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From The Committee

We trust that as we break free of the shackles of Covid that those who suffered a positive bout did not suffer too much and too long. With so much of our lives influenced by what we could or could not do we should now make the most of reconnecting with family, friends and activities that were not possible.

The committee has been quiet with only a small involvement with TCC on their presentations of amendments to the LongTerm Plan and promoting the “take me to the future: Otumoetai 2050.

If you have not taken time to look at these topics we recommend you do so and have your say. Growth is expected due to the demand for housing, the central location of Otumoetai, it’s proximity to water, green spaces, schools and commercial/retail centres making it a great place to live. The central government directive to Council LTP that will allow greater density through taller and closer dwellings will no doubt affect our suburbs in time but this may also be countered by the size of our sites, the contour of the land and the underpinning value of the land making it less attractive to developers. Time will tell but please take these opportunities to have your say. Otumoetai2050@tauranga.govt.nz

With the by election in June to find a new parliamentary representative for Tauranga the Committee will be looking to host a “Meet the Candidates” night. Keep an eye out for the promotion of this. Our meetings are always well attended.

Every now and then we hear of people with old photos of the area. We are keen to obtain copies to include in the historical photos on our website www.matuatauranga.wordpress.com If you have strong families ties and can contribute memories please make contact on 027 433 7675.

Take care and support fiends and neighbours who may be in need in these times.

Richard Kluit

Chairman Matua Residents Assn

Be willing to be a beginner every single morning.
(Meister Eckhart)

In other words do not give up. Have a go at something. Do something. Help someone. You will be helping yourself to enjoy life.

We were created to be "in the community" with others. So if you are feeling a little isolated or lonely, reach out to someone and be the friend to them that you would like them to be to you.



WWW.Matua.org.nz

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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Predator Free Matua has launched Phase 2 to eliminate rats, possums and mustelids (weasels, stoats and ferrets) from across the community.

This will support the native birds in our area including the Grey Warbler that can be seen in the salt marsh, and its call heard across the area.



Predator Free Matua We Need Some Info!

As we launch our next phase, we need information and volunteers to support our native birds!



We are also looking for locations to put out monitoring tools - **pest chew cards, ink tracking tunnels and trail cameras**. These would be put out for a few nights, up to a week, in a spot on your property. Volunteers would put it out and pick it up. There are no toxins or traps involved, just a chance to see what wildlife is around in your area. Volunteers would arrange with you times to drop off and collect.

And of course we need volunteers. Can you offer to check your neighbour's trap? Log the kills

of someone on your street who doesn't have a computer? or help with putting out tracking tunnels? Or even calling up trappers to check in.

We need all sorts. If you are able to help as a volunteer please email us at predatorfreematua@gmail.com



Tracey's corner

Oh no, what the heck is this? There's nothing more unnerving than having a car warning light appear on your dash!

Just like traffic lights, (and we are all very familiar with traffic lights!) red means stop, orange is caution, and green is go. A red warning light needs immediate attention, while orange or yellow may mean you need to head down to your local garage and have the problem sorted by a professional.



What should I do if a dashboard warning light appears? It's important to pay attention to car dashboard warning lights because they can help you avoid a car breakdown, keep you safe on the road and potentially save you an expensive repair bill. Regular servicing is the best way to keep those warning lights on your dashboard from making frequent appearances. If a red or orange warning light appears on your dashboard, don't ignore it come and see us and we can identify the cause and fix the problem for you. We carry all the diagnostic tools which help to identify the source of the problem so we can fix the issue and get you back on the road.

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Interestingly you may see our team using the "beam setter" as part of the WOF inspection, this piece of equipment is to make sure your headlights are aligned correctly. Headlights are designed to point and cast light in a particular way specific to driving on the left-hand side



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Kulim Park All but Complete

The Council is to be praised for the success of the upgrade to Kulim Park. The number of families gathering and the children competing for turns on the equipment shows the popularity of the revamp. For many the easiest way to get there is by bike from surrounding suburbs and the cycleways/walkways from either direction are always busy. It is not only young children catered for as a late addition is the basketball half court, quickly growing in popularity, and the adult outdoor gym. In our last edition we highlighted the Petanque court.



The other change is the walkway/cycleway through the trees and along the foreshore to Harbour Drive. Taking pedestrians and cyclists off the roadway is a huge plus.

