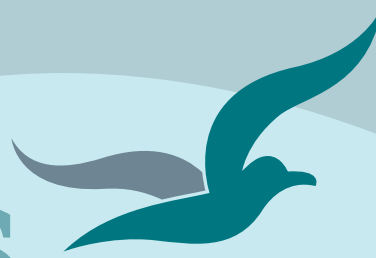


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## Economist finds major flaws in economic assessment for Bream Bay sandmining proposal

A prominent economist has highlighted significant flaws in an economic assessment provided by Market Economics Limited (MEL) for McCallum Brothers Ltd.'s (MBL) proposal to extract up to nine million cubic metres of sand from the seabed of Bream Bay over 35 years.

Hayden Green, an economist with over 20 years of professional experience, has lived in Waipu for the past decade. Although he had not initially followed the sand mining debate, recent protest coverage prompted him to review the MEL assessment on MBL's website. The MEL report assumes that the only alternative to extracting sand from Bream Bay is to take marine sand from Kaipara Harbour, and that Bream Bay sand is cheaper to transport and involves lower carbon emissions. However, Mr Green argues that these claims are unsubstantiated or demonstrably false, with no evidence provided to support the cost or environmental benefits.

He points out that viable alternatives, such as land-based sand mining and manufactured sand, could meet Auckland's demand without relying on Bream Bay resources. For example, Kaipara Limited's Brookby Quarry in East Auckland already produces 300,000 tonnes of manufactured sand annually and plans to expand to 500,000 tonnes—well above the 380,000

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## Many keen to try Waka Ama



Coach Brandon Barclay gives a lesson in waka ama paddling to first timers: Jemma - Lee Rihari, aged 8 years, Amiria Rakena, also 8, Kimberley Fletcher, Anita Faulkner, Whetu Mete - 7 and Shenae Doak - Smith at Te Kauika o Patuharakeke Waka Ama open day held on Saturday 8 March at Marsden Bay.

More than 100 people responded to the club's invitation to come and have a go on the paddles of one of their two newly purchased six seater waka. The long established Mitamitanga Canoe Club of Ngunguru also bought two of their waka lashed together for stability across to support the Patuharakeke club.

Te Kauika o Patuharakeke Club was first set up in 2023. Last November they were able to purchase two waka with funding from Te Huinga - a collective of hapu within the Whangārei District Council which received a portion of a \$9.48 million Government grant to the Whangārei District Council in 2023.

Hollie Kereopa, the club's chairwoman explained kauika is the word for a pod of dolphins or whales moving together in unity.

*More pictures from the open day on page 13*



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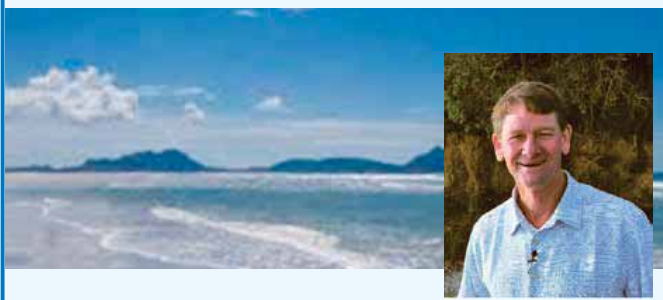
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## EDITORIAL

# We are fortunate to have so many people who work hard to keep our diverse local sports clubs running smoothly

The Bream Bay Sports awards on Friday 21 March are shaping up to be quite an occasion. There are 48 nominations this year across the nine categories. This could well be a record in the awards history and certainly is one in the six years since the awards were resurrected back in 2017 .

Ticket sales to the night are also going well with over 300 allocated tickets so far, which again I think could be a record.

I have this morning been collecting nominations onto a single file to put before the three anonymous judges. There are some very strong candidates.

The Services to Sport and Community Impact category has 12 nominations across diverse sports: football, rugby, pickle ball, swimming, surf lifesaving, fishing, fitness training, cricket, hockey, jiu jitsu and athletics. Each nominee has spent many years at the hard end of running these sports in Bream Bay. It's going to be hard for the judges to pick a winner. We are fortunate to have their commitment and the range of sporting opportunities they have made available to us.

