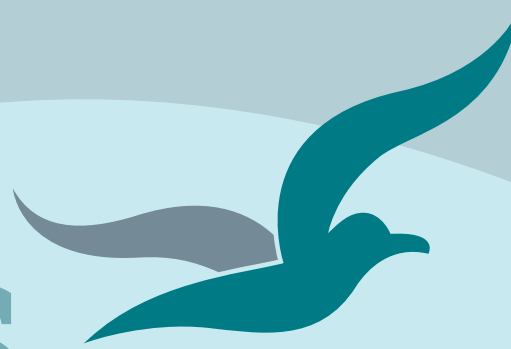


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Cruise ships scheduled to come to Northport this summer

Cruise ships are back on the agenda for Northport. The first scheduled arrival is MS Regatta: 181m in length, carrying up to 684 passengers due on Marsden Point 3 Wharf at around 8am on Sunday 4 February and departing the same day at 8pm.

The ship with its crew and passengers will be welcomed to Whangārei Harbour by mana whenua Patuharakeke. Members of the public will be able to view its arrival from the beach accessed at the end of Ralph Trimmer Drive.

A cruise ship visit was scheduled back in December 2020 but the Covid 19 Pandemic got in the way. Now cruise shipping companies are back in business.

MS Regatta will be returning on 22 February and a smaller ship the Seven Seas Navigator with up to 500 passengers is booked to arrive on 7 March.

There are seven cruise ships booked for the 2023/2024 season and already three for 2025/2026.

Ken Andrews has been appointed Northport's Cruise Manager and has the task of making sure the passengers leaving the ship for excursions in and around Whangārei can get safely through the port between log and container loading operations.

There is a lot to think about. The vehicles in the Northport carpark will need to be moved to make way for a fleet of vans, which will transport the passengers to

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New changing sheds at Ruakākā Beach



Grant Alsop, left, of the Whangārei District Council's waste and drainage department and Trevor Le Clus celebrate the opening of the new changing sheds and toilet block at Ruakākā Beach

There is a lovely new utilities block with toilets, a men's and women's changing rooms and outdoor showers alongside the surf club at Ruakākā Beach.

The new block has taken some time to get here. Trevor Le Clus supported by the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association has been advocating for the much needed facility for around ten years.

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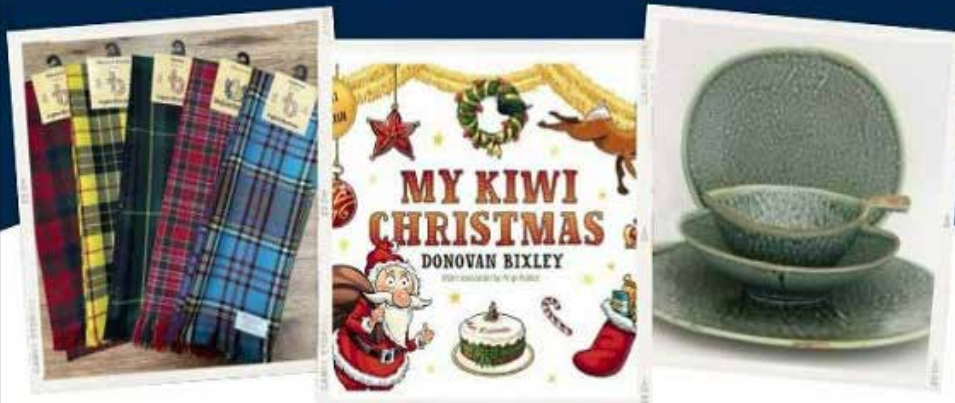
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EDITORIAL

Thanks Trevor

I am making good use of the new changing sheds at Ruakākā beach alongside the surf club. I have been down to the beach for a swim for the last two mornings just to celebrate their final completion. It is so nice to have a proper changing shed with a wooden seat and hooks to hang things on.

In the past I have sometimes got changed into my swimming togs in the toilet, which up until now was the only public facility available here. It was pretty awful with not much space and I was nervous about putting my bag on the floor.

The new changing shed and toilets have been a long time coming. There were all kinds of hold ups.

The hero of this story is a former Ruakākā Beach resident Trevor le Clus. It took a great deal of persistence, frustration and numerous emails, phone calls and meetings over around ten years by Trevor to keep the changing sheds on the Whangārei District Council's agenda. Trevor has since moved from Ruakākā but was back last Friday to celebrate the opening of what he described as "an absolute necessity" to cope with all the local and national visitors who come to Ruakākā Beach.

Council Field Officer Grant Alsop also needs recognition for the role he played in getting this project completed.

The Whangārei District Council originally applied to a government tourism support fund but was unsuccessful. Both mornings when I visited there was a trail of young tourists coming across from their vans squeezed into the freedom camping space in front of the motel with their toothbrushes to use the new hand basins. I think the changing shed project should absolutely have qualified for that grant. Who knows how these things are decided?

The sheds should have been ready by last summer (2022/2023) but the WDC had difficulty in finding a contractor to take on the job. The original cost estimate, based on some recently build similar facilities, had been under \$250,000. However, with the rising cost of materials and hiring qualified builders it turned out no one was willing to take on the job for this amount. Grant needed to go back to the drawing board. A slimmed down design was drawn up and the job was re-advertised.

The final cost of the building is \$420,000, which seems an astonishing amount to me. I would have thought this would be enough to build an entire house. The building has some nice features – some blue tiles on the wall behind the outside showers and slates of cedar to break up the black front walls but behind this are just concrete blocks.