Well done TCC Park's and Reserves Team


Reopening day for Kulim Park on 7th May 1pm to 4pm

There is a new section of Boardwalk in the Matua Saltmarsh with the completion of a section from Elmes Reserve to Bay Street.

Way back in 2003 this was approved by Council but a series of postponements through funding priorities, concerns by neighbours and the difficulty of the terrain enforced the delay. A public meeting 5 years ago showed strong support from residents for the project and no doubt was the catalyst to getting it completed. With the steeper incline of Bay Street it is recommended when checking it out by bike or on foot that you enter from Bay street and exit at Elmes reserve or carryon through the Saltmarsh walkways. The fitter amongst us may be happy to do the reverse.

While it is possible at low tide to continue the walk around the end of the peninsula it is not recommended. Signs are in place to warn of the danger of the steep bank, soft sand and changing tidal channels that make it potentially dangerous. A viable and pleasant option is to walk out on to the estuary at low tide. The channels, birdlife, banks of shells and signs of stingray create an everchanging landscape. The prolific number of stingray is no doubt the reason behind the Orca that were spotted recently cruising along the Matua foreshore.





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Going Artificial

Eleven years after converting the first of their three greens to an artificial surface Bowls Matua is about to convert the remaining two also. The machinery comes in to remove the grass greens and the base will go down for the woven carpet. With the future of bowls competition now on these new surfaces the club was keen to be able to host major events in future years.

As part of the installation the Club has installed two large water tanks to capture the rainwater from the roof of the clubrooms and utilise it for cooling the greens in the middle of the hotter summer days. This makes the club less reliant on town water supplies. The greens also mean a major saving in the cost of a greenkeeper, a skill that has been a scarce resource in recent years.

Bowls Matua is one of the larger clubs in the country with a strong participation base as well as the competitive bowlers. Social bowls such as twilight and corporate events play a big part in the future of bowls clubs.



The Flags will Fly No More

The iconic Flags of Matua that herald competition between Nations or special events such as Anzac Commemorations will soon be a thing of the past as the owner of the Flags and Flagpoles makes a move away from Matua.

For the past decade Rob has put up the flags at his Levers Road home opposite Matua Park whenever there has been major sporting competition with the winner flying high and second place lowered to reflect the result. It has been known for people to divert around the block rather than see the result of a fixture they may yet to watch.

Thanks Rob for your fantastic efforts and community spirit. You and your flags will be missed.



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Thanks



An impressive total of 23 New Zealand Scholarships were awarded to 16 Otumoetai College students at the end of 2021, despite secondary school education being severely impacted by Covid-19 over the last couple of years.

Every year student who meets the necessary New Zealand Qualifications Authority eligibility requirements have the opportunity to sit Scholarship exams in one or more subjects. As a rule, study at this level requires students to be already achieving at a Level 3 standard in that subject, which means that Scholarships are typically attempted by Year 13 students or Year 12 students studying at Year 13 level.

This makes even more remarkable the achievement of Year 10 student Megan Sushames, who was awarded a Scholarship in Calculus. Megan decided to take Scholarship Calculus in 2021 to challenge herself and expand her knowledge of Maths.

And Megan is not done yet. "This year, I'm aiming for an Outstanding Scholarship, which is only achieved by the top 30 students in Calculus" says Megan, who already has her eyes on a career as a mathematician and plans to study Maths & Physics at University.

Special mention should also go to Alex Freeman and Siddhartha

Gurung who achieved Scholarships in 3 subjects and Sarah Latus, who was awarded 4 Scholarships.

Scholarships were awarded across a wide range of subjects in 2021: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, English, Health & PE, Media Studies, Painting, Photography, Physics & Statistics.

Preparing for Scholarship exams means more time and effort for students, over and above timetabled classes, as well as a commitment from staff to offer

additional weekly tuition before or after school or during lunch hours. Successful Scholarship candidates represent around 3 percent of all students who achieve 14 or more credits at Level 3 in that subject.

Scholarships come with monetary rewards for successful candidates enrolled in tertiary study. These range from a 'one-off' \$500 award for gaining a scholarship in a single subject to a Premier Award of \$10,000 per year for up to three years for the very top 7 to 12 candidates across the country.

We are very proud of all our scholarship candidates for going the extra mile, and congratulations go to all who were successful!



