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Saorsa residents petition Council for safer footpaths

A resident of the Saorsa Retirement Village suffered a fall on uneven pavement near the pedestrian crossing in the Centre, Waipu in February this year. The woman in her 80s was transported to Whangārei hospital and, although her injuries were mild, she was concerned that someone else might fall with more serious consequences.

In fact, she is aware that two more elderly people have since suffered falls in the main street of Waipu.

An accident such as this might have been enough to frighten some people into never venturing out on their own again but this woman decided to do something about the uneven, badly maintained pavements in the town.

With some of her friends she organised a petition calling on the Whangārei District Council to do something about the problem and left copies at various public places for people to sign.

The petition states that the Council has been informed about the unsafe state of Waipu's pavements for a number of years and nothing has been done.

"With the number of elderly residents in our community, especially those living in the Saorsa and Ranburn retirement villages, the Council should be more vigilant in its upkeep of our pavements."

The Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association has backed the Saorsa residents' petition with a letter to the Council saying: "It is important to the physical and mental well being of our valued elderly people that they are able to maintain their independence for as long as possible"

Racing returns to Ruakākā

Photo by Rebecca Swords



Apprentice jockey Kelsey Hannah couldn't stop smiling after clocking up her first race win at Ruakākā on Wednesday 4 April riding Tazimoto a horse trained locally by Darren Smith. See story page 9.

The announcement that New Zealand was moving to the less restrictive Orange setting in our Covid 19 defence system came as a great relief to the Whangārei Racing Club. Under the red setting any events held at the Ruakākā track needed to be very low key.

"We were getting by - just. Its been tough on our trainers", said Rebecca Swords the club's Operations Manager.

The first event in Orange, where there is no limit on the number of people outside and up to 100 allowed inside, was held last Wednesday 4 May. Coming up there are six Saturday race dates including the Bream Bay Business sponsored day on 11 June followed by the Northpine Waipu Cup on 2 July where punters are encouraged to dress up in tartan.



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EDITORIAL

What version of paradise could be lovelier than this?

After not going anywhere for almost six months I have been taking a few trips away lately. I had a week's holiday between issues of the Bream Bay News last month. My husband Geoff and I rode the Timber Trail through the Pureora Forest near Taumarunui on our mountain bikes. We chose this adventure, which included our own private glamping tent at the halfway mark, over a hike where you sleep in Department of Conservation huts with everyone on mattresses lined up side by side on a bench. We thought this would be safer with the Omicron Covid virus around. This didn't work. We travelled with around a dozen other people in a van to the start of the trail and I am pretty sure that someone on that van had Covid 19. We were all masked up but the virus slipped through.

We rode the trail - no problem. It is spectacular: through ancient podocarp forest, long swing bridges slung over deep ravines, clear running rivers and deep cuttings dug by hand by tough, wiry men who worked for the timber company in the early part of the 20th century.

But two days later, while visiting our son and his partner in Hastings, Geoff started coughing and I began to get a sore throat. We took rats tests and up came the two tell tale lines showing we were positive cases. This put an end to lots of plans. My daughters and grandsons were on their way to meet us in Hastings and I had to phone and say, "Don't come". Our son Robbie and Jie, his partner had booked high tea at a nice hotel with fine china and tiered plates of cakes. We had to cancel. Robbie and Jie had to stay home for seven days and both tested positive a few days later. It is a really contagious virus! It seems like unless you stay isolated at home and never go anywhere or do anything it is almost impossible to avoid.

It has taken a while but being vaxxed to the max we have all now recovered.

I am aware that many people in Bream Bay have had similar experiences. Family gatherings, dinner parties, planned trips have had to be called off. Many of my friends in the Bream Bay Coastal Care group have come down with the virus. We had to cancel our regular monthly meeting as so many of us were in isolation.

I wish those still suffering Covid virus weariness, headaches, coughs, sore throats and dizziness a speedy recovery. We all want so much to get back to normal life.

Speaking of which I went down to watch the second half of the Bream Bay United senior men's game against the Mad Hatters on Saturday afternoon. It was so good to be standing on the sidelines, caught up in the excitement of watching two skillful sports teams, playing hard against one another. This was the opening of the football season and to put the icing on the cake Bream Bay won 4-2.

