

# Matua Moments

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## HELP BRING NATIVE BIRDS BACK TO OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS

To make New Zealand Predator Free, we need everyone chipping in. You can help eradicate predators like rats from the Bay of Plenty simply by having a trap in your backyard. By reducing the numbers of pests we're giving our native species a fighting chance to reclaim areas where they once thrived.

Backyard trapping is easy, a great activity to get the family involved in and makes a big difference. See more about this great initiative on Page 4.

Sign up today to receive your trap [www.predatorfreebop.nz](http://www.predatorfreebop.nz)



## SET ASIDE THE 11TH NOVEMBER 2018

Come along and join the walk to support awareness of Motor Neuron Disease on Matua's foreshore.

Choose either a 3km or 5km walk from Fergusson Park to Kulim Park and return - you can get a group from work or involve the family, maybe bring the dog if you wish. Register on-line through [www.mnd.org.nz](http://www.mnd.org.nz) or come along at 9.30am to register in the clubrooms.

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### From The Committee

Now that daylight saving is here we can be optimistic about more sunshine and less rain.

Please consider taking part in the Motor Neuron Disease walk on the 11th November 2018 on our foreshore - check out details on the front page. This is a worthy cause that can have a devastating affect on not only the individuals afflicted but also family and friends. Let's help funding achieving a cure.

The Matua Residents Association website has had an upgrade - [www.matua.org.nz](http://www.matua.org.nz) Check it out and if you have suggestions we would like to hear from you.

We now have a facebook page so search that out and become a friend. There is also a Matua Community facebook page where you can trade items or seek information.



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It has been pleasing to see the response from community towards Predator Free Matua. Over 150 traps have been distributed through the suburb by the local committee that Matua Residents Association is supporting. Check out and join the facebook page that Fiona has set up with 96 members. While we all hoped to have a high strike rate the feedback from many is that they have no sign of rats in their yard though one family has achieved 16 hits. Indications are that the more food available (large palms and macadamia trees are popular) the greater the likelihood of predators. Keep food waste covered. Save our birdlife.

Submissions have been sought by Council on Ten Year Management Plans for all Reserves and Parks. Hopefully some of you may have had an input. On behalf of the residents the Association put forward a submission with the thrust being that Tauranga City Council staff need to consult with regular users, and seek input from the community who have the local knowledge on needs and concerns. If you consider Fergusson Park as an example, the past couple of years have seen a noticeable increase in family groups with jetskis. This results in

a need for additional parking for cars and trailers. Unless Tauranga City Council staff are present on a sunny weekend, how will they know how trends are changing. It is the community that has a finger on the pulse but regrettably the majority do not make submissions.

*Richard Kluit*  
Chairman Matua Residents Assn

### Neighbourhood Support Matua



There are now Neighbourhood Support groups in the majority of Matua streets but 10 streets are either without or could be broken down into having smaller groups of neighbours. If you are not in a group and would like to be, or are interested in creating one in your street please contact me.

**Christine Christie 021 256 2808**

Each week we receive a report from the Community Constable with advice and indications of burglaries, car thefts or break in's etc.



### Words from the Community Constable

I know that the sight of an emergency vehicle, Police, Fire or Ambulance arriving in your street or cul-de-sac raises the concern levels and anxiety levels and residents are naturally curious about what event is going on. Yet often it is not always bad news such as a burglary or a fire. The Police complete plenty of normal daily enquiries including following up on historic burglary reports, returning lost or stolen property and recording statements around past incidents that often didn't even occur in your suburb.



Did you also know the Fire Service has been through a recent rebranding and is now called "Fire and Emergency New Zealand" The key word here is "Emergency"; did you know if you have a medical event at home you are just as likely to have a team of firefighters in a big red truck arrive as well as ambulance! The Fire and Emergency staff are all trained emergency first aid responders and are best placed to arrive promptly and give you or your child or

loved one urgent and immediate attention that will substantially increase your chance of survival or recovery. Often an ambulance will arrive as well if the patient needs hospital transport and care. So by all means, show some interest when emergency services arrive, however keep an open mind as to why they are there, it may not always be a house fire or to arrest someone or other and remember, we have always arrived to help.

Regards,  
*Paul Wigley*  
Community Constable  
Tauranga Police

### The Security of the Suburb

Following on from discussion at a Neighbourhood Support meeting the Community Constable requested Tauranga City Council look at installing a camera at the intersection/roundabout of Otumoetai and Ngatai Roads. Council agreed and one is now operating. While crime in Matua is very light having this camera will prove to be a further deterrent against entering Matua with criminal intent. We shouldn't be complacent though as recently there were opportunist thefts from open garages and vehicles.



