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Great South abandons plans to build satellite station in Sandford Rd.

Great South has abandoned its proposal to build a satellite ground station in Sandford Rd. Ruakākā, giving as the reason "the site was not right from a Ruakākā Community perspective."

The company had placed a conditional offer on land at the bottom of Sandford Rd. Great South is the Southland Development Agency, akin to Northland Inc, and representative from the company held a public meeting in the Ruakākā Recreation Centre on Tuesday 17 January where people living on and around Sandford Rd. told them they were not happy about the station being built at that location, fearing the rows of satellite receivers would ruin the view from their homes and lower their property values. Some said they were not opposed to the setting up of a Northland station but would prefer it was not in their road.

Several people at the meeting said they were excited at the plan to bring state of the art high technology to Northland and for the opportunities it would offer local young people.

The company will continue to search for a site somewhere in Northland. Great South is anxious to set up a ground station in the north to compliment one it already operates in Southland At the January meeting the company's Chief Executive Officer Graham Budd explained that there was just an eight minute opportunity to gather data from satellites as they pass aboveand having a second station at the other end of the country would double that capacity.

Waipū car and bike show bigger and better than ever



Karen Cave and her three-year-old granddaughter Charlotte Preece wore matching frocks to compliment the immaculately restored 1957 Corvett owned by Karen and husband Ron. The car's restoration was completed just a few weeks ago. Karen and Ron are the founders and chief organisers of the Waipu Car

There was a long queue at the gates of the Waipū Caledonian Park with people waiting to get into the Waipu Car and Bike Shoe on Sunday 7 February. Organiser Ron Cave said he believed the number of entries was up as well with 675 cars and around 100 bikes. The Waipu Lions, who run this event, were still counting the takings on Monday when this edition of the Bream Bay News went to print.





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EDITORIAL

I can think of worse neighbours than a satellite ground station

I want to thank the anonymous local woman who tested positive for Covid 19 after coming out of quarantine in the Pullman Hotel. You did all the right things. Thank you for all those Covid 19 tracer app log-ins, which allowed everyone who had contact with you to be traced and tested so quickly.

That was a bit too close an encounter with this terrible deadly virus for comfort for our Bream Bay community but thanks to your efforts we were all able to get back into our normal lives relatively quickly.

I was a bit disappointed to learn that Great South will not be building a ground satellite station in Ruakākā. I find this space age technology exciting and believe it can offer some very real benefits to the environment and to society.

I have asked myself how I would feel if the station were to be built close to my home and I don't think I would be worried. I can think of worse neighbours. My brother in the far north, for example, has a neighbour who has covered his property in hundreds of car wrecks.

I don't believe there were likely to be ill health effects from radio signals, because as Great South's Space operations Manager Robin McNeill explained at the public meeting in the Ruakākā Recreation Centre on 19 January, the signals only travel between the satellite and the receivers, which are pointed skyward, and not along the ground.

I found the belligerent tone of some of the people at

that meeting a bit unjustified.

I was waylaid as I left the meeting by a young woman with a folder full of emails she had printed out, which she leafed through pointing to dates to support her claim that the Great South people had practiced duplicity in their dealings with the Ruakākā community. She showed me how Ruakākā School had been contacted about the proposal before adjacent property owners. I asked the young woman for her name should I want to include what she had just shown me in a Bream Bay News article. She would not provide this as she said her family was in the process of selling their property and did not want potential buyers to know about the proposed satellite ground station.

I see that the signs opposing the satellite station along Marsden Point Rd. now read, "Satellite Station -Gone. The people have spoken. "

Not all the peopl were saying the same thing though. I recall two young men who bravely stood up at that public meeting to say they supported the establishment of the satellite station and welcomed the opportunities they believed it could bring.

I wish Great South success in finding a suitable piece of land somewhere in Northland amongst more welcoming neighbours to build its satellite ground receiver station on.

Marilyn

























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People and their vehicles at the Waipū Car and Bike Show



Glenn Grant of Whangarei with his Triumph Rocket which he purchased new in 2006. He has since given the bike a custom paint job with a skull image set into the red and black shiny lacquer on the fuel tank. Why a skull? He said, "I have always loved skulls. I used to draw them when I was a little boy."