Two weekends ago I had my second trip away, travelling to Nelson for a niece's wedding. We went a few days early and hiked around the shores of Lake Rotoiti. With the lake shining beside the track, the sunlight filtering through the trunks of the beech trees, a chorus of bellbirds in the canopy, soft green mosses and clusters of bright yellow toad stills on the forest floor, I thought to myself, "What version of paradise could be lovelier than this?"

I have come home inspired. There is so much to do around here to restore and protect the environment. There were predator traps every 100 metres on that Lake Rotoiti trail. There are cycleways all over in both Nelson and in Hawkes Bay and people of all ages out on them travelling to work or just getting exercise and fresh air. We need to raise our game. Sometimes you need to get away to view things from a new perspective.

Marilyn

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\$100 bounty for ferrets dead or alive

A ferret found in a trap on a rural property in Waipu close to the boundary of the Marunui conservation reserve in March has sparked an alert for the Piroa Brynderwyn Landcare collective whose aim is to eliminate pest plants and animals from a 22,000 ha area stretching from Bream Tail north to Waipu.

A major concern is the threat ferrets pose to the growing kiwi population released into the Marunui privately owned conservation reserve. Ferrets are the largest of the mustelids found in New Zealand and can attack and kill adult kiwi. They can cover a large territory but because the ferret in the Waipu trap was a juvenile it is likely there will be others – parents and siblings close by.

Piroa Brynderwyns is offering a \$100 bounty for ferrets dead or alive trapped or captured in the area the landcare group is concerned with or within a five-kilometre radius. Details of the Piroa Brynderwyn Landcare boundary can be found on the group's website. They also ask people living in the area to let them know where ferrets are seen either by emailing PiroaBrynderwynsLandcare@outlook.com or texting Graeme Giles 021 118 4816 or Peter Hunt 021 666 779.

Ferrets are readily identified as they are larger and have different markings than do stoats and weasels. Wherever ferrets are sighted the landcare group will set up a rigorous trapping network and will ask people living in the area to keep a look out. The group can



The young ferret caught in a trap near the boundary of the Marunui conservation reserve

help provide traps and show people how to use them effectively and safely. The right lure is an important part of trapping technique and a lot of research is going into new lures- meantime salted rabbit or hare and salmon skin remain favourites.

Time to think about standing for Council in the Local Government Elections

The three yearly local government elections are coming up fast. The election itself is due to be held by postal vote from 16 September to 8 October 2022. The Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association is already drawing up a list of questions to put to our local candidates.

Nominations for the Mayor and Councillors will open on Friday 15 July and close at noon on Friday 12 August 2022. So its time for anyone interested in standing for election to start making plans

Nomination papers will be made available at Council Customer Service Centres and on the Council website from that date.

To be eligible to stand you need to be a New Zealand citizen and enrolled as a Parliamentary elector anywhere in New Zealand. While you don't need to be enrolled in the ward you stand in, you do need to be nominated by two electors whose names are on the

electoral roll for that ward.

A criminal record is not an impediment for standing as a Council candidate. It is generally thought desirable to have people with a range of backgrounds sitting around the council table so no special qualifications are required.

Councillors are expected to: set Council plans, policies and budgets, make regulatory decisions, monitor Council performance and promote a vision for the district.

For the first time this election two Māori ward councillors will be elected district wide by people enrolled on the Māori parliamentary electoral roll.

Another 11 councillors will be elected from five general wards including two from the Bream Bay Ward. You will need to pay a deposit of \$200, which will

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The deadline for all copy is 4pm on
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LETTERS

Kevin and Jeanette Wigmore were watching out for this ANZAC Day Harvard fly-over at the Marsden Point Rd./Princes Rd car park. Kevin said, "It was great to see although I was hoping to see others like perhaps a Spitfire or Hurricane or Mustang. But it certainly reminds us of our brave military service men and women who have served and are serving in our armed forces." Kevin took the photo using a Nikon 500mm lens



Thank you for ANZAC support

The Waipu Local Branch of the Whangarei RSA would very much like to thank all those many people who donated during this ANZAC Poppy Day Collections at both the Marken Day and Poppy Collection Boxes scattered around the Bream Bay area. Our citizens were certainly generous and this is very much appreciated.