Megan Sushames, Year 10 student achieving a New Zealand Scholarship in Calculus in 2021

Anosognosia (what the heck is it?)

In the following analysis the French Professor Bruno Dubois Director of the Institute of Memory and Alzheimer's Disease (IMMA) at La Pitié-Salpêtrière - Paris Hospitals/addresses the subject in a rather reassuring way:

"If anyone is aware of his memory problems, he does not have Alzheimer's."

1. I forget the names of families ..
2. I do not remember where I put some things ..

It often happens in people 60 years and older that they complain that they lack memory. "The information is always in the brain, it is the "processor" that is lacking."

This is "Anosognosia" or temporary forgetfulness.
Half of people 60 and older have some symptoms
that are due to age rather than disease.

The most common cases are:

- Forgetting the name of a person,
- Going to a room in the house and not

remembering why we were going there,
a blank memory for a movie title or actor,
an actress,
A waste of time searching where we left our
glasses or keys ...

After 60 years most people have such a difficulty, which indicates that it is not a disease but rather a characteristic due to the passage of years ...

Many people are concerned about these oversights hence the importance of the following statement:
"Those who are conscious of being forgetful have no serious problem of memory."

"Those who suffer from a memory illness or Alzheimer's, are not aware of what is happening."

Professor Bruno Dubois, Director of IMMA, reassures the majority of people concerned about their oversights:

"The more we complain about memory loss, the less likely we are to suffer from memory sickness."

Now for a little neurological test. Only use your eyes

1. Find the C in the table below!

[illegible]

2. If you have already found the C, then find the 6 in the table below.

[illegible]

3. Now find the N in the table below. *Attention, it's a little more difficult!*

[illegible]

If you pass these three tests without problem:

- you can cancel your annual visit to the neurologist.
- your brain is in perfect shape!
- you are far from having any relationship with Alzheimer's.

So, share this with your over-65 friends, if you can remember who they are.

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COVID 19 Community Care update

Orange settings are now in place in the community so it is important to register any positive Rapid Antigen Test results on the MyCOVIDRecord website. Your doctor will know to follow up with households who are isolating once notification is received from the Ministry of Health – Public Health team. Patients who are at high risk of complications from Omicron can expect a quick call from a doctor or nurse while patients with a lower risk of severe symptoms will receive a text notification to get in touch if your condition worsens.

Maintaining good mental health and wellbeing is important during the challenging isolation periods so do your best to stay connected with people by phone or social media. Friends and whānau make a good support team for non-contactless delivery of food and groceries or Otumoetai Doctors can make referrals for welfare support if necessary. An extended community mental health support service will be available from May.

Routine health services resume

Many services are now operating at Otumoetai Doctors including immunisations – for influenza and childhood immunisations; cervical smears, diabetes reviews and cardiovascular risk assessments. You should see your doctor every 3 to 6 months for a medication review if you collect scripts from a pharmacy. Some minor procedures will also be started in May and the Travel Clinic is already operating again for supervised RATs and current travel advice.

Blood tests. Pathlab at Otumoetai is currently closed.

You have the option of Bethlehem, Second Avenue or the hospital Pathlab. If you do not wish to wait you can book in with a nurse at Otumoetai Doctors for your blood tests for \$20.

Changes you need to know

Masks are still required for appointments with any specialists at Otumoetai Health Centre. Social distancing remains in the waiting room with a 10-person limit in place. Respiratory clinic appointments are now held in the front of the clinic at the top of our new ramp with parking available under the adjacent awning.

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Coconut - (to roll in)

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These keep for a long time in the deep freeze – and you can use either a few at a time or as many as you want as the rest keep well. Can eat straight out of freezer.

Celebrate Matariki
Fergusson park 19th June



Ancient Maori kite flying traditions have a highly symbolic connection to Matariki – the two were historically inseparable. Kites were seen as connectors between the heavens and earth. During this period of joyful abundance of Matariki, tribes throughout New Zealand, without exception, historically placed their greatest emphasis on kite flying.

Ancient Maori were expert kite makers and flight controllers. Their kites were usually tail-less, decorated, and of varied sizes, shapes, names and purposes – from those used for light-hearted entertainment to kites used for highly significant spiritual rituals.

Book this date in the diary.



