

Evacuation stories



Johnny Fetelika with his daughters from left: Ella, Leila and Grace.

FRiday 5 March wasn't the usual school day for the three girls in the Fetelika family of Waipū.

Shortly after they arrived at school, the tsunami alarm went off and their respective schools swung into evacuation mode. For the younger two girls, Leila 6 and Ella 9 who both attend Waipū Primary this meant running up St Mary's Rd. to higher ground. The Bream Bay News heard from another source that children in the swimming pool were told to get out immediately and they ran up the gravel road in their togs and with bare feet.

Ella said it was a bit boring waiting up on the hill at first but then the teachers organised some games.

Johnny Fetelika, who headed up St Mary's Rd to be with his girls, said he was impressed at how organised the evacuation was. The Waipū Fire Brigade was

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Colour Run at OTP School just in time



The starter horn goes of and they are away

The One Tree Point School PTA's Colour Run went ahead on Saturday 27 February, just in time before last weeks Covid 19 Level 2 restrictions limiting gatherings outside of Auckland to 100 people took effect on Sunday 28 February.

The event had to be called off last year due to the first round of lock downs.

One hundred and fifty people registered as participants, raising \$2,000 for the school.

A morning shower threatened the fun but had cleared up by the time all the runners and walkers filed out of the school hall where they had been given the mandatory safety instructions. They were invited to join in a warm up routine with Dave and Sonia but many of the children were too keen to get to the throwing powder paint over one another part of the morning schedule to wait for this to finish. By the time the 150 headed out the school gate and around the six kilometer the course everyone was looking pretty colourful.



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Good people

There are many reasons why I work to produce the Bream Bay News for you all twice a month but one that I enjoy and think is important is that within these pages we can celebrate local people.

I find the lives of some quite ordinary local people inspiring. Look at Sandra and Terry O'Meara, the thirteen foster children they have cared for and all the other things they have done and still do for the people in their community. They remain bright, positive people despite Terry suffering a severe illness.

Look at Judith Boyd and her kindness and care for everyone who comes within her orbit. As Michael Donald told her at her 80th birthday celebration "I don't think you realise the difference you made to people's lives, not just at the school but in the community with your generosity."

I was impressed by the humility of Alison Worthy who died last month after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Alison, despite her long history of involvement and service to the Waipū community, had expected no one to turn up to the service but the Coronation Hall was packed to the rafters.

Just a month earlier I had called in for a cup of coffee at the Mitre 10 café in Whangarei. I was alone and Alison kindly invited me to sit with her and her husband Graem3, who were also in the cafe. I can't remember what we talked about. I was probably holding forth about some issue or another. I can remember Alison laughing at some story I told and, notably, she never mentioned her illness once. I was shocked when I saw her death notice in the Northern Advocate.

I have noticed good people are usually happy people. I wonder which comes first the happiness, which allows them space to think of others or if, in the act of helping others, they become happy?

When the tsunami sirens went off on Friday morning I went down to see how many people had turned up at the top of Doctors Hill Rd. There was already a crowd there and it was getting pretty hot so I went home and filled some containers with drinking water. My friend Lesley Simkiss and I went along the rows of parked cars checking if anyone needed their water bottles topped up. People were grateful and being able to do something useful in this situation made me happy.

Later I learned that many of my fellow hinterland dwellers had done the same thing. Pam Crawley, for example, who lives in the Glenmohr Rd. hills, south of Waipū, had invited people who needed to evacuate from the flat land along South Rd. to her home and baked scones while her son delivered drinking water to the crowds parked up near the top of the Brynderwyns.

"There were lots of good Samaritans", I commented to Pam. She said, "No," this was nothing out of the ordinary.

"It's just what you do for other people at a time of need." Marilyn

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Traffic on Port Marsden Highway on Friday morning 5 March after the tsunami evacuation alert.

up there as well and able to supply the children with plenty of water to drink. Fruit and snacks were handed around. There were also lots of parents to help look after the children.

For Grace – 14 who is a Bream Bay College student it was a climb up onto Sargent's Hill, where the Whangarei District Council water storage tank is located. A locked gate barred the way and the padlock needed to be smashed to let everyone through. School vans loaded with provisions, including lots of toilet paper, were driven up the hill. There were no toilets so the teachers improvised with girls sent behind the water tank and boys down the hill a bit. They were able to use a tap on the side of the storage tank to supply everyone with drinking water.

Eighty-plus year old Ton Lannan also ended up on Sargents Hill. When she tried to drive out from her home in Dune Lake Place, she found the roads blocked. She managed to get onto Marsden Point Rd. and was guided to a parking spot. With the help of a kind man, whom she only knows as Michael and her walking stick, she climbed up the hill. Ton said the Bream Bay College students and staff "were amazing" but she was surprised at the lack of forethought by the Council authorities.

"It was disgusting really. There were 600 people up on that hill. It is the designated place for the Bream Bay College students to go and you would think there would have been more preparation."