Where does the Poppy money go? Monies collected on "Poppy Day" are required to be accounted for in a separate "Trust Fund" for the sole use of assisting qualifying veterans with support and welfare as may be required. Initially those seeking assistance would talk with the Welfare Officer at the Whangarei RSA or seek advice from Veterans Affairs. If these organisations cannot provide assistance due to their very spe-

cific rule requirements, those living in the Bream Bay Ward of the Whangarei District Council may approach the Waipu RSA for assistance. This will be considered on a case by case basis with the emphasis on helping our local veterans and families.

I would also like to mention the numbers who turned out for the ANZAC Parade, the marchers, those who lined Waipu's main street and attended the service. Thank you all for participating. I would also like to very much thank all the clubs, organisations and people who helped make the occasion a success and promised to participate again next year.

As an ex member of the Royal New Zealand Navy where the highest order of recognition and reward is a simple "Well Done" I say "Well Done" to you all.

*Dave Wistrand
President
Waipu RSA*

Not enough space at One Tree Point for the new airport

My thoughts about the location of a new airport in One Tree Point are that this is ludicrous. On the Whangarei District Council plan it is shown located near Pyle Rd West which is slap bang in suburbia.

The airport would be crammed in too small an area- like it is now. Nothing gained.

This location is far too small with what goes along with an airport: buildings, parking and infrastructure.

We need an airport for the future. This airport has to be built with vision! The whole of Whangarei District is growing at a fast pace and the new airport will reflect this.

It has to be built on empty land with no houses nearby. The Airport needs lots of room and the NEST helicopter Service could be in the same vicinity: away from houses and complaining residents.

*Susan Forsyth
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Bream Bay's new champions

Bream Bay has another champion sports team.

Lee Thompson and Mark Johnstone, both of Waipu, won the Hobsonville Open Darts Pairs competition on Saturday 30 April.

They were up against 27 teams and played nine games in total with the best of three rounds for the first eight games and then the best of five in the final.

"It was a long day," said Lee.

The final was against a pair from the Wairau Sports Club on Auckland's North Shore. It was pretty close.

The Waipu pair started well winning the first two rounds but then Wairau

came back to bring the score to two all. Mark and Lee took it out in the last game.

It was pretty exciting for the people watching but a bit nerve wracking for the Waipu players.

However they are both well practiced. Lee has been playing darts for 37 years, competing in League and County competitions in England before he immigrated to New Zealand and Mark has been playing in New Zealand for around the same number of years.



Mark Johnstone (left) and Lee Thompson celebrate their win with Phil of the Hobsonville RSA Club

Mark runs a darts club, which he calls 144 with around 18 players turning up on Wednesday nights.

Lee is one of the managers at Northpine so the pair was sponsored by this company and has especially designed tee shirts.

They have several more tournaments lined up over the next few months – one of these at the Wairau Club and Lee has promised to keep the Bream Bay News posted on their result.

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A long running dispute with the WDC over Albany Rd maintenance

Paul Hines has a long running argument with the Whangarei District Council over the maintenance – or lack of – at the eastern end of Albany Rd.

Recently the Council contractor sealed the road but did not extend the seal to last 50 metres at the eastern end.

Paul said a sweeping machine came through and went right to the end of the road but then after taking a phone call the works foreman placed a cardboard line across the road and said he had instructions to take the road maintenance no further than this.

Paul said the sweeping

machine flicked all the stones up out of the potholes and made them worse.

Some years ago the Whangarei Council had decided to turn that eastern end of the road into a walking accessway until the four home owners whose driveways come out onto that section pointed out they would lose access to their properties.

The Council then proposed that it hand the road over to the four property owners who would manage it as a private road. However the handover never took place. Paul said this was because the property owners wanted the Council to survey the road and bring it up to a proper state of repair. Since then a "Council maintenance ends here" sign has appeared on the road. Paul thinks the decision by someone in Council to call off the seal on his section of the road seems like petty vindictiveness.