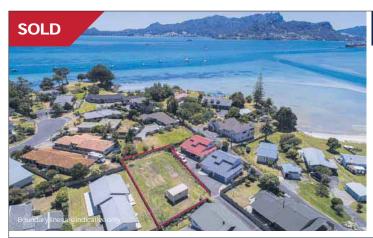
Dave Griffiths of Waipu with his 1938 Desonta, one of the many products he has in his shed.



Matt and Linda Guzik of Mangawhai with their 1936 Austin 10 Klifton which they have owned for three years and had restored by Full Noise panelbeaters in Ruakākā. They like to drive their car to the Mangawhai Farmers Market, the beach and once in a while to Waipū. Matt says the car puts a smile on people's faces and that makes us smile as well.



Kevin Tebbut and MJ Kahu, both of Waipū, brought along their collection of restored pedal cars. Kevin said he became a grandad last year so fixed up an old pedal car for his grandchild. Then he did one up for MJ's grandson and it all started from there. A signwriter by trade, Kevin likes to customise the little cars and give them a bright 1950s look. It has become a hobby for them both. They have more pedal car restorations underway in their shed at home . MJ said she is picking up painting skills from Kevin as they work.



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An invasion of cats

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The trouble is now, it appears, I have an invasion of cats, which seem to belong to local residents - some of them anyway. The bird numbers have decreased considerably and those left are more timid, whereas before they had been quite friendly. Now, what I propose to do is to set my cage with cat type food. If it is successful I will give them a good dose of pressured water from my hose in the hope they will go away and stay away when released. If they do return then I will have to take other measures. The latest cats I have seen – one of them sunbathing on the steps to my shed - are a blue/grey, a tabby and white and a ginger cat. What about bells around their necks? It would make the birds a bit safer as well as identify them.

Don Gibbons Finlayson Brook Rd. Waipū

In support of Maori Wards

I am writing to support the council decision to establish Maori wards in the Whangarei district. It is important, in a properly functioning democracy, for the elected officials to reflect the people they serve. Local bodies, such as WDC, are stacked with people of European descent, or Pakeha, which makes them not properly representative of the population.

When women were seeking equality in the workforce, the popular argument was that a woman had the same chance as a man when competing for the same position. This was clearly not the case. Existing workers were mainly male, so they appointed other males to the job in nearly every case. It wasn't until there was a strong movement demanding equality, that any meaningful change started to happen, and then it took ages and a lot of bitter argument.

I feel that when it comes to local body elections, the same dynamic is present. The power is in Pakeha hands, decisions will inevitably favour Pakeha interests and Maori concerns will not be heard. This is not because those officials are consciously racist, but is the inevitable result of the imbalance of power. Maori are approximately one third of the Whangarei district population, but how many have been elected to the WDC? They are not a majority of the general population, so how will this be changed if no affirmative action is taken?

Claire Leighton Waipu

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Harvesting kuta from the Takahiwai Dam



Harvesting kuta from the Takahiwai Dam. Sue Jolly, Luana Pirihi and Shaun Hall help to drag the rafts of kuta stalks ashore while young members of the Patuharakeke Trust Board's Taio unit dive under the water to cut the stalks at their base

Kuta, a fresh water reed prized by weavers was harvested from the Takahiwai Dam last month.

Kuta is a bright green reed with a golden seed head. Growing around the edge of the dam it resembled a mass of tall green candles. It is a threatened species but the Whangarei District Council needs to clear it away from the overflow at the southwestern edge of the dam and invited Patuharakeke weavers to harvest the reed before the diggers arrived.