She has talked to staff and the Whangarei District Council Ruakākā service centre about this and understands they are making a list of what needs to be put in place should there be another tsunami evacuation. At One Tree Point School the plan was that everyone meet in the school hall and wait for buses to arrive to take them to higher ground. The intention was to take the children up Prescott Rd but Marsden Point Highway was too clogged for the buses to get through so they turned into a private driveway just before the Big Tomato shops. With nowhere for buses to park at the top of the driveway the children climbed up the hill on foot. They were able to use the toilet at the home of one of the school's families and had plenty of drinking water as they waited out the evacuation.

Ruakākā Primary School staff and children evacuated on foot to higher ground on Sandford Rd. The school supplies lunch so this went with them and there were shady trees to wait under.

Ann Marie Able, who manages the Ruakākā Beach Holiday Park, said the evacuation there went smoothly and it took just 20 minutes for her to alert all the campers and be in her car and waiting at the one lane bridge on Bream Bay Drive. Ann Marie said she waited around three or four minutes to get over the bridge and had further waits at both the intersection onto Marsden

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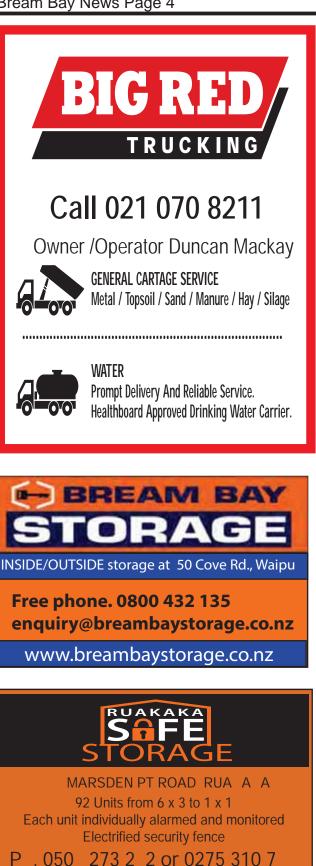
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LETTERS

SH1 Widening Ruakākā to Whangarei -Who is paddling the waka?

The proposed four lane widening of SH1 from the Ruakaka roundabout ("which will remain") to Whangarei is much discussed in the local community. Rightly so. The 22km has a \$692 m price tag. A project of this magnitude deserves considerable scrutiny not the least because this project is "treasury funded" and has not gone through the usual funding allocation system requiring rigorous cost-benefit analysis. Hence the gestation period has been much shorter because "this is one of the Governments shovel ready projects" (though in reality, this project is far from turning the first sod). Major roading projects have multiple issues ranging through ecological, NIMBY, vested interest, balancing flora, fauna and property and not least, value for taxpayers. Northland has been under-funded for a long time and the forecast spending is to be welcomed providing taxpayer value remains.

I have attended a meeting with NZTA at their Whangarei offices and a NZTA community meeting at Mata Hall. The message was the same. The corridor has been defined but not the actual alignment or adjoining road intersections. On- ground investigation is required before the design can be completed. Some or all of the corridor may be used. Land owners have been notified. NZTA say property purchases can't start until the alignment design is complete. Naturally, this has caused anxiety because of the uncertainty about how much land may be taken. Some have had their lives put on hold. Despite the on-ground investigation having not yet started, NZTA say the project will be ready for resource consenting by early-mid 2022.

The justification for the Ruakaka-Whangarei widening seems to be servicing Marsden Port on the basis this will become the Northland region hub. Of course, what Marsden Port will look like hasn't been defined yet just as what will happen to Auckland Port hasn't been defined. It should be clear that what some would have you believe is going to happen doesn't make it so. Aside from whether the widening is merited on a rational cost-benefit basis, there are other questions. NZTA say the adjoining Ruakaka to Te Hana upgrade will not occur for "30 years". Likewise, Warkworth to Te Hana may take a similar period.

NZTA is being assisted by Jacobs Engineering Group, a very large, multi-national American consultancy who acquired SKM a large Australian consultancy who, in turn had acquired Kingston Morrison, a Whangarei

consultancy. Many of the project team used to be with Kingston Morrison so its "just the same really". Was this large planning/engineering work competitively tendered? The NZTA website states the on-ground investigation and detailed design will be competitively tendered.

Organisation, works structure and leadership are key to successfully managing major projects. So is Peer Review; the process of standing back and reviewing the project direction, design, execution and fundamentals such as whether to let a single contract or divide the works into discrete segments. Not to mention whether the taxpayer is getting value.

