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EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE

Golf Club Kitchen with Adrienne
Thursdays "Big Mac Burger" Night
from 4:30 pm onwards
Sunday Roasts from 5:30pm

22 JUNE

Tight Lines Kids Fishing Comp
for Kaitoke School's fundraiser for the
Levi Golaboski Pump track.
Weigh in 1 - 3pm at the Claris Club

23 JUNE

Aotea Army Working Bee in Okiwi
10am meet at the Church in Okiwi
Contact Leon Foster to volunteer
020 4143 3243

**23 JUNE
7 JULY**

Kawa Youth Program
Kawa Marae
Contact Nancy to book:
027 525 8802
Nancy.kawamarae@gmail.com

**24 JUNE
1 & 8 JULY**

Wellness Aotea
Winter Presentations
Details within

**24 JUNE
1 & 8 JULY**

Island Screens
'Ferarri' | 'Priscilla' | 'The Last Rider'
Kitchen from 5:30pm | Movie at 7:15pm
Entry \$10 | \$15 for non members
Tryphena Social Club

28 JUNE

Matariki at Kawa Marae
6am Whangai te hau tapu | 8am Parakuihi
Breakfast | 10am Movie "WHINA"
with Paula Whetu Jones.
RSVP to kawamarae.gbi@gmail.com

28 JUNE

Matariki Dinner at Orama
No Alcohol Event | All Welcome | Koha
4:30pm History tour | 5:30pm Dinner
RSVP events@orama.org.nz or 094290063

10 JULY

Free Community Alcohol & Drugs Services
Every second Wednesday of the month
Contact the CADS Service directly
to make an appointment on 0800 845 1818

25-28 JULY

Nature Nurture Womens Wellbeing Retreat
Focus on gentle reflection and nurturing
Contact to book with Vicky Kyan
vicky@gbi.nz

All events can be found online at
www.greatbarrier.co.nz/events

PORT FITZROY WHARF UPGRADE

As you may have noticed, Port Fitzroy wharf and landings have been in need of some major repairs for a while now and we are stoked to say it's finally happened! Over the last two weeks mass amounts of mahi have been poured into the wharf to repair her back into shape. Total Marine was brought in to replace the eight poles supporting the boat ramp and the five poles supporting the floating pontoons which were damaged in a storm just over a year ago. The crew also reinstated the pontoons that were previously there after a bit of a glow up because upon closer inspection, it was realised the steel pontoon was in need of repairs itself.

Many thanks to Geoff Howie for his expertise in welding, Chris O'Dwyer, Rowan McGregor, Josh Scarlet and Brad Carde for their week of grinding, sanding, scraping and finally, painting.

We'd also like to thank Total Marine as they were absolutely fantastic to work with. They must be given extra credit for their patience and ultimate persistence! Obviously, it's no easy task driving 8 metre long x 300mm round piles into the ground whilst being constantly challenged by nature.

Thank you to the community as well, for your extended patience. This has been a long time coming but we are very happy for all of our kuia and kaumatua, those living on the outer islands or by sea access only,

recreational fishers, visitors and all who use our wharf that it is now safe, accessible and functioning.



There are still some final touches being completed to finish off and tidy the whole area, but last Wednesday, just a few hours after it was completed, Sealink docked the first ferry at the newly refinished wharf and everything was working perfectly.

Port Fitzroy Wharf is owned by the North Barrier Residents and Ratepayers and therefore relies on donations and a lot of volunteer help. NBRR committee would like to thank the Local Board for helping fund some of the repairs and for their patience in awaiting the mahi to get started!

And we, the community in the north, would like to extend a heartfelt 'Thank You' to the NBRR for knocking out this massive but critical job that so many of us rely on and utilise so frequently.

Words by North Barrier Residents and Rate Payers Committee

CLASSIC SURF EVENT TO RETURN

The Memory Park Noseriders Association surf event will return this summer.

Aimee Brown told Aotea FM's Monday Morning show the old school longboard event would be held as a tribute to her father Mike Brown.

Mike ran the event between the early 1990s to about 2014.

Aimee rode in the last one. "The rule was if you could carry the board to the water, you could enter."

Surfers ride 'old dunga' boards with glassed-in fins, two of which are in the ceiling of the Brown's shed along with an old marquee, 'watch out for sharks' sign and the trophies. The hunt is on for more boards. Four are needed to make a comp.