"With all the machinery here it would have been easy



When WDC contractors upgraded the seal on all but the last 50 metres at his end of Albany Rd. Paul Hines viewed it as an act of petty vindictiveness

enough to carry it on a bit further."

Jeff Devine, Strategy and Planning manager for the Northland Transportation Alliance acknowledged that this issue has been raised with the Council by Mr. Hines since 2004. He said Council recently resealed the formed section of Albany Rd, but this did not include what he refers to as the right of way section at the end. In a letter sent to the Ruakākā Resident and Ratepayers Association in March 2021 on this ongoing issue he said, "The 50 metre section at the end of Albany Road "is classed as a right of way and maintenance is expected to be undertaken by the residents who live along it.

"For Council to take over the maintenance of this section of road the residents would be required to upgrade the road to Council's public road standard at their cost and to Council's approval."

Paul Hines has since had a meeting with the Mayor on the issue. He said Sheryl Mai was sympathetic and impressed by his record keeping. He remains hopeful of some action.



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First stage of Marsden Point sewer upgrade almost complete

The first stage of the installation of new sewer pipes linking Marsden Bay to the Whangārei District Council's wastewater treatment plant in the dunes at Ruakākā has all but been completed with pavement reinstatement underway at the northern end of Marsden Bay Drive. The new lines follow the existing sewer carriageway. Around a kilometre of the 4.5 kilometre long 355mm diameter sewer line has been laid to date. WDC Waste and Drainage Engineer Casper Kandori said weather permitting work on the next section alongside Port Marsden Highway will begin mid May with the scheduled completion date in September. The cost for the project is approximately \$2.8 million. United Civil Construction has the contract to deliver this project.



A section of the new sewer line is fitted into position.

Time to think about standing for Council in the Local Government Elections

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be refunded when and if a donations and expenses return has been filed within an allotted time frame. There is a limit to how much candidates can spend on their campaigns based on the population of the electorate. In Bream Bay, with an estimated population of 13,100, this is \$14,000 GST incl. The Māori ward representing 18,800 people is also set at \$14,000. Mayoral candidates, who need to campaign over the whole District, can spend up to \$55,000.

The Remuneration Authority sets a limit on the total amount of money to be spent on payments for elected members. The incoming council will decide how to allocate this money. Currently the Mayor, whose job is considered to be a full time one, is paid \$156,000. The Deputy Mayor is paid \$86,087; Councillors roles are considered to be busy but part time. Councillors who chair committees are paid \$75,327pa and Councillors with no additional responsibilities - \$53,805.



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Not the easiest of rides - Chris Steffen rode a penny-farthing bicycle from Kaitaia to Auckland to raise funds for Riding for the Disabled

Did anyone spot a man on a penny-farthing riding through Bream Bay along SH1 last Tuesday 3 May.

Chris Steffen rode that uncomfortable looking machine from Kaitaia to Auckland as a charity fundraiser for Riding for the Disabled.

Chris helps out at the Kaitaia branch of RFD.

"I like kids and I like horses", he said.

He comes from Switzerland and recently returned to New Zealand to live in Northland with his kiwi wife Lynda.

He grew up in a big family and looked after his four younger brothers and sisters. He has seen how much

getting to know and ride a horse builds confidence.

"It can help kids come out of their shell."

An annual garden party fundraiser for Kaitaia RFD has had to be called off for the past two years because of Covid 19 restrictions.

Chris said, "You can't fix the world but if you can make one person happy you might fix that person's world."

When the Bream Bay News phoned him on Tuesday evening 3 May he had just arrived in Silverdale after a marathon ride from Ruakākā.



Chris Steffen setting out on his penny-farthing bicycle

"I have a sore bottom and sore feet and all my muscles ache. But I will get over this in a few days and some of those poor kids they live with pain their whole lives."

As he was pushing the bike up the Brynderwyns a woman stopped to ask what he was doing. She told him that it was the sixth anniversary of her husband's death by drowning and she always tried to do something to commemorate his memory on that day. She gave Chris \$100, saying this donation would be this year's gesture.

"I skipped up the hill after that," said Chris.

He rode the bike down the other side and on into Kaiwaka where he fell off.

To dismount from a penny-farthing you need to climb off the back. Chris momentarily forgot about this and tried to put his foot down on the curb.

