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Coming Events April

Daylight Savings Ends – Sunday 6
School Holidays Start – Saturday 12
Good Friday – Friday 18
Easter Monday – Monday 21
Anzac Day – Friday 25
School Holidays Finish – Sunday 27



CHAIR'S MESSAGE

A Celebration of Community: Our Food & Wine Festival Success!

Hi everyone,
As I reflect on the recent Food & Wine Festival held on the 15th of March, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. What a truly fantastic day it was, a vibrant celebration of our community spirit right here on the beautiful beachfront reserve. The energy was palpable, the atmosphere lively, and the smiles were endless – a testament to the hard work and dedication that went into making this event a resounding success.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team worked tirelessly to bring this vision to life. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible coordinator, Sally Cargill, for her unwavering commitment and the sheer amount of effort she poured into organizing every detail. To Bruce at Montrose Café, thank you for your instrumental role in securing our operating license. And to the entire MBBA committee, your dedication and mahi made all the difference.

We are incredibly fortunate to have the support of the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board. Their generous funding allowed us to keep the event entry free for everyone, ensuring that all members of our community could participate and enjoy the festivities. A special thank you

to Julia Parfitt for her invaluable assistance and unwavering support.

Our Event Sponsor, Barfoot & Thompson, deserves a huge round of applause. Their involvement went far beyond financial contributions. They were true partners, providing not only crucial support but also a dedicated team who rolled up their sleeves and helped with the physical setup on the day. We are deeply grateful for their commitment to our community.

The Food & Wine Festival was a testament to the power of community, bringing together residents, local businesses, and visitors for a day of fun, food, and connection. It was a true celebration of the unique charm and vibrancy of Mairangi Bay.

For those of you who joined us, I hope you created lasting memories and enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere. If you couldn't make it this year, we sincerely hope you'll join us next year for another unforgettable experience.

See you in the Village!

Mark Peddie
Chair

*For the Mairangi Bay
Business Association*



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

The flooding in Queensland and Northern NSW caused by ex-tropical cyclone Alfred brings back memories of the January '23 Auckland floods. Fortunately for Auckland there was a large high-pressure area blocking Alfred from moving south to NZ. But the tropical cyclone season has more than a month to go on this cycle, with another season starting up in November, and who knows what is in store for us.

Auckland Emergency Management has stated each community should be in a position to fend for itself for up to 5 days if a widespread disaster (flood, tsunami, earthquake, fire or other major and widespread event) occurs.

The Local Board has set up an organisation known as the Mid Bays Resilient Communities (MBRC), which has established a Steering Group, produced a plan and established Emergency Hubs. The MBRC is responsible for monitoring an emerging situation through contact

with First Responders (Police, Fire Service, Met Service and Auckland Emergency Management (AEM).

In a disaster affecting our area, the MBRCs role is to:

- Get information out to AEM, the MBRC Network and the wider community
- Give advice as to what is available by way of assistance
- Coordinate a network of community support, including whether to open up one or more Community Emergency Hubs (CEHs).

Depending on the type of disaster and its extent, one or more of the following places will be opening as a Community Emergency Hub:

- Mairangi Bay Presbyterian Church – 11 Hastings Road, vehicle access by 8 Penzance Road. Ph 478 6180
- Mairangi Bay Community Church – 49 Maxwellton Road. Ph 4786314
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 313 Sunset Road. Ph 022 016 2445

- Mairangi Arts Centre – Back up Hub, 20 Hastings Road. Ph 478 2237
- Windsor Park – Resource Hub, 550 East Coast Road. Ph 477 0002

The purpose of a Community Emergency Hub is to provide a point of connection, consolidated information and a place for people to go and feel secure if they need to leave their home.

What to do in a disaster:

- If there's threat to life or property call 111
- If you need to leave your premises and move to a CEH make contact by phone with one of the CEHs listed above, or with Tony Sands 021 1937 937, or Stewart Milne 027 293 8499 and you will be given advice as to which of the Community Emergency Hubs are open for welcoming displaced persons.

