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Warm Matariki celebrations to all our readers

“The times they are a changing,” so goes the old song (though I confess that I remember it being released!). We’ve had more than enough angst over the last few years than seems fair, and if you listen to the news we’re being told, more could be on the way. That is why it was heartwarming to see so many from our community coming together on the first public holiday for Matariki.

In the spirit of Matariki, the day gave people the opportunity to give back to their community. Whether this was in the form of donations for stalls, raffles and prizes, supporting tamariki with their kites, the proceeds from stalls, or time and energy, the smiles and hugs said it all.

Mātauranga Māori (ancestral knowledge and wisdom) is at the heart of celebrations of the Matariki public holiday and it is a time for;

- Remembrance – Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki.
- Celebrating the present – Gathering together to give thanks for what we have.
- Looking to the future – Looking forward to the promise of a new year.

Historically, the stars of Matariki were also closely tied to planting, harvesting and hunting. If the stars appeared clear and bright, it signified an abundant season ahead.

The Matariki cluster of stars are also precious in other cultures.

See page 4 which has summaries of a few of these stories.

There are loads of articles in this edition about our community, and more photos at the end of it. Please enjoy, and feel free to share it with friends and family.

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Matariki Celebrations

One of the popular activities during Matariki celebrations was seeing the children fly their kites—most of which were home-made. Enough breeze at the rear of the Hall lifted the colourful kites into the air to cheers and admiration.

Well done to all the children who participated. Those who hadn't had the time to make a kite brought along one they had purchased. Organiser Debera McLeod was delighted with the turn-out and says 'great job to all who came with their kites.'

She asked a local to help with judging and allocating prizes; a difficult task considering the wonderful work children had put into their creations. First prize went to Mai, second to Elijah, and third to Ananika.

Debera's comments are below:

'Just over a dozen children joined in and because we had so many generous donations, we had 50 prizes. These were shared out amongst all those that took part. There were some fantastic kites. I liked the natural one made from a palm tree, but I was not a judge. A few of the winners had taken the time to write the names of the Matariki stars on their kites which made them extra special.'

Debera would like to thank all the sponsors for their generous donations. In particular:

Noel Leemings for several valuable prizes

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and a few who did not want to be identified.

More photos of the day are further in this edition.



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The star cluster of Matariki is recognised all over the world



There are many traditional tales about this star cluster; indicating its importance to people throughout history. Here are just a few—there are many more if you want to research it further. This information was on Wikipedia. In **Greek mythology**, the Pleiades were the seven daughters of the Titan Atlas. Because he was forced to hold up the sky for eternity, he was unable to protect his daughters. To save the sisters from being chased and molested by the hunter Orion, Zeus transformed them into stars.

To the **Vikings**, the Pleiades were Freyja's hens, and their name in many old European languages, such as Hungarian, compares them to a hen with chicks.

In **Danish folklore**, six brothers travel the world to learn a trade and, with their combined help, rescue a kidnapped princess from a dwarf. Unable to choose which brother she likes best, God allows the seven to pass out in their sleep and turns them into the seven stars of the constellation.

Ancient Aztecs of Mexico and Central America based their calendar upon the Pleiades. Their year began when priests first remarked the asterism heliacal rising in the east, immediately before the sun's dawn light obliterated the view of the stars. Aztecs called the Pleiades *Tiānquiztli*.

A **Cherokee myth** refers to seven boys who would not do their ceremonial chores and wanted only to play, run around and around the ceremonial ball court in a circle, and then rose up into the sky. Only six of the boys made it to the sky; the seventh was caught by his mother and fell to the ground with such force that he sank into the ground. A pine tree grew over his resting place.

The **Monache** people tell of six wives who loved onions more than their husbands and now live happily in "sky country".

The **Ojibwe** people of North America believe they came from *Bagone-giizhig* "Hole in the Sky". They travelled in a space ship that lead the way to Earth on a spider's web beam of light through the portal known as the seven sisters star system.

