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Happy New Year to all our Readers

Kia ora koutou and a warm welcome to another year of news from the Karikari Panui Team. It seems we are back in the Red - after a short spell in Orange - so I guess its life as usual for us. It was lovely to see family and friends over Christmas, and from the crowds we saw on the beaches, in front yards, and on the roads, it seems plenty of others enjoyed a beautiful summer on the Karikari Peninsula also. Spare a thought for those fighting the on-going fires over at Waiharara (and the recent one off Inland Rd!). Its been a long and arduous task for those working there, and for anyone affected it must be dreadful. The few times we have woken with smoke affecting us have been nothing compared to the conditions folk across the water are putting up with. Well done and thank you to all the fire-fighters and their support teams -you are legends! **The DHB has advised that testing Wastewater** at Whatuwhiwhi detected Covid 19 on 31 January. The old Warehouse building in Kaitaia offers testing 9-3 most days.



Mary has sent us this **short exercise routine** - perfect if you have to stay at home for any length of time. It is called *Fabulous 50s* and is suitable for older people to get stretching.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ni_LA3oYQh8

Peninsula Takeaways have advised us they are operating again from 5 February 10am-8pm. They are located outside the Karikari Community Hall.

Karikari Peninsula Residents and Ratepayers Association first meeting for the year is set for **Tuesday 8th February 7.00pm**. The committee will be reviewing actions for the year ahead. Their new Community focused incorporated society is now formed so they are a good position to apply for funding for projects such as Hall upgrading or CCTV funding. The objectives of the new Society are broad and encompass a range of possibilities, from community safety and wellbeing to advocacy. If you have a community project idea please come and share it with the Committee or contact a member.

The Karikari Rural Fire Brigade will deliver water across the peninsula. Charges are per 5,000 litres: \$130.00 for local area and \$140.00 to Rangiputa. To order contact Lorraine: 0274501080 with your details and make payment to Bank account: KKFB 12 3096 0027374 00. Include name and address in reference. Please keep a check of your water tank regularly as you may be disappointed if same day delivery is not possible. Please note: there are **No Sunday Deliveries**.

Water Deliveries are also provided by Doubtless Bay Water; 021 309 654.

Whatuwhiwhi Recycling Station Summer Hours: Until 13 Feb the Recycling Station will be open Mon-Fri 7.30- 1pm. Weekends: 9-1pm. Make sure your recycling is clean please.

Special points of interest:

- Non-urgent police calls—phone 105. Your call will be treated confidentially.
- Advertisers: Thank you to those who support this community newsletter. Adverts are \$20 a year to cover printing costs.
- Alcohol Drug Helpline: 0800 787 797 (24/7)
- Meth Helpline: 0800 638 443 or visit drughelp.org.nz/meth
- Crimestoppers NZ: 0800 555 111
- Covid 19 Test Sites: www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19/northland/

Wet Wipes: these go in the rubbish not through the sewer system!

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Ring Returned to Owner

Contact Northland Ring recoveries on 021 401 626 or email, northlandringfinder@gmail.com, or check out their Facebook Page.

Pete McGhee of Northland Jewelry Recoveries recently had a call from Peria resident Ray Woolf, who had lost a ring while gathering Tuatua on Tokerau Beach. Pete has been metal detecting for over 35 years. In that time he has found and returned many hundreds of lost items to people. Rings, bracelets, phones, keys... most of whom had given up ever seeing their precious item again.

Below is the story that Pete recently shared of his search for the wayward ring:

'On New Years Day, Ray was on Tokerau Beach engaging in that iconic Kiwi summer pursuit, digging in the sand for Tuatua. Regrettably, his sentimental gold and diamond ring did what so many other lost rings have done while gathering these tasty shellfish; it slipped from his finger into the sand, and vanished.

A week later he left me a phone message asking if I was able to assist in finding his lost ring. I arranged to meet him the coming weekend and see if I could get his ring back to him.