For more go to:

www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/recovery-extreme-weather-disasters/get-ready-disaster/Pages/default.aspx

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HARTLEY'S UPDATE

Owner Nadja Court tells the Village News that the building has undergone structural damage due to the damage caused by the accident, and engineers and builders have been designing new supports. The upstairs was pushed into the kitchen and living space upstairs, causing movement and damage. The insurance companies are finalising everything and are on track to be open in possibly two to four weeks.

The builder has said once the go-ahead is given from the assessor's, it's a two-week job to structurally repair the interior of the building.

Of course, Hartleys is keen to get moving and open again as soon as possible to show off the fantastic new winter stock that is arriving, so finger's crossed that will happen soon.



Maurice Buckley

THE WHOLE PACKAGE

Maurice Buckley has had the best of both worlds or at least the best of his desires.

As a young builder, he had the satisfaction of doing a good job, fulfilling projects that are probably peculiar to creative people – that of a finished painting, the last crafted word in a story, the last brick in a spectacular wall -- a tangible conclusion.

But while he was in at the end, he wasn't there at the beginning. Perhaps while building, he observed the lie of the land and thought how he might have designed this house, this building, for the best of the weather, the worst of the weather, even perhaps the way the sun played upon the trees of a particular site. Concept to completion – that was his aim, and that is what he has achieved.

His company, Shore Architectural, embodies all of this, and clients can only benefit from his dedication to seeing a build through from the bare plot of land to the first opening of the front door.

His understanding from when he was the one hammering in the nails has been invaluable in how he now first designs a house. As a builder who was sometimes frustrated by bureaucracy, plan changes and new regulations that can affect a build in progress, he can see all four corners of the scheme plan and how it relates to the blueprint of the building. Maurice is also assiduous about making sure the client also understands these nuances.

His work is mainly residential, currently including a development with 14 houses, with two streams running through it and a lot of native bush. His commitment to the success of this development has begun at ground level, with the careful removal of the pest plants that most people don't even know exist. It is all these little items that give Shore Architectural the edge, he believes, and to be sure, his mind is constantly turning over these issues, even when he takes his quiet early morning walks along Mairangi Bay beach or sneaks away for a midday swim.

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LIVING THE DREAM

Kristina Grikh

It's been quite a trek from the top to the bottom of the world but Kristina Grikh has no regrets – well, perhaps that her parents are so far away and she is an only child – but otherwise, she feels like she is in a fairytale. And now that she holds the keys to Dick Conner's Cutting Edge barber shop, she is in more awe at just how her life has turned out.

The South Caucasus region was a sometimes-uncertain place when Kristina was growing up in Azerbaijan. Her Armenian parents had previously crossed into Azerbaijan for safety reasons, and when she was seven her parents migrated further into the USSR, a place they deemed safer.

She met her husband Sergei in Russia; a kindred spirit perhaps because his surname, Grikh has Austrian origins. So here they were, two people with restless backgrounds and an adventurous spirit. Not only that, but they also had the courage to take up that adventure.

Sergie became aware there was a

welding skill shortage in New Zealand, and, that being his trade, he and Kristina decided to pack up their two children – Michael and Margo, then five and one year olds – and try their luck in Aotearoa. Kristina – a hairdresser - found books about New Zealand and was enthralled, but still... it was on the other side of the world, and she worried about leaving her parents. But Kristina and Sergei were supported and encouraged, and now here - or, to make an atrocious pun, hair – she is, taking over Dick's domain in North Plaza.

Kristina hadn't worked for a few months due to a rotor cuff injury, a

common affliction among hairdressers, and she had been one for 25 years before deciding to follow her father's footsteps and go into barbering instead, a profession he is still wielding his scissors in.