### Tupaea Place Cherrywood

Directly opposite the Cherrywood shops is Tupaea Place. This is almost certainly named after Hori Tupaea, principal chief of Ngai Te Rangi of Otumoetai Pa. In the mid 19th century one of the 9 pages of the Treaty of Waitangi was brought to Tauranga for signing by local chiefs however Hori Tupaea refused to sign and instead insisted he would form his own government for the area.



Two years later four signatories were massacred at Ongare Point, Katikati and Tauranga Maori looked to the British for Justice under the Terms of the Treaty. As a result the Government eventually brought in a ruling that the Treaty would apply to everyone, even those chiefs who had not signed.



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### Let's make Matua Rat Free

Let's start with some truths Matua residents. Every night when you pull your curtains and climb into bed, big fat rats emerge outside in the dark and scurry across your lawn, climb your trees, raid your sheds and eat whatever seeds, insects and birds nests they can find. If you think it doesn't happen on your property - you are wrong. Let's be clear - this is happening on your property every night.

It's endemic and now it is time to join the movement and rid Matua of rats.

#### Why remove rats?

If we remove the rats, the very creatures they dine on can thrive. Tui's and bellbirds will sing at dawn in abundance, chicks in their nests will make it to adulthood and nature will thrive on the Matua Peninsula.

#### I'm still sceptical - I've never seen rats on my property?

Some property owners in Matua have already jumped on board in earnest to make Matua Pest Free and have figured out how to get them. There are properties on Manawai Drive, Waratah Street and Levers Road that have already caught over 20 rats this winter.



Photo is courtesy of Sunlive

Based on this - we can safely assume there are 1000's of rats calling Matua home.

#### Okay - what can I do?

Simple - we need half the properties in Matua trapping rats so if you want to play your part it costs you nothing since Matua is part of a pilot programme run by Predator Free BOP.

Head to [www.predatorfreebop.nz](http://www.predatorfreebop.nz) to sign up and receive a free trap. Like our Facebook page - **Predator Free Matua** - to be part of the movement, get tips and tricks and ask questions and learn from

others. Read our newsletters that will be full of tips and success stories from across the Peninsula. Tell your neighbours and friends and spread the word.

#### This sounds slightly organised?

Yes there is a group of proactive members of the community driving this, supported by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. Already there have been 150 traps distributed to Matua homes. We want this to become ingrained in the fabric of the suburb. So time to play your part and get involved!

### Bowls Matua Inc



Twilight Bowls and Business House Bowls get under way from November. Get together a team of four with your friends or neighbours and come along for a couple of hours of fun and activity.

While business house on a Thursday can be a tad more competitive than the very social Twilight on a Monday both are suitable for beginners or for those that enjoy their bowls but may not be able to compete in Club competitions.

The Clubrooms are becoming a popular venue for Corporate functions where staff can have a bit of fun and socialise in a relaxing environment. Check out the Club website for details.

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The Otumoetai Tennis Club is situated on Bellevue Park, Windsor Road, (next to the swimming pool complex.)

We welcome players of all ages and abilities. The club has 12 courts (8 all weather and 4 international standard) a modern club house and licenced bar.

**JUNIORS** - 5 to 18 years. Junior members can take advantage of "Friday Pizza Club Night" which runs during all four terms. Saturday morning coaching operates in terms one and four. Sessions are graded into levels to aid Junior development. Ph Coach, Paul Bell - 021 934347

**SENIORS** - Seniors of all abilities can enjoy Saturday afternoon tennis from 1.30pm. For the more competitive player there is an added option of Friday night Interclub plus Premier Interclub on Saturday. Ph Club Captain - Fred 544 5088

**MIDWEEK** - Held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.00am.

Midweek caters for those of varying ability and offers social tennis plus the option to compete in mini tournaments and championships. For the more competitive player there is Midweek Ladies Interclub played Monday mornings. Ph Midweek Convenor, Pam 570 0302

**BUSINESS HOUSE** - Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The very latest LED lighting provides perfect playing conditions. Ph President - Warwick 027 4330337

**COACHING** - Paul Bell is the Club's Head Professional Coach. Paul runs private and group lessons for adults and juniors - daytime, evenings and weekends. For further information on coaching contact Paul 021 934347

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AT OTUMOETAI TENNIS CLUB**



In the photo we have the oldest playing member Margaret 86 years of age and the youngest playing member Laura 6 years of age with the club coach Paul Bell.



Bellevue Park, Windsor Road

Otumoetai Tennis Club welcomes players of all ages and abilities.

If you require any further information please contact

Pam or Viv on Pam 570 0302 and Viv 576 3026

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## Making Peace - Under the Titoki tree



A sacred tree with the protection of Tapu and believed to be over 300 years old is located within the Otumoetai Pa Reserve in Matua.

A meeting held beneath the Titoki tree on 22 September 1845 brought to an end ten years of warfare between some hapu of Tauranga Ngaiterangi and Rotorua's Te Arawa. A large stone from Mauao was placed on the spot over which the Chiefs made their peace by each placing their foot upon it, shook hands and Hongi and smoked the peace pipe. Archdeacon Brown, Reverends Chapman and Davies who had been involved in and were witness to the event.