The harvest took place on Wednesday morning 27 January and was an impressive team effort organised by Ari Carrington. Young members of the Patuharakeke Trust Board's Taio Unit dived into the water cutting the reeds at the base. Filled with pockets of air the kuta stalks formed rafts on the surface of the water and were hauled ashore to be sorted into lengths and tied in bundles ready for drying by a team of weavers. Northland Regional Council botanist Lisa Forester oversaw the work and Ari's mother Hannah provided lunch for the workers

Bream Bay Coastal Care members were also present helping with the sorting as well as collecting roots of the kuta plants to see if it would grow in the Ruakākā Dune Lake. Kuta grows in a stable fresh water environment with minimal movement.

The Takahiwai Dam is no longer in use

The Northland Harbour Board built the Takahiwai Dam in 1968. The land needed for the project was in 19 separate titles, 12 of them in Maori ownership and was taken by the Harbour Board under the Public Works Act. Compensation was paid to the owners as determined by the Maori Land Court.

A water treatment plant was build alongside and the dam was used as a public water supply until 1994

Andrew Venmore, the Whangarei District Council's Water Services Manager, said there are no plans to use the dam for a council water supply in the future, as its yield is a lot smaller than that of the Wilson Dam.

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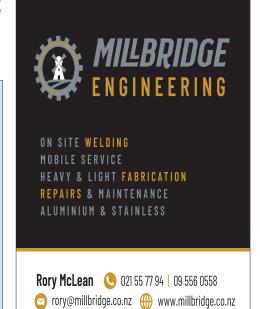
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A great day on the water at the Snake Bank Challenge

An early morning breeze had died down by the time the starter gun went off for the 2021 Marsden Yacht and Boat Club's Snake Bank Challenge paddle race at 11.30am on Saturday morning 6. February and the paddle around the four kilometre course (or twice around – 8 kilometres for the really keen) was a bit easier than it had been in last year's choppy conditions. Even so Jaiden Lee who attempted to paddle a big yellow floating duck had to be towed back to shore by the rescue boat.

"Not surprising. Those things are hard enough to paddle around a swimming pool, let alone out on the sea but it all adds to the spirit of the day," said the club's Vice Commodore Grant Crombie.

This year there were 31 entrants in the paddle race and a variety of crafts including: paddle boards, surf skis, out riggers, kayaks and a big yellow duck.

The afternoon sail race attracted 22 entries.

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Clive and Geraldine Ritchie of Point Wells, Matakana came to the Snake Bank Challenge to watch their grand-son compete in the sail boat race.



Jaiden Lee attempted to paddle this rubber duck around the course but ended up having to be towed back to shore by the rescue boat.



Dolores Rodriguez and Steve Hancox paddled their outrigger kayak to second place in the full distance paddle boat race. the pair then took part in the afternoon's sailing event

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Combined Arts Group's first exhibition



A pottery group in action at the Bream Bay Combined Art Group's clubrooms.

The recently formed art group Bream Bay Combined Arts Group Inc is having its first exhibition and sale of their members work on 20t and 21 of February, between 10am and 3pm The exhibition will include: works of pottery, painting and fibre, created by many of the club's 58 members.

The exhibition will be held in the group's clubrooms situated beside the lake at 35 Lakeside Park Rd. Ruakaka. The venue will be sign posted from the Ruakaka Shopping Centre.

One of the group's founders and driving forces Colin Coutts said, "With the onset of Covid 19 and the ongoing personal effects that are still being felt by many Northlanders, we at BBCAG Inc have found a number of people have turned to their art, which had lapsed for one reason or another, and are being reinspired. We welcome people in this situation to become members."

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Lila Knight, aged 7 years and Abel Pearce, aged 2, had turns tooting the horn on Chris Westlake's mini truck at last Sunday's Waipu Car and Bike Show.

Chris Westlake of Maungakaramea is heading to Invercargill in this mini as part of a charity run for Kids Can, which provides school lunches, shoes, raincoats and toothbrushes to children whose families are struggling financially.

Sixty other minis will take part in the drive.

Chris has a giant teddy bear seated in the pilot's seat but would be happy to move the bear to the back if he could find a live person to replace him.

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School rolls at the start of Term 1, 2021

The roll of Ruakākā Primary continues to grow apace with the school year starting at 298 and 10 more children expected to arrive in the next few days. The start of year roll in 2020 was 252.