When this project was in its infancy NZTA requested comment and public submissions. I stated that following the existing alignment or parallel to the north/ east was a no brainer. This was based on the existing alignment being essentially the most direct. Having witnessed the ensuing traffic congestion/interruption and works period of the Ruakaka roundabout construction, the bridge/road widening at Oakleigh and now the Otaika works, I could easily be persuaded a greenfields route for the SH1 widening is preferable. Mine was a rushed judgement without the required information and could easily have been wrong. NZTA is now doing the work to ensure the correct decisions are made. However, a dog and pony show without specifics is insufficient for the community. It is reasonable to conclude that if this project is going to consent early next year then the alignment decisions must be more advanced than the "indicative alignment" currently being shown by NZTA. A rational on-ground investigation (including sub-surface drilling etc) cannot be undertaken without knowing where any intersections/ structures will be located. NZTA say they do not have all the requisite land owners consents to enter and an investigation contract has not been awarded.

NZTA should want and expect a thorough examination of every aspect of the project. When this occurs is in the hands of NZTA. It should choose sooner rather than later. Stakeholders, including the taxpayer, need to be engaged in a meaningful way and it is incumbent on all those who value that notion to make sure they are.

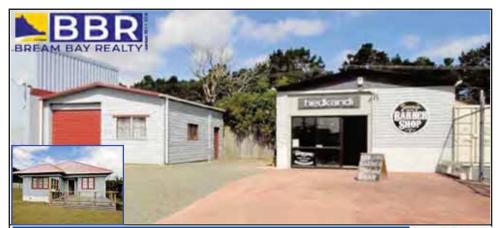
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A crowd gathers at the top of Doctor's Hill Rd.

Point Rd. and then onto State Highway One. She said someone was waiting coming in the opposite direction to cross the bridge perhaps to pick up a pet or an elderly friend or relation.

"Eventually someone let him through but this is a problem."

Carolyn Newey sent in photographs of traffic trying to get out onto State Highway One from the Port Marsden Highway. She and husband Keith decided to follow the car in front of them, which went up a private driveway near the McCathie Rd. intersection. She said Jevan Sturley and Tracey Williams, whose home is up the hill on this driveway, were very hospitable to the close to 30 people who arrived on their doorstep firing up their barbeque to cook sausages and offering everyone drinks.

The residents of the Ranburn Hospital and Retirement Home were driven up St Mary's Rd in the Ranburn van and a Leabourne Bus. The Waipū Fire Brigade helped with the evacuation and some of the elderly people were taken into private homes at the top of the road.

Several Geneva caregivers took their clients with them when they evacuated to the high point at the top of Doctors Hill Rd. Kerry Jarvis came prepared with plenty of drinking water, deck chair and sun umbrella for an elderly gentleman she was caring for to sit under.

Addi McCarthy and Sean Smith, who live in Finch St. Marsden Bay drove up Doctors Hill Rd. with their six-day-old baby girl and toddler. and were invited into the home of a Mountfield Rd. resident. Mountfield

Quarry was turned into a carpark, which helped to clear vehicles off Doctors Hill and Mountfield Rd. Two fire trucks from the Ruakākā station were based there, as was an ambulance. Up near the top of the Brynderwyns the rest area was full of vehicles. The coffee cart there must have had the best day ever.

Log trucks blocked the road to prevent more traffic coming north. As with many of the hill top evacuation sites the lack of a toilet was a problem.

There are many stories of hospitality and generosity towards people waiting out the tsunami warning on hilltops around Bream Bay. The owners of the One Tree Point Store Anjna and Nilesh Patel, for example, handed out drinks and snacks to those who evacuated up into the quarry off One Tree Point Rd.



Change is in the air!

Autumn is natures ideal time for planting. A little gentle rain, cooler weather, but still warm enough for plants to get established. Planting big trees this winter? Dig the holes now, put some homemade compost, kitchen scraps (but no meat scraps), dried cow pats, or sheep pellets into the bottom of the hole, and let it start to break down, before planting trees when available in mid-winter.

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Covid 19 restrictions take under 20 competition away from Takahiwai Club

The much anticipated under 20 Rugby League games which were to have been played at the Takahiwai League grounds on 6 and 13 March and filmed by Sky Sport have been rescheduled and will be played elsewhere, the first scheduled game between Northland and an Auckland team will now be played in Whangarei on 27 March while the second - Northland Vs Wairoa game will now take place in Auckland

Funds raised at **Bream Bay Sports** Awards helps local young people into sport

The nominations are all in and the judges are pouring over them to pick the winners in each of 1he 12 categories. Votes are coming in thick and fast for the People's Choice Award. The trophies have been collected ready for engraving with the names of the new winners. Guest speaker Bernice Mene has the date Friday 19 March in her calendar. The catering is all arranged and some exciting auction items including: a signed Netball New Zealand match ball, signed by the team that has just won the Constellation Cup from Australia and a signed Emirates Team New Zealand shirt.

What needs to happen now to make this year's Bream Bay Sports Awards a success is for people to buy tickets. These cost \$50 each for adults. \$25 for children and \$15 for nominees and can be purchased on line at: breambaysportstrust.co.nz

You can also phone Judy Boult - 027 397 8933 to arrange your tickets.

Profits made at the Bream Bay Sports Awards are handed over to local sports clubs for them to use in overcoming the financial barriers that prevent local young people participating in sport.