That's when nature intervened with a double whammy in the form of Cyclone Cody pumping waves up to 5+ metres onto the coast.

Then one from left-field; the eruption of Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha‘apai (which I heard in New Zealand, some 2,400km away!) which sent tsunami surges out across the entire Pacific.

.... I decided to reschedule the ring recovery for the following weekend! There was real potential for substantial sand movement with these combined events, but my safety always comes first.

The appointed morning arrived and I thank Ray for making the effort to meet me on site at dawn in order to catch the low tide. While he referred to photos taken on the day to sort out where he had been, I got kitted up to get wet.

I set up a 'beat' of around 60m width to try and allow for any positional errors in Ray's recollection, and waded out into the break. While the sea was calm for this surf-beach, the storm had brought in tonnes of loose weed which instantly wrapped around the detector, adding massive drag. It wasn't practical to keep lifting the coil out of the water every few seconds to shake it off, so I had to put up with it. It felt like I was mopping the ocean floor and had to change arms every few minutes.

Added entertainment was the water being infested by loads of Eagle Rays feeding on Tuatua in the turbid water. When I got too close, or accidentally clipped them with the coil, they would take off through the wash like jet fighters. I love these guys, but having to do the 'Stingray Shuffle' through the weed was really fatiguing...

I had completed about three or four sweeps across the search area when the detector sounded off on a faint target. There had been no trash for once, so in my mind this was going to be the ring. The hole went deeper and deeper, only to reveal an old lead fishing weight! I shook a basketball-sized lump of weed off the coil and continued on, disappointed.

15 minutes later, another quiet tone in the headphones could be heard over the waves and wind. Quiet, but crisp. The scoop went in, missed it, another bite went deep into the bottom of the hole. Check, and the sand was quiet. Whatever it was, was in the scoop.

As I shook the sand and shell out through the scoop I heard that familiar clatter of a ring. I secured it and slogged ashore through the weed and rays.

The following sequence of reactions, I have seen many times. Initially there is resignation in their eyes as they saw me walking up the beach after apparently giving up, changing to disbelief when I removed the ring from inside my glove, then amazement that the ring had actually been found, and was back on Rays finger.

Some detectorists collect rings, I prefer to collect smiles.'



Right: Reunited with his wedding ring of 31 years, Ray's happy smile says it all.



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Left: Dawn breaks over Tokerau Beach. If you look carefully you can see the figure of Pete as he searches for Ray's missing ring.
Thanks Ray for the photo.

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Process for Accessing CCTV Footage:

1. Lodge an incident report with the Police on the Crime Reporting Line: 105

2. Send an email to cctvkari-kari@gmail.com or contact Northland CCTV 09 407 8788 with the following information:

- Your name
- Address
- Incident number (from Police)
- Your contact details
- Incident date and approx time-frames

- Brief explanation of incident and what you want them to look for.

3. The CCTV monitoring team (Based at Kaitia Police Station), will respond to your query and begin the search. This may take up to 3-4 business days due to workload.

4. The CCTV Team will respond with outcomes and if applicable will provide footage/images to police to accompany the file. Footage will be provided on a case-by-case basis. The Team must adhere to privacy policies and procedures and must ensure all information is provided in the strictest of confidence.

CCTV Project on-going support

Donations are still needed to pay for on-going maintenance etc.

Please make your donation to Karikari Peninsula Residents and Ratepayers Association: CCTV Project ASB 12-3096-0082138-56

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Fresh Faces at the Concrete Plant

Matt and Sarah Maraki are thrilled to be taking the reins from the well-known Urlich family as they begin operations as Doubtless Bay Ready-Mix and Doubtless Bay Water. Their first loads of concrete have gone out already, and the phone has begun ringing; a positive sign.

At a BBQ held at the Simon Urlich Rd concrete plant, Randolph and Karen Urlich formally signed the lease of the concrete plant over to Matt and Sarah.