Bream Bay College has also had a roll increase and on Thursday 4 February, the first day with all classes back at school, the roll count was 585. Principal Wayne Buckland said the predicted roll for 2021 had been 296 and he attributed the lower number to many students being able to find apprenticeships and jobs over the summer.

The One Tree Point School roll sat at 212 last Friday 5 February up by just three extra children. More enrollments are expected this week when the children return to school. Teacher only days were held last week in preparation.

On Friday the roll at Waipū Primary was 223 down a little from last year's 229. The school had a big group of Year 6 students graduate at the end of last year.

Another factor is the housing shortage in the town. Two families which had indicated they would be sending there children to the school advised that they could not find suitable housing in Waipū so would not be moving there.



Jonathan Simons (Jid/Jono)

17 August 1963 - 30 December 2020

A memorial service for a very popular former Bream Bay College science teacher was held at the Ruakākā Fire Brigade on 14 January.

Jonathon Simons or Jono, as he was known by many local people (or Jid as members of his family called him) had died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of just 57 on 30 December 2020. . He taught at Bream Bay College for 20 years from 1986 and served for 15 years with the Ruakākā Fire Brigade.

Jules Flight, who was Principal of the college at the time Mr. Simons taught there, said Jono was a very popular and capable teacher. He agreed with a comment made by Jono's brother Russell that science classes at the school grew in size during Jono's time as students wanted to be in Mr. Simons' class.

Jono's service to the school went beyond the classroom. He was the staff representative on the school's Board of Trustees and he played a big hand in organizing school balls, setting up the lighting and sound systems. Jules recalls how Jono's party mix, a collection of taped music, was a hit with the staff.

Jules said "We knew when the fire alarm went off that we had to send someone to cover for Jono but the students seemed to understand and behaved themselves until the replacement teacher turned up. You had to be careful if the alarm was going not to get in the way of Jono and the school gate. He aimed to always be on the fire truck as a first responder."

Jeff D'Ath has fond memories of Jono's time in the Ruakākā Brigade. As he and Jono both lived close to the fire station they travelled to many callouts together on the fire truck.

"Jeff said, "Jono had the best store of jokes of anyone I have ever known. On the way to an incident we like to concentrate on what we are going to and think about which hose we will use etc. Jono would be in the back of the truck saying, 'Did you here the one about?' We would all tell him to shut up.

"We went to some horrific accidents on State Highway One on the Ruakākā straights at that time. We would be cutting people out of vehicles and seeing things no one ever wants to see. On the way back to the station Jono's jokes would lift us out of that state of horror and gloom so that when we went back to our families we weren't in such a dark place."

He helped out at community fundraising events as well.

Jeff said, "Whether it was washing cars outside Bream Bay College or selling raffle tickets at Christmas time in the Ruakākā campground, he was always there. " As Jono was 'a little bit tubby" he and Jeff began a morning routine of walking together for five kilometres which led to them both losing weight.

"Jono had a funny way of walking and we would take along my wife's big white poodle so we must have



Jono Simons

looked a bit weird like something out of Ponsonby. " They walked the Kerikeri Half Marathon together in a respectable time of just under three hours.

Jono advanced to the level of Senior Fire Fighter with the Ruakākā Brigade and gained his 14 years Long Service Medal.

To the comment that good science teachers are hard to come by and it is sad that someone so skilled in this profession has gone, Jono's younger brother Russell replied that, "good brothers are hard to come by as well"

He said his bother had the ability to relate to people of all ages and had happily played with his-six-year-old niece despite a 50-year age gap and that his family had meant everything to him.

Jono had been head boy at Rodney College and a comment on his school report said he was able to relate to everyone in the school from teachers down to new students.

"I think that was one of his defining characteristics", said Russell.

