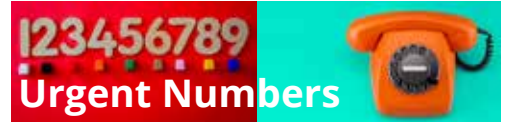
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Local Democracy in Action

John Hackett was one of those who attended and at one meeting got roped into being the time-keeper and regarded the meetings as all in all a good promotion for the Council and Community Ward prospective candidates. "You can't fault their high hopes for the Coromandel," says John.

"Local politics at best! Self-promotion; criticism of current candidates' performances; some waffly promises; some sincere and well-thought ideas; a real mixture of Coromandel culture, and in the main, good-intentioned people prepared to work for their community."

"So now we've heard it all, we have to cast our votes. Please, if you've gone to the trouble of registering, get out there and vote. You just hope that they don't have sincere community-minded intentions, fall on hard ground and fail because of that."

Another who attended was Alastair Brickell of Kuaotunu who saw it as a positive for democracy. "First of all, hats off to all those standing. It's a big commitment and not one I'm prepared to do, so many thanks to them all for putting their names forward. They all know that there's a reasonable chance that they may lose out so it could be a lot of their time for nothing in the end."

"Secondly, it was wonderful to see such a good turnout at both events. National media coverage would have us believe that people are not interested in local body politics but that's certainly not the case here on the Coromandel. Long may it last...if we don't partake in the election process we have no right to complain about who we get."

It is not the job of the MBP to tell you who to vote for but if you did not attend you can do three things to help you decide. Read the candidate statements, ask those who attended the two local meet the candidate meetings what they thought of the candidates and finally take a good look at the candidate adverts inside this publication. It is obvious though that a candidate who has taken the trouble to advertise in the MBP is by default a very sensible person and worth your consideration.

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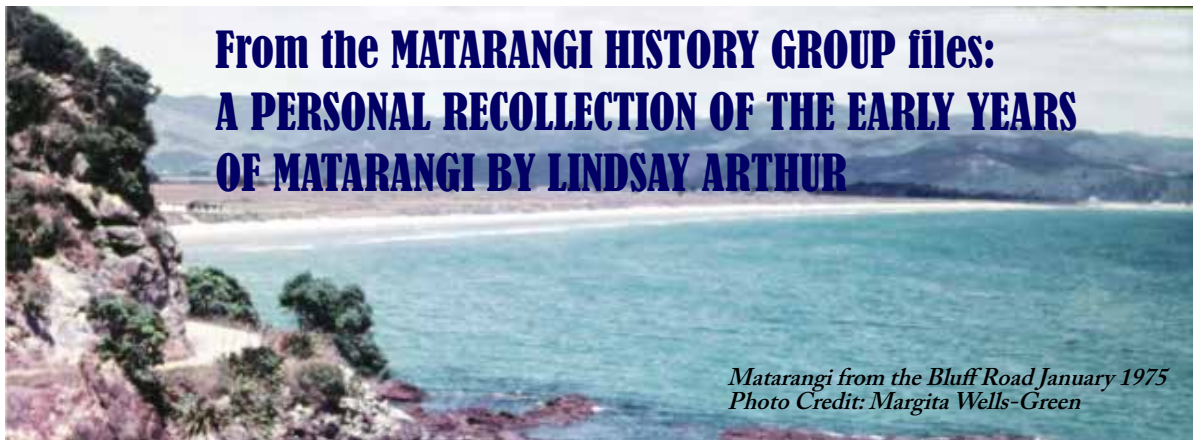
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From the MATARANGI HISTORY GROUP files: A PERSONAL RECOLLECTION OF THE EARLY YEARS OF MATARANGI BY LINDSAY ARTHUR



*Matarangi from the Bluff Road January 1975
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The Matarangi subdivision was first mooted in 1973 by developer Ken Woodhead. Prior to this the Matarangi peninsula was farmed by George Simpson who is still living at Kuaotunu today. The only access into Matarangi then was by way of the Bluff Road and planning for the development was soon underway and the first sections on Kenwood Drive were released for sale in 1976. At the time of the stage 1 section release there wasn't yet even a formed road down what is now known as Kenwood Drive.

When the road was completed it had underground services but no water reticulation, so the first sections had to supply water for themselves, in our case at lot 47 we had a bore driven down, it had perfect water. Matarangi was seen by many to be a second Pauanui, mostly because it was a similar sand peninsula and Ken Woodhead tried to set it apart by having red scoria streets, which at the time was sort of unique.

Around this time the management of the subdivision also decided to plant a nurse crop of radiata pine while farming of the rest of the peninsula was still being phased out. This was no easy feat as there was much of the area covered in Kykuia, this nurse crop is why there were so many pine trees around until 2000.

Many will not know but in those early days, we all had to drive around a woolshed to enter into Kenwood or Matarangi Drive. Back in the late 1970's the section prices for a Kenwood Drive beach front section were \$29,950, one back was \$10,500 and across the road on Kenwood was much the same. By 1985 those beach front sections were heading for \$85,000.

As stage 1 and 2 of the development progressed along with the new Waimarie sections, Ken Woodhead started negotiating with the New Zealand Forest Service to get fill from hills adjacent to where Matarangi road meets SH 25. I was part of these negotiations. The fill was to be used to form a road base for a new access road that was planned to go into the subdivision. It did go ahead and a temporary bridge over the Mapauriki Creek was built to facilitate what is now our only access. This bridge lasted a few years and along with a new tarseal road we later got a new concrete bridge.

From here on the Matarangi subdivision flourished, new stages were on the market, and prices were climbing at

one stage sometimes by \$1000 dollars a week. I think this was around 1985. For all that though there were still only a few permanent residents. At the time there were some good attempts to progress commercial businesses. My wife Heather ran a little shop selling only bread, milk and papers. Blue Lewis had a bulk tank installed and sold petrol. These were hugely successful and showed the way for the commercial centre we have here in Matarangi today.

The toll call boundary between Coromandel and Whitianga used to be about the Mapauriki stream so it was a toll call to ring from here in Matarangi to the Clague house where Pook used to live on the other side of the boundary. Another detail I recall is that Canadian geese were introduced to this area by a local in the mid 1970's, just 7 birds!