The earliest recorded reference to the Pleiades may be in **Chinese astronomical literature** dating from 2357 BCE. For agricultural tribes in the northern hemisphere, the course of the Pleiades indicated the beginning and ending of the growing seasons. In Chinese constellations they are 昴 *mao*, the *Hairy Head* of the white tiger of the West.

In **Indian astrology** the Pleiades were known as the nakshatra *Kṛttikā* which in Sanskrit is translated as "the cutters." The Pleiades are called the star of fire, and their ruling deity is the fire god Agni, who is associated with anger and stubbornness. Karthigai (கார்த்திகை) in Tamil refers to the six wives of the six rishi (sages), the seventh being Arundhati the wife of Vasistha which relates to the star Alcor in Ursa Major. The six stars in the Pleiades correspond to six wives, while the faithful wife Arundhati stuck with Sage Vasistha in Ursa Major. The six wives fell in love with Agni, hence the name Pleiades (star of fire).

In **Japan**, the Pleiades are known as 昴 Subaru which means "coming together" or cluster in Japanese. They have given their name to the car manufacturer whose logo incorporates six stars to represent the five companies that merged into one.

In the **Philippines** the Pleiades are known as "Moroporo", meaning either "the boiling lights" or a flock of birds. Its appearance signified a new agricultural season, and thus starts the preparation for the new planting season.

Depending on the cultural/language group, there are several stories or songlines, regarding the origins of the Pleiades among **Aboriginal Australian peoples**, usually referred to as the Seven Sisters.

In the western desert region they are said to be seven sisters fleeing from the unwelcome attentions of a man represented by some of the stars in Orion, the hunter. In these stories, the man is called Nyiru or Nirunja, and the Seven Sisters songline known as Kungkarangkalpa. The seven sisters story often features in the artwork of the region.

The Wirangu people of the west coast of South Australia have a creation story embodied in a songline of great significance based on the Pleiades. In the story, the hunter (the Orion constellation) is named Tgilby. Tgilby, after falling in love with the seven sisters, known as Yugarilya, chases them out of the sky, onto and across the earth. He chases them as the Yugarilya chase a snake, Dyunu.

A legend of the Wurundjeri people of south-eastern Australia says that they are the fire of the seven Karatgurrk sisters. These women were the first to know fire-making and each carried live coals on the end of their digging sticks. They refused to share these coals with anybody and were ultimately tricked into giving up their secret by Crow, who brought fire to mankind. After this, they were swept into the night sky. Their glowing fire sticks became the bright stars of the Pleiades cluster.

In **Samoa**, the Pleiades constellation is called *Matalii* or *Mataalii*, meaning "Eyes of the Chiefs".



Enjoy recreation, fun and friendship

Are you looking for a new venture? We'd love to see more new faces at our Karikari Bowling Club, held on Monday & Wednesday afternoons, beginning at 1pm (be there by 12.50), at the Karikari Hall.

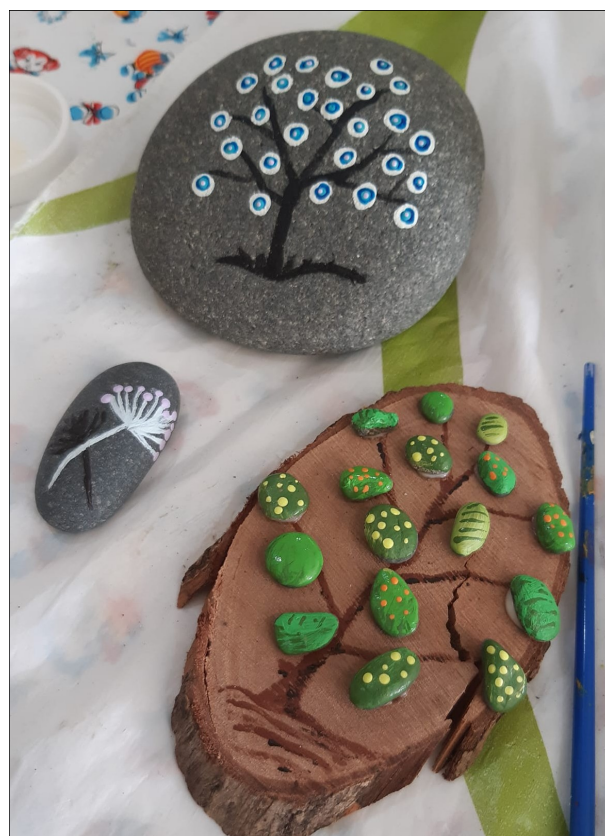
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Karikari Craft group shows off some of their latest creations.