Her shoulder was much better, and she was clamouring to get back to work, and then there it was – Dick's place, up for sale. She and her family had only just moved to Mairangi Bay from Albany, and as she and Sergei were exploring the Village, they walked past Cutting Edge and saw the For Sale notice on the door. Kristina asked around, and someone showed her Dick's story in the Village News. This caused her a bit of anxiety after she read all that Dick had done and the famous hairdressers he had taught, but she made contact and he pressed the door key into her hand. She couldn't believe it – still can't in many ways. She has installed a traditional barber's pole and will give the business a new name, but she is also organizing Dick into finding some photos of himself at work to hang on the walls, so his legacy will live on. Welcome Kristina!



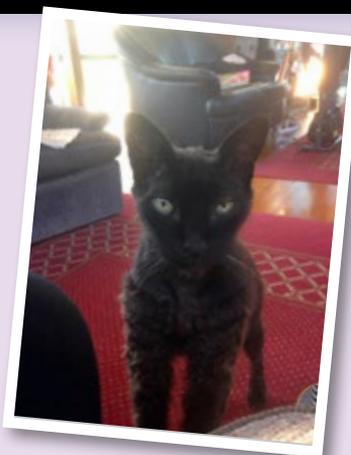
IN THE KNOW

- It's nearly Bakels Supreme Pie Awards time, so keep an eye on the **Mairangi Bay Bakery** for new pie fillings!
- Treena at **Spoilt** has been to the Sydney Gift Fair, the biggest in Australasia, so keep an eye out for some exciting new products at Spoilt soon
- There is a rumour going around that **Star Mart** is closing. Well, it's true, but not before the lease runs out next year. So you still have time to stock up on cards, gift wrap and all those other little things you need.
- Sarah at **Sarah's Boutique** is on the verge of unpacking new stock for Autumn, and Barb at **Sole Sisters** already has new season stock on display. And across the road at **Petal Maison** Martine, too, has some lovely Autumn stock.

Hounds & Cats around town...

So listen up, y'all! Mum keeps reading about all those mutts that go to Mairangi Bay beach and she just wants you to know that I go to the beach, too! Not as often as I'd like to because of the mutts, but we do sneak down very early in the morning and in the later evening sometimes. Once I went by myself – it's not too far – but I have to say it was a bit scary in the daytime. Two of those mutts barked at me and I got a fright and fell off a rock and got a bit wet and sandy. The lady who owned the mutts grabbed them and looked apologetic, but I didn't hang around. I ran home in through my cat door so fast I forgot to sit and have a wash and when

I met Mum in the hallway and she picked me up for a smooch she was, like, "Conrad! What the heck?" because my feet were all sandy and my coat was a bit wet and sandy, too. Oh, yeah! That's me – I'm Conrad and I am eight years old. Cat's rule! And those mutts can take a hike!



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YEAR 6 CAMP ~ ADVENTURE, CONFIDENCE AND CONNECTION

Mairangi Bay School Year 6 students had an unforgettable week at Camp Carey Park in Henderson Valley last month, where they experienced an exciting range of outdoor education activities designed to challenge, inspire, and build lasting friendships.

The camp provided students valuable opportunities to step outside their comfort zones and build confidence through activities such as high ropes, abseiling, and kayaking. It also helped them strengthen resilience and perseverance by tackling problem-solving challenges and physical obstacles and fostering teamwork and leadership through group tasks that require communication, trust, and collaboration. Camp also deepened their connection with nature, learning about the local environment and the importance of sustainability.

Learning like this is vital for personal growth, allowing students to develop a sense of independence, responsibility, and self-belief, says principal Nathan Janes, who would like to thank teachers Miss Trist, Miss Berking and Miss Macready, as well as the wonderful parent helpers for their time, energy, and support in making the camp experience such a success! "You are all amazing!"



MBS kids at camp



Mairangi Bay School Cricket Girls

Mairangi Bay School Year 4-6 girls took part in the Girls Smash Cricket Festival in February. It was a day filled with energy, teamwork, and, most importantly, fun!

Auckland Cricket has graciously provided these girls-only festival days for schools, creating a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the joy of cricket in a supportive and engaging environment. The festival was designed so that every girl could

take part in every aspect of the game – from batting (with each player enjoying two overs) and bowling (one over per player) to fielding with rotations after each over. This format ensured that all players had a chance to shine, learn, and, above all, have fun on the field.