As Matarangi's size was increasing, water reticulation was now needed to be installed. However water supply became an issue and after some research it was decided to source water from the Opitonui stream across the harbour approximately 5 km away. This required land owner consent, additional consents to cross the harbour including a consent to blast a trench through the main channel. Not a quick or a small operation but with a lot of cooperation from many it was completed. New holding tanks were installed up on Bluff hill above Goldfields Place. Later a water treatment station was added near the commercial centre.

In those early days there was always a good safe airfield. It was well recognised and many people flew down for weekends. It was also quite an attraction for pilots from Auckland and afar to fly in to visit. The RNZAF also held periodic exercises from here, and it was not unusual to see an Andover fly in and complete many practice take offs and landings.

Back in the 1980s a volunteer Fire Brigade was set up. I actually started this by donating a Wajax firefighting pump and 3 packs of hose to get them started. Not as grand as it might first seem, as I was working for New Zealand Forest Service and had access to all fire gear in the Auckland Conservancy. We had some years before done the same for Whitianga and Coromandel Brigades, and later I also did the same for the Kuaotunu and Papa Aroha brigades. To get the Matarangi Volunteer Fire Brigade started I ran a series of simulated exercises and later took a number of volunteers up to big Class 1 burns in the forest.

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I also donated a firefighting shield for local competitions. Another thing I did was invite guest speakers in to pass on some of their experiences. One such speaker was a field medic for the SAS. He showed just 12 action photos and spoke to each. This guest night was so well received that we had to limit numbers but the talk was so graphic that some had left the room before the second slide was shown.

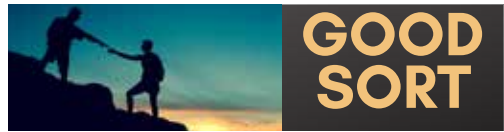
The developers of the time financed the building of a jetty. The same one we have today. It was built by local farmers Sonny Vause and Ian O'Brien, and interestingly it was built without any consent and when in the early 90s Regional Councils and DOC came into being, they insisted on having retrospective consents being applied for.

As numbers increased in the subdivision so did the boating activities. I set about placing the first harbour markers, and I asked and got some long treated poles from the council engineer. I blew them in with a water jet made up from a Wajax pump. The first one went in so easy it went too deep and had to be lifted back out.

Social activities increased as more and more permanent residents arrived into the community. The Volunteer Fire Brigade became a great meeting point, the fishing club was formed. During the summer a Sand Castle competition was organised and run by local Builder Phil Forsyth. Also the Cardboard Cup and the Big Treasure Hunt, both children's events that have been run by Richardson's Real Estate.

For a number of years Blue Lewis and a couple of friends hosted a very popular flounder night down at the jetty. They would set some nets, spread the word, and then BBQ them for anyone who wanted to come. Often it drew big crowds. I always have filleted my flounders and when everyone saw what I did and tried them, it was a bit of a game changer so I finished up filleting on flounder night and not doing much eating!

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The Good Sort for September is Darren Walker of the Matarangi 4 Square. The serviceway and parking areas around the Fire Station and shops carpark has been in a rough state this winter with numerous potholes. With deferred maintenance the place was becoming a poor advertisement to visitors to the village. Thanks to Darren he took it upon himself at his cost of time and materials to patch the place up. The good folk of Matarangi salute you!



The highlight of the annual PTA Curry and Quiz night is double fold in that we have an awesome meal of superb curries prepared by Stephen McLean and another starring appearance of the Bradley Walsh of Te Rerenga, local Quiz master legend Mr. Andy Corles.

Once again it was a full house of 17 teams who were challenged with the usual curly questions that Andy likes to torture us with, but there had to be a winner and the Quiz champs for 2025 were The Shed Gang of Mary, Teresa, Liam and Claire who scored 93 points edging out the second place team Danielle, Steve, Josh and Kirsti called Broken Pieces on 91.

The winning team The Shed Gang are looking forward to taking up their 1st place prize of a round of Golf at the Dunes this summer.

The PTA committee can't thank the community enough for showing up and making the Curry and Quiz night a huge success with the proceeds going to their great work in supporting our local school. Do give your support to the incredible sponsors who generously supported the night with prizes. The Whangapoua Store, The Dunes, Richardsons Real Estate Matarangi, Pipers Cafe; Puku And Kerre's Liquor Store, the Matarangi General Store, Four Square Matarangi, Castle Rock Fine Foods.



A big congratulations to the two Te Rerenga Year 7 & 8 netball teams who fought a tight battle to finish the netball season, with the Te Rerenga Shooting Stars coming out the winners, 24-23 over the Te Rerenga Court Crushers in the Mercury Bay Netball Centre's Year 7 & 8 final.



The MBP would like to acknowledge the sterling endeavours of Trudi Haydes in organising the very successful series of Meet the Candidates Meetings held last month at The Dunes. Trudi pretty much single handedly gave up hours of her time to give us the residents of the Northern Mercury Bay the opportunity to hear and see those who are standing for election on council and to help us make our decision.

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With the MBP in Apia Samoa on a school cultural trip are Morrinsville Scouts as well as Morrinsville Intermediate School students Kyle Bussey, Alex Tahere, Jessie Rogers & Patrick Briscoe. Alex's parents Caroline and Aaron own a villa at the Dunes and spend weekends in Matarangi all year round.



Here are Struan and Angus English with the MBP in Drumheller, Alberta, also known as the badlands. It is a mini canyon well known for dinosaur bone discoveries.



Behind the MBP is Jenny Hunt before she went delving into history at the Egyptian Museum in Turin, Italy.



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The local election season is now upon us with meet the candidate meetings around the peninsula underway, billboards are popping up on roadsides, and candidates out on the hustings seeking your vote.

A palpable sense of change is in the air as places like the Coromandel deal with a post covid world of blighted by cost of living pressures and societal upheaval. This will impact on how voters cast their vote this year. Rate rises are way ahead of inflation and now over \$5000 per annum in places like Matarangi and Kuaotunu. Residents and ratepayers are seemingly on the warpath.

They want to see the TCDC trim its spending back to the basics and concentrate on water infrastructure, local roads, public toilets, parks and reserves, lowering consenting costs and timeframes to build as well as keeping the Coromandel the best place to live in the country.