"I want to do it as a memorial thing now,

and if we run it next summer it will be a 30th anniversary from it starting."

Show host Tim Higham said he expected the island's senior, out-of-condition surfers to be shocked, knowing they were expected to be back on their boards, hanging 10 and turning tricks in just a few months. Tandem riding and handstands are expected.

To listen to Tim's full interview with Amiee and Mitch Brown go to www.greatbarrier.co.nz/island-stories-podcast/



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Winter Issue Notice: Please note, we will only be producing one issue per month in July & August then back to fortnightly publications in September | **Next submission deadline:** 15 July by 10am

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WHAKAARO WHAKAHAUMAKO MĀTARIKI

The theme for this year is

"MĀTARIKI HERI KAI"

This comes from the whakatauki
"Matariki whetū heri kai"
meaning Matariki, the bringer of food. It
speaks of the association between
Matariki and the bounty of the
impending season.

Matariki is about remembering those
we have lost, celebrating the present
and looking forward to the future. What
better way to do this than having a big
kai with loved ones either at home or at
a community event.

MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI!

PĀNUI INVITATION

FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2024

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6AM

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wellness aotea Winter Presentations

CONTENTMENT - Making Sense of Life

Monday 24th June, 7:00 - 8:30pm | Cost \$20

Learn how to release negative emotions such as anger, fear,
resentment, grief or infatuation that hold us back.

HEALING DISEASE & ILLNESS - Mind/Body Medicine

Monday 1st July, 7:00 - 8:30pm | Cost \$20

Understand how disease and illness are warning signs

TRAUMA - Releasing the Victimhood

Monday 8th July, 7:00 - 8:30pm | Cost \$20

Discover how feeling in control, rather than a victim of
circumstances, is vital for healing

(N.B. No personal input required - can just attend and
listen OR alternatively it can be delivered in a 1:1 session)

Winter Program - Addiction

Understanding the Why of our Addiction

3 week program: July 22, 29 & Aug 5 | 7:00 - 8:30pm | Cost \$75

Identify the root of your addiction to release it and discover
the pathway to the life you desire.

Presented by Greg Liggins

Venue: Aotea Learning Hub, next to Kaitoke School
Bookings essential. Email:

greg.liggins@emotionalmedicine.co.nz or call 027 6047155

If you can't afford the fee, please contact Greg
- koha accepted

GOT cups?

The 'mug library' is running low!
If you have an excess of coffee cups, we are
welcoming donations at Anamata

Our local mug library is incredibly popular!
It's so neat to see real cups replacing the
single-use/disposable ones that
used to fill the bins up.

We're running low on cups, though!
So if you have any excess, we'd love to add
them to the library. Drop off to Anamata, or
reach out if you need help getting them to us.

And if you are a mug library user, don't
forget to return your cup after use, please.
You can drop used cups to Baked on Barrier,
Claris Airport, or Anamata.

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WAJAX COMP

Saturday 8 June saw our local Rural Fire Crews
come together for a Wajax Competition at
Awana Campground.

Crews from Tryphena, Kaitoke, Okupu and
Awana/Okiwi turned out in force to show their
skills in setting up wajax pumps, hoses, and
the knocking over of three targets in a time
trial.

Needless to say, competition was tight with
each crew being scrutinized by experienced
judges Cushla Buchanan, Dave Spier, Roger
Bright & Izzy Fordham.

The day ended with Tryphena 2 being the
overall winner who take home the trophy till
the next comp. Their cool, calm, collected and
disciplined approach shone through.

Many thanks to all Crews and their families
who turned out in force to show their support.

Acknowledgement must go to our Rural Fire
Voluntary members and local Committee
who give up their time and energy to ensure
our motu is safe.

Words by Leanne Sanderson



"ADVOCATE THIS IS LEARNING HUB, COME IN ADVOCATE"

Two senior students at the Aotea Learning
Hub have successfully completed their
Maritime Restricted Radiotelephone
Operator Certificate (MRROC). Tamus Watts
and William Jenner completed the course in
May and are now legally able to use a VHF
radio when onboard a vessel. In New Zealand,
you need a license to operate one unless it's
an emergency or distress call.

