



MATARIKI BAY OF ISLANDS will bring together a programme of events and experiences that give people the chance to celebrate MATARIKI with their friends and whanau in the Bay of Islands. The festival has been designed by local event managers and businesses to drive visitation from both local and wider New Zealanders. Post-COVID many local businesses have experienced a drop in their business operations and this event aims to give a boost to the local economy at a traditionally quieter time as well as improve the events and activities on offer to the local Far North community.



As part of the programme, we have created a new anchor event **Manu Masters**. This event focuses on bringing youth together for a fun and exciting opportunity to show their best 'Manu'. We are bringing the 'Manu' north and offering a chance to make a 'splash' with the world famous (in New Zealand) bombing championships.

To be held on Russell Wharf and hosted by the 'outrageous' Tammy Davies (George FM / Munter from Outrageous Fortune) it will be a day to bring whanau together to have fun, share laughs and enjoy this memorable event as well as an opportunity to showcase our stunning Northland region.



WHAT IS A MANU?

No one can say for sure when the Manu – or its variations – came into existence, let alone when they became a staple of New Zealand summer fun. But it is a uniquely kiwi pastime!



The key to popping a perfect Manu lies in the bum. Before the body has even left the platform, or rock, or bridge, the bum is out. Arms up, back straight, knees bent, bum out. It is known as the *utkatasana* (chair) pose in yoga and the “hurry up and jump” pose before a Manu.

PERMISSIONS

We have contacted the following organisations for permission for this event to take place:

FNHL – Chris Galbraith

Permission Granted. With a request to be on-site when the platform is about to be built for safety

Russell Wharf and Maritime Trust – Debra Rewiri and Trustees

Permission Granted

Harbourmaster – Jim Lyle

Conversation with Jim Lyle advising of the event, where it was happening and emailed this document. As we are not jumping from the Ferry side and its winter, he saw no problem with us going ahead

Coastguard – Darlene

As this is a land-based event, they were happy that no further permission was required

Russell Radio - Steve

Have been informed and they will start to notify boats of the event

Russell Information Centre – Karen Poole

Permission Granted to have a Marquee on the Wharf adjacent to the Centre for registration

EVENT LOGISTICS

Building / Infrastructure:

A platform will be built off the wharf, in between Pier 3 and Pier 4 access points (same place as Russell Birdman platform). We will be the other side of the Wharf to the ferries and passenger cruise boats

- Platform and scaffolding to be built by Harnett Building and Northland Scaffolding
- Northland Scaffolding will provide a plan of the scaffolding (see attached)
- Construction on Friday 9 July.
- Dismantle Monday 12 July.
- This will be securely fenced off for the duration.

On The Day Logistics:

A sound system and marquee will be installed on the wharf.

- Sound system on Pier 3 and possibly some speakers along wharf
- Power will be required for the sound system
- Production company is BELLTECH LTD
- 9m x 6m marquee would be required for registration and holding 'pen' for jumpers
- Location for marquee is adjacent to Russell Information Centre on the wharf
- This marquee size would not obstruct access to either the Info centre or ferries

Water Safety & First Aid:

- Two divers will always be stationed in the water when participants are jumping and will be supplied by Paihia Dive
- Paihia Dive will have their boat to use for jumpers to exit the water safely
- HMS Customs Safety Boat will also be in attendance with 2-4 Crew
- St Johns Ambulance – Russell. Will provide onshore First Aid with 2 First Responders and the ambulance on site and the wharf
- Russell Radio have been advised and will radio boats with our activity
- Please refer to the SSSP Site Specific Safety Plan) for details

Judges Boat:

- Will be moored on a mooring on the side of Pier 4

Weather Contingency:

This event can continue in light to medium rain. However, we will postpone or cancel the event under the following conditions:

- Heavy rain resulting in danger due to electrical equipment or slipping
- Adverse Wind conditions (eg: SW, 30- 40knots could potentially cause issues)
- Strong sea surges / waves

SUPPORTERS

The local community has come together to create and grow the Manu Masters event for the Bay of Islands. We have some great local businesses on board already to assist with planning, building platforms, provide safety boats and donating prizes.



Developing a sense of pride and well-being amongst the local community is key. We have taken a collaborative approach and we know that all stakeholders want to see this event succeed and grow. The result of this will be an event that the local community can feel proud of.

This event is All Ages, but we know it will be of particular interest to local youth and we feel there is a gap for this demographic. The event is free to spectate and a small registration fee of \$5 + booking fee to jump.

We look forward to discussing this event with you further!

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