Yesterday morning I went to the public launch and open day of Te Kauika o Patuharakeke Waka Ama, a new club and a new sport for people to enjoy. There were lots of people there. Hollie Kereopa, the club's chairwoman, told me at 11am she had counted 100 people at the event by 11am and the open day continued until 2pm. Everyone, children and adults alike were happy and excited. I was surprised how beautiful and clear the water is in the bay between the former refinery and the port as I waded out to take photographs of the waka and their crews. There were families seated on the sand in the shade of gazebos and first time paddlers standing in a circle having a lesson in paddling technique. It was a beautiful scene. Hollie tells me Kauika is the word for a pod of whales or dolphins moving together in unity, so an appropriate name for what this new club has the potential to become. I believe exercise and sport offer solutions to many individual and social problems. People make friendships and build connections by joining sports clubs. We have a wonderful array of sports clubs in Bream Bay that cater for all kinds of interests and abilities. There is no reason for anyone living here to be isolated and lonely. Exercise helps with mental resilience. I am a bit under the pump at present getting the Bream Bay News ready for the printer while helping to get those sports award nominations sorted. Geoff, who is a great example of the healing power of exercise helps me with the technical stuff on the Bream Bay News but is away for several weeks on the Sounds to Sounds cycle ride so I have to sort out any computer tangles that arise myself. When you have deadlines to meet these can be very stressful. I have cattle to move, lawns to mow and gardens to water. There is a lot to fit into the day but this morning I took time out to go for an hour-long bicycle ride. It really helped. It's so good to be out enjoying the scenery and feeling strong as I push up the hills and then fly down the other side with the wind at my back. I have promised myself that no matter how frantic my life gets - no matter how many computer tangles I have to unravel; I will make time to get some exercise.

*Marilyn*

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tonnes MBL intends to extract from Bream Bay. Kayasand operates a similar plant in Waikato. Mr Green also critiques the MEL report for being opaque, non-replicable, and riddled with errors and omissions. He highlights the lack of methodology behind the claimed transport cost savings and dismisses the alleged emissions savings as unfounded, due to the operation of the Emissions Trading Scheme, which the report ignores. Additionally, Mr Green criticises the report for overlooking the environmental consequences of the proposed sand extraction, including seabed degradation, harm to marine life, and disruption to local fisheries. Potential impacts on tourism and coastal protection are also neglected. Even if the MEL analysis were accepted, Mr Green ar-

gues, any cost savings would likely benefit McCallum Brothers Ltd. rather than Aucklanders or Northlanders. "It is doubtful that this represents the type of economic benefit Parliament intended when enacting the Fast Track legislation," he stated. While Mr Green holds no personal bias against mining companies, having advised one of the world's largest, he asserts that consents should only be granted when the benefits clearly outweigh the negative impacts. "However consents should only be granted when benefits clearly outweigh the adverse impacts." "The MEL report fails to establish this for the McCallum Brothers Ltd. proposal." Mr. Green's letter can be read in full on the website: [www.savebreambaysand.org](http://www.savebreambaysand.org).

# Record number of nominees for Bream Bay Sports Awards

There are a record 48 nominations to the Bream Bay Sports Awards for 2023/2024, which will be held in the Waipu Celtic on Friday 21 March from 5.30pm. Twelve of these are for Services to Sport and Community Impact, which represent many years of dedicated service local sport by these nominated individuals. There are nine nominations in the Junior Sportsperson category representing a number of codes including: clay target shooting, Jiu Jitsu, boxing, netball, basketball, rugby, rugby league and hockey. There are seven nominations for best Coach over

those two years, again covering a diversity of sports including: golf, swimming, bowls, athletics and football. From the winners of all nine categories judges will choose a supreme award winner. There is also a Peoples' Choice Award chosen from votes collected on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website. Voting is now open for this award. Guest speakers at the awards will be former All Black Frank Bunce and Rugby League international, now living in Waipu, Lui Anderson.

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## LETTERS

## Protestors should wait until they see the reports

I am somewhat concerned with both your editorial in the 27th February edition and past comments made in other editions regarding the proposed sand dredging by Mc Callum Brothers Ltd. (MBL).

You said and I quote "regardless of what the company MBL and it's panel of paid experts claim there will be consequences".

This infers that you have no faith in any reports provided by anybody engaged by MBL.

It is common practice in business to consult experts for their opinion on many topics and such experts quite properly charge for such service.

As their reports are always written there is a record of what they have said. Should their opinion be proved to be incorrect they could well be liable for either incompetence or negligence.

Hence such companies are very careful in what they say.

These are qualified professional people whom you again infer can be paid off to provide a positive report to MBL.

Your previous comment that he who pays the piper calls the tune refers.

I would also point out that that could equally be levied at the reports supposedly available to the groups against the mining.

To infer such is a gross insult to the companies engaged by MBL and totally unwarranted.

I would strongly urge that all comments on this issue should be held in obedience until all the reports are made available as promised by MBL and then only qualified opinion should be considered.

The email referred to in your paper on page 5 27th Feb edition which was sent to MBL quite simply says No not in my area..do it elsewhere and then any consequences don't affect me.

Very environmentally friendly I am sure.

I would also suggest to all protestors that they wait to see the reports and then address any issues accordingly if they still wish to have a say, something I fully respect and support

*Andrew Gill  
Waipu*

## If you want a roundabout have a few more crashes

My suggestion to the Whangārei District Council that a roundabout should be built at Nova Scotia Drive, Cove Road, South Road and The Centre has been turned down. The cost for a roundabout there would be up to \$1,500,000 !