"I told myself I needed to concentrate a bit more."

He met lots of nice people on the ride. People have bought him cups of coffee, and ice creams or pulled out a chair for him to sit on and rest."

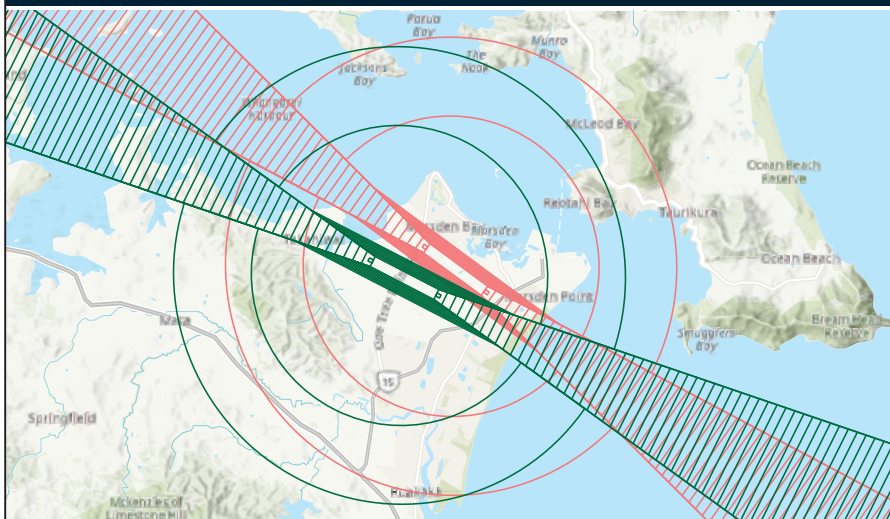
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At last count Chris's effort had raised \$3,000.

Dennis Lennos of Riding for the Disabled said donations are still coming in but the money already raised will go a long way to ensure "the continued operation of this most important service to our special young people."

Indicative flight approach paths



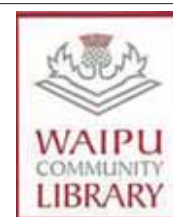
Update to One Tree Point West indicative flight approach path (showing the earlier alignment in pink and the changes to the alignment in green). The project study areas in these maps have been identified through a series of desktop studies and investigations. Further technical assessments are needed before a final location, its details and land requirement can be confirmed.

In the Whangārei Airport Location Study statement of proposal, we advised that approximations of the full scale of the approach paths could be viewed on maps at the drop-in meetings or on Council's website. We have identified a discrepancy in the One Tree Point West (Site 24a) flight approach map, which was shared at the information event at the

Ruakākā Recreation Centre on 2 May 2022 and has been available online at www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay. The flight approach pathway used on this supporting map was based off an earlier runway alignment, which has progressed since these earlier investigations. This means that while the general alignment for aeroplanes landing and taking off has

not changed, it is slightly southward from what was shown. We have since updated the map for our events at the Ruatangata Hall on 5 May and Forum North on 12 May and updated the online version. A slight adjustment was also made to the indicative Ruatangata West (Site 6) flight approach map. It's important to note that this

discrepancy does not change the footprint of the potential aerodrome site shared in the consultation document and that further technical assessments are needed before a final location, its details and land requirements can be confirmed. If you have any queries, please contact us at mailroom@wdc.govt.nz or on 0800 932 463.



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A first win for both jockey Kelsey Hannah and trainer Darren Smith

Photo: Rebecca Swords



Apprentice jockey Kelsey Hannah had an ear to ear smile after winning her first race at Ruakaka on Wednesday 4 May on board Tazimoto trained locally by Darren Smith.

Remember Kelsey Hannan, the apprentice jockey we featured in an article in the Bream Bay News in March 2021. Kelsey is now based in the Waikato but last Wednesday 4 May she returned to ride at the Ruakākā track and got her first win on a horse named Tazimoto in the 1200m Lion Red Punters Challenge.

Tazimoto had an average start in the race but Kelsey managed to bring him up into the favoured one –one position (one horse between him and the inside rail and another in front). Kelsey urged him on at the 600m mark and he ran away in the straight to finish a length ahead of the second runner.