Dead fish in the Waipū Estuary



Thousands of dead mullet in the Waipū Estuary

People living near the Waipū Estuary became alarmed this week when thousands of dead mullet began washing up in the mud at the edge of the estuary at low tide.

Peter Blanch said he thinks the deaths are due to the red seaweed, which was washed up into the estuary on a high tide and then sat there in big swathes rotting in the sun on the surface of the water unable to escape back into the sea

Mr. Blanch contacted Northland Regional Councillor Rick Stolwerk who in turn notified the NRC Hotline. Councillor Stolwerk said he expected someone from the NRC to come and inspect the estuary soon.

Some good news for people living on unsealed roads

There is some good news for people living on unsealed a dead straight road. It would be quite safe if the seal rural roads in the Whangarei District Councils draft Long Term Plan which sets out its spending priorities for the next ten years: the Council proposes to set aside \$47 million for the road sealing.

"We want to increase our level of service in this area and better meet the expectation of our communities," says the draft document.

The allocation does not depend on subsidy from Waka Kotahi – The New Zealand Transport Agency. Road sealing is horrendously expensive. Sealing just programme, if the funding is approved in the final one kilometre costs between \$400,000 and \$500,000 LTP. depending on the existing state of the road and the standards it needs to be built to dependent on traffic volume. Councillor Phil Halse, who served as a Bream Bay Ward councillor for 27 years and now living in Whangarei and representing Okara disputes this costing. He said that road sealing could be much less expensive if the Whangarei District Council didn't require every road to be six metres in width. Take the bottom of Sandford Rd., for example. That's April.

there was only four metres in width."

There are 694 kilometres of unsealed roads in the Whangarei District. The extra funding will seal around 94 kilometers of these.

Asked if there is a list of roads to be sealed with this allocation Jeff Devine, Strategy and Planning Manager for the Northland Transport Alliance, said, No this is to be considered by Council over the next few months, hopefully they will approve a 3 year

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This should be a catch cry to residents of Helmsdale Rd., McLean Rd., Prescott Rd., Brooks Rd. and Massey Rd. who have all been clamoring to get their roads sealed for many years, to send in some persuasive submissions.

Submission forms are on the Whangarei District Council website and also available at the Council Service Centre in Takutai Place, Ruakākā. The closing date for feedback on the LTP is Thursday 1

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Showing appreciation for truck drivers

The last week of February was National Truck Appreciation Drivers week and on Wednesday t24 February the National **Road Carriers Association** provided coffee and barbequed sausages for passing truck drivers at the Uretiti weigh station. The Police Commercial Vehicle Safety Team waved truck drivers into the stop but instead of the usual safety checks they were given gift packs and cups of coffee. Commercial vehicle specialist with the road carriers association Paula Rogers said, "More often then not we find truck drivers don't get the recognition they deserve and this is an opportunity



"If it wasn't for truck drivers New Zealand's supermarket shelves would be empthy within two days." Truck drivers were offered coffee, barbequed sausages and goodie bags in appreciation of the important role they play.

to show them that they are appreciated and to tell the public how important they are. If it wasn't for truck drivers New Zealand's supermarket shelves would be He said truck drivers are in particular high demand empty with in two days."

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The big night is scheduled for Friday 9 April at 7pm in the Waipū Caledonian Park. The first practice night for the Men In Kilts team will be held on Thrusday March 25 at 6.30pm at the Waipū Rugby Club.

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Hollie and Andy's wedding



When emergency alerts screeched out a tsunami warning on mobile phones across Bream Bay last Friday morning, it was scary and inconvenient for most of us.

For Hollie McIntyre, it was worse. Friday was to be her wedding day, on Ruakaka Beach.

Most of you will know Hollie's story - she was well known in the community through her work at OrrsPharmacy in Ruakaka, appreciated for her friendly smile and helpful manner. In October 2019 she learned the benign cyst she was diagnosed with in February was actually terminal cancer, and given six months to live.

Since then, she has faced numerous hurdles and setbacks - including the restrictions of a global pandemic- while constantly fundraising for expensive chemotherapy. She also made the effort to fundraise for others, including people affected by the Australian bush fires and fellow cancer sufferers. Last month she received the news that with the cancer spreading through her body, she had just weeks to live.

On Leap Day last year, Hollie proposed to fiancé Andrew Welsh after winning a competition at Ellerslie's Derby Day in Auckland, which brought an array of gifts, including a contribution towards planning their wedding.

Knowing time was short, four of her close friends got together and decided to make Hollie and Andrew's wedding happen in a week. They called on the local community to help pull everything together quickly.

"It will be an emotional and beautiful day," friend Kirsty Halliday said before the day. "So many people have got on board, so many vendors are giving their products for free or for next to nothing."

A tsunami on her wedding day seemed like just another bump in the road. "If we have to, we will get married wherever," Hollie messaged her wedding guests





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from her Northhaven hospice bed. "If I have no dress no big deal. If our hair and makeup isn't done, I don't care. If there is a tsunami, we have heaps of wedding food to share with the community."