Local Names and Places

Otumoetai consists of a number of streets and Buildings that relate back to early families.
Ngatai Road is named after Hori Taiaho Ngatai, who owned the land to the south of the Cherrywood area. As a young man Hori took part in the Battle of Gate Pa. Ngatai was well respected by soldiers and settlers as well as his own people.
Tupaea Place is named after Hori Tupaea, a great Ngai Te rangi chief, who had connections with Otumoetai Pa as well as Motiti, Matakana and Tuhua.
Pah Street reminds us that the great Otumoetai Pa covered a large area of the land along the harbour’s edge.
The Tilby family owned the Arawa farm. When it was subdivided the family name was commemorated in Tilby Drive while the first names of family members were used for Warrington, Maxine, Clivedene, Ivy, Esme and Percival streets.
Lemon Grove extends over land originally a lemon orchard planted by Denis Knowles in the 1930’s, and the owner of the adjacent lemon orchard gave his name to Whitaker Street.
The Thompson family named Longwood Lane. Ena and brother Alwyn explored cool storing Chinese Gooseberries (Kiwifruit) for transport to the UK, in association with Tip Top Ice Cream Company. Keilor Road was named after the birthplace in Melbourne of their grandmother.
Landscape Road was initially known as Hervey Street East however in 1943 was changed due to confusion with Harvey Street in the Avenues.
Initially known as Crapp Road after the family who owned the farm at the end of the road, a change of ownership saw a change of street name also.
Tollemache Place was named after the family farming 376 acres of Otumoetai land.
Claremont was the name of the residence of the Darragh family, resulting in local street names when the farm was carved up.
Mr H S Brabant first owned “Woodhill” residence in Parkvale Road. When he sold it in 1884 the property was renamed “Maungawhare” and a new three story home on Grange Road was commissioned in 1885, this to then be named “Woodhill” and was designed by architect Fitzgibbon Louch was also held the role of Tauranga County Clerk and Engineer. The third level tower has since been removed but it is said that from the tower the Tarawera eruption was witnessed.

Thanks Dulux

With the support of the local Dulux store, a small team of professional painters and a whole lot of volunteers the Clubrooms at Fergusson Park got a fresh paint job. Each of the member groups provided labour and enthusiasm over a couple of days and wow the clubrooms looks great. A massive thanks to all who turned up and especially our amazing painters Jason, Nigel and Darryn, we actually could not have done this without you.

We are ever so grateful for the support shown by Dulux Trade Store Tauranga, who were also involved in a big way with the original upgrade of the facility 12 years ago.



The Story behind the Land

The ownership of land can tell a story in itself, let alone the persons or family they may have their name on the Title deed.

Matua peninsula was owned by Ngai Te Rangī up until the battle of Gate Pa and Te Ranga in 1864. Although friendly with local Europeans as a result of siding with their Waikato counterparts in the New Zealand Land wars the Crown confiscated Ngai Te Rangī land. In 1865 Mr T Heale, the provincial surveyor to the district split the land into either 50 or 100 acre (approx) sections. Several blocks were returned as Maori Reserves and others such as Lot 101 (today the basis of Smiths Road and surrounds) were granted to Mr Emanuel Sweeney. Much of the confiscated land was offered at one shilling per acre but could be sold for up to four pounds per acre. The land readily changed hands between settlers, many of whom were soldiers in the New Zealand wars. Often the land was not settled on by their owners but in 1874 Lot 101 was sold to constabulary officer Arthur Crapp. He was stationed at Owharoa Armed Constabulary Camp overseeing the construction of Katikati. His brother Harry Crapp turned the land from grazing into Matuaiwi Orchard, named after Matuaiwi Pa site on the adjoining land.

Fruit trees included lemons, apricots, peaches, apples and cherries. In 1887 the Bay of Plenty Times wrote an article praising the orchard. Crapp was an influential figure in fruit production circles and made a valuable contribution to the economic growth of the area – Orchards have played a major part in Matua's history.

Between 1894 and 1922 the land was owned by the Maurice family who changed the emphasis to mixed farming with a dairy farm being developed. In 1923 36 of the original 53 acres was subdivided off. This was bought by David Smith who in turn subdivided two further blocks of 4 acres. Access to the properties was provided by developing Smiths Road which went from Levers Road to the harbour. Further subdivisions occurred from the 1950's when the urbanization of Matua began. In the mid 1960's the area was populated enough to warrant a school and Matua school was opened. The suburb officially took the name of Matua from this time, up until then it had been Otumoetai West. Photos taken by White's Aviation show the rapid changes from there on and can be seen at the New Zealand room at Tauranga Library where the information for this article was sourced.