The next workshop will be on Mon 2nd August, 10am start at the Karikari Community Hall. The theme will be embroidery, knitting, and crochet, for learners and experts. Contact Barbara 021 1864 442



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Karikari Peninsula Residents and Ratepayers Association AGM

The Association held its annual AGM on Tuesday 24th May. A small meeting that made up the necessary quorum saw the Association complete its legal requirements. With sadness and appreciation we said farewell to some long serving members during the year.

Officers are unchanged and are as follows:

Chairman: Brian Page

Secretary/Treasurer: Lesley McCormick

A committee of six additional members was elected.

The Annual Sub remains the same at \$15.00 and is now due (see back page for details).

Community projects achieved over the year include:

- An Incorporated Society was formed to enable groups to apply for funding for community projects.
- The CCTV Project continued to grow with statistics showing a 40% reduction in reported crime on the Peninsula. More CCTV cameras have been installed.
- Nina Raharuhi has taken on the role of lead person for the Emergency Response Team.
- Spatial Planning for the Peninsula is underway.
- A new public toilet facility was completed adjacent to the hall.
- Progress is being made on outstanding Hall maintenance.
- The year ahead will see the Hall Roof painted.
- A plan has been developed for the upgrading of the Recreation Sports Hub.

The Group meets monthly at the Hall (7pm on the second Tuesday of each month) and welcomes new members.

Matariki Celebration Day raffles were won by:

Shirlz: The kete and Waikawa basket with a pork roast.

Hine: the Platter Raffle

Heather R: Scratchie board

Congratulations!

The Hall Committee would like to thank all those who supported the event with donations, time and effort.



Karikari Community Hall AGM

The new Chairperson of the Community Hall, Judy Billington, would like to thank everyone who showed up for their recent AGM. She would also like to introduce you to the new committee:

Chairperson: Judy Billington: Mob 0212824597

Treasurer: Dianne Mackay

Secretary: Sally Shirkie

Assistant Secretary: Cushla Wells,

Hall Bookings: Contact Nina Raharuhi Mob 0210380394

Maintenance: Phil Aspen

Committee:

Bertha Yerkovich

Kay Damsted

Leanne Day

Barbara Gibson

Thompson Lawrence.

Sue Waru



Pātaka Kai

A new initiative in our community has been the installation of a Pātaka Kai near the Karikari Community Hall front entrance.

A Pātaka Kai means **storehouse or pantry in te reo Māori**, and is a place where people can leave food for other people to take for free. If you have surplus fruit, vegetables or groceries then this is the place to leave them—so someone else can benefit. It's like 'playing it forward'.

But please don't put clothing in the Pātaka. It is preferable to take them to an Op Shop as it is not healthy to mix clothes with kai.

The story of the Pātaka is one of true community effort. Its creation began when the Karikari Garden Club visited Maara Kai Gardens where gardener Hera mentioned how a local Pātaka Kai would be useful for sharing spare produce with the community.

Debera McLeod then asked on a local page for suggestions about its placement, and if people were willing to donate materials for its construction and installation. Kyle and Janine Henderson donated the structure, Phil and Mo collected it and made alterations - including new shelves. Mathews Contractors from Taipa donated almost \$100 worth of builder's mix and three bags of cement. Debera delivered them cheese scones, still warm and dripping with butter in thanks.