When I questioned the cost and why could it not be a small drive-over roundabout, I was informed that NZTA had not approved the funding for a large roundabout. The explanation included this comment: "Given the use of this intersection: the roundabout will need to ensure each type of vehicle (eg milk tanker) can perform the manoeuvre. With a high volume strategic road that is the official SH1 detour route, the intersection controls need to be a formal roundabout, not a drive-over (fried-egg style) intended for residential streets only.

However, if you drive down Cove Road you will see a sign indicating that truck and trailer units are not permitted to drive through to Mangawhai. It seems that should The Brynderwyns get blocked again that Cove Road to Mangawhai will either become SH1 or NZTA has provided the wrong reason for denying our having a roundabout at this intersection.

It was also noted that: "Council will continue to monitor the need for intersection improvements based on growth and crash data."

So if you want a roundabout at that intersection you need to have a few more crashes ?

This follows the decision by NZTA not to build the approved roundabout at the intersection of Nova Scotia Drive and SH1. The land to build the roundabout has apparently been acquired, but the Government decision to, sometime in the next five years, build a four-lane highway has caused this delay. Some sort of double middle lane road markings will supposedly suffice. Meanwhile as traffic builds at that intersection cars trying to cross or get onto SH1 are likely to have increasingly longer wait times for a number of years. One would have thought that building the roundabout there once the four-lane route has been confirmed could have been a good first step. We hope that crash data at this intersection does not mean people will come to regret this decision.

*Richard Cole  
Waipu*

## Feedback invited on revised ownership of Marsden Maritime Holdings and ownership of Northport

There is a proposal on the table to reset the ownership of Marsden Maritime Holdings and, along with this, the ownership of Northport.

Under the planned new arrangement Marsden Maritime Holdings would be jointly owned by the Northland Regional Council – 43%, Ports of Tauranga – 50% and the Ngāpuhi investment company Tupu Tōnu would hold a 7% shareholding.

The NRC currently owns 53% of MMH so would be selling 10% of its holding, while Ports of Auckland, which currently holds 19%, would pull out completely.

Individual shareholders, who currently own 24% of the company would be bought out by the new entity. As the offering is \$5.60 per share against the current valuation of \$3.39 there are unlikely to be many objections to this. MMH would own Northport outright along with the industrial and farmland adjacent to the port, Marsden Cove Marina with its 236 berths, the commercial area alongside the marina, the boatyard facility and the Kiteotara Business and Commercial Centre.

Tupu Tōnu is a crown owned company with responsibility for acquiring and growing assets that will eventually be offered to Ngāpuhi as part of a Treaty settlement. Tupu Tōnu was established to manage a \$150 million investment fund approved by Cabinet in 2020, designed to provide more options for Ngāpuhi in future negotiations and ensure they would not miss out on opportunities for investment while they worked towards a settlement. Former Whangārei District Councillor Neil McLeod has concerns that the Northland Regional Council will be losing its controlling majority share holding in a major piece of Northland's infrastructure: the port. He also points out that the NRC stands to lose around \$400,000 a year in dividends. Feedback on the proposal is open until 28 March - for more information go to [www.nrc.govt.nz/MMHproposal](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/MMHproposal)

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# Stop the sand mining petition presented at Parliament



On the steps of Parliament with the No Sandmining petition. From left: Natalie Jessup, General Manager Endangered Species Foundation, Stu Muir, Advisor, Endangered Species Foundation, Emma Giesen, Co-Chair, Endangered Species Foundation and Green Party MPs Chloe Swarbrick, party Co-Leader, Celia Wade-Brown, Richardo Menedez March, Hūhana Lyndon and Tawera Nikau, Co-Chair, of the Endangered Species Foundation

A petition carrying the signatures of 14,000 people opposing the McCallum Brothers Ltd. sand mining application in Bream Bay was handed over on the steps of Parliament on Thursday March 5th.

Ex Rugby League star Tawera Nikau (co-chair of Endangered Species foundation) who hosted the petition handed it to Green MP Huhana Lyndon.

Huhana gave a strong statement to the house stating it was a travesty that McCallum Brothers could be allowed to expand operations into Bream Bay when land based options existed well able to meet the needs of the Auckland construction industry.

A full contingent of Green MPs including the party's co-leader Chloe Swarbrick came out to meet the Northland delegation.

A boat protest in the bay is planned for this Sunday 16 March at the proposed sand extraction zone. from 12noon to 1pm. Participants are invited to make lots of noise with horns, instruments and voicessing protest songs, to wave signs and banners and to take photos and videos.



McCallum Brothers Ltd's proposed sand extraction zone.