This term, Mairangi Bay School will participate in three Auckland cricket lessons from Week 5. A big congratulations to the Year 4-6 girls for their outstanding effort and positive spirit at the festival.



Mairangi Bay Bowls

The Mairangi Bay Bowling Club will be buzzing on 15-16 Mar when over 160 players and coaches/managers will be present for the 2025 Year 1-5 Octagonal tournament, with three greens in operation.

The participating teams are Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Counties, Northland, Thames Valley, Waikato, Hawkes Bay and North Harbour.

The format for the competition is a round-robin of seven rounds, with each round being a game of singles, pairs and fours. There are four rounds on Saturday and three rounds on Sunday.

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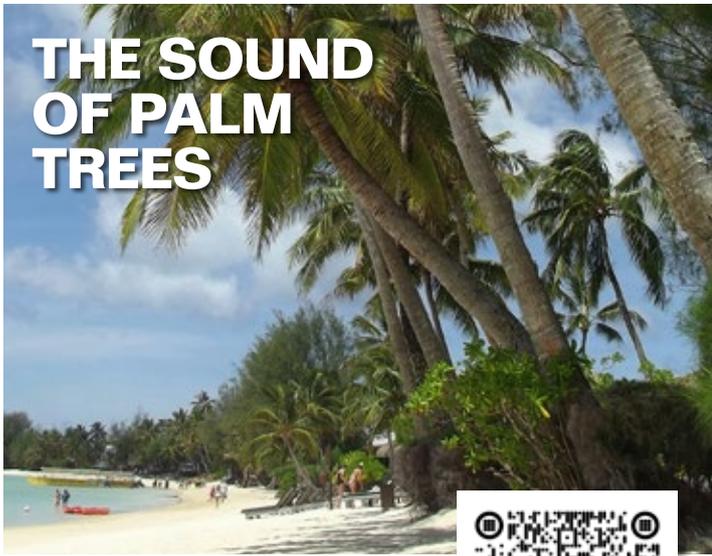
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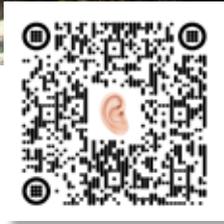
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THE SOUND OF PALM TREES

Teresa Burns, Audiologist and owner of Teresa Burns Hearing on Apollo Drive, recently made a difference far beyond her clinic.



On 17th February, she embarked on a humanitarian trip to the Cook Islands, providing a full range of hearing services to people with little to no access to audiological care.

Over a week, Teresa and three colleagues, saw 165 patients – testing hearing, performing repairs, identifying candidates for surgery, and fitting 37 people with hearing aids generously donated by manufacturers and the New Zealand public.

The annual outreach programme, run through the New Zealand Hearing Group of independent audiology clinics, has been a longstanding commitment to the Cook Islands for over a decade.

These trips are a major undertaking, requiring the audiologists to pack and travel with all their equipment, including audiometers, hearing aid fitting tools, and other specialised devices.

This year's trip also supported the programme's long-term goal to empower local healthcare workers. At Rarotonga Hospital in Avarua, Nurse Ricki received hands-on training and coaching in micro-suction wax removal, with equipment and resources provided to support ongoing practice and skill development. Scan the QR code to find out more about New Zealand Hearing's project in the Cook Islands.

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EASTER MORNING TEA

Feel like a cup of tea, a hot cross bun and some company? Then head to Outram Hall in Murrays Bay on Wednesday 02 April from 10am-11am for a senior's get together. It will have an Easter theme and there will be free raffle draws. You don't need to RSVP – just turn up. However, if you do have any queries, feel free to call Coleen on 09 479 5543.

This is a Community Event organised by the Murrays Bay Residents Association.



EXPLORE OUR OUTDOORS

Restore Hibiscus & Bays, in conjunction with the Centennial Park Bush Society, is having a walk and talk at Campbells Bay Urban Sanctuary/Centennial Park on Thursday, 3rd April, at 10am.