The course was put on by Coastguard and
Tamus and William were joined by seven
volunteers from the GBI Coastguard unit.

Tamus says it wasn't hard, but there was a lot
of information to process and an exam at the
end. "The highlight was gaining NCEA Level 3
credits - an added boost to gaining my level 3
certificate."



Hub manager William Park says the course
completion is significant. "In a practical sense
this is a peek at the maritime industry, and
gives our students real world learning and
competence to operate a VHF radio.

"But it has also given them the confidence
and ability to improve their safety at sea, when
boating with family and friends. And should
they decide to take a commercial route in
seafaring, they already hold an internationally-
recognized certificate."

Words by Aotea Education Trust

SAVE \$150 - WEAR YOUR SEATBELT!

If you have read those words and you're rolling
your eyes and frantically looking for the next
story to read, then this article is for you.

As we all know, the mainland doesn't do
many things better than us islanders, but one
thing we can tell you from a Police Officer's
perspective is that they are better at wearing
seatbelts.

To wear or not wear a seatbelt is just as much
of a habit either way; just choose one and the
rest takes care of itself. But they save lives,
pure and simple.

Please know if you receive a \$150 ticket it is
for your safety and not intended to give you a
bad day.

Words by Our Local Police Team

CENSUS SNAPSHOT

As reported in the Census 2023, Aotea's
population has increased from 936 to 1251
permanent residents between 2018 and 2023
- a 34% increase over five years.

However, despite this increase, the island still
remains the most sparsely populated area in
Auckland, Waiheke has around 20 times the
density.

The Census results show that the average
age decreased from 53.6 to 51 years old, with
a significant increase in the 30-34 year age
bracket, supporting the widely held hunch
that there are more younger people and
young families on the island in recent years.

What hasn't kept up with the population
growth is the number of houses being built.
From 1164 in 2018 to 1320 houses in 2023,
around only a 13% increase.

Full results at: www.tinyurl.com/AACensus

NO KNEAD BREAD

This is a no knead, slow ferment bread. The
extra water and time helps to develop the
gluten which would otherwise be achieved by
kneading.

For two high loaves of bread:

- > 600 g wholemeal flour
- > 600 g white flour
- > ½ to one cup whole linseed
- > 1 litre of warm water plus a little more if
needed
- > ¼ - 1/2 teaspoon dried instant yeast
- > 1 tsp salt (or none)



Instructions:

- > Blend the dry flours, linseed and salt together
with a wooden spoon in a large heavy bowl
- > Make a well in the middle and pour in the
warm water
- > Sprinkle in the ¼ tsp yeast and swish it
through the water so it is evenly dispersed,
then blend it all together with the wooden
spoon til all evenly wet. Add a little extra water
if it feels too stiff. It should be able to be mixed
with a little effort.
- > Cover and leave the dough to rise slowly over
the next 8-12 hours or so.
- > Mix dough again so the air is released and
dough collapses. Oil your bread tins and dust
with flour to stop sticking.
- > Divide the dough in half and place in the two
tins. You can place the tins in a COLD oven,
then turn the oven on to around 180-200 - as
the oven warms, the bread will rise! Bake for 1
to 1 ½ hours.
- > Tip hot loaves out of tins and place on rack to
cool and stop them from sweating.

Recipe from Caity Endt

WEDNESDAY SAILINGS TO DIVERT TO WHANGAPARAPARA FOR JULY 2024

Tryphena Wharf on Great Barrier Island has been undergoing major renewals since April 2024, to ensure that the wharf remains fit-for-purpose and extends the life of a key community asset.

To progress the remaining work as efficiently as possible, Auckland Transport (AT) and SeaLink have jointly agreed that the Wednesday sailings to Tryphena Wharf (Shoal Bay) during July 2024, will divert to Whangaparapara Wharf. Weekend sailings will continue to Tryphena Wharf as usual.

AT and SeaLink will also arrange for additional landside freight support between Whangaparapara and Claris to help reduce disruption.

Sealink's sailing schedule for July 2024:

Every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Tryphena sailings on Wednesday 10 July and 24 July will be diverted to Whangaparapara.

Saturday and Sunday sailings remain the same and will sail to Tryphena.

Port Fitzroy sailings remain the same: 3, 17 and 31 July. However, if this changes, SeaLink will contact affected customers in advance.