Everyone was hoping for a miracle, says Kirsty. When the land warning was lifted that afternoon, friends and family swung back into wedding mode. In under three hours, they had the bride ready and a new venue on high ground up Sandford Road prepared.

"There was not a dry eye in the crowd as family and friends gathered to witness two kind souls marry the love of their life," says Kirsty. "The evening went as smooth as possible and Hollie and Andy watched the sun go down at the end of their special day surrounded by their closest loved ones."

Kirsty says the day could not have happened without all the exceptional people involved, saying each of the businesses and people behind the scenes "all deserve the biggest fist bump and recognition."

"Their kindness and humanity is a true testament to Hollie and Andy and their families," she says.

"Hollie's battle isn't over yet but she has an amazing husband by her side."

Hollie would like to thank not just the businesses and people who made her wedding day happen, but also everyone else who has supported her on her journey so far, raising money, donating items or wishing her well.

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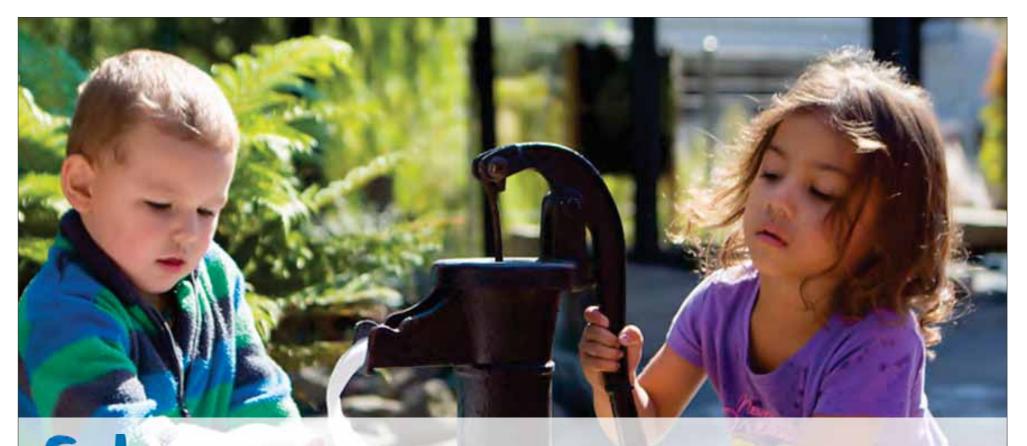
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Essie's stepping down after eleven years as Ruakaka library Committee Chairperson



Essie Leech

Essie Leech, who is stepping down from her role as Chairperson of the Ruakākā Library Committee after 11 years, was presented with a bouquet at the Citizen of the Year ceremony.

She said she would be keeping up her involvement particularly in the repair of damaged books. "I will be keeping an eye on them" she said.

Councillor Phil Halse who worked with Essie and other members of the library committee to build the new Ruakākā Library 12 years ago said the building now needed to be expanded. He said the library had been constructed with an extension at some time in the future in mind "so it shouldn't be too difficult a job."

He urged Ruakākā people to send in submissions to the Whangarei District Council's Long Term Plan requesting money be made available for this purpose.



Three new architecturally designed,

Terry O'Meara - Ruakaka Citizen of the Year



Terry O'Meara

Terry O'Meara is the Ruakākā Library Citizen of the Year for 2020.

Terry, his wife Sandra and their three daughters came to Ruakākā in 1976. Terry, a fitter and turner by trade, was employed by the New Zealand Electricity Department and was transferred from Meremere to work at the Marsden Power Station. They first lived in the Power Station village and then built their own home at Ruakākā Beach.

Soon after his arrival Terry became an active member of the community. He volunteered as a Scout leader in 1977 and 1978 and became a member of both the Ruakākā School PTA and the St John Ambulance Committee. He joined the Marsden Jaycees where he held the positions of both Secretary and President and joined the debating team.

Terry became a Marsden Lion in 1985 and for 27 years played an active role in the many community projects undertaken by the Lions. He served terms as President, Secretary and Bulletin Editor.

For many years Terry and Sandra shared their home with foster children assisting 13 different children at difficult times in their lives. In 1981 they adopted the last of their foster children.

Terry worked at the Marsden Power Station until 1987. He spent two years employed at the BP Service Station on State Highway One and another 19 years at the engineering company SPI, contracted for five of those years to the New Zealand Refining Company store.

Since retiring he has set up Terry's Toy Shop at his home, making a variety of mainly wooden toys. He also maintains a Swap a Book cupboard in front of the house next to the Oasis Store.

Jeanne Burke who nominated Terry for the award said in his immediate neighbourhood Terry has the reputation of being the go-to man for help with handyman jobs and both he and Sandra have always been on hand with help and support for anyone who needs it.