A major report from the Think Tank the New Zealand Initiative from last December noted that Local government in New Zealand now suffers from a democratic void due to changes in the Local Government Act since its inception 23 years. The report states that though citizens elect mayors and councillors, believing they are choosing leaders who will guide their communities' futures, these representatives lack genuine power to govern. Actual authority to get things done increasingly lies more with unelected officials, often out of public sight. It takes a very capable and strong group of people elected by the community as our Mayors and Councillors to make sure that what the public votes for is enacted and clear governance oversight undertaken. Our responsibility as voters and rate payers as we will hand over \$15000 per household to Council via rates in the next 3 years is to make sure elect them for reasons more than just been lovely enthusiastic people who love the local area.

To that end beyond the candidate statements, the MBP thought that with such a large lineup of candidates to choose from of those standing to represent us in the Mercury Bay, that it would fire off to all the candidates with the following two questions to drill down to some specifics prior to the meeting at The Dunes. 1. What experience and insights can you bring to the position of Councillor / Community Board Member that can benefit our local community? 2. What are the main policies or outcomes that you hope to advance for the people of the Mercury Bay over the next council term?

Not all the candidates replied in a timely fashion as I believed that 72 hours prior was time enough, but those who did gave great responses.

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Whangapoua resident Tony Brljevic has a background in local politics going back many years, serving on Council for the Coromandel-Colville ward between 2010-2019. He chaired the Infrastructure Committee and was Deputy Mayor from 2016. "In our first term we achieved a rate reduction of 4.5%, a major turnaround from the 21% forecasted increase."

"We drove efficiencies, reduced expenditure and borrowings. We delegated Community Boards greater decision-making power. I understand what's required to turn Council around. I bring experienced leadership and practical solutions," said Tony. Tony says that with his engineering background and life experience it enables him to "think outside the square" and get the basics right. "I will work to cap rates, drive efficiencies, reduce borrowing, prioritise core services, increase transparency, and restore local democracy by delegating greater power to Community Boards."

Local business owner and current Councillor John Grant brings strong leadership from a senior management career and Council roles on the Chief Executive Committee, Risk and Assurance Committee, Civil Defence Group, and Waters Working Group. "Running Coromandel Insurance Services and CFM. I champion financial discipline, represent ratepayers effectively, and drive positive outcomes for Mercury Bay."

John says that he'll keep Council costs in check by cutting unnecessary spending and prioritising core services like roads and water. "I'll push for sensible water reforms under Local Water Done Well including speedy resolution of the current non-metered charging issue, advocate pausing non-essential projects, and ensure rate rises are restrained. I'll work to lessen ratepayers' burdens and deliver value for the ratepayer dollar."

Also standing for council again is Deli Connell who currently sits on the Hauraki Gulf Forum, the Community Resilience committee which has oversight over storm recovery and disaster response and sits on the Matarangi Stormwater stakeholder group. "I have built strong relationships with the Northern Resident and Ratepayer Associations over the twelve years I have been an elected member for our Ward."

Deli has advocated for the Kuaotunu Peninsula Dark Sky initiative and Bluff Track Connectivity Project as examples and against Capital Value rating and, if the

new Council has the numbers, would like that decision revisited. "We had a great model when Glenn Leach was Mayor. Community Boards are currently frustrated and disenfranchised. My goal is to be part of a new Council, with the right leadership, prepared to make changes here. Getting future rate increases down close to CPI."

First time candidate Flemming Rasmussen brings a legal and business background to the role of councillor. "I practice law and have proven, successful business and leadership experience. We need local decisions by locals, for locals. We need value for our rates. I bring a results-focused, no-nonsense approach to governance and leadership, anchored in financial, business and legal acumen. We face significant challenges. Difficult calls are required. TDC must be put on a disciplined, fiscally sustainable path."

According to Flemming the status quo is not an option and real change is required. "We have endured three years of +36% unaffordable, unsustainable rate increases, planned debt tripling, quadrupling of interest costs, and a lack of transparency and accountability. Like rust, TDC's ever-increasing bureaucracy does not sleep. We need to get Council Back-to-Basics. Delivering core services only with a relentless focus on cost-efficient service delivery."

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Peter Mc Kenzie has been a member of the Mercury Bay Community Board for the past three years and is seeking another term. "I am a retired lawyer after 50 years in practice in Auckland. With this comes the experience of dealing with people and problems, the ability to sort

the wheat from the chaff and the ability to recognise and appreciate common sense."

Peter would like to see the Board with a wider authority to action policies and changes in our District. "At the present time I think the Council leads the Community Board and I would like to see the Board with more autonomy."

Jo Pullen is an Opito Bay resident whose children attend Te Rerenga school. Jo has a background in design, a degree in architecture, and experience as a successful business owner and landlord. "I bring a practical and innovative mindset to the role. My experience living on a boat and interacting with isolated communities has taught me the importance of community, resilience, and adaptability."

"I'm a skilled problem-solver, able to think on my feet, and remain calm in adversity. I'm committed to listening to the community, working collaboratively with fellow members, and driving positive change through sensible, evidence based decision-making."

First time candidate and former local panelbeater business owner Rob Davis says he can no longer sit back and hope that we get a half decent community board to lead us forward. "I'm not happy with how things are, and they need to change. Our council needs local input to improve how they operate our communities and how to attend to infrastructure."

"Our communities have seen growth and change, our villages have opened their doors to progress and to share the paradise in which we live. This in turn changes the dynamics of our villages which needs to be managed with thought and vision. What attracted people to live here needs to be retained and remembered. My frustrations are something that we all share, and I have taken it on to do something about our situation."

Your ballot papers will start to arrive in your mailboxes between 9 September and 22 September 2025. Remember that voting closes at noon on 11 October 2025.

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Flemming Rasmussen



REAL CHANGE REQUIRED

We have endured three years of +36% unaffordable, unsustainable rate increases, planned debt tripling, quadrupling of interest costs, and a lack of transparency and accountability.

BACK-TO-BASICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Council must have a relentless focus on delivering cost-effective core service only.