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# Police Report

## Sixteen family harm incidents

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## Semi conscious driver at wheel of car parked in the middle of the road

At 5am on 3 March Police were called out to a vehicle, which was parked in the middle of Salle Rd. They found a man inside in a semi conscious state with the appearance of being under the influence of drugs. He was asked to accompany Police to the station for a blood test but he refused. The 43-year-old Auckland man was then arrested and charged with refusing to follow a Police order. He may face further charges when the results of his blood test are known

## Wire rope prevents possible head on crash

On Saturday 8 March at 11am a distracted driver drove her vehicle into the wire rope on State Highway One just south of the Port Marsden Highway. She was prevented from driving into oncoming traffic by the rope and although her vehicle was extensively damaged she was unhurt.

## Three tourist vehicles in crash on Caves Rd.

There was an accident involving three tourists driving rental vehicles on Waipu Caves Rd. on 24 February. An America tourist driving towards the caves encountered another vehicle, also driven by an American tourist, coming in the opposite direction on the wrong side of the road. She slammed on the brakes and was hit by a third car (this one driven by a tourist from the South Island) following behind. There were no injuries and only minor damage to the vehicles.

## Vehicle stolen from Marsden Cove

A vehicle was stolen from Marsden Cove Marina at around 8pm on 28 February. It was later found abandoned in Onerahi having suffered minor damage.

## A clumsy would be burglar

On 9 March at 6am an intruder entered a garage where the resident out for an early morning walk with a dog had left the door open. The intruder knocked over an item, which woke other residents in the house and fled the scene before they could be apprehended. Nothing was stolen.



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Senior fire Fighter Jase Tanner with his 1978 Holden Premier. He said, the vehicle's restoration has "been a long project to this point. To have it there on the day will be a big achievement for me."

The Ruakākā Fire Brigade is holding a Classic and Custom car show in the Marsden Bay Christian Camp in One Tree Point on 13 April.

The event is a fundraiser to help the brigade purchase a new emergency response 4wd vehicle that will get brigade crews to some of the more trickier locations such as on beaches and farm blocks.

Senior Fire Fighter Jase Tanner, owner of a 1978 Holden Kingswood, is behind this initiative.

Jase said he has had an enthusiastic response from local car enthusiasts and he is expecting a good turnout.

"It's a day for petrol head and car enthusiasts alike and something the whole family can get out and enjoy of a Sunday."

The show will run from 10am to 2pm with access for display vehicles from 8am.

The entry charge is \$10pp with children under the age of 15 free. Showcars and their drivers get free admission.

There is no requirement to pre-book space with vehicle owners invited to "just turn up" on the day.

Jase said, the Christian Camp is at least as big as the Waipu Caledonian Park, which accommodated over 900 vehicles at the Waipu Lions car and bike show last month.

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# Bream Bay College's new history and English teacher: not such a boring person after all

*By Bream Bay College Year 12 student  
Blake Newey*



Blake and Mr. Hamp

Imagine yourself, in the back of your English or History class, watching on as your new teacher talks about - - . You look at him and think "Damn, he's probably a pretty boring person." But that's where you're wrong. Mr. Hamp (Geoff Hamp), is a new teacher at Bream Bay College, and after talking to him, I believe he's one of the most interesting teachers I've ever met. Formerly a teacher at Huanui College, he now teaches year 11, 12, and 13 English, but also year 12 and 13 History, with aspirations to be a music teacher as well. Mr. Hamp's, mostly, laid back nature makes you feel comfortable in his class, and not overwhelmed with your work, but he's still strict enough to incentivise the students in getting their work done, which is the perfect line to be on, in my opinion. Mr. Hamp is a former rugby player, but now has transitioned into a more "techie" hobby, namely electronics. He enjoys not only collecting old video games and similar digital appliances, but also fixing said electronics up, since he also likes soldering. Another hobby that keeps him occupied is his animals. He owns a dog, which requires walking two times a day, and chickens that also require care. What's more

he is a family man, sharing his life with his wife and daughter. But, by far the thing he is most passionate about (aside from his family, obviously), is travelling. Mr. Hamp has been to many life-changing places and done amazing things, from playing touch rugby in Laos, Bangkok, and Malaysia, to straight up living in Thailand for a decent while. Mr. Hamp firmly believes that not travelling is doing a disservice to yourself. With all of the amazing and priceless things to see, all of the intricate history to learn, it's no wonder he feels so strongly about this subject. Mr. Hamp is a truly interesting man, and as a person who has talked to him, whilst also being an active student in his class, I can confidently say that he's certainly not boring. He is just what a great teacher should be: an intricate, yet laid-back person who isn't afraid to be himself, who also takes charge when he needs to. So, the next time you see your teacher, don't just think they're a boring person who sits around all day. Maybe talk to them, and you'll most likely be surprised at what you find out, for everyone has a story to tell.