This was also a first win for Ruakākā based trainer Darren Smith who is in his inaugural season of training.

“I have been into racehorses since I was young. I was brought up in Palmerston North and used to go down to Awapuni,” he said.

“I then came up here and have worked for Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs. I have loved horses all my life.”

He purchased Tazimoto as a yearling for \$2,300 and has been pleased with his progress.

“He has always shown a bit of something. He has won a couple of trials and finished well at his last start at Avondale where he came in third.

“Kelsey rode him really well, She had a smile ear-to-ear after the race. It was awesome to share the win with her. We know Kelsey from up here when she was working for Kenny Rae.”

Darren has entered Tazimoto in the Ruakākā winter series

“We will take him through the qualifying races and see what happens from there,” he said.

“It is a much-needed incentive up here and it is always a bonus not having to travel.” –

The Ruakākā Winter series begins on Saturday 11 June with follow up racing dates on 2 and 16 July.

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Life found in a Waipu stream

It was a morning all about water for the 30 lifestyle block owners, farmers and community group members who shook off the rain to attend the Waipu River Catchment Native Freshwater Fish Field Day on Thursday 28 April at Waionehu Stream, McLean Road, Waipu.

The purpose of the event was to share tips and techniques for restoring the health of waterways, offer support for getting the work done and kickstart a kōrero, possibly leading to the formation of the first catchment groups in the area. Representatives from Patuharakeke, Piroa-Brynderwyns Landcare Group, Whitebait Connection, Fonterra, NZ Landcare Trust, Waipu Waters, Weed Action and Waipu About Tern came together to deliver the field day.

The number one tip was to appreciate that every site is different. For this particular site, slowing erosion and combating weeds – such as kikuyu, alligator weed and nasturtium – through native riparian planting would be a great first step. Planting not only provides habitat for native fish, it also creates shade and reduces water temperatures in the stream.

Humane fish traps were set the day before, pulled out during the event and decanted into containers so attendees could enjoy a closer look at the inhabitants of the stream. The species identified included inanga (native), redfin bully (endemic), toitoi or common bully (endemic), tītārakura / tipokpoko or giant bully (endemic), kōke or freshwater shrimp (endemic), tuna kūwharūwharu or longfin eel (endemic) and tuna hinahina or shortfin eel (native).

The fish were then released back into the awa, with some of the tuna choosing to slide home early down the grassy bank, much to the delight of the audience who were able to witness how these species move across land. This marks a key part of their lifecycle – tuna heke (migrating eel) make an epic journey to the middle of the Pacific Ocean to spawn and die, leaving their offspring to return on the currents to Aotearoa. All of this while overcoming barriers to migration such as culverts, dams and water pumping stations – a fate they share with whitebait and other migratory species.

Aotearoa has more than 50 native freshwater fish species and about 70% of these are Threatened or At Risk, according to the Department of Conservation. Our sports fish, such as trout and salmon, also need to be able to migrate up and downstream to complete their lifecycle.

By Lydia Draper
Photos Peter Grant



Local farmer Mary Abercrombie looking at a redfin bully fish at the Waipu River Catchment Native Freshwater Fish Field Day. The redfin bully is a territorial fish and a good indicator of a healthy waterway

Peter Gibbs, a local landowner, was pleased with what the traps revealed: "It is so encouraging to see life in the stream. It's amazing how nature can restore itself so quickly. Focusing on the health of the stream is a wonderful thing to share with our grandchildren."

The event organisers would like to thank Liz and Peter Gibbs for allowing access to the Waionehu Stream next to their property.

If you are interested in forming a catchment group to restore your local river, please contact Lydia Draper (lydia.draper@gmail.com) or Peter Grant (pg@eco-projects.nz) of the Waipu Waters group.