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**Vote
KIM ABRAHAMSON**



• **Advocacy**

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• **Outcomes**

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Mercury Bay Community Board

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John Grant for TCDC Councillor

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John is a passionate Coromandel leader, living in Whitianga with his wife Lynda. As a business owner of Coromandel Insurance Services and Coromandel's CFM radio, John is deeply invested in our community.

His key priorities include:

- **Lower Rates:** Fighting to reduce rates and focus on core council services.
- **Local Waters Done Well:** Completing reforms to save millions annually by collaborating with larger councils.
- **Water Metering:** Supporting fair water charging.



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Council Candidates Rekha Giri-Percival, Deli Connell, Fleming Rasmussen, John Grant, Tony Brljevic and Peter Wood following the Meet the Candidates meeting at The Dunes on August 17th.

Tony Brljevic

I live in Whangapoua with my wife Wanda. I served as a District Councillor from 2010-2019, including as Chair of the Infrastructure Committee and Deputy Mayor. Between 2010 and 2013, we reduced rates by 4.5% - a major turnaround from the forecast 21% increase. We cut spending and borrowing, improved efficiency, and implemented a Community Empowerment model, giving Community Boards more local decision-making power.

Those gains have since been lost. During a cost-of-living crisis, rates and borrowing are skyrocketing, bureaucracy is unchecked, and communities have lost their voice. I know what's required to turn this around.

Real change is needed. I will bring experienced leadership and practical solutions. My engineering background enables me to solve problems, think outside the square, and focus on getting the basics right.

I will work to cap rates, drive efficiencies, reduce borrowing, prioritise core services, increase transparency, and restore local democracy by decentralising council decision-making.

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Deli Connell

I've been privileged to reside in Mercury Bay for the past 42 years and have been an elected member for 12 years. I have a background in programme management and have worked in both government and non-government organisations with a lens on sustainable development.

I am well-equipped in strategic planning, budget management and community engagement having facilitated projects showcased at a National and International level.

I have been a representative on the Hauraki Gulf Forum, Destination Hauraki Coromandel Advisory panel, stormwater stakeholder groups and the Sustainability and Community Resilience Committee.

I am active in my community attending the vast majority of ratepayer meetings. I spend time in all corners of the Ward, often on my bike, supporting local cafes, checking out infrastructure and, most importantly, talking with locals.

I have made many connections and am a conduit for the issues and aspirations of each unique community.

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Rekha Giri-Percival

Planning for and managing Mercury Bay's growth motivated me to stand for the Community Board, where I served two terms. I am currently a District Councillor.

Reforms in local waters and resource management, coupled with the rising costs of doing business, weigh heavily on councils. The incoming Council will need to navigate these challenges while maintain business as usual.

Experience, an understanding of local government, and a commitment to avoiding wasteful spending are essential for moving our Council forward at this critical time.

My husband and I run a residential building business in Whitianga, where our children attend school. I am deeply invested in making our district the best place to live, work, and play.

I'm asking for your support to continue working for our community. I bring corporate experience in construction, engineering, oil and gas, and I hold a Bachelor of International Communication and a Postgraduate Diploma in Business.

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Mercury Bay Ward Council Candidate Statements

John Grant

John Grant, Leadership That Listens and Delivers

I've been honoured to serve as your Mercury Bay Councillor. Fought to ease the pressure on households, helping reduce a proposed 11.4% rate hike to 7.7% and cutting unnecessary spending like the extravagant 'Our Coromandel' magazine. Supported strong Community Board candidates who stand up for locals ensuring your voice reaches the Council table.

When 5000 people signed a petition against sweeping fishing restrictions, I proudly lead that charge - striking a better balance between protecting our environment and safeguarding our way of life.

As part of Council's Water Services Working Group, I'm working across councils to bring down water costs for ratepayers.

My priorities, simple but essential: roads, water, rubbish services - delivered affordably. I support pausing non-essential projects, encouraging developer initiatives, and making council more responsive and locally driven.

Vote John Grant, for strong, practical leadership that puts our communities first.

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Flemming Rasmussen

I live in Kuaotunu, practice law, and have proven, successful business and leadership experience.

Status Quo - Not an Option: We have endured three years of unaffordable, unsustainable rate increases exceeding 36%, planned debt tripling, quadrupling of interest costs, and a lack of transparency and accountability. Our increased bureaucracy, like rust, does not sleep.

Change Required: I bring a results-focused, no-nonsense approach to governance and leadership, anchored in financial, business and legal acumen. We face significant challenges. Difficult calls are required. TCDC must be put on a disciplined, fiscally sustainable path.

I Stand For: Accountability. Common sense. Back-to-Basics. Transparency.

I Will Deliver: Ratepayer Value: Relentless focus on Council's core purpose, business and spending.

Fiscal Prudence: Limit annual rate increases to 3% or CPI.

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Peter Wood

Born 1937. Past L.G. experience: Two terms as Councillor for Thames, Three terms on Thames Community Board. Two terms on the Coromandel catchment committee for Waikato Regional Council. A term as Chair of TCDC utilities committee. Forty-six years as a primary school teacher in various areas.

I believe in transparent discussion not closed meetings. With no computer I will expect hardcopy of the order paper etc. As the only powers a CBD has are those delegated by Council.

I promote advocacy from discussion and consensus to TCDC via our councillors.

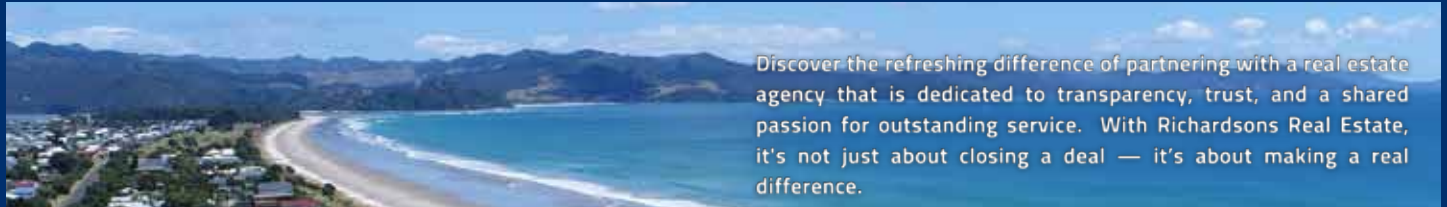
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Matarangi Business Association Holds Inaugural Meeting

Full of enthusiasm and great ideas for the future, the Matarangi Business Association held its inaugural meeting at The Dunes last Sunday with a wide range of business entities attending from retail, cuisine, professional services and building.

