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A Day's Sailing

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From The Committee

With Winter approaching, maybe not as fast as normal, the committee is looking to prepare for events during our quieter time of year.

In May we look to invite every Club and organisation based within or close to Matua. The idea is to share experiences, concerns and skills and see if and how we can be of assistance to each other. There may be resources that are underutilised by a group that can benefit another. Invites will go out to as many groups as we can find and the meeting will be at the Matua Bowling Club.

Contact me on 0274 337 675 if you want to be involved.

The local body elections will be held by postal vote in October. As in the past we will organise a "Meet The Candidates" evening in late September for our Ward candidates and possibly At large and Mayoral number dependant.

Keep up the good work families on our Predator Free suburb. Strikes are tied to food sources. Feijoas are popular at this time of year and macadamia nut trees are a magnet for rodents. Hopefully the increase in bird song will be noticeable.

Reports of Burglaries so far this year show 6 for Matua. Five occurred or were reported between 6.30PM and 11.00PM. There was one at 9.00AM and a similar time for a Theft ex Car. Locations were all early Matua – Levers Road x2, Meadowland, Columba, Sylvania, Shaw and Ranui. This could indicate offenders were striking at points where they could leave the suburb quickly and are acting under cover of darkness. It may also be residents arrive home from work and leave garages open creating an easy opportunity. If you see something suspicious ring 111 immediately. With the camera situated at the entrance to Matua it may enable Police to track possible suspects.

We have a new suburb coordinator for Neighbourhood Support. Nooty Samakkan has taken over from

Christine Christie who was recently awarded NS Coordinator of the Year. Thank you Christine for all your hard work. We now have most streets with networks looking out for each other.

If you are new to our community or find you have time on your hands and would like to contribute to your community then contact the Committee.- details on our website or call Richard 0274 337 675.

Richard Kluit

Chairman Matua Residents Assn



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is hosted by the Matua Residents Assn and is a vehicle of communication within our community.

There is information about the roles of the Association plus

Community Patrols and Neighbourhood Support
Civil Defence

Matua Estuary Care Group

History of Matua

(photos and information is keenly sought)

Links to connect to pages / websites for Matua Bowls, Matua Baptist Church, Matua Kindergarten and Matua Primary are also included. A local business directory will be included.

If your community group wants to be part of this initiative contact Richard on 0274 337 675 or any committee member.



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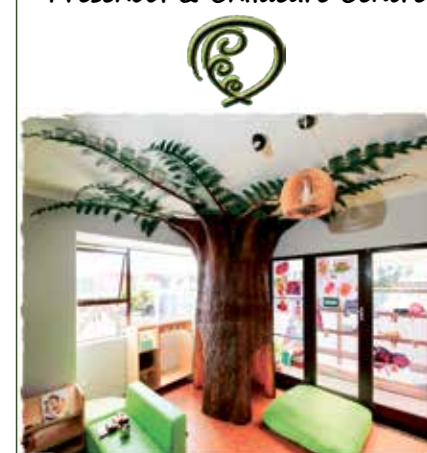
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Local History

The Catholic Church in Tauranga Moana.

Tauranga is the oldest Catholic Parish in New Zealand following the first presence in the simple faith and devotion of the early Catholic settlers, some of whom married in to local families. The Church was formally established on 7th March 1840 when Bishop Pompallier arrived on the Otumoetai foreshore and dedicated the mission there to the saint of that day, Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Pompallier had been present the month before at Waitangi for the signing of the Treaty and mainly due to his push included a guaranteed freedom of religion and insistence of religious tolerance.

The Catholic mission Church was sited on the flat lands below Otumoetai Pa. This is the area currently beside the walkway from Shaw Place Reserve to Beach Road Reserve and is noted by an information board close to the large macaranga tree on the foreshore. It was described as being "a very neat church, the interior gorgeously decorated by native wickerwork." The tuku tuku work, depicting biblical incidents was for years thought to be removed to Rotorua as the church was allowed to deteriorate however this is now thought to have not been the case and the church simply decayed. In 1871 a small wooden church was built in Cameron Road followed

by a more solid gothic revival style erected in 1888. The early priests who served until Pompallier were French Marists, the first being Philip Joseph Viard SM who became the first Catholic Bishop of Wellington. These early missionaries endured harsh conditions as they sought to bring the faith to the people of Tauranga Moana, travelling on horseback, by canoe and on foot to all parts of the area.

Familiar to many local churchgoers is the waiata that reminds all of the rich inheritance that is ours: Ehara i te mea no inaianei te aroha – no nga tupuna tuku iho, tuku iho. (The love we share is not from the present, but is handed down to us by our ancestors.)

Do you like playing card games?

Matua Bowling Club is the venue for winter cards – see below for details.

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If you have a wood burner it is now time to order your lovely dry wood and get it stacked away to keep it nice and dry ready for winter. Also get your Pellets in and put away ready for the cold weather.

Is the Insurance on your Home adequate?

For most their Home is their most valuable asset so it makes sense that it is insured adequately.

Is it though?

