



MATATA UPDATE

WEEKLY MATATA PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the weekly project newsletter. There are several important dates to remember this month:

Waimea Stream

The Matata Project Office will remain open until 6.30 pm on June 20th to allow residents an opportunity to view the details of the work proposed for the Waimea Stream.

It is anticipated that the resource consent application will be ready to lodge at the end of June.

Matariki—Maori New Year

Matariki means mata riki—tiny eyes and/or mata ariki—eyes of god. Matariki is a group of stars known as Pleiades or the seven sisters. The small cluster of stars indicates the beginning of the Maori New Year.

Traditionally the Maori New year begins with the first full moon after the appearance of Matariki and is usually seen in the southern hemisphere between the end of May and mid June each year. This year the new moon will appear on 16 June 2007

Hinewai Katene, Council's Kaitakawaenga Maori (Iwi Liaison Officer), will be organising activities on Friday 29 June to celebrate Matariki.

Details of the activities to celebrate Matariki will be provided in next weeks newsletter, but

for now please keep this date free.

Matata into the future

A community meeting has been organised for Sunday 24 June, 2pm at the Matata Rugby Clubrooms, to share ideas and discuss what the community plan could include.

This meeting provides an opportunity for you to have your say on what you would like to see happen in your town. There will be a free sausage sizzle on the day.

People will have an opportunity to go into a draw for two hampers valued at \$150 and \$50 donated by Whakatane District Council's Safer Community Council.

For further information please contact Sue Morton at the Community Resource Centre.

Waitepuru Debris and Stream Works

The resource consent application for these works was lodged last week. The Whakatane District Council, and Environment Bay of Plenty will consider the application, when the consent authorities are satisfied that the application contains sufficient information the application will be publicly notified.

Regards

Barbara

IMPORTANT DATES

20th June:	Project Office open till 6.30 to view plans for works on the Waimea Stream
24th June:	Community Planning Day 2pm at the Matata Rugby Club
29th June:	Matariki celebrations

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