The first meeting organised by Simone Parr was all about seeking input about the potential of a local business group and discussing ways in which businesses can work together more collaboratively, grow their business activity, coordinate events, improve marketing, hold workshops and seminars, assist with mentoring, hold social get togethers, create opportunities and build networks and generally support each other.

The meeting noted that there are hundreds of locally operated businesses especially so if Kuaotunu, Opito and Whangapoua were included in the future.

The main outcome of the meeting was the establishment of two key objectives to guide the association going forward into a more formal and focused entity.

1. Promote Local Businesses: Support and highlight local businesses to build a thriving business community that enables residents to both live and work locally.

2. Foster Connections: Provide opportunities for networking, collaboration, and support among business owners.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 3:30pm with the venue to be determined. Watch the Matarangi Facebook Group for more details.



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- Empowered community boards

VOTE Deli Connell for Council

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Mercury Bay Community Board Candidate Statements

Kim Abrahamson

Since my childhood I have lived and worked in Mercury Bay, an area I'm proud to call home.

After completing a Bachelor of Education I have worked almost entirely in education. I continue to be an active member of local clubs.

I am a trustee for Te Tiihi Nui trust, an organization that provides opportunities for young adults with disabilities. I am a Justice of the Peace.

If elected my focus will be on achieving outcomes across the entire ward. I intend to create a positive link between community and council, advocating on behalf of and promoting our communities, whilst ensuring that every dollar is valued.

I'm confident of having a strong working relationship with the board elect and look forward to being a part of a proactive council that progresses a wide range of issues.

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Rob Davis

Hello, I'm a long time local of Whitianga, a successful business owner, dad & husband.

The town is expanding, our village is growing & the community spirit is still thriving, now is the time to do my part & add my contribution. Council needs realigning to remember they serve the people & to make fair rules for all.

There is a requirement for common sense and logic to be applied & quality long term vision.

Caroline Hobman

Having lived in Whitianga for nearly 10 years, I was elected to the Mercury Bay Community Board in 2022, on the platform of challenging top-down decisions from Council management.

I am committed to my community and believe in grassroots governance that reflects the will of our residents and ratepayers. Membership of Grey Power, along with serving on the Whitianga Residents' and Ratepayers' Association committee, gives me opportunities to listen to community concerns.

If elected I would seek to progress the use of the 'local discretionary fund', ie grants, for the community.

I support creative, locally led economic development and oppose Council competing with local businesses. For example, the production of its 'Our Coromandel' magazine, which takes advertising dollars away from local publishers.

I personally support adopting the Chief Ombudsman's recommendations to improve transparency and openness in our Council.

I'll continue to be present, listening, and advocating for you.

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Bess Kingi Edmonds

I have resided in Whitianga with my whanau in Whitianga for 34 years now, which we consider a privilege. I own a digital embroidery & clothing repair business that is well supported. In my role as Justice of the Peace & an advocate for Grandparents raising grandchildren, I have come to know & engage with our community at a grassroots level, which I am very passionate about.

I am currently a Mercury Bay Community Board member. As a board we all have different skills & knowledge to contribute.

I see mine as being a voice reflecting the diversity & needs within this unique community. I want to continue offering balanced representation & advocating for often unheard voices.

'He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tangata, He tangata, He tangata.'

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Peter Mackenzie

My name is Peter Mackenzie. I am a retired lawyer and my wife and I and our two small dogs left Auckland and retired to Whitianga in 2016.

I enjoy playing bowls, I enjoy fishing, I enjoy walking our two dogs, I enjoy our beaches and I enjoy having a drink and a chat with our friends.

I have been on the Mercury Bay Community Board since the last election and I have learnt a lot as to how the Community Board and the Council functions or at times appears not to function.

I am a firm believer in the power of common sense and I get impatient with unnecessary time and cost spent on protocol and process where a straight forward approach and result is readily apparent.

Joanne Pullin

My husband and I, with our long connection to Ōpito Bay, are proud residents of Kūaotunu with our three children who attend Te Rerenga school. As a passionate advocate for our community and the environment, I'm committed to making a positive difference in our beautiful, diverse neighbourhood.

With a Bachelor of Architecture, experience as a successful business owner and commercial landlord, and five years living on our boat exploring remote South Pacific islands, I will bring a distinctive blend of skills and perspective to local governance.

As a representative for the Mercury Bay Ward, I'll work to ensure community voices are heard and valued. I'm dedicated to common-sense approaches with practical solutions, ensuring resources are used efficiently. I'm particularly concerned about policies prioritising ideology over practicality and believe in sensible, evidence-based decision-making that supports local needs and protects our community's interests.

Let's build a brighter future for Mercury Bay together!

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Richard Shelford-Woodcock

As a proud Whitianga resident with 20 years of voluntary service and governance experience, I'm standing for the Mercury Bay Community Board to advocate for real community empowerment and practical leadership.

I've recently served as Chair of the Whitianga Residents & Ratepayers Association and District Chair of the Coromandel Alliance Associations - roles where I pushed for fairer, more transparent local government and stronger grassroots representation.

I will work to empower the Community Board by fostering genuine community dialogue, restoring trust, and cutting through bureaucratic red tape that slows progress. I support fair and sustainable rates, and a renewed focus on Core infrastructure.

Change begins by changing the culture within - replacing backward looking processes with open, community-led leadership. I believe our council coupled with our community board must listen, act, and speak with one voice.

Let's build a Community Board that works for Mercury Bay.

Empowerment. Teamwork. Leadership.

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Community Board Candidates Kim Abrahamson, Caroline Hobman, Joanne Pullin, Rob Davis and Richard Shelford-Woodcock following the Matarangi Meet the Candidates Meeting on August 24th held at The Dunes. Absent Bess Kingi-Edmonds and Peter Mackenzie.



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Waikato Regional Councillor Warren Maher

Over the past three years, I have proudly served the Waikato Regional Council as Chair of the Strategy & Policy, Submissions, and Dangerous Dams Hearing Committees. I also contribute to the Risk & Assurance, Integrated Catchment Management, and Chief Executive Employment & Remuneration Committees, alongside three District Council working groups on community adaptation and future planning.