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**THE WAIPU RIDING RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**


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"The iconic (and only) Karaoke bar in Waipu has just been sold!

What will happen to the late-night drinks, the chicken wings and the best Karaoke this side of the Brynderwyns? The new owners are out-of-towners and the words "Asian Fusion restaurant" are muttered – the community is faced with some burning questions: Is this the end of their "community" as we know it? What will happen to the Annual Karaoke Competition? And why are the floors still so sticky?

A comedic rollercoaster that is a love letter to the magic of karaoke, the warmth of the Waipu community and the haziness of late-night shenanigans Will "Wagon Wheel" ever be sung again? Will the lads ever sing "Mr Brightside" aloud at 2am? Who will hand out the lollipops now?!"



# Stingray have no teeth but very dangerous tails

## Des Thomas is lucky to have survived a stingray barb embedded deep in his wrist

Des Thomas is lucky to be alive after an incident on Ruakākā beach on the morning of Thursday 20 February.

At around 10am he had just pulled in his torpedo fishing line and was inspecting the catch. On his line was a stingray as had happened at least 30 times previously.

Des said, "He was just a little fella about 600cm across the flippers." He couldn't find his gaffe, so knowing stingray have no teeth, he put his fingers in its mouth to take out the hook. But the creature lashed out with its tail and a poisonous barb dug deep into Des's wrist.

Des, who takes blood-thinning medication for a heart condition had begun to bleed profusely. He took off his shirt to wrap up the wound but this was soon soaked in blood.

The beach was pretty deserted that morning. Des had ridden down to his fishing spot on his quad bike and was around 1.5 kilometres south of the Ruakākā Surf Club, a pretty empty stretch of beach at the best of times. Gary, a neighbour, had walked past earlier but it would be some time before he returned.

About 100 metres away a couple were seated on the sand.

The couple, who turned out to be American tourists, came over to see what they could do. The woman took a bungee cord from Des's quad bike and used it as a tourniquet.

Des said, "If those people hadn't been on the beach it could have been all over."

Gary returned from his walk and ran to the surf club to get help but there was no one there.

Some one - Des isn't sure who - rang 111 and a St John paramedic came to the beach but was not able to get the ambulance down the four wheel drive vehicle entrance just south of the Surf Club and started to walk down the beach carrying the equipment he needed.

"Some one took my bike down to pick him up," said Des

The stingray barb had injected venom into his arm and the pain was excruciating

There was blood everywhere. The barb had cut through an artery and tendons. To make matters worse the tide was coming in.

The paramedic called for back up and a four-wheel drive ambulance came down onto the beach to pick Des up.

With blood still pumping out of his wrist Des was transported to Whangārei Hospital. He had to be moved onto three different beds as his blood soaked the sheets. Someone commented it looked like a murder had been committed. He was later told that all that bleeding had helped to get the stingray venom out of his body.

The doctor on duty at Accident and Emergency had a look at the wound and wondered if Des would need to be helicoptered to Auckland. However, he got to work stitching it up.

Des said, "He put in one stitch and then a helicopter arrived and he had to go and attend to the patient who had just arrived. This happened two or three times."

Des said all the medical staff at the hospital are "bloody good" but they are overworked and "you have to be patient."

At 7pm Des was sent back home with his wife Christine. However, he has had to return three times to the hospital with concerns over his wounded wrist. His arm turned black as he bled internally.

Two weeks after the incident Des is at home in Ruakākā and says the wound is now healing nicely. There remains a deep gouge in his wrist.

He would like to return to the golf course but is worried the action of swinging a club might open up the injury. He misses the beach.

He has managed to track down the home address of the American tourist couple and he will be sending them a very sincere thank you letter.



Des Thomas is lucky to be alive after a stingray he was attempting to unhook from his torpedo line lashed out with its tail and sunk a poisonous barb deep into his wrist.

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## Bream Bay College head students for 2025

Bream Bay College has announced its head students for 2025. They are Kortez Hita-Duval, Kayden Hall, Robyn Ruha and Levi Watts.

In addition the school has appointed eight house prefects; two for each of its four houses. These are Chloe Smith and Jessica Jacobs - prefects for Argyll, Pippi Panui- Park and Emily Meuli-Hemara for Inverness, Toa Tahana and Henry Pirihi for Ross and Megan Botha and Laura McCullough for Sutherland.

Principal Julian Cosgrove said, "Our prefects are selected and tasked with demonstrating mana enhancing behaviours. They do this by being a rangatira of good character, role modeling commitment to excellence, working with the belief that they and others can make positive change for our community, showing care for people and our natural environment, providing a clear direction and working as a team to uplift the community of Bream Bay College."

The four houses are names for shires in the Western highlands of Scotland where the Scottish settlers of Waipu originated from before journeying to Nova Scotia and eventually to New Zealand to settle in Waipu.