From his position at Bream Bay College Jono moved to Long Bay College where he taught for 14 years and then to Glenfield College where he taught for another

Alongside the Fire Brigade his hobbies were fishing and diving. His parents retired to One Tree Point and he returned regularly to Ruakākā on visits

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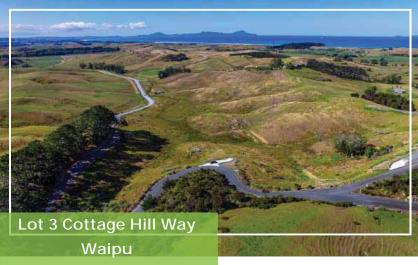
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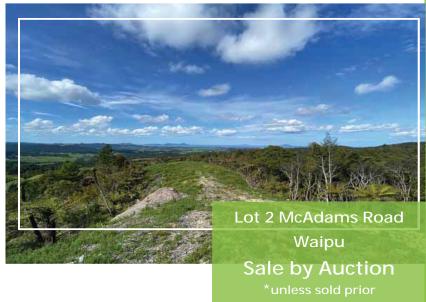
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Whale stranding on Ruakākā Beach Photo by Julie Paton



Volunteers attempting to refloat the whale at Ruakaka Beach on Tuesday evening 26 January.

Four Gray's beaked whales where refloated by Project Jonah volunteers and local people when they got into difficulties in shallow water on Ruakākā Beach at around 7pm on Tuesday 26 January. Three of the little whales, which grow to around four metres in length, returned to deaper water but one repeatedly restranded despite rescuers working until around 10pm to refloat it.

The whale was found dead on the sand by Department of Conservation staff the next morning. It was flensed and then buried at a dedicated whale buring place in the sand dunes at Uretiti by members of local iwi Patuharakeke.

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Bream Bay Swimming Club retains relay trophy for third year By Julie Paton



Coach Richard Dunkerton discusses tactics with swimmers (from left): Ryan Andrews, Fidel Poulson, Izaiahs Linton and Lawrence Reade

Bream Bay Swimming Club held on to the Crawford-Woodman relay trophy again at this year's Northland Age Group Championships held in Dargaville in January.

Bream Bay was the only club at the competition with enough depth in their membership to be able to field a team to swim the relay, which requires four male and four female swimmers from four age groups: under 12 years, 12/13 years, 14/15 years and 16 and over years. This is the third year Bream Bay has held the trophy and the 10th time since 2009 that they have won it.

The team was: Charlotte Robinson-Gooch (9), Blake Forsyth-Hall (11), Alanna Brown (13), Noah Martin (13), Ariella Ripohau (14), Lawrence Reade (15), Samantha Dutton (17), Kori Brown (17).

The three-day age group carnival, the biggest on Northland's calendar, attracted 149 swimmers from 15 clubs, mostly from Northland but also a few visitors from the Waikato, Counties- Manukau and Auckland regions including a contingent of 14 swimmers from Roskill Swimming Club.

Bream Bay coach Richard Dunkerton was pleased with the performance of his swimmers at the meet, particularly were Lawrence Reade (15), Fidel Poulson (15) and Noah Martin (13).

"They were the key performers – they provided some excellent competition and some really exciting races,"

he said. "These three boys stole the show."

Noah swam eight personal best times, cutting ten seconds off his 100m freestyle time, and won two bronze medals, Lawrence swam six personal best times and won four gold medals, seven silvers and one bronze; Fidel swam seven personal best times, won seven gold medals and one silver.

Dunkerton was also impressed with the performance of new swimmer Charlotte Robinson-Gooch (9), competing at her first interclub carnival. "We only asked her along to make up the relay team, before this she had only swum at our club champs, and she pb'd most swims and got medals." Charlotte swam five personal best times, and won a silver medal in 50m breast and bronze medals in 50m backstroke and 100m breaststroke and was a member of the trophy-winning relay team.

Other notable performances came from Ryan Andrews (16), who swam five personal best times and won 11 gold medals in a small age group, Rebecca Reade (18) with "her usual haul" of medals (eight gold and one silver) and Samantha Dutton (17) who turned in some of her best swims in some time, Dunkerton said. Also deserving a mention were young swimmers Timba Linton (10), Blake Forsyth-Hall (11) and Alexander Ball (10) who Dunkerton says are "all coming along pretty nicely".