As part of the Rates Control Team—made up of six current Councillors and two new candidates—I am committed to keeping rates at or below inflation. If re-elected, we will return the \$2.5 million rates surplus to ratepayers through lower rates.

Beyond Council, I hold New Zealand Commissioners Accreditation and bring broad governance experience. I lead the NZ Sports Fishing Council Youth Committee, co-chair the Hauraki Gulf Forum addressing

coastal challenges such as the spread of Exotic Caulerpa seaweed, and serve as a Trustee of the Youth Ocean Trust, empowering our young people to protect our marine environment.

My leadership is results-driven and grounded in fiscal responsibility, sustainable progress, and strong local knowledge. I believe our economic, social, and cultural values can be balanced to benefit our communities while safeguarding the natural environment.

Our land and sea are the Coromandel Peninsula's greatest assets. That is why I have championed efforts to improve water quality, enhance biodiversity and biosecurity, and back community-led environmental initiatives. I remain committed to securing a sustainable future for Aquaculture while protecting and retaining our vital freshwater resources.

Regional transport is an area where the



Peninsula has suffered from a lack of support and funding. I will continue to advocate for local transport solutions that are functional and cost effective. Civil Defence is also a responsibility of Regional Council and I fully support the use of new technology warning systems, such as the ones that are currently being installed in Northland.

Building on my record, I will ensure decisions remain transparent, accountable and focused on delivering value for you the ratepayer.

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over the past few years. We enjoyed a visit from the Japanese students at Evakona Language School. Our Year 5&6 students welcomed them by singing waiata and doing a haka. The visitors replied with two songs, before having a walk around the school and talking to our students. They enjoyed the opportunity to visit a rural New Zealand School. Our book fair was once again a great success with over \$2000 of sales. This wouldn't be achieved without the generous volunteering of her time by Claire Veevers. Claire, you are an absolute gem!

Last week our entire school performed at the Ahurei Kapa haka Festival with all the other schools on the peninsula at Mercury Bay Area School. Our students were outstanding and looked wonderful in our new kapa haka uniforms, kakahu, for the girls, and tatua for the boys. The idea for having our own kapa haka design began nearly two years ago with children putting forward their designs that represented the area we live in. Hannah KimTreang was then asked to take those designs and come up with an interpretation

that represented where we live and who we are. The final design was shared with Ngati Huarere, our local iwi and has Motutere te maunga in the centre. The colours incorporate Te Rerenga School colours and the colours of the paua shell. We are very thankful to the contribution from A Taste of Matarangi and the BOT.

I am really pleased to announce that a variable speed limit (VSL) through Te Rerenga is being installed. The variable speed limit of 30km will operate during school travel periods at the start and end of the school day. The VSL operates when the speed limit is displayed on an electronic sign and is legally enforceable. At all other times the speed limit will be 80km/h. We can also activate the signs at other times when there will be an increase of activity at the school. e.g. school events like cross country or the colour run.

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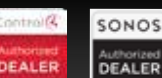
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THE FISHING REPORT

Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club

We have had a few fish weighed in for August. A very nice Kingfish and several Trevally. Two of our club members ventured to Waihou Bay for an overnigher and returned to weigh in some nice Southern Blue Fin Tuna.

Weather conditions haven't been that favourable but with a change of season to spring, let's hope this improves and a few more can get out on the water.

The Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club Inc. is thrilled to announce our exciting \$500 Average Weight Snapper challenge for the upcoming 2025/2026 season club members. All details can be found on our website and Facebook page. <https://www.mbfcc.co.nz/newsarticle/155388?newsfeedId=2035672>

Have you downloaded our app on your phone? Go to either the App store (Apple) or Google Play (Android), search Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club and download. If you are a current financial member, you can download your membership card on the app. Handy to have ready when you weigh in your catch.

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The WHITIANGA COASTGUARD can be contacted on CHANNEL 63 and the NOW WEATHER REPORT is on CHANNEL 20.

Safe boating and limit your catch, don't catch your limit.

Tight Lines,
Matarangi Boat & Fishing Club Inc.

Matarangi Fire Report

August has been a busy month with call outs, 8 in total and all medical, ranging from dislocations, lacerations and chest pains to name a few.

The importance of our brigade becoming a first response brigade as well has made a huge difference in response times to significant medical events. I would like to thank all our crew that have recently done their co-responders refresher and to our first responders doing their 6 monthly revalidation on the 13th September.

We have our annual AGM on the 17th September at 7pm at the fire station, all members are welcome to attend

On a lighter note we have our annual Malcolm Spry memorial golf tournament coming up on the Friday the 10th October, this is a popular event raising money for non-funded FENZ equipment.

We welcome new sponsors to make contact with us as well as thank our very much appreciated current sponsors.

Friday nights at 4pm, we open up to our members and their guests, to enjoy our hospitality. The membership draw, fresh meat pack raffle along with our door draw are very popular. A beverage by the fire out back is always a lovely way to spend a few hours with friends.

If you are not a member you can come down on a Friday and fill out an application.

Stay Safe,
Mark Hall

Chief Fire Officer
Matarangi Volunteer Fire Brigade

who were living it large across the West Coast of the USA taking in all the of the great scenery. Judy wrote a few words about what they got up to including Graham attending his son's stag do at Hooters in Las Vegas and that Graeme and Pete joined the younger boys to do the famous Las Vegas roller coaster after a few beers. Judy says you could imagine the rest.

In the Fire Report we learnt of notable achievements by some of our volunteers in terms of national unit standards. Brendan O'Connell gained a national certificate in fire and rescue services vegetation level 2 and Paul Shaw gained a national certificate in fire and rescue services level 4. Paul's achievement is particularly significant because very few people in New Zealand have achieved this level 4 certificate.

We also reported on the first birthday of Puku and Kerre's wine club who had Tohu and Aronui Vinwards attending. There were lots of prizes given out and a number of members went home with wine, fishing rods, crystal glasses and even cognac. A hot ham on the bone went down a real treat but it was the birthday cake baked by Brenda from Pipers café that was the real hit. A rich, moist chocolate cake topped with berries. Yum.