Since the devastating Christchurch Earthquakes, as widely noted in the media, significant changes have been made in the cover that Insurance Companies are prepared to offer.

The changes made have put even more onus on the Homeowner to ensure that the cover particularly the Sum Insured is adequate to replace the property.

The previously celebrated open ended insurance cover based on the size of the Home for all insured perils has largely gone.

There are options to insure based on the size of the Home for perils such as Fire or Storm but generally not Natural Disaster perils such as Earthquake.

Poor insurance cannot be fixed after the event, whenever I see somebody quoted as having “insurance issues” after a loss it suggests to me that the cover was not set up properly.

The three main avenues for purchasing insurance cover is directly with Insurance Companies, via the Bank or by utilising the services of an Insurance Broker. With the first two options you are offered that organisation’s product with a Broker a wider net is cast.

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Keen cyclists along the foreshore can now attend to the needs of their bikes with a workstation at Fergusson park.

From a footpump to top up tyres to a set of tools to fix those loose bits these are a welcome additions to our great park.



Who we are and what we offer

Otumoetai Sports and Recreation Club is the facility at Fergusson Park.

We are a separate entity but comprise Albion Cricket, Matua Scouts, Otumoetai Football and Tauranga Astronomical Society as our members. We also are the base for Otumoetai Lions Club and Matua

Residents Assn. Other hall users are Zumba, Drama, Bootcamp, yoga and Taichi. In total our clubrooms offers a base for the activities of over 1800 people. The club also hosts two major events with the Tga Half Marathon and the Motor Neurone Disease Walk starting and finishing here. Our members provide marshalling for both events, the former event providing funding towards the running costs of our building.

Matua Scouts

Keas (5-8 yrs), Cubs (8-11), and Scouts (11-14) are the make up for Matua's scout Group. Monday and Wednesday are the nights.

**details can be found on our website
www.scoutgroupdirectory.co.nz/matua-scout-group**



Matua Scouts have a 6x9 M marquee they hire out so if you have an event contact them – details on the website.



Preparing for Camp - Matua Scouts practice their skills. 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. With a team of 8 leaders the Matua Keas, Cubs and Scouts based in the Fergusson Park Clubrooms number approximately 55 but there is always a need for helpers with a range of knowledge to pass on to these enthusiastic learners.

Albion Cricket have players competing from 6 yrs to intermediate age. New Zealand's Blackcap captain Kane Williamson played his early days on Fergusson Park and Trent Boulton bowled many a ball for Otumoetai in his school days. Former Albion junior Tim Pringle is on track to follow them.

Bright cricket futures can begin bowling and batting in Albion's nets. We have a senior men's team competing in the Bay league.

Our website is
www.albionjuniorcricket.nz



Otumoetai Football Club is the biggest of the users with 1000 winter players from 5 years to 50's plus, and includes Otumoetai College teams. Summer 5 a side adds several hundred more competitors and there are holiday programs operating. We play in Western Bay, BOP and Waikato leagues, male and female. Futsal, the indoor game, also features strongly with the club.

Our website is
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Otumoetai Lions Club

Otumoetai Lions Club support community initiatives such as the MND walk along Matua's foreshore. If you are community minded and are interested in being part of an organisation helping others then check out our website.



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Winter coughs and colds: Most people refer to a cold as “the flu” but influenza or the real flu is a specific illness, different from a colds.

The flu has the following symptoms, which distinguishes it from a cold. These include sudden or rapid onset of symptoms:

- o High temperature
- o Chills and fever
- o Headache
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Here’s some trivia to lighten your day ...

According to scientists, eyes evolved around 540 million years ago as simple light detecting organs. Today, vision is the most important sense for many animals, humans included, and they have become incredibly varied and complex.

We all imagine pupils to be round – as they are the type we see most often (on humans) – but goats (and most other animals with hooves) have horizontal slits, which are nearly rectangular when dilated. This gives goats vision covering 320 – 340 degrees; meaning they can see virtually all around them without having to move (humans have vision covering 160 – 210 degrees). Consequently, animals with rectangular eyes can see better at night due to having larger pupils that can be closed more tightly during the day to restrict light. Interestingly, octopuses also have rectangular pupils.

Giant Squid have the largest eye in the animal kingdom. At up to 10 inches in diameter, people often describe it as the size of a dinner plate or, in other words, as big as a human head. Why do they need such big eyes? The deep ocean is so dark that bigger eyes probably don't help the Giant Squid pinpoint and hunt small food. However, by drawing in even a little more light, this could help them see larger shadowy shifts in the depths - like those produced by an enormous predator. A study published in March 2012 suggested that Giant Squid could detect a moving sperm whale from 120 meters with those big eyes.

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My experience and interest is in all areas of podiatry, including minor surgery, diabetes, sports biomechanics, whilst currently my scope of practice is predominantly in aged care.

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Taking action to “Fight the 5” common home safety hazards!

Moss, rugs, power cords, chairs and puddles – these are just five of the many things responsible for more than 280,000 serious falls around New Zealand homes last year. Find out how to take action and Fight the 5 – here are tips to avoid injuries and make your home safer.