CAULERPA IN LEIGH

As reported by One News, a one square metre area of caulerpa has been found in Omaha Bay, Leigh, only a short distance from Goat Island Marine reserve, one of NZ best known marine protected areas.

Biosecurity NZ have not yet confirmed the identity of the seaweed to be caulerpa, but it is highly likely and they have said that if confirmed it will be treated as soon as possible.

It has also not yet been confirmed where the seaweed would have come from and its exact location in Omaha but it was found during routine surveillance of high risk areas. However, Omaha Cove has a wharf used by commercial fishing boats, including those permitted to work in the controlled areas around Aotea, which we reported on in Issue 7 and 8, after the discovery of cray pots in the controlled area around Schooner Bay.

DEREK THE SKINK

Derek, the moko skink, had been for an off island adventure, after he got scooped up in some Aotea beach rubbish and transported to the mainland by mistake and yesterday was his first experience of his new home.

The kind person who discovered Derek amongst the rubbish contacted DOC to ask if it was okay to just release Derek on the Coromandel where he had ended up.

Good job he asked because moko skink are not common everywhere else and in fact Derek might have been very lonely elsewhere.

The good people at DOC (I think with help from Auckland Zoo) managed to take care of Derek, keeping him hydrated, fed and happy until he could be brought back out to Aotea.

Derek seemed pleased with his new house and has probably already met some other moko skink friends. The muehlenbeckia covered dunes in Medlands are a great place for a moko skink to start a family and hopefully Derek will do just that once he has settled in.

Words by Oruawharo Medlands Ecovision

AOTEA HIGH RISK WEEDS FEATURE ON RNZ

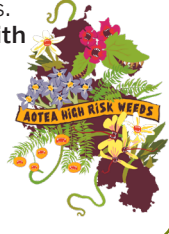
New Zealand is an ongoing battle against problematic introduced plant species' that threaten our native flora.

One place in a position to strike is Aotea, Great Barrier Island, as many pest species that have thrived on the mainland are still in low enough numbers there to control and eradicate.

This is why Niklas Erikson has established a community initiative called 'Aotea High Risk Weeds' to create a network of locals on the lookout for these pesky plants.

To listen to Nik's interview with Mark Leishman on RNZ Visit:

www.tinyurl.com/PeskyPlants
Join the Aotea High Risk Weeds project on iNaturalist.
More information on the back cover on how to get involved.



THE 'CAT-ALOGUE'

The Aotea Cat-alogue is a resource to help field staff identify owned cats while undertaking feral cat control where threatened species are being protected. There has been an overwhelming response to the Cat-alogue, with 143 cats' details and photos now included.

Cats pose a significant threat to some of Aotea's most threatened taonga species including Niho Taniwha/Chevron skink, tūturiwhatu/New Zealand dotterel, pāteke/brown teal and takoketai/black petrel. To lessen the impact of cats on wildlife, Auckland Council carries out feral cat control in high value areas where threatened species are present.

Cats caught in live capture cage traps are carefully checked by skilled trappers for signs of ownership, such as collars, microchips, and socialised behaviour. For animals that appear to be owned, the Cat-alogue is checked for cats living nearby. If the owner can be identified, cats are reunited with them directly. Otherwise, owned cats are released on site.

Because cats are important companion animals on Aotea, the Islands team is working on promoting responsible pet ownership by encouraging residents to add their cats to the Catalogue and offers free desexing and microchipping through the Great Barrier Island Veterinary Services.

If you would like to add your cat to the Aotea Cat-alogue

Please email a photo and details to Conservation Advisor, Annamarie Clough annamarie.clough@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz Also let us know if your cat is currently listed, but details have changed eg change of address, or if your cat is missing or deceased. If you would like to desex or microchip your cat for free, funded by Auckland Council, please contact GBI Vet Anne Kernohan phone (09) 4290 0463 or 021 797 538.

We appreciate the community's support for this project, continuing to grow the Cat-alogue and keep owned cats safe while carrying out feral cat control to protect Aotea's taonga species.

For more information on responsible cat ownership on Aotea visit:

www.tinyurl.com/AoteaCats

More details on the back cover.

Words by Auckland Council

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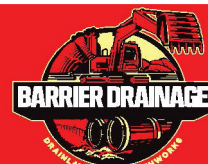


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