Ruakākā Citizen of the Year nominees from left: Alan McIntosh, Rachel Nilsen, Ken Crawley and Terry O'Meara. A fifth niminee Rose Nathan did not attend the presentation.

self-contained cabins under construction One with accessible facilities.



Other nominees for Ruakākā citizen of the Year were: • Rachel Nilsen, a manager at the Educare early childhood centre, who organised the delivery of dozens of grocery boxes to needy families during the Covid 19 Lockdown

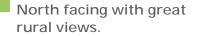
- Ken Crawley, who has been teaching karate to local children for 15 years
- Alan McIntosh, who has worked for over a year to renovate the old Educare centre at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre.

• Rose Nathan, a Deputy Principal in charge of pastoral care at Bream Bay College who was nominated for her efforts to help struggling students.

The Ruakākā Citizen of the Year announcement and presentation was held at the Two Birds Cafē in the Ruakākā Town Centre on Saturday afternoon 6 March. Originally planned for Friday 5 March, it had to be rescheduled because of tsunami evacuation of Ruakākā on that day.

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A surprise party for a much loved member of the Ruakaka community

By Julie Paton

The number of people who turned out for Judith Boyd's 80th birthday celebration was a testament to the affection she is held in by many in the

Ruakaka community. More than 100 people showed up at her surprise festivities, which were organised by her children Sharon and Steve. With many family members unable to come due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, friends, and acquaintances from many areas of her life made up most of the guests.

Teachers, parents, former students, and fellow

administrators reflected the 35 years she spent as the friendly face of Ruakaka School in her position of administrator, along with her church "family" and friends from different walks of life were all represented, plus four generations of her family.

This community has been her support since husband John passed away not long after Judith retired more than a decade ago, and many stood up to speak about Judith's kindness to them and willingness to put others before herself.

"I don't think you realise the difference you made to people's lives, not just at the school but in the community with your generosity," said old friend Michael Donald, who recalled Judith's hospitality to him more than 40 years ago. "You are inspirational, and you were a wonderful wife to John."

Ruakaka School principal Marilyn Dunn says Judith

gave her a huge hug and welcome when she arrived at the school. "She had the biggest impact of everyone at Ruakaka School. She is so giving, all the staff loved her, and every child remembers her, as do parents and grandparents."

Sharon and Steve managed to keep the large event a surprise right up until the moment the birthday girl stepped out of the car at Ruakaka Hall. "The planning has been going on for a long time, since last year," said Steve. "And it was cemented when we were together at Christmas at Sharon's – although Covid meant we had to leave a lot until the last minute."

As they wanted it to be a surprise, they could not ask Judith who she would like to be there



Judith greets friends John and Jennifer Hay as she arrives at her surprise birthday

so just sent invitations to all the people and organisations they knew she was involved with, asked them to spread the word and hoped for the best.

They told their mother they were taking her out for high tea. "I think she genuinely didn't know we had something bigger planned," said Sharon.

"The last time I organised a surprise was for her and Dad's 25th wedding anniversary," she said. "They would have been married for 60 years now."

"Some of the people here were friends of Mum and Dad's from before we were born."

Judith was initially overwhelmed by the large crowd waiting to wish her well but loved seeing so many of her friends and family gathered. "I felt a bit faint at first, my legs felt like jelly," she said. "But then I realised I was among all my friends, I knew all these people, and I relaxed more."



Judith with daughter Sharon and youngest granddaughter Taylor

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A bike stand top of the list for Salt'n Pepper Cafē operators

The new owner of the building on the corner of St Marys Rd and the Centre, met with Glenn Lynda the and owner/operators of Salt 'n Pepper Café to see if there was anything they needed. Lynda suggested a bike stand as there are a lot of bike riders using the Waipū Cove to Waipū bike trail.



Lynda said the Jan and Brian Candy of Waipū Cove are regular riders, and are thrilled to be able to use the stand, and not have their bikes leaning'against a wall.

to be named in the Bream Bay News but was happy for Lynda to tell the story Her husband took some notes and measured the space available and built the stand from recycled timber.

Lynda said, "It is beautifully made with attention to detail and looks great in the car park."

Change of date for Pukapuka Party

This year's Pukapuka Party has been rescheduled for Saturday 10 April from 10am to 1pm. The Pukapuka party is run by the Bream Bay Learning Community who invite community groups and Bream Bay schools, early learning centres and community groups to set up stalls with fun learning activities for children. Children are given "*passports*" on which they collect stamps for each activity completed. Once the snaller children have five stamps and the older ones eight, they are elibible for sausages, drinks and a goodie bag containing amongst other items a book. There is also a quiz competition between the three local primary schools. This will be the sixth annual Pukapuka Party and the event which is free is very popular amongst Bream Bay families. The Pukapuka Party is usaully held on the green space behind the Ruakākā Library but with drainage earthworks underway near there at present a new venue may be necessary.

WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

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• THE WAIPŪ SUNDAY MARKET next on Sunday14 March. 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall

• **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.