Birds, Birds and More Birds.

It may be the result of the success of Predator Free Matua – see separate article- but more likely it is just the way nature works. Matua/Otumoetai has seen an influx of Canadian geese. In the evening dozens can be heard honking as they fly over the peninsula and down to the Otumoetai foreshore off Beach Road for the night.

Another influx of the bird variety is the wild doves. These come and go around the suburb, possibly attracted by different feed on offer.



What sorts of situations is PHONE 105 for?

You can use 105 to report non-emergency situations online or via the phone, such as when your car has been stolen, your property has been damaged, or you want to give Police information about crime in your area.

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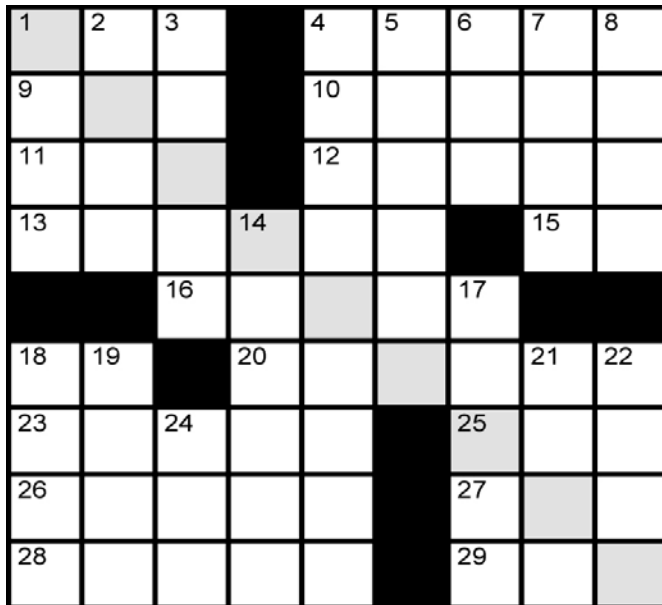
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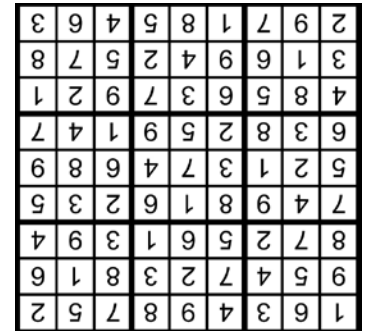
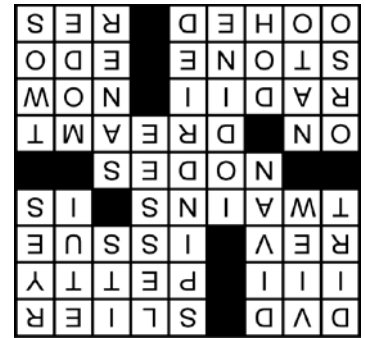
11. Gun, as an engine

12. It's debatable
13. Mark and Shania
15. Exists
16. Bumps

18. Atop
20. Imagined
23. Arm bones
25. "____ what?"
26. Backgammon piece
27. Old name for Tokyo
28. ____ and aahed
29. ____ publica

Down

1. Gossip
2. Penthouse feature
3. Couch
4. Like clothes in a washer
5. Rent payer
6. "____ alive!"
7. Needle case
8. Bakery selections
14. First-aid item
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18. Approximately
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21. Fashion
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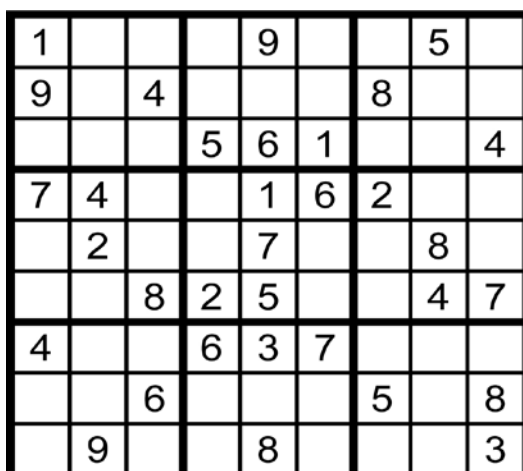


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