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### **Riverside Matakana partners with Velox Group**

Georgina Torrington, Director of Velox Group (NZ) Ltd is proud to announce that Riverside Matakana is the latest in the suite of venues and services offered through the group. This latest addition means Velox Group (NZ) Ltd now has boutique venues in Rotorua, South Auckland and North Auckland. Velox Group (NZ) Ltd will represent Riverside Matakana in the specialised corporate meetings, events and conference market place.

Earlier this year Riverside Matakana was taken over by new owners and managers – Michael Bolton and Michael Rennie. Bolton hails from the a highly successful career in media including cinemas, advertising and radio while Rennie is a qualified accountant who was previously in investment banking and a former director at Southpac specialising in mergers and acquisitions.

When asked why Riverside and why Matakana they replied jokingly ‘we stayed, we loved it, we bought it’. That’s not too far from the truth. In fact they stayed at the property in 2009 for three nights, and loved it so much they didn’t want to leave. Purchasing a property only 200 metres from Riverside a mere week later and then set their sights on managing Riverside. Their combined skills of accounting and marketing are ideally suited to building on what is already a successful accommodation and conference business.

Located just 45 minutes from central Auckland and 15 minutes from Auckland by helicopter Riverside Matakana is the ideal venue for sales conferences, board meetings, strategic planning days or staff incentives.

Accommodation is provided with 17 beautifully appointed baches. Each bach has flexible sleeping layouts, individual decks and two bathrooms. The baches are situated in clusters overlooking the Estuary and offer privacy to the occupants and can also be utilised as additional breakout areas or board rooms.

Event space is provided with a dedicated conference room which currently caters for 20 people. June 25<sup>th</sup> sees the conference space closing for a brief spell to undergo an expansion. When the conference space re-opens in mid July 2012 the venue will have breakout areas, dedicated catering areas, outdoor break out zones and be able to cater for 30 people. A number of marque sites are available for larger events and catering is coordinated in-house.

The Riverside Matakana property is set in 40 acres of landscaped grounds in the heart of Matakana Wine Country overlooking vineyards and the Glen Eden River. The grounds lend themselves to outdoor events, team development and break out areas. On site you'll find a swimming pool, yoga deck, tennis courts, petanque and a pier out into the River where there are ample fish to be caught. Team development activities can be created especially for you by Cutting Edge Corporate Development.

For more information about Riverside Matakana please visit stand 510 at Meetings 2012 or [www.riversidematakana.co.nz](http://www.riversidematakana.co.nz)

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