• JAZZ/BLUES EVENING with Cousin Alice and Maggie Cocco. Saturday 20 March at Cove Rd., Waipu. Ph. Debi 021 324 707

• **THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 21 March from 9am - 1pm. In the big marquee at Marsden Cove.

New stylists join the Headfirst team



Two new stylists with a combined 53 years experience have joined the team at Headfirst Hair Studio in the Ruakākā Town Centre.

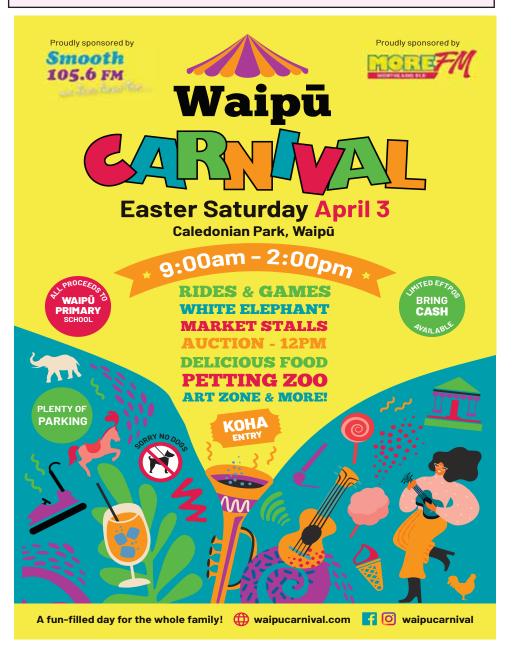
Sarah Fanning (front right) has run her own salon in the United Kingdom. Her husband's work bought her to New Zealand along with their two daughters. She is experienced in all aspects of salon work.

Cindy Whitelaw has lived in One Tree Point with her husband and two sons for the past six years while continuing to work in Whangarei. Her new job at Headfirst allows her to work closer to home. Like Sarah she has expertise in all aspects of hairdressing with a particular interest in colouring techniques.

They join salon owner Carrisa Flavell (left at back) and stylist Serena Morfett (on the right at back).

Headfirst Hair Studio is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday with late nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The studio caters for children and men as well as ladies and offers senior discounts for pensioners on Tuesdays.

To book an appointment phone 09 432 8095.



• WAIPU EASTER CARNIVAL Easter Saturday 3 April 9am - 2pm in the Caledonian Park. Admission free. Fundraiser for the Waipu Primary PTA.

- **MEN IN KILTS RUGBY** Friday 9 April at 7pm in the Caledonian park. Waipū Men in kilts vs The Parliamentary Rugby Team/
- **PUKAPUKA PARTY** Fun, educational activities for children. Saturday 10 April from 10am to 1pm . Venue to be confirmed
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Bream Bay College Athletics Day held under Level 2

This year's athletics day went ahead at Bream Bay College went ahead under Covid Alert Level 2 with a few changes. No parents or spectators were permitted to visit or help out on the day to keep the school's "bubble" intact, so staff were kept busy running 42 field events and 62 track events. Sports coordinator Megan Carran says students also enjoyed some extra fun events: gumboot throwing, a three-legged race and water activity. The interhouse competition was a tight battle with just three points separating eventual winner Sutherland (882) from runner up Inverness (879). Ross



Te Ao Shelford clears the high jump

was third on 847 points and Argyll 730. Year 11 student Xavier Tenboom equalled the intermediate boys 100m record of 11.81 seconds and Lincoln Stewart Richardson broke the junior boys 100m record with a time of 12.35 seconds.

Age grade champions:

Sub junior girls: 1. Harmony Cordel-Hunt, 2. Ruby Harrington, 3. Arabella Williams; Sub junior boys: 1. William Wassell, 2. Tom Wigram, 3. Mason Gibbs; Junior girls: 1. Kortez Hita Duval, 2. Jessica Cowpland, 3. Erika Hamilton; Junior boys: 1. Caleb Hyndman, 2. Kaylis Cooper, 3. Tia Mataora; Intermediate girls: 1. Amy Swanson, 2. Chennin Upton, 3. Hannah Cross; Intermediate boys: 1. Xavier Tenboom; 2. Deane Sands, 3. Devin Gibson; Senior girls: 1. Karli Babe-Vercoe, 2. Abby Wright, 3. Nadean Connolly; Senior boys: 1. Alex Wyatt, 2. Ryan Andrews, 3. Tommy Ryan.



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Jess Andrews winds up for a discus throw.



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Lots of prizes and nice weather at Waipū Tennis One Set Wonder tournament

Waipū Players James Brown and Thomas Mulloy took out the Men's A grade in the Waipū One Set Wonder Tournament played recently. James and Thomas defeated Springfield's Kyle Apaapa and James Miller 6-2 in the final. The Men's B grade final was won by Sean Mc-Comb (Waipū) and David Jacobson (Auckland) who beat James Donaldson (Waipū) and Brock Fannin (Mairtown) 6-2.

