

# TE ARA O NGĀ WHETŪ O MATARIKI

## FOLLOW THE STARS OF MATARIKI

It's time to start planning your Matariki celebration, and Masterton District Council is here to help with a Follow the Stars map of events and activities taking place from Monday 20 - Sunday 26 June 2022.

We're inviting registrations for community events based around the nine stars that make up the Matariki star cluster.

Registered events can apply for up to \$500 to help make the events happen. We're looking for ideas that engage a wide section of the community.

Registrations must be made by Friday 20 May, and we'll produce a map of events around Masterton District and promote them through advertising and social media.

Activities must:

- be aligned to one of the stars in Matariki (details overleaf)
- take place between Monday 20 and Sunday 26 June 2022
- be open to the public.

Register your event or activity by Friday 20 May using the registration form (either online or using hard copies available at the Council office at 161 Queen St or the Masterton District Library).

# THE STARS OF MATARIKI

In the Māori world view, each star holds a certain significance over our wellbeing and environment



## MATARIKI

The star that signifies reflection, hope, our connection to the environment and the gathering of people. Matariki is also connected to the health and wellbeing of people.

## PŌHUTUKAWA

The star associated with those that have passed on. Pōhutukawa suspended above, a constant reminder for my treasured ones that have gone. May you shine as stars in the night, and sparkle within the repository of memories forever more.

## WAITĪ

The star associated with all fresh water bodies and the food sources that are sustained by those waters.

“Waitī above, Waitī below, flowing are your waters as sustenance for the land, as vitality for mankind, as a food basket for the people. The current of the river swirls and eddies, the lakes ripple, and the source of Tāne-te-waiora overflows, ‘tis life!”

## WAITĀ

The star associated with the ocean, and food sources within it.

“Behold the great expanse of Kiwa that gleams green and blue beneath you Waitā. Draw up the many of Ikatere, dive out to sea, and collect from the seaside as food for the multitude ashore. The charm of Tangaroa has begun! ‘Tis the great current, the long current, the boisterous ocean, the calm ocean.”

## WAIPUNA-Ā-RANGI

The star associated with the rain.

“Welcome the misty rain! Welcome the drizzle! Welcome the showers! Welcome the heavy drenching rain! Fall from the spring of the sacred sky, give drink oh Waipuna-ā-rangi, the land grows, and the people flourish.”

## TUPU-Ā-NUKU

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

“Tupuānuku shoot up, and grow down, to be plentiful. May the mound dedicated to Rongo be forever fertile, that which was formed from afar. The bounty of Nukutū is scooped up in great numbers, till the soil, cultivate, harvest the year of copious abundance.”

## TUPU-Ā-RANGI

The star associated with everything that grows up in the trees: fruits, berries, and birds.

“Thriving is the forest, lush is the forest, bountiful is the crown of the forest upon which the children of Tāne settle, there indeed is the great fowling tree. Tupuā-rangi you shall make the forest plentiful; the birds are rich with fat, the berries are fertile, sustenance.”

## URURANGI

The star associated with the winds.

“Ururangi pacify the unseeing god, lest the wind blows violently, blasting and fierce hitherto. But instead let it be a breeze, a gentle caressing wind so I may be revitalised and refreshed.”

## HIWA-I-TE-RANGI

The star associated with granting our wishes, and realising our aspirations for the coming year.

“Great Hiwa, long-established Hiwa, skilled Hiwa, wise Hiwa! Hiwaiterangi this is the wish of the desiring heart; this is the determination of the longing heart. Spread out in plenty the multitude of immense opportunities. Hold fast to succeed, hold firm to good fortune! Go forth into the world and prosper.”

# REGISTRATION FORM

Registration closes 4pm Friday 13 May 2022

Registration is for Matariki themed activities that take place between Monday 20 June – Sunday 26 June 2022

To submit your Matariki follow the stars registration form please complete and return this form to:

Post to: Masterton District Council – Matariki Registration  
PO Box 444  
Masterton 5840

Email: [events@mstn.govt.nz](mailto:events@mstn.govt.nz)

Deliver to: 161 Queen Street, Masterton

## YOUR DETAILS

Are you applying as an organisation or an individual?  Organisation  Individual

Full name of applicant/group .....

Contact person (for a group) .....

Address .....

Postal address (if different from above).....

Phone ..... Email .....

## FUNDING

Do you want to apply for funding?  Yes  No

If no, skip to activity description overleaf. If yes, continue on with following questions.

How much funding are you applying for (maximum \$500) .....

Name on bank account ..... GST number if applicable.....

Bank account number.....

If you have requested funding and are successful, your funding application funds will be deposited into this account

How did you hear about Matariki "Follow the Stars" .....

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# DECLARATION

You must read and sign the following. Please tick each box to show that you have read the information and agree to each section

- My activity has a Matariki cultural focus
- My activity aligns with one of the Matariki stars (ensure the star you have chosen is ticked)
- My activity is taking place in the Masterton District
- I have filled out funding request information (if required)
- I have filled out/attached a financial breakdown of intended spending (if applying for funding)
- My activity is within the week of Monday 20 - Sunday 26 June 2022
- My activity involves kai
- I will provide an activity summary/debrief and any feedback to [events@mstn.govt.nz](mailto:events@mstn.govt.nz)
- I have signed and completed this form

Name .....

Signature .....

Date .....

NB: All registrations by person/s under the age of 18 must be signed by applicant's parent or legal guardian.