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All systems go for Art 'N Tartan 2021

The Organising Committee for Waipu Museum's Art'n Tartan Awards has announced that Art'nTartan is scheduled to be held in 2021 with a new format and

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Claire Drake, Producer and Debi Walters Brown, Director said, "We know that our many artists and designers have continued to design throughout 2020 and would love us to hold the awards again in 2021. We have therefore decided to proceed with the backing of the Waipū Museum Board. "

Full details of the competition will be announced shortly.

There will be a new simplified format, which will provide for all types of entries . As in the past there will also be acompetition for masks for local primary school children. Prizes will be awarded across a range of categories and will encourage everyone from new entrants to the most experienced artists. Entries are expected to open in February and close in mid- July. Pre-judging will be held in late August. Debi and Claire said, "Let's make it a huge celebration of creativity in our com-

To register your interest please email artntartan@gmail.com, message Art'nTartan via Facebook, or send a note to Art'nTartan, c/- Waipu Museum, 36 The Centre, Waipu 0510

WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- ROVING MARKET At Left Field market garden, 580 Mountfield Rd., Waipu on Saturday 13 February from 4pm - 7pm . Stalls by local farmers and artisan producer. Live music and a food for sale.
- THE WAIPŪ SUNDAY MARKET next on Sunday 14 February. 9am -1pm in the Coronation Hall
- THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET Next on Sunday 21 February from 9am - 1pm. In the big marquee at Marsden Cove
- EXHIBITION BY BREAM BAY COMBINED ARTS GROUP. At the Art Cottage, Lakeside Park, Ruakākā. Saturday and Sunday 20 & 21 February 10am -3pm. Art on sale. Eftpos available.
- JAZZ/BLUES EVENING with Cousin Alice and Maggie Cocco. Saturday 20 March at Cove Rd., Waipu. Ph. Debi 021 324 707
- GRADUATE CHOIR Free concert in the Waipū Coronation Hall on Saturday 27 February at 1pm.
- THE BREAM BAY SPORTS AWARDS. Friday 19 March in the Waipu Celtic Barn. With guest speaker former Silver Ferns Captain Bernice Mene. Tickets available on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website.
- HAVE A GO TRIATHLON at Marsden Cove. On ANZAC day Sunday 25 April see Whangarei Tri Club website for details.
- WAIPU MUSEUM 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am 4pm
- KAURI MUSEUM. Open daily 9am 5pm. 5 Church St. Matakohe. Current exhibitions: Creating with Kauri - Contemporary jewellery exhibition: Finishes 28 February 2021, Up in Smoke: A collection of old world pipes, tins, cases and associated items.



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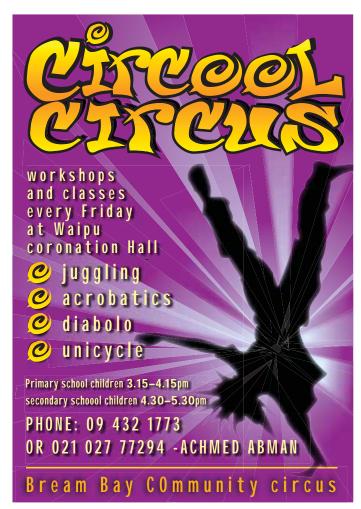
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ANZAC Day triathlon challenge for all abilities

The Whangarei Triathlon Club is holding a "Have a Go" triathlon event at the Marsden Cove Marina (at the top pond by the reserve on Stace Hopper Drive) on Anzac Day, Sunday 25 April. There will be triathlon distances to suit a wide range of abilities "from beginners to elite" and a duathlon for those who want to avoid

The various events are:

- a half ironman with a 2km swim, 90km bike ride and 20km run or walk for the really keen. Starting at 7am for those who will take over 8 hours or at 9am for those expected to take under 8 hours.
- a standard distance triathlon (1.5km swim, 40km bike ride and 10km walk or run) starting at midday.
- a beginners have a go tri (swim 250m, bike 10k, walk or run 2.5km) starting at 3pm.
- a duathlon (run or walk 2.5km, bike 10km, run or walk 2.5km) starting at 3pm.
- a kids' aquathon (swim 250m, run or walk 2.5km).