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Ann Neill, Co-Chair Piroa Brynderwyns Landcare, meeting a giant bully (*Gobiomorphus gobioides*) or tītārakura / tipokpoko, one of the species observed at Waionehu Stream

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Sun 15 May	6.22	2.6	7.00	2.7
Mon 16 May	7.12	2.7	7.51	2.8
Tue 17 May	8.04	2.8	8.41	2.9
Wed 18 MY	8.56	2.8	9.32	2.9
Thu 19 May	9.49	2.8	10.24	2.9
Fri 20 May	10.42	2.7	11.18	2.8
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Sun 22 May	12.14	2.8	12.35	2.6
Mon 23 May	1.12	2.7	1.35	2.5
Tue 24 May	2.11	2.6	2.37	2.4
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The Ruakākā indoor bowling club members are a supportive group of people. After watching them each expertly curve a ball around the side of the mat and into the centre smack bang next to the jack I was a bit nervous about taking a turn.

My first try was not too good. My ball bounced which I am sure it is not supposed to happen. Long time member Pamela Ivory patiently showed me how to grip the bowl, where to aim and how to execute a smooth controlled bowl. On my fourth attempt I nailed it. It was a good feeling to see the ball nudge up against that little white target. It was more by fluke than design though. I will need a lot more practice to match the controlled confidence of those regular players.

The club has a long proud history with a roll of honour listing club champions and presidents stretching back to 1967. Player numbers are dwindling, which is a shame because as Pamela said "It's a good game for those of us no longer able to cope with the rigours of the rugby, hockey or football field."

Impediment such as stiff knees can be overcome. Pam kneels on a cushion and uses a prop – a tubular device with a wooden handle to help herself up from the mat.

She tells me some players have a hollow in the bottom of the tube so they can use it to set their balls in place.

Dennis Beacham said he enjoys coming out to play the sport and to meet other people. He said there is not that many daytime activities for retired people such as himself.

Geoff Ehrlich is a keen bowler and also belongs to the One Tree Point outdoor bowling club. The Tuesday morning indoor sessions allow him to get in some extra practice and the games can go ahead no matter what the weather is like.

To begin with club nights were held in the Ruakākā Memorial Hall in Sandford Rd. but in the mid 1990s they

moved into the Anglican Church Hall in Tamingi St. in the Ruakākā Village as some members weren't happy about having to negotiate the intersection out onto the highway.

The club recently decided to hold its meeting during the day – from 10am to each Tuesday morning, as some members are reluctant to venture out at night. Daytime games means the club will no longer participate in inter club competitions unless they can find another local indoor bowling club also operating on Tuesday mornings. This doesn't seem to have dampened the enthusiasm or affected the competitiveness of the players. There is a lot of intense concentration both by the player taking his/her turn on the mat and by those watching to see what damage will be done to their own position.

But Club President Rex Roberts said he would really like a few more people to play against and he is hoping the new daytime games will encourage some to give it a go.

If anyone is interested Rex's phone number is 09 433 1503 or 021 211 4656. Otherwise just turn up to the Tamingi St. Church Hall at 10am on a Tuesday morning. You will be made welcome,



Pamela Ivory takes her turn at the mat

A good start for Bream Bay United's Premier men's team



Bream Bay's Connor Taylor on the ball with team mates (from left) Mark Cunningham, Isaac Hunter, and Max Whitehead in support.

Andy Ahern, back coaching the premier Northpine team for Bream Bay United, was delighted with his team's performance at its first outing – a home game against Whangārei's Mad hatters on Saturday afternoon 7 May.

The Mad Hatters are considered a tough team to beat but BBU won the game 4-2. Andy said, "I thought we looked pretty sharp for a first run of the season. I am very, very pleased."

Three of Bream Bay's goals were scored by Connor Taylor and the final goal by the young player Jackson Howie.

The second division Ray White team playing an away game against top ranked Kaikohe Phoenix, didn't fare so well. An original muster of 12 players was whittled down to just 9 after one was called away to a family emergency and two others were involved in a car accident on their way to the match. The opposition lent one player but that left Bream Bay still with one man short. The score was Kaikohe 11 – Bream Bay 3.

Bream Bay's 4th Division Porterhouse team played a home game against Tikipunga following on from the Div 1 game and held the score to nil all.

Bream Bay's Oliver Tucker Construction Women's team played a home game against Kerikeri on Sunday 8 May. In an evenly matched game Bream Bay was unlucky to lose 2-1.