Participants will learn to identify and manage pest plants, discover native treasures like Parsonsia (native jasmine – pictured) and Passiflora and hear about Restore H&B's restoration works. This will be a great opportunity to connect with nature and contribute to the sanctuary's future. Everyone is welcome.

There are regular restoration days at Centennial Park from 08:30am-noon, this month on 12th, 19th and 26th March. You can find more details at: restorehb.org.nz or scan the QR code.



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And, if that wasn't proof enough, some customers even came from as far away as Hamilton.

The two-day KF&C event was a surf life-saving fundraiser; no one can say it wasn't a success.

The perfect weather and eagerness to try the limited-time offering saw several 'campers' opting to set up picnic tables and chairs from 9am to get their hands on the product first.

Holly Knowles, KFC's Senior Brand Manager, revealed they were forced to switch on a contingency plan to deal with the crowds.



"The line was at least 90 minutes long before we even opened our doors at midday on Friday. We even had people drive to Auckland's North Shore from Hamilton, so we immediately knew we needed to upgrade our existing plan," said Knowles. "We had to ensure it was a safe event for everyone - so

we doubled security, sourced crowd control barriers and upped our food order to meet the demand. Despite our best efforts, we still sold out late on Saturday afternoon. We'd like to apologise to anyone disappointed - but don't worry, we'll cook up another surprise again soon."

A LONG-AWAITED ARRIVAL

Waipapa, Mairangi Bay's only luxury boutique apartment offering, is almost complete.

Beautiful timber floors and internal painting are almost finished, tiling and bathrooms are well underway, and kitchens are going in. The internal residents-only open-air courtyard is coming together nicely, and a secure car park and two lifts on each side of the building allow for security. "We fully appreciate that the community has been

wondering what has been going on underneath all the wrap", Kirsten Bishop from Bayleys Real Estate says. "Starting a project such as this when Covid hit has brought its complications, however, the wait will be well and truly worth it. Attention to detail has been paramount to the developers to ensure the finished product exceeds expectations, not only for the lucky owners but for the community also."

The developers are also working to gain a suitable tenant for the two retail

spaces on the ground floor. This is very important, to allow them to bring something new and exciting to the Village.

"We are very much getting to the exciting finish line; however, because of the time taken to complete some, people's plans have changed, which is understandable. This means there are a handful of one and three-bedroom apartments available. Completion is due towards the end of the second quarter of this year, so those interested need to act quickly."

CELEBRATING OUR IDENTITY ~ INQUIRY LEARNING AND SCHOOL PEPEHA



It has been a rewarding few weeks of learning at Mairangi Bay School as the kura continues to foster a culture of curiosity, collaboration, and excellence.

Principal Nathan Janes says the students have embraced new challenges, set meaningful learning goals, and worked together to strengthen their understanding across

all areas of the curriculum.

"This term, our school-wide inquiry focuses on identity, place, and belonging. Students are exploring the significance of their own identities, their connections

to the land, and how these shape their sense of belonging within our school and wider community. As part of this learning, we have begun implementing our school pepeha in partnership with Te Kawerau ā Maki, recognising the whenua (land) and tangata (people) that form the foundation of our school," he explains.

"Through this inquiry, students are engaging in rich discussions about their whakapapa (heritage), family traditions, and what it means to be part of a collective community. By exploring the cultural narratives of Mairangi Bay School, our tamariki are developing a deeper respect for te ao Māori, local history, and the values that bring us together."

Janes says that this term the school is placing a strong emphasis on student agency—encouraging learners to take ownership of their learning, reflect on their progress, and collaborate with their peers and teachers to achieve their goals.

"It has been wonderful to see students supporting one another, sharing ideas, and pushing themselves to extend their thinking," he concludes.



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EAST COAST BAYS LIBRARY NEWS



As we welcome Autumn, we look forward to another busy month in the library with displays, celebrations and free events, including Pasifika, Neighbours Aotearoa, Ecofest, Sea Week, World of Cultures Festival, and local emergency readiness.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH:

- Thursday 13 - Pasifika
- Thursday 20 - Kamishibai Traditional Storybook showcase
- Friday 14, 21, 28 12-2pm Bye Bye Bin tags!
Pop in to learn all about the Auckland Council WasteWise Bye Bye Bin Tag

scheme with Trash Free Taiāotea.