1. MOSS

Moss on outside steps, paths and decks can be very slippery. Waterblast, scrub or spray these areas with moss removal products. Cut trees and shrubs back to prevent shade – conditions which moss thrive in. Highlight step edges with painted strips. Light any dim outside areas. Build new decks with grooved timber. When painting decks, use non-slip paint or a grip additive.

2. CHAIRS

Chairs aren't ladders and are very unstable if you stand on them. Use a ladder or step ladder to reach high objects. Store heavy, regularly used objects down

lower. Use long life smoke alarms and light bulbs so you don't have to change them so often.

3. POWERCORDS

Snaking power cords, telephone wires and general clutter are easy to trip over. Get them out of harm's way with cord clips, quick release power cords or multi-boxes. Secure any loose cords or wires to the wall. Tidy away general clutter. Use baskets and other storage systems.

4. PUDDLES

Wet areas are hazardous. Wipe up spills as soon as they happen, with mops, sponges or cloths. Use non-slip bath and shower mats. Use floor mats to absorb any excess water. Install handrails to assist when getting out of the bath or shower. If renovating, install non-slip flooring in wet rooms (bathroom, kitchen and laundry).

5. RUGS AND MATS

Unsecured rugs and mats on floors and stairs can cause falls. Secure them with anti-slip tape or spray on a nonslip coating. Use carpet grips for mats. Repair damaged carpet on stairs. If you're buying a new rug, look for one with a nonslip backing. Wear shoes or slippers (rather than socks) on wooden floors.



5 Minute Chocolate Mug Cake - For 2 small cakes:

1/4 cup sugar
1 large egg
2 Tbsp canola or other light oil
2 Tbsp cocoa powder
1/4 cup self-raising flour
1/4 cup milk
1/4 tsp vanilla essence
pinch of salt

1. Measure the sugar into a small bowl, add the egg and oil and whisk until pale and creamy. Add the remaining ingredients and stir just enough to combine.

2. Non-stick spray two microwave-safe teacups or two 250ml ramekins or teacups. Divide the

mixture evenly between the prepared containers, then place them in the microwave.

3. Cover with a square of baking paper or a paper towel, then cook on High (100% power) for 2–3 minutes or until the centre of the cakes is firm.

Remove the cakes from the microwave, then tip them out of the cups/ramekins. Cool on a rack for a few minutes or enjoy immediately.



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The past two years have seen brilliant conditions and the competitors numbered over 1500 from all ages, and indeed fitness levels. Marshalling for the event is undertaken by volunteers from the groups based in the facility at Fergusson Park as a fundraiser towards the operating costs of the clubrooms.

An area of land at the western end of Matua known as oreanui, and at some point Oreanui pa site, but now known as Kings Avenue and Manuwai Drive was the location that a few of the Otumoetai youths amused themselves by holding race meetings. The interest of the public was such that they were to become a more formal occasion that resulted in the Otumoetai Junior Jockey Club. The course was marked out with tea tree brush and a small gate charge was made.

The Bay of Plenty Times records the results of a public meeting on the 3rd March 1893 with over 300 people in attendance.



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Councillor LARRY BALDOCK

Ward Councillor - Pyes Pa, Otumoetai & Bethlehem

With all the change at Council I thought you would be interested in an update from your Ward councillor. I have always supported the work the Matua Residents Association does, and this publication gives me a timely opportunity to communicate.

Council Re-structuring: since the appointment of our new CEO, Marty Grenfell, Council has been undergoing restructuring and changes. This month our Council committees have also reorganised with the former City Transformation Committee which I chaired, and the Transport Committee being amalgamated while all other committees have been dis-established. Combining transport with urban form and city transformation will stream line the delivery and prioritisation of these crucial components of the development of our city.

New Urban Form & Transport

Development Committee:

I will now chair the new amalgamated committee called the Urban Form and Transport Development Committee (UFTDC) and this will now align with major work being undertaken by Smart Growth (the Urban Form and Transport Initiative

UFTI) to finally focus on our priorities of addressing the growing congestion and supply of land for housing. Central Governments new Government Policy Statement (GPS) and Future Development Strategy (FDS) requires us to collaborate across the wider Western BOP with Western Bay District Council, the Regional Council, Tauranga City Council and local Iwi.

If you want to see the full details on the Role, Scope and Power to Act of the UFTDC and all of the committees, go to my website [www. Baldock.nz](http://www.Baldock.nz)

While being a member of the three new Committees, Policy, Project Services and Operations, and Finance, Audit and Risk,

I remain a Member of:

- ✓ Smart Growth Committee (TCC Rep)
- ✓ Council Control Organisation (CCO) working group
- ✓ Dive Crescent Governance Group
- ✓ Tangata Whenua Standing Committee and Hearings Panel.
- ✓ I will also now be the TCC rep on the Regional Transport Committee.

I am looking forward to strongly representing the interests of Tauranga City on this regional committee. I am your Ward Councillor and always available to meet to discuss your issues and concerns.

**Working hard for you
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