Stargazer Sights

SEPTEMBER 2025 By Alastair Brickell

This is the month of eclipses as very unusually we have both a lunar and solar eclipse to view. The first will be the lunar eclipse (sometimes referred to as a 'Blood Moon' in the media) at dusk on September 8 when the Earth's shadow covers the Moon. The much more rare partial solar eclipse will begin at sunrise on the 22nd with the eclipse underway when it rises. The Earth will not be totally in the Moon's shadow so it will not be a total eclipse but interesting to watch nevertheless as the Moon progressively appears to take a bite out of the Sun as it slowly moves between us and the Sun. Never stare directly at the Sun or use binoculars or a telescope to look at the Sun as instant blindness can result. However safe solar viewing glasses will be available to purchase from Stargazers (866-5343) but only from September 19 onwards for \$5.

Meanwhile bright Venus remains dominant in the early dawn sky with Jupiter now sitting well above it. Slightly yellowish Saturn is visible all night rising just after sunset. Faint Mars is low in the west after sunset.

There will be one Chinese Tiangong and many International Space Station (ISS) passes to enjoy this month but, as usual, timings may change especially towards the end of the month if they have to be moved to avoid space junk. Always best to check the website heavens-above.com for updated timings.

September 6 – The almost full Moon sits high above Saturn.

September 7 – The Moon has moved down to lie just above Saturn and there will be an eclipse of the Moon very late tonight starting at 4:27am in the morning of September 8 in the west.

September 8 – Eclipse of the Moon starting just before dawn at 4:27am low in the west. It is at its best from 5:31am and continues as the Moon sets. When the Full Moon rises again in the evening it will be just above and to the left of Saturn.

September 13 – Mars sits just to the right of the bluish star Spica at dusk which makes a nice contrast to the red planet.

September 14 – We have a long bright ISS pass from 5:50am in the NW.

September 16 – The Moon now lies to the left of bright Jupiter at dawn with a long bright ISS pass in the west from 5:49am.

September 17 – The crescent Moon now sits just below Jupiter and there will be a long bright ISS pass from 5:02am high in the west.

September 18 – Jupiter now lies above and to the left of the crescent Moon which itself sits just below the Beehive cluster and about halfway towards bright Venus at dawn.

September 19 – The very thin crescent Moon now sits to the left of bright Venus at dawn with a bright ISS pass from 5:01am in the SW.

September 22 – There is a rare partial eclipse of the Sun early this morning which will be already underway as the Sun rises with a big bite taken out of it. This will reach maximum at 7:10am then slowly shrink. The Moon's shadow moves off the Sun at about 8:15am. Use only solar glasses to look directly at the Sun and never use binoculars or a telescope otherwise instant blindness can result.

September 24 – The minute crescent Moon sits just to the left of reddish Mars in the west at dusk.

September 25 – The very thin crescent Moon now lies above Mars at dusk.

September 27 – The Moon now sits in Scorpio high above Mars at dusk.

September 28 – Start of daylight saving time today with a Tiangong pass from 6:12am in the west.



Our feature article of the month Ten Years ago was written by Harriet Brickell who reported on the amazing work of the Kuaotunu Hall Committee who were at the time right in the midst of the hall restoration process including many of the historical artifacts that are now on display at the hall.

Harriet highlighted the preservation of a couple of significant treasures. The WW1 Kuaotunu School Roll of Honour and the Kuaotunu Football Club 1891 Banner. She noted that the restoration consultant made the comment when she saw the Football Club banner that this is possibly one of the first banners with a silver fern on a black fabric, several years before the All Blacks became the All Blacks and had the silver fern on their jerseys which was around 1905 or 1906. So the iconic silver fern may have originated right here in Kuaotunu!

Ten years ago we got holiday snaps from Pete and Marie Murphy and Graeme and Judy Hall,

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Hugo Wins World Cup

Many of you over the years will have seen 18 year old Hugo Wigglesworth kite boarding here at Matarangi, either on the Whangapoua harbour or off the beach and been amazed at the fast, action packed spectacle complete gigantic jumps and daring somersaults.

Well all that time practicing on weekends and holidays alongside his parents Luke and Suzie when down at the family bach has paid off as Hugo is now the best in the world having won last weekend the GKA Hydrofoil Big Air World Cup in Sylt, Germany, against the top 16 competitors from around the world.

In the final against German kite boarder Finn Flugal with the wind hovering at just 13 knots, the conditions were challenging, but Hugo showed no sign of hesitation. Combining height, control, and smooth execution, Hugo looked untouchable and started to dominate the competition. In the closing moments, Hugo landed a trick worth 7.87 points to cement his victory.

It is the second time in a year that Hugo and his Kite Board have achieved lofty heights higher than any other in the sport. Just under a year ago he broke the world record for the highest jump ever completed by a kite boarder when he achieved a massive leap of 36.7 metres into the air at a competition in Porirua. For reference, that is the height of a 10 story building! We are proud that Hugo considers Matarangi as his favourite place for Kite Boarding.

The Dunes Golf Club Report



THE DUNES
MATARANGI

The Blue-Ribbon Prostate Cancer Fundraiser Golf Tournament was held last weekend and drew a full field of 144 players in 26 teams of four. At the function following prizegiving there were plenty of exciting live auctions, including for the second time running, the luxury Beachfront Villa Stay at Vomo Island, Fiji!

The tournament organising committee at the time of print were finalising playing results and funds raised, however the important thing is that 50% of the funds raised on the day will go towards Prostate Cancer NZ, and the other 50% will go towards supporting the club with essential capital requirements and on-going maintenance costs. The organisers would like to thank the support of their sponsors who contributed to making the day a great success. A full report on the tournament including their contribution will be in the next MBP.



Former All Black Captain Sir Wayne "Buck" Shelford was the special guest of The Dunes for the Blue-Ribbon Prostate Cancer Fundraiser Golf Tournament held last Saturday. Buck's team of Mark and Sarah Tomsett and David Todd played against Alan Dickinson's team of Max Gaskell, Luka Steiner and Ray Fanning, though both teams were well down in the results they really enjoyed their 18 holes together on the course.

