

# Maungaraki Views

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## Matariki: Our new national holiday



Matariki is a star cluster which appears in the night sky during mid-winter.

On 24 Jun 2022, Matariki, the Māori New Year, will become a new national holiday for Aotearoa New Zealand. A milestone in our history.

Matariki is both the Maori name for the Pleiades star cluster and of the celebration of its rising which signals the start of a new year in the Maori lunar calendar. Hutt City Council has a month-long programme of free whānau-friendly

events on offer. Get to know the Matariki cluster, take time to reflect, celebrate, look ahead to the future, and take part in something new and interesting.

To see the full list of Matariki events please visit the HCC Matariki website

<https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/people-and-communities/puanga-ki-matariki>



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# Thank you to our Views volunteers

Special thanks to our intrepid group of Maungaraki Views volunteers who brave the Winter months to deliver our newsletter for residents each month. Thank you for your continued support of the Views, we cannot do this without you.

We hope you enjoy your gift box of Hot Chocolate, from Good Fortune Coffee Petone to help keep you a little warmer this Winter. Thanks for being Awesome!. Ed.



## MATARIKI STAR FACTS

**MATARIKI** is made up of nine stars signifying reflection, hope, our connection to the environment, and the gathering of people. Matariki is also connected to the health and wellbeing of people.

**WAITI** is associated with all fresh water bodies and the food sources that are sustained by those waters.

**WAITA** is associated with the ocean, and food sources within it.

**WAIPUNA-A-TE RANGI** is associated with the rain.

**TUPUANUKU** is the star associated with everything that grows within the soil to be harvested or gathered for food.

**TUPUARANGI** is associated with everything that grows up in the trees: fruits, berries, and birds.

**URURANGI** is the star associated with the winds.

**POHUTAKAWA** is the star associated with those that have passed on.

**HIWA-I-TA-RANGI** is the star associated with granting our wishes and realising our aspirations for the coming year.

## WH Wine Society

Wines from around New Zealand dominate this year's line-up at the Western Hills Wine Society.

The society meets in the Maungaraki Community Centre supper room on the first Wednesday of the month. It aims to give locals an introduction to New Zealand and overseas wines in a friendly and fun environment. The format makes it easy for visitors to attend alone or with friends.

Matahiwi, Craggy Range, Big Sky and Mt Rosa are among presentations planned for the year. The meetings, 7.30pm for 8pm, are covered by a liquor licence. Visitors 18 and over always welcome. Admission is \$15 per person.

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## Boy racers busted

If you live anywhere on or near Dowse Drive, Maungaraki Road, or if your home looks out over Petone you will have had to endure the painful noise created by moronic boy racers. Well get ready to celebrate a return to quieter and more tranquil evenings again because Police have impounded 10 vehicles from illegal street racers for loss of traction offences following a meet in late April.

Over Anzac weekend, several racers congregated in a commercial area of Lower Hutt and proceeded to do burnouts, skids, and make tyres smoke – all dangerous and reckless behaviour which puts themselves and others at risk.

Road Policing teams have been working with local businesses in Lower Hutt to identify the vehicles and drivers responsible.

As part of the investigation, Police has reviewed more than two hours of CCTV footage and gathered evidence of the offences. Acting Road Policing Manager Senior Sergeant Matt Fitzgerald says often offending drivers are surprised



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when Police turn up on their doorstep to take their vehicles, because they think they have got away with it.

“I hope it gets the message across that anti-social road user behaviour won’t be tolerated and that Police will thoroughly investigate offences and take enforcement action.”

Senior Sergeant Fitzgerald has praised the brilliant work of staff.

“Police will continue to monitor, investigate, and hold to account. The road is not a playground. The reckless driving behaviour presents a danger to themselves and other road users as well.

“Our communities have had enough of the disruption caused by illegal street racers. I’m thankful for the support that we’re receiving from local residents and businesses to address this unacceptable behaviour.”

If you hear boy racers insulting your senses late at night call 111 and report them. *Ed.*

# Book Prize Winners

Congratulations to our book competition winners of *The Last Kingdom* by Denika Mead. Andrew and Arthur Christie, and Lizzie Page. Your author signed books are on their way! *Ed.*

## Maungaraki Views now bi-monthly

You have just read our first bi-monthly issue of Maungaraki Views. This is the start of something new for us and we welcome your feedback. Send your stories and comments to [views@maungaraki.co.nz](mailto:views@maungaraki.co.nz).

We are looking for new volunteers to deliver the Views to the following streets.

**Route 1:** Lilac Lane, Barberry Grove, Maple Grove, Dowse Drive to Bushey Way.

**Route 2:** Chesnut Grove, Hibiscus Grove & Jacaranda Grove.

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