When the Waipu District High School was established in 1939 the four house names were adopted as a way of maintaining the link to the Scottish Highlands. Then in 1972, when Bream Bay College was established in Ruakākā this tradition transferred across.



Head prefects from left: Levi Watts, Kortez Hita-Duval, Robyn Ruha, and Kayden Hall



The eight house leaders with Principal Julian Cosgrove. Back row Toa Tahana, Pippi Panui-Park, Julian Cosgrove, Chloe Smith, Henry Pirihi front row Megan Botha, Laura McCullough, Jessica Jacobs, Emily Meuli-Hemara.



## Coastal Scientist Jim Dahm warns sea level rise likely to result in more permanent erosion to our coast

Engineered solutions to coastal erosion, while they might protect the properties behind lead to the degradation of the beach in front was one of the messages coastal scientist Jim Dahm had for his Bream Bay audiences at two addresses he gave at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre on Monday 3 March and then at the Waipu Celtic Barn on Tuesday 4 March.

He said the traditional way of looking at this was to “hold the line” and build hard sea walls but people have come to realize that beaches themselves have value and also need to be retained

By restoring the dunes, taking out weeds and planting or allowing dune species to grow erosion shorelines can be protected.

Where the dune is very narrow he said “Push Ups” could be used, where sand is pushed up from the beach to expand the dune then planted with spinifex and pingao to hold it in place.

The lectures were organised by the Northland Regional Council to mark Sea Week, officially from 1 -9 March.

Mr. Dahm is an applied coastal scientist with a Masters degree in Earth Sciences. He helped form New Zealand’s first Coastcare groups.

He described how there are two types of erosion “permanent” and “temporary”, with most of what we experience on our east coast beaches in the temporary category.

He said this could sometimes be very dramatic with dunes swept away to leave steep cliffs but if the right type of vegetation is in place the dune will gradually repair.

“This is not as rapid as the erosion and people don’t tend to notice it so much” but over time the sand will wash in again and long tendrils of spinifex and pingao will spread out to hold it in place.

When the sea level rises however this could change and more permanent coastal erosion is likely. With every metre of sea level rise it is predicated there will be 20 – 30 metres of permanent erosion.

He said east coast sand washed up the coast from Taranaki around 7500 years ago. It is a finite resource with no new sand coming into the system

Asked about what the effects of removing 9 million cubic metres of sand from Bream Bay Mr. Dahm commented this is “an awful lot of sand” but declined to comment on the McCallum Brothers Ltd. sand mining proposal as he did not have enough information about it.



Coastal Scientist Jim Dahm at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre

### Beach Clean up Ruakākā Beach

Alongside the Surf Club

Wednesday 26 March  
from 9.30am.

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Activity	Day and Time	Location	Cost	Contact
Dance	Monday 8.45am to 9.45am	new centre	\$10	A.B. 021592228
Fit for life Ruakaka class	Monday 10am to 11am	new centre	\$5	A.milane 0211693115
MUSIC club	1st Monday of month 7pm to 10pm	new centre	\$5	Fido 0274719428
Zumba Gold	Tuesday 9 am to 10 am	new centre	\$5	Roz.rohumba@gmail.com
Yoga	Tuesday 6pm to 7pm	old centre	\$20 per session	Facebook: Shantahayoga
Tiki Parenting Hub	Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm	old centre		Cassini 0212543527
Fit for life Ruakaka class	Wednesday 11am to 12pm	new centre	\$5	A.milane 0211693115
tennis or indoor bowling	Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	new centre		Sue 027050200
North Star Gym Sports	Wednesday 1.30pm to 5.45pm	old centre		Finn 021 708 158
Zumba	Wednesday 5.45pm to 6.45pm	new centre	\$10	A.B. 021592228
Zumba Gold	Thursday 9am to 10am	new centre	\$5	Roz.rohumba@gmail.com
Stretching classes	Thursday 11am to 12pm	old centre	\$5	Lu 0226541979
North Star Gym Sports	Thursday 3pm to 4.45pm	old centre		Finn 021 708 158
Yoga	Thursday 6pm to 7pm	old centre	\$20 per session	Facebook: Shantahayoga
Tiki	Friday 9am to 10am	old centre	\$20 per session	Facebook: Shantahayoga
Dance	4th Friday of month 4.45pm-5.45pm	new centre	\$10	A.B. 021592228
Dance	all other Fridays 9.15am - 10.15am	new centre	\$10	A.B. 021592228
50+ up	4th Friday of month 10am to 4pm	new centre	\$52 annually fee	Joy 021491887
Casual gym	Mon to Fri 8am to 2pm, 1 hour to 6pm	new centre	\$2/HR	4327962
Unisex & Ladies gym	24/7 gym	new centre	\$50 per week	4327962
New centre address	3 Peter Snell Road Ruakaka	old centre address	19 Takatui Place Ruakaka	

We are also home to Bream Bay Squash club and Bream Bay United & Association Football club - old centre

## An opportunity for young women with leadership potential

The Zonta Club of Mangawhai is again looking for worthy applicants for its annual Spirit of New Zealand 10 Day Development Voyage Award, which began in 2012. The Zonta mission is to empower women around the world and the Mangawhai club sees this 10-Day Leadership Development Voyage as a confidence building opportunity for young women with leadership potential and an interest in developing leadership skills.