A large feast followed with 700 small baskets of cooked food and 80 pigs to feed those in attendance.

Until the late 19th century the tree was used as a marker for fishing canoes to guide their return from the ocean through the harbour entrance. The Titoki was known by early Europeans as the New Zealand Oak. The tree produces small purple flowers, black and red fruit and shiny black seeds. Maori traditionally extracted oil from the seeds for use on their hair and body.

Sourced from the information panels at Otumoetai Pa Reserve and Tauranga Memories.

## A Word of Thanks

We would like to thank all the people who came to my husbands aid when he was knocked from his bicycle on the corner of Levers and Smiths Road in June.

He has, after many weeks, fully recovered. Our thanks also to St John for their prompt response.

Tony now has the nickname "Crash" amongst his bowling mates and even has a club name badge given to him that he proudly wears.

*Tony and Margaret*



## Civil Defence

Check out the Emergency Management Plan for Matua on [www.matua.org.nz](http://www.matua.org.nz)

This is for major events that will affect the entire city - Tsunami, Earthquake, Volcanic Eruption and Major Storm. Households need to be able to look after themselves for at least three days however when it is not safe to be at home then we will have an emergency base at Matua Bowls and Matua Hall. We are keen to hear from people who have skills and assets to assist the community in these types of event. Campervans would be a major advantage in such a time.

Contact Richard on 0274 337675 or messenger through our facebook page.

## BOP Oodle Club

They are known as man's best friend but on the first Sunday of every month at Fergusson Park you would be forgiven for thinking that the number of women with their poodles meant they were in fact women's best friend. However everyone is welcome to bring along their pooch for a social afternoon from 2.00pm.



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## The Wairoa River

As the tides change the waters of the Wairoa flow around and past our peninsula, it is only the change of colour in the harbour water with heavy rain that reminds us it's close proximity.

Regarded as sacred by Tangata Whenua of the hapu of Ngati Kahu, Ngati Pango and Ngati Rangī who have lived on it's banks, or to the Matua and wider Otumoetai community, the significance of the river has been notable for generations as it flows from the Kaimai watershed to the mouth and out into the sea. Fed by the Mangakarengorengo and Mangapapa and Omanawa rivers that now form the McLaren Falls Dam, the Opuiaki River and Ngatuhua stream are just part of the 13 tributaries that have been dammed or diverted since the first powerhouse was completed in 1915. In total 5 powerhouses have operated in the Wairoa catchment with most notable being the Ruahihi Dam.

When the canal collapsed in 1981 and more than a million cubic metres of liquid mud and rubble poured into the Wairoa it not only changed the river bed forever while also silting the harbour. The many types of fish - eel, mullet, herrings,