You can take part as a member of a team.

To enter or for more information go to the website whangareitriclub.co.nz and click on the News tab. Early and late entry charges apply

Update from the Waipū Tennis Club

2021 sees a change of format for the Waipu Tennis Club. Normal club night activities continue on Wednesday night with nine teams competing with each other through to the start of April.

The change is with a Thursday night Sawmill business house type competition. Eight teams are competing for \$500 of sponsorship from Sawmill Breweries.

To date only a couple of nights have been held in both competitions so no clear leaders have emerged as yet in either competition.

Junior and Intermediate Tennis is under way on Saturday mornings at the usual times. It is never too late to join this for some free professional

Our One Set Wonder Tournament is set down for February 20 at 12 noon. Anyone can enter. Contact Paul on 0274416542 to enter.

A new card swipe gate has been added to allow easier access for members to the courts. It replaces the old key system which has caused a lot of issues over the years. Once a few small teething issues have been sorted with the gate, swipe cards will be available to members for \$20 or if you have a key it can be swapped for a card.

Club champs are well progressed with the women completing theirs and the men through to finals. Full results will be available soon.

A prize giving night open to all members and sponsors is proposed for Sunday 28 March. It will start at 3pm with a combined doubles competition for adult members. This will run until 5pm when prize giving for Juniors and Intermediates will start. Prize giving for Seniors follows. After that will be a meal to conclude the evening.

Remember to check our Facebook page for what is going on at the club.



Roving markets to showcase local producers



Jen and Gus Ross in their Left Field garden

Some of Bream Bay's farmers and artisan food producers are banding together to run markets at one another's properties.

The first of these roving markets will be held this Saturday 13 February from 4pm to 7pm at Left Fields gardens at 580 Mountfield Rd.

Jen and Gus Ross held a market at their gardens just before Christmas, which proved successful. Around 100 people turned up so they believe these events might prove popular. They also like the idea of show casing their fellow local producers.

They have lived on their lifestyle block in Waipū for just a year and already it is looking idyllic with rows of flowers between the vegetables.

They practice a no spray, no dig type of horticulture using black plastic tarpaulins to kill the kikuyu, then laying down a thick layer of cardboard and piling compost on top. They supply the local market with vegetables and have recently started a "pick your own" flowers sideline. This will be available on market night to people who pre register on the Left fields Facebook page.

Jen and Gus moved here from Auckland where Jen worked as an animal nutritionist and Gus in produce marketing for a Hawkes Bay company seling New Zealand produce to international markets. Gus, who grew up on a farm in Hawkes Bay said he was itching to get back to a rural lifestyle and Jen said they wanted to work together in their own business.

A condition of having a stall at the roving market is that you take a turn hosting one. An Easter market is already planned at the Chocolate Barn in Ormiston Rd. and in the Spring when they have a new crop of littlekid goats, Jennifer and David Rodrigue will host a market at their Belle Chevre Creamery.

Other stall holders on Saturday night will be: Ogopogo gardens from Takahiwai, Bleu Bespoke - dried and fresh flowers, High Brook Hill - hand made goats milk soaps and Epic Coffee. There will be live music by Vanessa Henderson from 4:30 - 6:30pm and Tania Sumich of Logan Mclean will have food for sale.

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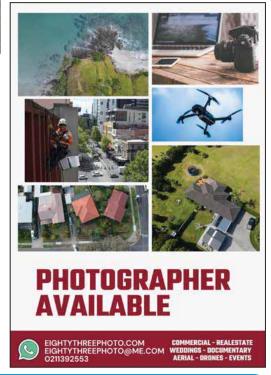
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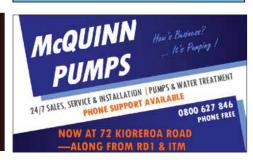
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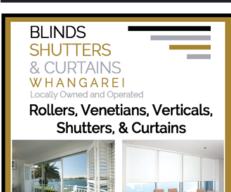
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