You need to be between the ages of 16 to 18 years, a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand, a resident of Mangawhai, Tomorata, Wellsford, Kaiwaka, Maungaturoto, Dargaville, Ruakākā or Waipu, to have shown leadership potential or a eagerness to develop leadership skills, meet the medical criteria of the Spirit of Adventure Trust and be able to swim 100 metres.

Sheryl Smail, of the Mangawhai Club said, “ We interview and reference check shortlisted applicants only. It’s inevitably a difficult decision with so many worthy young women.”

Interested young women need to text their name and email to Sheryl 027 478 2540 for an application form. Closing date for applications is Friday 11 April

## A fabric and sewing supplies market fundraiser for Hospice

Fabric a Brac, described in the poster as “a fun fabric and sewing supplies market where you can shop for vintage and modern sewing and upholstery fabric, patterns, haberdashery and more. It brings the sewing community together to share stashes, stories and delight in our mutual love of textiles” is coming to Whangarei. The event which has been held around New Zealand is run by volunteers as a fundraiser for hospice.

Stallholders will pay a fee which goes to North Haven Hospice in Whangārei but keep the money they make from sales.

You can also donate items of fabric, haberdashery or patterns to any North Haven Hospice shop. In Bream Bay these are located at 14 The Centre, Waipu or 50 Waiwarawara Drive, Ruakākā and donated items will go on the North Haven table with proceeds from sales going to Hospice.

The Fabric a Brac market will be held at Te Ora Hou, 104 Corks Road, Tikipunga on Saturday 5 April from 10am to 1pm.

There will be a pop up café and shoppers are asked to bring cash as most stall holders and the café will be selling by cash only.

## No public consultation on NRC annual plan

The Northland Regional Council will not be consulting on its annual plan this year. Northland Regional NRC Chairman Geoff Crawford said, the NRC’s Long Term Plan set last year was widely consulted on and the annual plan “is not expected to contain any significant changes.”

He said, “We think it’s better for our ratepayers to save the expense of re-consulting”

The NRC is still required to develop an Annual Plan for 2025/26 and to set its rate for the year. Mr. Crawford said his Council “is are working hard” to reduce the predicted 2025/2026 rate rise of 5.79 %

The NRC will still be seeking feedback on its Draft User Fees and Charges for 2025/26,

which it reviews each year. In addition to a baseline 3.1% inflationary increase, the NRC is proposing to increase changes to three specific fees - for oil spill contingency plans, the initial charge for extension of consent period, and the purchase of hard copies of its proposed regional plan which is available at no charge on the NRC website. The NRC’s Draft User Fees and Charges 2025/26 document is available at [www.nrc.govt.nz/userfees](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/userfees) .

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## Waka ama - a sport for all ages



The team take their waka out into the harbour with Mount Manaia as the backdrop. They practice two times a week in the early morning



Hunter Marshall aged 17 years, Cameron Marshall - 10 with their father Wheturoa Marshall are old hands at Waka Ama paddling. they are all members of teh Nguuru cluv



Yazmine Fotu , aged 9 and her sister Sofia , aged 7, about to set off for their first waka ama paddle

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# Twenty five years of Junior Lifesaving excellence

By Miranda Lamens  
 Photos by Jochen Schroede

Last weekend, New Zealand’s biggest junior lifesaving carnival, the “Oceans Festival of Junior Surf Lifesaving” celebrated its 25th anniversary. Held at Mount Maunganui Beach, the four day event drew 726 athletes from 49 clubs nationwide, from the most northern representative, Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving club, to the southern-most, Kaka Point from Dunedin.

The competition brought together talented 10-14 year-olds, all vying for top honours in a series of intense events, including board races, surf swims, beach flags and relays. In such a prestigious national level setting, standing out among the best can be a daunting task, but one young Bream Bay athlete rose to the occasion, demonstrating skill, perseverance and sportsmanship.

Tia de Jong, representing Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club in the U11 female division, made an incredible impression. The first day of competition had strong waves create challenging conditions for the competitors. Tia secured a gold medal in a remarkable performance in her “run swim run” event.