Earlier in the month the 2025 Matarangi Masters brought 120 golfers from all over New Zealand who played conditions for golf over its 2 days. We saw standout performances from on the top of the category leaderboards with overall winner Ben Jujnovich who ended up with a 147 Gross, Fleur Reynolds (163 Gross) and Cathy Drake-Wells (145 Net). The tournament this year acknowledged Tracey Mulligan has had the winners trophy named in his honour. The club would like to thank Raymond and his greenkeeping team, Craig Batty who played a key role in getting the event into life and Craig Palmer who kept everything ticking along behind the scenes. Finally, a big thank you also our sponsors, Frog Property Solutions, The Clubroom, Vollé, and Wayne Grayson & Associates."

A Message of Thanks

I want to express my deepest thanks for all you have given to Daffodil Day, with particular thanks to our local volunteers and area coordinators.

While it may be our biggest fundraising event of the year, Daffodil Day carries special meaning and to many of us it is about connection, compassion, and hope.

The daffodil continues to stand as a figurehead for the 1 in 3 New Zealanders who will face a cancer diagnosis. When we come together each August, we are reminding those on the journey that they are seen, supported, and surrounded by a community determined to make a difference. It was truly an honour to witness so much of our region painted yellow.

Because of your contributions and support over the past year, we have accommodated 2,696 guests at the

Cancer Society Lions Lodge; contributed \$252,583 to cancer research; driven 104,657km taking our clients to their cancer treatment and have provided 19,289 direct client services. These figures reflect the scale of the need - and the importance of your role in helping us meet it.

As cancer rates rise, our resolve to be here for every person who hears "you have cancer" only grows stronger.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to every donor, volunteer, business, school, community group and staff member who contributed to Daffodil Day this year. Together, we are not just tackling cancer. We are building a future where no one faces cancer alone, and where hope grows stronger with every year.

I hope we'll see you again for Daffodil Day 2026.
Ngā mihi nui

Helen Carter,
Chief Executive, Cancer Society
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Featured: Daffodil Day volunteers Jan Spry, Sharon Walker and Claire Veevers outside the Matarangi Four Square.

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Featured: Cathy Drake-Wells with Sandra Bowen.



Featured: The winner of the 2025 Matarangi Masters Tournament Ben Jujnovich visiting from Redwood Park Golf Club, being presented with his trophy, The Mulligan Cup by the great man himself Tracey Mulligan.

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Playing the front 9, Draw will be done on the day.
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Prize Giving at the Fire Station after the round.

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Draw to match Teams and Pros

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Books & Banter (Book club)

7-9 pm 1st Mon each month Pauline
dickinsonpauline@gmail.com

Contract Bridge

St John's Room, 355 Tiki Rd, Coromandel
Tadek 027 235 6335 or Tadekgawor@gmail.com

Tuesday

Croquet

Coromandel Croquet Assoc, Woolams Ave
9.15 am-12 pm 07 866 8066

Bridge for Beginners

The Dunes 3-5 pm
Bronwyn 021 0231 1130

Menz Shed

Matarangi Drive 8 am-12 pm
(open at all times to members)
Phil 021 0272 5230

Wednesday

Men on Mats (Men's Pilates)

Matarangi fire station 9-10 am
Christiane 0273 122 584

Pickleball – social play

Matai Place Courts 9.30-11.30 am
Grant 022 383 6351

Kuaotunu Steiner Playgroup

9am-12pm Phone: 07 866 0094

Mah Jong

The Dunes 12.30-3 pm
Sheila 021 185 8567

Contract bridge

Mercury Bay Bowling Club, Whitianga 1 pm
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Kuaotunu Garden Group

2nd Weds of the month
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Ladies Coffee morning

The Dunes, 10 am first Weds of the month

Kuaotunu Dune Care Group

3rd Weds of the month
Jenny 021 566 6035

Thursday

Pickleball – competitive play

Matai Place Courts 3.30-5.30 pm
Grant 022 383 6351

Walking Group

Meet at the Dunes 9.00 am
Briar 021 361 944

Craft Group

The Dunes, 12.30 fortnightly
Lesley 021 280 0780

Recreational Darts

The Dunes, 6.00 pm every other Thursday
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Friday

Lawn Bowls

The Dunes, 2.15-4.15 pm
Wayne Davis 027 458 9544

Croquet

Woolams Ave, Coromandel 9.15 am-12 pm
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Saturday

Pickleball for all

Matai Place Courts, 8.30-10.30 am
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Hash House Harriers

3 pm winter and 4 pm summer
Bronwyn 0210 231 1130

Brew Crew (Home brewing)

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Phil Mosen 027 4761734

Sunday

Sunday Market

Matarangi Drive (in front of shops), 10 am-1pm
Long weekends summer to Labour weekend
Lesley 021 280 0780

Golf

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Ladies 9 Hole: Tuesday (front 9) and Thursday (back 9) at 9.30am

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9		01:31:00	07:40:00	13:48:00	20:02:00
10		02:17:00	08:27:00	14:35:00	20:49:00
11		03:04:00	09:14:00	15:22:00	21:36:00
12		03:51:00	10:02:00	16:12:00	22:25:00
13		04:40:00	10:53:00	17:05:00	23:17:00
14		05:31:00	11:48:00	18:02:00	
15	00:12:00	06:26:00	12:47:00	19:03:00	
16	01:11:00	07:26:00	13:50:00	20:08:00	
17	02:15:00	08:30:00	14:56:00	21:14:00	
18	03:21:00	09:36:00	15:59:00	22:17:00	
19	04:25:00	10:37:00	16:56:00	23:14:00	
20	05:24:00	11:33:00	17:48:00		
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23		01:33:00	07:43:00	13:46:00	19:56:00
24		02:12:00	08:22:00	14:25:00	20:34:00
25		02:49:00	09:00:00	15:04:00	21:12:00
26		03:26:00	09:38:00	15:43:00	21:50:00
27		04:03:00	10:17:00	16:23:00	22:29:00
28		05:42:00	11:58:00	18:06:00	
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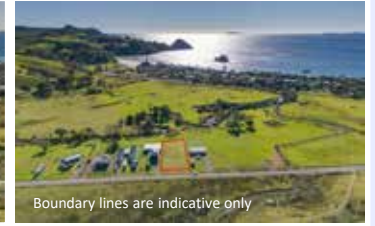


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