The women's final was a tight, tense affair before Judy Hill (Ruakākā) and Betty Maitland (KeriKeri) emerged victors over Karen Wright (Waipū) and Deb Kelly (Ngunguru) 7-6 (tiebreaker 7-5).



Sean McComb and David Jacobson, winners of the B Grade competition.

Entries were down on other years but players were happy with the beautiful day and with the \$750 of prizes on offer from tournament sponsors McCoy and Thomas, PGG Wrightson and Pizza Barn. Winner of the Rafa's Racquet raffle was Thomas Mulloy (Ticket 66).

Club competitions are progressing well. Team 7 (Thomas Mulloy, Michelle Alison, Bella Brown and Damian Dixon) are leading the Tuesday night event part way through the competition. Three teams are tied for second at the moment and are close behind. The Sawmill competition has Team Specialist in the lead closely followed by Team McLeod. Millers Meats are third at the moment.

Hannah Nayar beat twin Harshinni 9-8 to win the ladies singles in the Club Champs competition. In the doubles Karen Wright and Catherine McClure beat Sabina Egertz-Murray and Marie 6-2, 7-5

The men are still to complete their club champs

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. You can check the Waipū Tennis Club Facebook pageto find out more about what is going on at the club.



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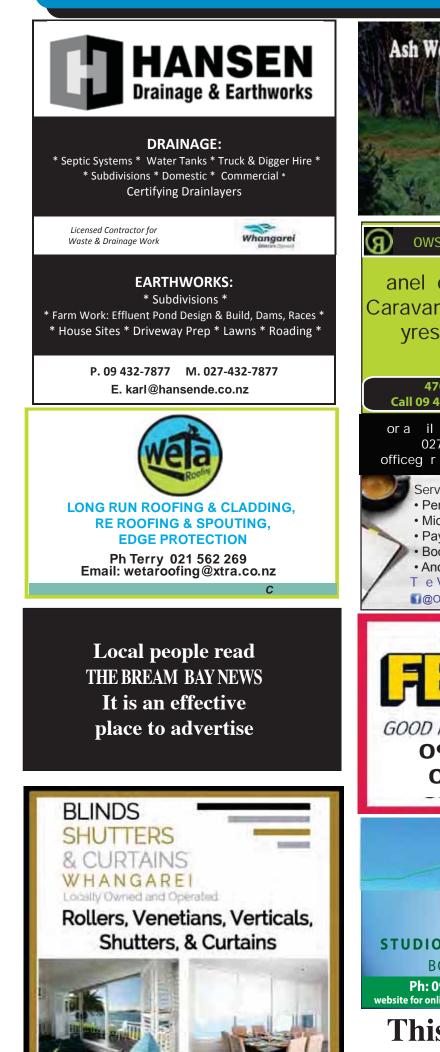
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Further details of the proposed concession are available at <u>www.doc.govt.nz/consultations</u>.

Any person or organisation may make a submission in writing to the Director-General on the proposal. The submission must be made on a submission form found at <u>www.doc.govt.nz/consultations</u> (or available from your local DOC office).

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Kaye Jensen – Village Manager



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BREAM BAY SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian Camellia Ave, Ruakaka: 8.45am. The Centre, Waipu: 10.15am. Prayer Service: 7pm

Encounter 223 Marsden Pt. Rd, Ruakaka, 10am.

Anglican 1st and 3rd Sundays - St Paul's Ruakaka 2nd and 4th Sundays - St Peter's Waipu. All services start at 9.30am.

Catholic Holy Family Church, Ruakaka,10.30am. Mass or Lithurgy of the Word

Lifepoint. 300 OTP Rd,10.30am.

MARSDEN MATERIAL GIRLS QUILTING GROUP Meets fortnightly on Fridays At the Marsden Yacht Club Next on 19 March Enquiries - Christine - 027 227 3660 or Sue 027 227 2291



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Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone 09 432 7197

Free medical clinic each Wednesday

- 9am 12noon.
- Free budgeting service by appointment - 432 7197 .
- Narcotics Anon Wednesdays 6.30-730pm

The Bream Bay Community Trust offers:

BREAM BAY ANGLICAN FOODBANK

If you would like assistance or know someone that does, perhaps we can help Please phone Janet 433 0045 Or Anoek 021 141 3409 This committee meets periodically to review the environmental performance of the Northpine timber manufacturing plant in Waipu, in consultation with representatives of the local councils. Any Waipu resident with concerns about the environmental effects of the Northpine plant should notify the Northpine office (432 1155). Concerns will be recorded, considered and subsequently reviewed by the liaison committee. The Independent chairperson of the liaison committee is Steve Goldthorpe 0274 849 764.

- A Family Centred support team.
- Family violence Intervention advocacy
- Advice and referrals to other agencies and relevant support services.



Workbridge, which helps people realise their potential and find employment will be at the Bream Bay Community Trust every Tuesday. Phone 432 7197 to book an appointment.



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