Robin loaned his concrete mixer and some of the local fire station staff put the concrete pad down and erected the Pātaka. Debera is not sure who painted it, and did the sign-writing, but they did a great job and were thanked on the Karikari Community page.

The whole process, from the initial idea to completion and the first food supplies going in, was just over a week.

On a final note Debera said, "What a fantastic community we live in. The Pātaka is working well and once our summer gardens get going I think it may be overflowing."



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In early December 2021 it was agreed to and supported by DOC and Te Whanau Moana me Te Rorohuri, that the Maitai bay Campground would remain closed during the summer period while a vaccination drive was underway.

As you all know, earlier in March, the government announced a whole raft of changes to the COVID-19 rules. We have also and more importantly received feedback that the vaccination drive carried out by Ngati Kahu has made significant progress in reaching their 90% target during the summer period and was well received.

As a result, the Maitai Bay Campground was reopened end of April 2022, but will continue to apply the public health measures: masking indoors, physical distancing, hand-washing and staying at home if unwell

In the event of a new variant of concern emerging in the future we would look to undertake a site-specific risk assessment in conjunction with Haukainga/Marae and community at place where additional health and safety measures may be needed.

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Meeting with FNDC re flooding issues at Marreine Place 25.5.2022

Te Hiku Community Board representative Bill Subritzky called the meeting to discuss on-going issues with floodwater collecting at the end of Marreine Place. A number of FNDC staff including several managers and supervisors were present. These included the Roading Engineer, Road maintenance manager, Area Supervisor, Team Leader Asset Management, Roading Network Manager, and Three Waters Manager. Seven members of the local community were also present. After brief introductions at the Community Hall the group proceeded down to Marreine Place to see the issues firsthand. Historical matters were explained by several locals. It was stressed that no water other than flood water collected at the end of the road. Regarding the area in the dunes where a 'lake' had once been present - the vegetation and years of silt had caused the ground level to rise since the subdivision had been built. Originally the FNDC had made an agreement with nearby land-owners to install a drain through their property. They did much of the work before the FNDC changed their minds and called a halt to the work. The group were shown where storm-water pipelines had been planned to exit into existing drainage on nearby farmland. Council staff were asked about a timeline. For work to be carried out the response was it could take several years due to funding and the requirement for it to be in the long term plan. However the spokesperson said they could look at preliminary plans. There was talk of a temporary vehicle access being created on the berm for emergencies. They were also asked if there was any emergency funding that could be accessed due to health and safety issues. The answer was they would look into it. Bill Subritzky impressed the need to do something as soon as possible due to health and safety of residents and children, especially when the water became stagnant. Information about progress on the situation would be shared with the Community Board who would pass it on to the local Ratepayers Association through Bill Subritzky. For further questions there would be one point of contact - Bill in the first instance. The group left to investigate flooding issues on Tokerau Beach Rd and Virtue Cres.

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Karikari Community Library: Open Thursdays 10am-1pm at the Hall. Come and get your summer reading supplies. \$2 a year subscription. New books, Puzzles, DVDs and magazines in regularly.

Karikari Crafters: Phone Barbara 021 1864 442. A wonderful lineup of activities is planned for this year.

Karikari Garden Club: 1st Tuesday of the month. Contact Debera 027 4437 169 or Leigh 09 408 7229.

Karikari Indoor Bowls: Karikari Community Hall; Mon + Weds from 12:45 pm. For more information contact Dot 027 4867 486.

Karikari Hall Committee: meets first Tuesday of the month at 5pm at the hall. Chairperson: Judy Billington; 021 282 4597. Secretary and Bookings: Nina Raharuhi; 021 038 0394

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Tai Chi for health: In recess at present.

Karikari Peninsula Residents and Ratepayers Association: Chairperson: Brian Page; 09 408 7197 or 027 322 1652. Treasurer/Secretary: Lesley McCormick; 027 7413230. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm at the Hall. All are welcome. Subs are \$15 a year per family. Pay to: ASB 12-3096-0035251-00. Please include your family name as reference.

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