- Saturday 22 10.30am – 12pm Draft Annual Budget 2025/2026 consultation drop-in session.
- Talk to Hibiscus and Bays Local Board members about the draft Annual Budget 2025/2026 and draft Hibiscus and Bays Local Board agreement.
- Saturday 22 2 - 3pm Household Waste Workshop
A free informative workshop with Trash Free Taiāotea.
- Friday 28 10am-12pm Seniors Games Morning - Bookings are required.
- Cultural displays: 16 March Furoshiki Japanese gift wrapping.
- 17 - 31 Traditional Korean porcelain.

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MAIRANGI ARTS CENTRE

Toi Mairangi **What's on in April**

Art Classes

April School Holiday Programme (14-24 April)

Unleash your child's creativity this holiday! Our classes offer fun clay sculpting, vibrant painting, comic drawing, Roblox studio game design and exciting crafts for ages 5-17. Younger kids explore stimulating projects, while teens delve into advanced techniques.

Enrol for Term Two!

The centre is now accepting bookings for Term Two with a wide variety of options for adults, teenagers and children as young as five.

Exhibitions

Culture & Beyond (on view until 5 April)

This Autumn, Tāmaki Makaurau will be celebrating the vibrancy of its people with its multicultural festival, World



of Cultures. Mairangi Arts Centre is thrilled to be part of this festival by celebrating our diverse community with this exhibition.

Pop-Up Cash & Carry Exhibition (on view 12-28 April)

The Pop-Up Cash & Carry exhibition showcases a diverse collection of artworks, featuring a wide range of styles and media that appeal to a variety of tastes. From vibrant paintings and intricate sculptures to innovative mixed-



media pieces, the exhibition offers something for everyone. Best of all you can take your artwork with you at the time of purchase.

MAC Artspace

1-15 April Students of Journey of Self Expression class
16-30 April Students of Lively Sketching with Pen & Wash.

Hours: 9.30am-4pm Mon-Fri & 10am-2pm Sat.
Closed Sundays

Holiday Closures: the centre will be closed from Fri 18- Mon 21 April inclusive

*Getting out and about
in the Village...*



NEIGHBOURS ARE GOOD SPORTS



Graham, Glenys and Michelle

President Trump could take a lesson on knocking down barriers and playing nicely together from two presidents of our own.

Tony Stanaway, president of the Mairangi Bay Bowling Club and Glen Stanton, president of the Mairangi Bay Tennis Club, took no notice of the physical fence between the courts and the greens and decided on a friendly bowling tournament, and 22 tennis players tried their hand at the sport on the last day of February.

There were reportedly varying degrees of success, but on the night, 12 players, six from each club, walked away with a bottle of Prosecco each. "The tennis players had a lot of fun", says Glen, "and several commented on the warm hospitality provided by the bowlers." Post-tournament, the teams enjoyed dinner, drinks and raffles together. Picture: Graham Ward shows Glenys Dibley and Michelle Peltzer how to hold a bowling ball.

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Seller

“I know a bit about sales as the Regional Sales Manager for one of the world’s largest tech companies, and I’m always curious about what the experience is going to be like when I have something to do with another salesperson. I have never experienced a better real estate agent than Nadja. I’ve thought about why and a couple of things stand out:

Experience: Notwithstanding I was a buyer and Nadja was very much acting for the seller, she gets a deal that meets all sides. She represented her sellers staunchly throughout but took the time to understand what I needed and, ultimately, delivered a result for both sides.

Passion: We’ve all met those agents so green they’re all smiles/no substance and those at the other end of it who look like they’re literally selling houses while they sleep. Yes, Nadja’s experience is palpable but so is her passion: she’s no nonsense and outcome-driven but clearly loves what she does and clearly loves dealing with people.

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