

## **Ardmore Engineers 50 Year Reunion Programme**

**When:** 15 March 2013 to 17 March 2013

**Location:** Matakana and Omaha

**Cost:** May apply and varies according to activity

**Registration:** You can register at the Omaha Golf club Friday, 15 March from 6.30pm. Please bring any Ardmore Days photos and memorabilia you have for displaying at the venues

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**Accommodation:** We recommend booking a bach at the Riverside Matakana, or selecting a place to stay from the websites listed below, or phone Sue at Isite Warkworth. You may need to book early to avoid disappointment

**Riverside Matakana**

Phone: 09 423 0353

Email: [host@riversidematakana.co.nz](mailto:host@riversidematakana.co.nz)

Website: [www.riversidematakana.co.nz](http://www.riversidematakana.co.nz)

**Accommodation Websites:**

[www.matakanacoast.com/main.php?category=accom](http://www.matakanacoast.com/main.php?category=accom)

[www.bookabach.co.nz](http://www.bookabach.co.nz)

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## **Activities**

### **Friday 15 March**

#### **Ex-Ardmore Engineers Golf Challenge**

Green fees \$35 (to Trevor Bayly on the day)

11.30am tee off

Omaha 18 Hole Course

North West Anchorage, Omaha Beach

Men and women competing for the Ex-Ardmore Engineers Challenge Trophies will need to meet Trevor Bayly and Judy Jordan at the club ready for tee off. Carts and clubs are available for hire so please indicate on your response form if you wish to hire either of these.

Golfers will also be competing for:

- Best net score for trophy
- Best stapleford for women and men
- Closest to the hole at the 12<sup>th</sup>
- Longest drive on the 18<sup>th</sup>

For part time golfers who don't want to play for the Challenge Trophy there is a contained 9 hole course. For further details of the course please visit [www.omahagolf.co.nz](http://www.omahagolf.co.nz)

#### **Bowls** (beside the golf clubroom)

\$10 per person (payable on the day)

2pm

Meet Alistair Dryden at the bowls club ready to play bowls. A club member will also be present to give some coaching.

#### **Mahjong**

36 Omaha Drive, Omaha

2pm

Meet Shane Dryden at the Dryden's residence for Mahjong and/or cards.

### **Friday Night**

An informal get together at the golf club after registration commences at 7pm. A reasonably priced meal is available but catering is based on the response form that accompanies this programme. Please indicate whether you will be having a meal at the club. There is also a cash bar for drinks and the dress code is smart casual.

## **Saturday 16 March**

### **Kayaking**

Dryden's residence

8.30am to 12 noon

Fergus Riley will greet you at the Dryden's residence. Kayaking will start from the Omaha Boat Ramp (opposite the Dryden's residence) over to Point Wells and across the estuary and up the Whangateau Stream to disembark at Pete Riley's farm. You can have a cup of tea and a short rest at Pete's place before returning. The tide is at 10am so the timing will be just right to go over with an incoming tide and return on the outgoing tide. The kayaking will be led by Fergus, Pete's son who is a champion kayaker. Pete Riley has kayaked this route to check the time. It takes about 45 minutes one way.

We only have 12 kayaks available so the first 12 to register for kayaking will get preference. You will be notified if there are no kayaks available for you to use and you can then choose another activity. Please bring your own lifejackets. If you don't own a life jacket please advise us beforehand and we will endeavor to source a jacket for you. Please let us know if you are going to bring your own kayak. This will be a great help as 20 people have indicated an interest in kayaking.

### **Matakana Village Farmers' Market**

Matakana Farmers Market

2 Matakana Valley Rd

8.15am to 10am

Meet Lauraine outside the Annah Stretton shop (under the verandah nearest the driveway entrance to Matakana Village on the lower level - in case of rain). She will give a brief background before introducing you to her favorite purveyors, artisans and stall holders. Bring a bag for all the goodies you will want to take home!