Jackson Howie on his way to scoring for Bream Bay

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- **RUAKAKA RACES** Next on Saturday 11 June Bream Bay Business sponsored day. 12 noon to 5.30pm. Free entry.
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4.15pm	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads	
4.30pm	Mangawhai Heads I-Site	
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4.50pm	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall	

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Ruakāka Rippers at the National IRB Championships



The Ruakāka Rippers: Jess Andrews, left, and Alesha Ahrens in action at the National IRB Championships.

The Ruakāka Rippers IRB racing team of Jess Andrews and Alesha Ahrens supported by patients Emily Dainty and Jade Jennings travelled to Mahia with their supporters to compete in the National IRB Championships on 9 and 10 April. The team worked hard to get to the event scheduling training sessions around work, school, fundraising and patrolling at Ruakāka Surf Club. The competition was originally scheduled for Waikanae beach in Gisborne but was shifted at the last minute due to debris from the recent weather bomb. The first race was the tube rescue where unfortunately the motor picked up a large piece of seaweed hampering progress. The second race was mass rescue where the team competed well with great patient pickups but failed to make the final. Day two was the assembly race and single rescue where the girls raced well to make the finals for both these events. They ended up coming fourth in both finals with the single rescue seeing a sprint finish up the beach. The race was so close judges went to a photo finish to determine placings. Competition was tough especially from some of the very experienced south island teams. The team was supported by the Ruakāka Surf Club Committee as well as the Mairangi Bay and Waipu Surf Clubs who gave them the use of their race motors. Northport provided a vehicle for them to travel in with their gear. They enjoyed the sponsorship of Profame, Macfadyen & Gordon Ltd, Guyco Kitchens and Fresh-Choice Ruakāka and Trigg Construction.

A win for Waipu Tennis senior men

The Waipu Tennis Club's senior men's team the Waipu Raiders comprising Peri Woods (team captain), Neil Baudinet, Neil Roblin, Gordon McKay, Alvin Setiwan and Steve Abercrombie has won the Northland second division tennis competition. Four members of the team have played on Monday nights at home and away over six weeks culminating in a final 6-0 win over runners up Kamo. Their prize was four dozen bottles of beer, which they donated to their club.

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Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club prize giving



Photo by Eightythreephoto the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club's Surf Lifeguards, Patrol Support members, Rookie lifeguards, life members, committee members and junior surf members.

Prize-winners were: Tadpole of the Year (three and four year olds) Mila Tua and Vic Wagemans. Nipper Ripper (five and six year olds) Charlie Comery. Most improved juniors – Samantha Siggerty and Jakob Buxton. Spirit of the Club, Junior – Ava Pullan. Beecroft Cup, Paddle Board – Steve Levell. Junior Surf Boy – Leyton Greig, Junior Surf Girl – Miriama Wilson. Rookie of the Year – Laura Manning. Most Improved All Rounder – Martin Morris. Most Improved Competitor – Jessica Loomis. Best Competitors – Emily Stolwerk, Grace Kemp and Harris Lymburn. Ladies Trophy, All Round Participation – Sarah Gatfield. Rivers-Smith Trophy, Most Committed All Rounder – Gordon French. Spirit of the Club – Grace Kemp. Patrol Support of the Year – Heather Beaton. Instructor of the Year – Jake McClure. Kevin and Mary Shanaghan Trophy, Outstanding Team Player – Blake Callinan. IRB Trophy – Bryce Beeston. Patrol persons of the year – Tim Manning, Ellen Quirke. President's Trophy – Kath Manning. Bill and Dulce Beeston Memorial Trophy First Aid – Jake McClure, Tim Manning, Kath Manning. Des Barchard Memorial Award for All Round Involvement, Voted by all members – Kath Manning. Woodman Grant Trophy, Outstanding Contribution – Jaine Curran. Search and Rescue – Rick and Angela Stolwerk. Patrol of the Year – Tangaroa. The Club also awarded two new life memberships to brother and sister surf lifeguards Bryce Beeston and Wendy Hunter. The pair has a long involvement with the club stretching back over decades to when they were young children.



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MEMORIAL SERVICE - ROBERT BRUCE (BOB) STUART (93)

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Enquires to Stacey Rogers, Secretary-Membership
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