Matt Maraki has had many years of experience in the concrete field, which he feels will hold him in good stead as he begins work from the Peninsula. He worked with allied Concrete for three years as their operations manager in Whangarei and Kerikeri, and is a qualified Batcher and Tester, and has just come from Toll Petroleum as their Business Manager.

Matt is pleased with the set-up at the Urlich Yard. "It is well appointed and will be great to work with," he said.

Matt and Sarah have purchased Doubtless Bay Water from the Urlichs and this will be a separate business. Concrete and water deliveries will be Matt's main focus at first, but he is a man of vision and hopes to expand the business as time goes on.

He said he is looking forward to having a family-based local operation to throw his energies into. After time in the corporate world he is delighted to be reconnecting with a local community.

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Above: the BBQ was a great opportunity for local contractors to get together and meet with Matt and Sarah. 'I'm looking forward to a future of good things and more opportunities to celebrate like this,' Matt said.

Right:

At a small ceremony at the Yard in Simon Urlich Rd, Randolph congratulated Matt on taking over the operations of the Water Deliveries and the lease of the Concrete Plant.





Doubtless Bay Water

Is under new management.

Contact Matt and Sarah Maraki 021 309 654



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Karen and Randolph Urlich are delighted that a young and enthusiastic couple are taking over the lease of their family business.

Their workshop was built in 2000, when R & K Urlich Ltd gained the contract for doing the earthworks for Carrington Estate. The company worked on developing both the golf course and the winery.

A few years later the Urlichs established their first concrete plant and operated this for close on five years. It was then sold to Allied, who closed it down.

Five years ago, Randolph decided to resurrect the plant, but the couple now feel it is time to call it quits.

Randolph and Karen had a vision of supplying a service to the community, with the intention to offer employment to locals.

They are delighted that Matt is planning to do the same.

They have sold the water delivery operation to Matt and Sarah, and this will be a stand-alone business.



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Right:
It's all action at the
Concrete Plant!



What's up there?

This is a great time of year to investigate the night sky and learn more about the constellations, planets and stars that inhabit it. Take a blanket and the kids, and spend some time lying out under the stars and see what you can identify.

There are a number of websites, and Facebook pages, that can help with learning more about the night sky. Check out Facebook page Far North Sky - they advise on any unique happenings such as visibility of the International Space Station or the Starlink Satellites and have a monthly article full of information about what people can expect to see here in the Far North.

The Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand has full and detailed information to guide you in deciphering the stars above. Have a look at their website for downloadable maps etc; www.rasnz.org.nz

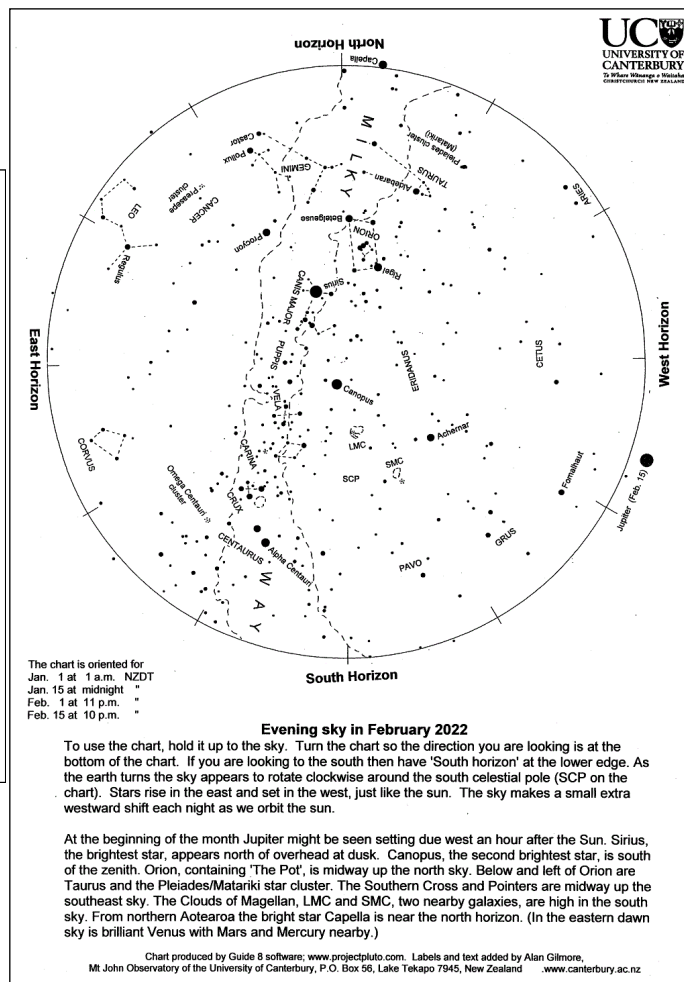
The Stardome page also provides monthly charts for night sky exploring. Go to www.stardome.org.nz to see these and guidance on how to use them.