Lauraine is one of New Zealand's foremost foodies. She is Food Columnist for NZ Listener, immediate Past President: New Zealand Guild of Food Writers, founding Patron: Oxford Gastronomica, winner two Gold Ladles World Food Media Awards, author of 'The Confident Cook' and 'The New Zealand Vegetable Cookbook, and is currently writing another book.

### **Walk**

Roseneath (Pete Riley's residence)

2pm: 2 to 3 hour walk

Meet Pete Riley at his residence - the first house on the left along Ashton Road Whangateau (about 12 minutes' drive from Omaha; as you approach Whangateau, watch out for Ashton Road on the left hand side. It is just past Big Omaha Wharf).

Pete will lead a group on a walk on his farm through magnificent farmland and bush to high points with wonderful views over Omaha and back towards Auckland. Enjoy a walk and Pete's stories and knowledge of the land and the area. This walk is flexible, you can go as high as you like. At the very top which will take about 1.5 hours you can also see all the way over Parkiri and to the Whangarei heads.

**Garden visit and afternoon tea**

Meet Shane Dryden at the Dryden's residence

1.30pm to 4pm

\$16.50 per person for garden visit and afternoon tea (pay Shane on the day)

This is a great opportunity to visit Liz Morrow's garden, Omaio – Matakana. This is a coastal garden of national significance with the New Zealand Gardens' Trust.

**Saturday Night 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Septuagenarians Gala Dinner**

Omaha Golf Club

North West Anchorage

Omaha Beach

7.00pm start

\$110 per person (includes reception, dinner, some drinks, guest speakers, and great live band)

Dress code: Jacket for men

*Please advise of any special dietary needs*

**Sunday****Brunch**

Morris and James Pottery Restaurant

10am

In addition to brunch we have arranged private tours around this amazing pottery. You can order from the menu and pay individually. This is a lovely venue for brunch and we are confident you will enjoy the whole experience. Tours of the pottery commence at 11.30am.

Directions: See the turnoff signposted to Morris and James on the right hand side just North of Matakana Village and well before the turnoff to Omaha)

**Oyster Farm**

Scotts Landing Wharf

Meet Alistair at 2pm at the end of Ridge Road, Mahurangi East - past Snells Beach. This tour is limited to 20 people. Life Jackets required.

**Self-directed activities**

There are many other things to do in the area. We suggest the following places and activities to enjoy:

**Brick Bay Sculpture Trail**

Arabella Lane

Snells Beach

You may decide to take in wine tasting and lunch while you are there. For further details refer to web site [www.brickbaysculpture.co.nz](http://www.brickbaysculpture.co.nz)

## **Cycling**

We will supply maps of the cycle paths around Omaha. Possible paths to choose from:

- 1 Along the Omaha seafront path and Omaha to Point Wells and return, these two paths can be cycled by road bikes
- 2 Omaha to Matakana. This path requires hybrid bikes. It is over to you when you cycle and if you don't have your own bike you can hire bikes at Matakana Cycle

Bring your own bike or hire one in Matakana (Matakana Bicycle Hire 951 Matakana Road, Matakana, Phone 09 423 0076, web site [www.matakanabicyclehire.co.nz](http://www.matakanabicyclehire.co.nz))

## **Goat Island Marine reserve**

Kawau Island

[www.goatlanddive.co.nz](http://www.goatlanddive.co.nz)

## **Wine Trails**

There are many vineyards in the area, mainly producing red wines. There are 9 vineyards open for tasting and nine which are open by appointment only.

Information will be available for you. Check out details of wineries at

[www.matakanacoast.com](http://www.matakanacoast.com)

## **Fishing**

So far no one has indicated that they will be bringing a boat up to Omaha. If anyone does decide to bring their boat up there are some people who would like to go fishing

## **Swimming**

Omaha is a lovely beach and if the weather is OK some people might like to go swimming or walking on the beach.

## **Walking**

Mt Tamahunga Walk Park (at end of Takatu Road) and Brick Bay Sculpture Trail