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Good Weather and New Zealand Record

The Waiheke Openair Cinema at Onetangi Road Vineyard was this year spoilt by some dry, warm nights. Only two shows had to be cancelled: 'Mondovino', due to a passing wet front and 'Riding Giants' because of a power problem. On the upside, the first screening of 'King Kong' brought a record crowd to the Vineyard: with 1,267 spectators, this was New Zealand's biggest crowd ever for a commercial movie screening. While the Blockbusters ('King Kong' and 'Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire') made up for the numbers at the Arthouse movies, that were only seen by a handful of enthusiasts. For Director, Urs Bauer, 'Dinner Rush' was the favourite, thanks to its superb cinematography, while the crew's vote went to the brilliant Canadian comedy, 'Seducing Dr. Lewis' - both attended by less than 100 people.

"It was overwhelming to host such a crowd for Kong - and to see the potential of our idea realised", says Urs, "but we also appreciated the great support shown by Waihekians, who came up to six times to enjoy our cinema set-up. Thank you!"

The Openair Cinema now moves on to Matakana (till the end of January) and starts its Viaduct Program on 4 February, but intends to be back on the island around Easter.

If you lost or found some property, please get in touch with the organisers on 372 6297.

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