Karikari Garden Club

The garden club began the year with their AGM on the 1st February.

The Annual Subscription to join the club is \$10 and all are welcome.

Below: The club enjoy informal gatherings and usually have a vote for the best flower of the day.



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1. Gather seaweed and give it a quick rinse.
2. Fill a bucket or barrel 3/4 with water. Add as much seaweed as will fit and leave to soak.
3. Stir the seaweed mix every few days.
4. Allow to soak for several months—it is ready to use when there is no smell of ammonia.
5. When it is ready dilute three parts water to one of seaweed tea. Use as needed on your plants and watch them jump for joy.

Thanks to Barbara Gibson for the photo and idea for this article.



To enable the Fire Brigade and other emergency services to reach your property:

- 🔥 Make sure your driveway is at least 4x4 metres wide.
- 🔥 Clearly signpost your rural property with its RAPID property number.
- 🔥 Ensure there's an adequate water supply for fire and emergency services.

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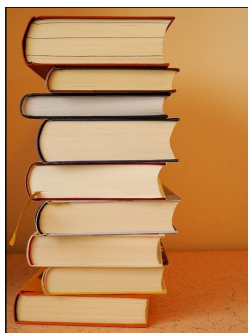
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Clubs and Activities.

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All Saints Anglican Church (off Wairahoraho Rd) No services at present. Phone Rev. Robert Ulrich 09 946 7564.

Karikari Book Club: Ph Mary 027 490 7607. 2nd Weds of month at 7pm. An informal and relaxed group who share their enjoyment of reading books and the occasional movie. Starting again, Weds 9th of February.

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. Help is needed in the library—phone Ere 09 408 7197.

Karikari Crafters: Beginning again 21st of February 2022. Phone Barbara 021 1864 442 or Leanne 021 1138 139 for information.

Karikari Garden Club: 1st Tuesday of the month. Contact Debera 027 4437 169 or Leigh 021 1181 094.

Karikari Indoor Bowls: Karikari Community Hall; Mon + Weds from 12:45 pm. For more information contact Dot 027 4867 486. Beginning again March 2022.

Karikari Hall Committee: meets first Tuesday of the month at 5pm at the hall. Chairperson: Bertha Yerkovich. Secretary and Bookings: Leona Steel; 021 026 72159.

Karikari Peninsula Residents and Ratepayers Association: Chairperson: Brian Page; 09 408 7197 or 027 322 1652. Deputy-chair: Glenys Ulrich; 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 12-3096-0082138-01. Please include your family name as reference.

Line dancing: Karikari Community Hall; Intermediate: Sunday 10.30am; Beginners: Thursdays at 10:30am. Gold coin Koha. Tutor: Joy Hatcher. Mobile 021 407 855. Great fun and easy beginner's dances. Social and fun interaction for all ages.

Tai Chi for Health: In recess at present.

Te Roopu Raranga Tahī o Whatuwhiwhi (weaving together). Fortnightly at the Karikari Community Hall. Kai and gold coin koha for the Hall. Contact Barbara 021 186 4442 or Mereana 027 254 8334. Starting again 14th February.

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