Tia de Jong

Day 3 witnessed tight racing in the surf race, where Tia earned a silver medal in a fiercely contested field. On the final day, athletes faced the Diamond Finals – a gruelling event that combines both a swim, board and running race. This tested not only the swimmers endurance but their ability to navigate through waves and currents around the courses buoys. Tia secured a bronze medal in a nail biting finish that had the spectators on the edge of their seats. This impressive haul of three medals – a gold, a silver and a bronze was a testament to Tia’s skill and determination in the face of tough competition.

The true spirit of the Oceans Festival lies however,

in the camaraderie that thrives among the clubs. The event was not just about winning medals but about fostering new friendships, exchanging experiences, and creating lasting memories for all involved.

The 25th anniversary of the “Oceans Festival” was a celebration of both individual achievement and the broader surf lifesaving community. As young athletes like Tia de Jong shine on such a prestigious stage, they are a reminder of the dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship that are integral to the sport of surf lifesaving, and the event will be sure to continue inspiring the next generation of New Zealand’s surf lifesavers for many years to come.



**MARSDEN POINT HIGH TIDES**

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Thu 13 March	7.59	2.6	8.23	2.5
Fri 14 March	8.43	2.6	9.06	2.5
Sat 15 March	9.23	2.6	9.46	2.5
Sun 16 March	10.00	2.6	10.24	2.6
Mon 17 March	10.35	2.6	11.00	2.5
Tue 18 March	11.09	2.5	11.35	2.5
Wed 19 March	11.45	2.5	~	~
Thurs 20 March	12.13	2.5	12.22	2.4
Fri 21 March	12.53	2.4	1.03	2.4
Sat 22 March	1.37	2.4	1.48	2.3
Sun 23 March	2.28	2.3	2.38	2.3
Mon 24 March	3.26	2.3	3.36	2.3
Tues 25 March	4.27	2.3	4.39	2.3
Wed 26 March	5.28	2.4	5.44	2.4
Thurs 27 March	6.24	2.5	6.45	2.5
Fri 28 March	7.17	2.7	7.42	2.6

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# Celebrating sixty years of marriage

Photo by Peter Grant



Graham and Judy Boulton

Graham and Judy Boulton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a party at the Waipu RAZZA on Saturday night 8 March.

Moving to Waipu just 10 years ago, the couple has played a significant role in the public life of Waipu over recent years. Graham has been Secretary of the Promote Waipu Group as well as Chair of Waipu 2,000, which undertakes public projects around the town, most recently a community garden alongside the Fire Station in Nova Scotia Road.

Judy is chairwoman of the Bream Bay Sports Trust, which Graham also plays a significant role in and both are busy at present organising the Bream Bay Sports Awards.

For eight years the pair ran the Waipu Street and Park markets building this up to host over 200 stalls in the Waipu Caledonian Park, the Celtic Barn and the main street of Waipu on long weekends. Now well established, these markets attract thousands of people to Waipu.

Graham said they were married young – he first met Judy when he was just 15 years old, and many predicted their marriage wouldn't last.

His brother Jim Boulton, a former Mayor of Queenstown, said he had done some research and found that less than 4% of marriages survived for this long.

## WHAT'S ON IN BREM BAY

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- **BREM BAY SPORTS AWARDS** Friday 21 March at 5.30pm in the Waipu Celtic Barn. Thirty three nominations for awards to date. Guest speakers Frank Bunce and Lui Anderson. Buffet dinner. Tickets on line at [breambaysportstrust.co.nz](http://breambaysportstrust.co.nz)
- **OPERA IN THE GARDEN** at Tahamoana Angora Goat Farm March 22, 3-6pm. Guest star Deborah Wai Kapohe 566 Cove Rd. Tickets from Eventfinda, Hammer Hardware or at the gate.
- **MARSDEN COVE MARINA MARKET**. Next on Sunday 23 March 9.30am - 2pm
- **MARSDEN COVE SUNSET MARKET** Next on Friday 4 April from 4pm to 8pm. In conjunction with the Marsden Cove Fishing Club's Fishy Friday held on the first Friday of each month.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 13 April From 9am to 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **BREM BAY MUSIC GROUP** First Monday of every month starting at 7pm At the new Rec Centre in Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka Contact Ross or Fulco on 0274 410 584
- **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am-4pm
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### BREM BAY EVERY THURSDAY




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**MORNING**

9.00am	Departs	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall
9.15am	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
9.20am	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
9.35am	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
9.40am	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
10.10am	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus

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**AFTERNOON**

3.00pm	Departs	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
3.40pm	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
4.00pm	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
4.10pm	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
4.15pm	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
4.30pm	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
4.35pm	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
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**The Board has determined that 15 places are available for out of zone students for 2025.**

**We currently have 11 positions available**

Priority 2 – siblings of current siblings; 3 – siblings of former students; 4 – child of a former student; 5 – children of board employees or a child of a board member; 6 – all other students.

The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, 28 March 2025.

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