

April 2018



## Another success

Waterfront Festival sponsored by  
Harcourts.



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## *Operation Floatation*

By now, I hope, most of you will have seen some of the new initiative **Operation Floatation**: Several businesses have generously said they will donate \$255 to buy a tube for Doubtless Bay but our Kiwibank account is still not activated yet. This is because we have to wait for completion of registration as a Charity under the Charities Act. We didn't expect it to take so long but last week they agreed to fast track our application so it should be done by the end of this week. I will contact everyone who has pledged a donation and let you know the bank details to make your deposit.

Now we focus on getting our first tube mounted on it's post at Cable Bay. For this we work mainly with FNDC who will liaise with others to ensure optimum signage and location.

Abridged version published in the Northland Age on 29 March 2018

## *“Community spirit alive at Mangonui Festival”*

By Stewart Russell, PKF Francis Aickin Ltd



After months of painstaking planning, the financial success or otherwise of the Harcourts Mangonui Waterfront Festival was in the hands of the weather gods. For the first time in seven years, they decided to conspire against us and made for a very wet afternoon.

Fortunately, the people of the Far North are a resilient bunch, and although numbers were down on previous years, over 2,500 people flooded (with the rain) into Waterfront Drive that day and, from the feedback received so far, most had a fantastic day.

The key purpose of the event is to celebrate produce, arts and entertainment of the Far North. But it was also about our local economy receiving a welcome boost before the winter sets in.

This year we added a third stage, the Be Free Youth stage. It was fantastic to showcase the up and coming talent of the Far North and the quality of the performers who turned up for the open mic session was amazing.

We also moved the main stage to next to the Mangonui Hotel. Kurfew rocked the main stage so hard that a few bottles from the adjacent bottle store literally danced off of the shelves!

I understand that the local accommodation providers were all busy and many were full. Over a quarter of the festival goers were from outside the Far North District, with many from overseas.

As well as a significant boost to the economy, it is worth remembering that this money is now recycling within our local economy.

We start planning the 2019 Festival now. Fortunately, with the support of our main sponsors, Harcourts Bay of Islands, Pub Charity and everyone who turned up on the day, it looks like we will cover the operating costs, which are in the region of \$40,000. The main costs included event management, security, facilities, advertising, sound, staging and paying the bands and other entertainers. The event is not intended to make a profit. If there is surplus cash after paying all the various costs including the planning costs for the 2019 festival, the organizing committee will make donations to local charities.

Also huge thanks to the Mangonui Lions, Far North Reap, Wiltons Garage, Mangonui Hotel, Petricevich Buses, Live Wire Media, St Johns, CBEC, Mangonui Rural Delivery & NZ Post, DBay Hire, NZME – The Hits, Butler Point Whaling Museum, Doubtless Bay Villas, Taipa Sailing Club, North Sails, Mangonui School, Taipa Area School, Te Tai Tokerau Tarai Waka, PKF Francis Aickin, FNDC, the Doubtless Bay

Information Centre Volunteers plus other locals who volunteered time on the day.

An extra special thank you to Brotty and the team at Mangonui Haulage who came to our rescue to put some metal on the exits from the car parks to help some of the vehicles, which would otherwise have been stranded. It was the perfect example of how a small community pulls together, something I don't think you would have seen in the larger centres.

The festival shows what we can achieve when we come together as a community and a group of businesses. The committee put in hundreds of hours planning and organising the event - particularly in the last few stressful weeks. I personally would like to thank my fellow committee members Rick Palmer, Margaret Aydon, Anna Jacobs, Lynette Wilson, Jan Ferguson, Richard Catterall, Danny Simms, Barbara Pengelly, Ian Ivey and Eddie Aickin. I would also like to thank our event organiser, Jodi Betts of Somersault Event Management, without whom the Festival simply would not happen.

*“The Harcourts Mangonui Waterfront Festival brings people out in their thousands to celebrate the Last of the Summer Wine”*

We are always looking at ways to improve the Festival further and would welcome feedback as to how we can take the Festival forward. If you have any suggestions for improvements and would like to be involved, please contact one of the committee members mentioned above, myself or Jodi.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who attended the festival. You are the ones who give the event that fantastic atmosphere which reflects the spirit of the Far North. Watching everyone enjoying themselves, singing and dancing in the rain made for a very special afternoon in Mangonui and one that we as a firm are proud to be involved in.

Save the date – next year's Festival is likely to be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

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## ***Do you have something you are passionate about?***

Something that could bring more visitors to our beautiful Doubtless Bay maybe?

Someone looking for help with their project?

An idea that you need help with?

Then talk to one of the committee members, put a note /email together, and come to our next **Thirsty Thursday on May 10th.**

We are looking at putting some working group together so we can be a more effective group in the community.

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***Have you joined our Facebook page yet!***

**<https://www.facebook.com/doubtlessbaynz/>**

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***We are looking for new active working group members.***

***Please come and join us***

***We have things we want to do but not enough people***

***For more information contact Margaret 09 406 1260***

Committee Members:

Margaret Aydon	Eddie Aickin	Stewart Russell
Jan Ferguson	Lynette Wilson	Rick Palmer
Ian Ivey	Anna Jacobs	Danny Simms

## Coming Up in 2018

Thursday 19th April 2018

Long Term Plan meeting re: Mangonui Waterfront Working Group

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Wednesday 25 April 2018

ANZAC Day Parade and Service

11am. War Memorial, Waterfront Drive, Mangonui

(Parade starts from Mangonui Memorial Hall).

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Wednesday 2 May 2018

Taha Wairua - The Spiritual World of Maori

Kenana Marae - 9.00am to 3.00 pm

A one-day immersion and interactive marae-based learning session led by Pita Kitchen focusing on Taha Wairua and its connection to traditional Maori Tikanga, the Karakia, the Marae, the Urupa and Whakapapa. \$100.00.

For more information contact Pita Kitchen, Cell 027 4920094. Registration,

Email: [ian.ivey@pobox.com](mailto:ian.ivey@pobox.com)

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Thursday 10th May 2018

Thirsty Thursday at Taipa Ramada Resort ; 6pm onwards

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Thursday 19th July (proposed Date)

Doubtless Bay promotions Inc AGM - venue to be confirmed

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**Coming soon - exciting news on a Jazz Festival**

**Labour Weekend at Carrington Estate Winery**