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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 11 June 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide all proposals and budgets for 2021 matariki celebrations the ministry is proposing to directly fund, whether the event is confirmed or not. Also the location/s of such event/s and who will be invited (categories rather than individuals).

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) does not currently hold a designated budget or financial information for any Matariki related events or celebrations. The Ministry may be acknowledging Matariki in the normal course of activities (such as staff hui) at this time, which will not incur any additional or directly funded Matariki event costs.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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Matariki @ MfE

Matariki Wātaka – Matariki Calendar of Proposed Events and Activities

NB: SOME EVENTS MAY BE POSTPONED/CANCELLED AS THEY ARE COVID ALERT LEVEL DEPENDENT

RĀHINA (Monday)	RĀTŪ (Tuesday)	RĀAPA (Wednesday)	RĀPARE (Thursday)	RĀMERE (Friday)
21 Pipiri	22	23	24 11am: Matariki @ Kotahitanga	25 [time] Matariki Waiata Flashmob [Justice Centre] CANCELLED MfE Socials Launch post
28	29 5-6pm: Matariki Kaitahi 6-7.30pm: Matariki Webinar [Prof Rangī Matamua]	30 3pm: Learn a Matariki waiata with Ngā Manu Taiao	1 Hōngongoi 11am: MfE live? TBC 12-2pm: APO Matariki shared kai and gathering	2 MfE Socials Wk 1 post
5	6	7 Social Club Matariki Morning Tea TB	8 11am: Matariki @ Kotahitanga	9 MfE Socials Wk 2 post
12 Matariki Floor Challenge – Decorate floor entrances/virtual backgrounds Matariki-style TBC	13	14	15	16 MfE Socials Wk 3 post

19 Matariki Lip-Sync Battle (comp starts)? TBC	20	21	22	23 Matariki Lip-Sync Battle (comp ends)? MfE Socials Wk 4 post
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Date/Time	Venue/Location	Kaupapa	Description	Lead
24/6 (Thurs) 11am	Environment House and Online	Matariki @ Kotahitanga	(Blurb to come)	Internal Comms
25/6 (Fri) TBC	Justice Centre, Kate Shepard Place MfE Social Channels	Matariki Waiata Flashmob Launch post	Come along and support the kapa haka of MfE, Ngā Manu Taiao, as they join forces with other public service agencies to celebrate Matariki <i>What is Matariki?</i> (now and then)	Candice Benson/Ben Ogilvie/Emily Wikingi

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29/6 (Tues)				
5-6pm	Environment House	Matariki Kaitahi (shared kai)	Come and join in celebrating Matariki with kai and whakawhanaungatanga; fill your puku and then stay on to fill your kete with some Matariki knowledge...	Candice B (with support – Julie Lemisio)
6-7.30pm	Environment House and Online	Matariki Webinar (and Facebook Live)	...come and learn more about the significance of Matariki from Dr Rangi Matamua, Director of Living by the Stars and a leading expert in Matariki and Māori Astronomy. He holds extensive knowledge about our skies, star clusters, galaxies and planets.	
30/6 (Wed)	Environment House and Teams	Matariki Waiata Session	Learn a Matariki Waiata with our MfE Kapa Haka group, Ngā Manu Taiao	Ngā Manu Taiao
3pm				
1/7 (Thurs)	APO, Level 6	Matariki shared kai and gathering	Tāmaki Makaurau-based staff bring a plate of kai to share and acknowledge this special time of the year with waiata and kōrero.	Jym Clark
2/7 (Fri)	MfE Social Channels	Wk 1 post <i>Where is Matariki?</i>		Alicia, Digital and Insights
7/7 (Wed)	Environment House	Social Club Matariki Morning Tea		Ben Ogiwie/Leon Sullivan

9/7 (Fri)	MfE Social Channels	Wk 2 post – Reflection / Reset <i>The year and the people that have passed</i>		Alicia, Digital and Insights
16/7	MfE Social Channels	Wk 3 post – Refocus <i>The year ahead and setting intention</i>		Alicia, Digital and Insights
19/7-23/7	In-person/online (recorded)	Matariki Lip-Sync Battle	Who are the lip-syncing shining stars in your team?! Record your team giving their best rendition of a favourite banger – prizes for best dramatic performance and costumes!	
23/7	MfE Social Channels	WK 4 post – Celebration <i>Quiz based on previous posts</i>		Alicia, Digital and Insights

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