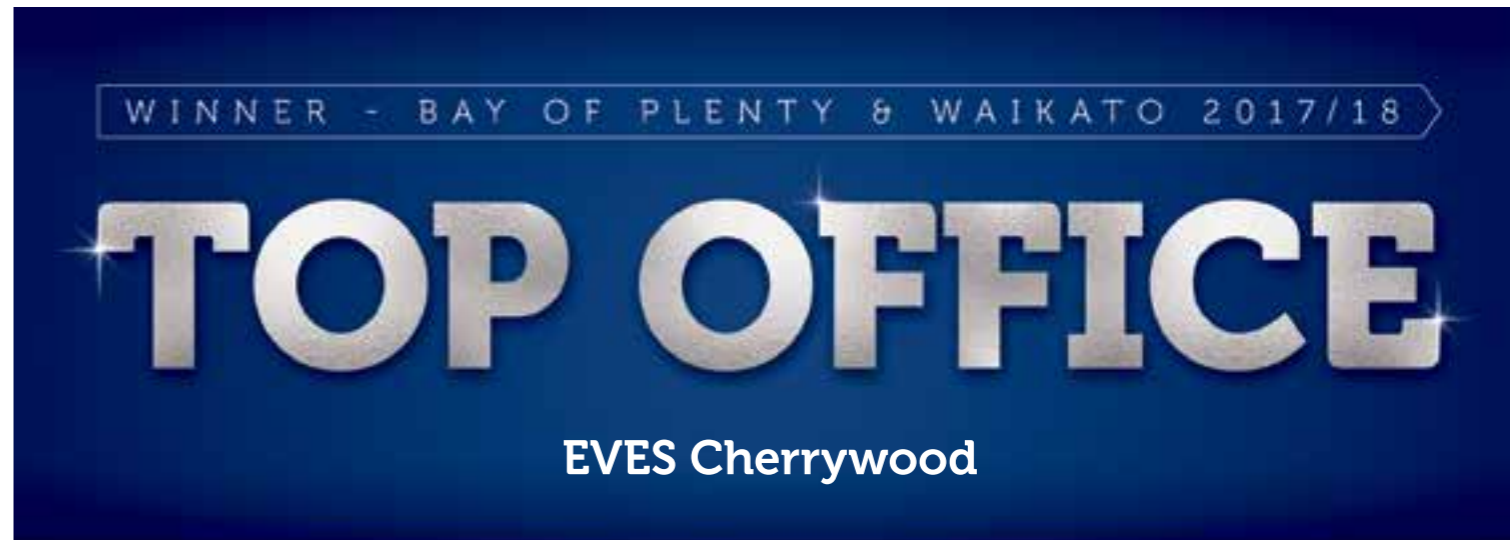


flounder, kahawai and shellfish that once thrived and spawned in the many tributaries will never be as abundant as they once were. Prior to the arrival of the European the three hapu were able to enjoy the riches of Tauranga Moana and the Kaimai bush. They had extensive cultivations in the lower valley and controlled extensive swamplands from which food and resources could be procured. In the 1870's and 80's Maori had a flour mill by the river to grind the wheat and maize they grew on the fertile land that bounded the river.

The river was a once a means of transport for both Maori and pakeha leading in to the Kaimais and across to the Waikato beyond. Flax was transported from Matamata to be sent overseas for rope for sailing ships. In 1915 the Tauranga Rimu company was formed by the Gammon brothers to mill the bush of the Omanawa and Oropi. The mill was at Tauriko (a name formed by a contraction of the company name) where the logs milled in the bush were hauled by horse drawn tram, to be sawn into timber to be placed on punts and towed down the river to Kaiarero (Tilby Point off Fergusson Park). Here they were transferred to wharves built alongside the channel, and loaded to larger sea going scows engaged in the coastal trade or steamships to Auckland.

Ownership of the Wairoa has been a point of contention from the time of the confiscation of Maori Lands in 1865. The Crown intended to confiscate 250,000 acres which included land either side of the river however Governor Grey decided that only 50,000 acres between the Wairoa and Waimapu Rivers would be taken. Some of the land returned was on the banks of the Wairoa and it became a patchwork of Maori, European and Crown land. To further complicate matters an Order of Council in 1865 effectively extinguished customary title for the whole of the Tauranga District and it is unclear if this Order included Riparian rights to the river bed.

The first bridge over the river was constructed in 1885 but in 1906 the Omanawa bridge was closed because it was unsafe. In 1916 a concrete structure was built. Subsequently the road bridge on SH29 and the railway bridge have carried travellers and freight above the ebb and flowing waters of this significant local waterway.



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It is estimated that 20% of those registered as blind in New Zealand, are blind from preventable causes.

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### OTUMOETAI DOCTORS

#### Summer Holidays

Remember to 'slip,slop,slap' this summer to protect yourself from skin cancers.

A melanoma is the most dangerous type of skin cancer. It grows from special cells in the skin called melanocytes. A melanoma is usually brown or blackish in colour and looks like a freckle, mole or spot. They can begin in moles, but most being in normal skin.

#### WHO GETS MELANOMA?

About 1 in 60 people will get melanoma. It is seen most often in people aged 30-50yrs, but it can occur in younger people. People at increased risk are those with:

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- Freckles
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Matua Scouts practice their skills in the lead up to Summer. Learning the basics of teamwork, use of available materials, tying knots and ensuring it all stays together are valuable attributes that not only apply to camp life but can be life skills that have value throughout their lives ahead. The Cubs and Scouts are preparing to attend a summer camp at Waitawheta in early January, which will be attended by Cubs and Scouts from across the Central North Island region, from Taupo to Auckland. Looking ahead, a number of the Scouts are planning to attend a Jamboree the following summer. The Jamboree is a nationwide gathering of Scouts which will be held in Mystery Creek over 10 days in late December 2019 / early January 2020.

With a team of 11 leaders the Matua Keas, Cubs and Scouts based in the Fergusson Park Clubrooms number approximately 60 but there is always a need for helpers with a range of knowledge to pass on to these enthusiastic learners.



### Cherrywood



The blossom of the Cherry trees are fluttering through Cherrywood.

### Sharing Shed

If you have surplus fruit or vegetables, maybe jams or sauces, plants or anything that others can benefit from then how about dropping them off to the Sharing Shed at 28 Percival Avenue in Matua. The family have generously provided "The Shed" for locals to pit and take as needed. **The more we share the more we care.**



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Or they take them away. The desire to enjoy the harbour view is behind the changing landscape of the Matua peninsular. Within the last two years three houses on the Waratah ridge and others on Beach Road have or are being replaced with new dwellings. Many others along either section of Beach Road have undergone major transformations. This is a reflection of the value residents place on living in Matua and Otumoetai.



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