Still it's a nice building and its good to have it here at last. It's not too obtrusive in that beachside setting. It is simple and functional. It has three toilet cubicles, with one spacious enough for a wheel chair. The pre-existing toilets will remain, so the queues waiting outside shouldn't be so long this summer. There are two hand basins and two sets of outside showers to wash the salt water from your body and the sand from your feet. The changing sheds have hooks and a wooden seat bench, which I regard as pure luxury.

Marilyn

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The MS Regatta scheduled to arrive at Northport on 4 February 2024

their chosen destinations. An area around the ships gangway will be fenced so people don't wander off into the port. There will need to be shelter here for the passengers as they wait for their vans to arrive. Their identifications will be checked as they all leave and then return to the ship. But cruise ship schedules can change at short notice. If the weather makes it a bit difficult to get into the berth at Northport the ship's master may decide to go on to the next port of call. With cruises typically being just ten days long, there isn't much room for delays. Passengers arriving on MS Regatta are invited to choose from a number of local excursions. They are being offered: a guided trip to the Hundertwasser Art Centre, a trip to Whangārei Falls and the Town Basin, a visit to the Quarry Gardens and Town Basin, a visit to the Matakōhe Kauri Museum, a Māori Village cultural experience, a visit to Whangarei's Kiwi House, a fishing charter, horseback riding, a Scottish experience in Waipu, an art workshop, a farm experience

and a trip to the Waipu Caves and walk amongst the limestone formations there. Those passengers not booked on a tour will be offered a coach ride into the Whangarei town Basin where the Whangarei District Council, pulling out all stops to ensure this first visit is a success will operate an I site and arrange for "cruise ship ambassadors" to assist the visitors. A market will be set up on the Victoria Canopy Bridge on the day of the visit. There are specialised destination management companies, which arrange all the offered tours a list of which is supplied to the passengers before their arrival. Ken said the Waipu Golf Club is a future possible cruise ship passenger destination and a local helicopter operator has also been approached. He suggests anyone with an idea they would like to develop as a tourism attraction make contact with Tania Burt at Northland Inc.

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Piroa Conservation Trust is holding a field day on wetland development on Wednesday 29 November from 11am. This will be held at Catchment Co-ordinator Graham Matthews’ property at 500 South Rd., just out of Waipu.

Piroa Conservation Trust has just under \$600,000 from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to run the Bream Bay Rivers Community Project for the next two and a half years. This is the first such grant made in Northland

Carl Gordon, who chairs the project steering group, said, “This is about balancing what’s good for business with what’s good for the environment too.”

A demonstration site is being created to show how a wetland can be created relatively simply and cost effectively.

Graham said, “A lot of good science has gone into how to build wetlands to get the maximum water quality and bio-diversity improvement at the least cost.”

Guest speakers on the day include: Ben Herbert (Fonterra), Jon Hampson (NZ Landcare Trust), Hamish Matthews (Dairy NZ) and Nicholas Naysmith (Mountains to SeaTrust).

Graham wants to talk to local landowners inviting them to join existing catchment groups for the Ahuroa/Millbrook, Waionehu, Pohuenui and Ruakākā Rivers, or to start up new local groups.

Existing groups meet regularly to talk about the issues and challenges of their rivers and streams. Issues being addressed to date are: willows in rivers and stream beds causing flooding, erosion of river banks, water quality and how sediment flows vary from the hills to the sea.

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Waipu Parade back on Christmas Eve

After announcing he would be coming to Waipu early, Santa has listened to the community and has changed his mind.

He is now coming to Waipu on Christmas Eve as he has done for the last 50 years. Chairman of Promote Waipu, Peter Gibbs, advises that as expected, there was an outcry over the change of date for the Parade. As a result a couple of members of the community came forward and have organized a team of Traffic Managers who can work on Christmas Eve and at the same time comply with Traffic Management requirements.

Peter said the parade cannot proceed without this level of professional traffic control. This is the new reality and gone are the days when we can rely entirely on volunteers."

"So well done to those in the Waipu community who assisted, let's all get behind the parade and start preparing those floats."

If you would like to enter a float in the traditional Christmas Eve Waipu parade contact Secretary@promotewaipu.co.nz

Searching for a house to use as a men's refuge

Phil Paikea, who runs the Safe Man Safe Family men's centre in Takutai Place Ruakākā, is on the look out for a three bedroom rental house to provide a temporary refuge for men who have been trespassed from their family home.

Phil said after Police have intervened in a family harm incident and a man has been issued with a safety order sometimes he has nowhere to go and ends up spending a lot of time at the pub and sleeping in his car.

He said usually the Police Safety Orders are for a period of just five days but if they were staying in the refuge for those few days he could talk with them and arrange for appropriate help.

As he focuses his work in Bream Bay he would like to find a house in this area but with so many families looking for rental accommodation finding a property is not proving an easy task.

If anyone has a suitable rental home to offer please contact Phil – 021 121 0763.

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He said the project had been on the Whangārei District Council's long-term plan but was dropped and it was a battle to get it back on. He has since moved away from Ruakākā but he and his wife Annette came back to celebrate its final opening on Friday 10 November.

The new facilities were to have been built by Christmas of 2022 but the rising cost of building materials and labour shortages meant that no contractor could be found to do the job at an estimated price of less than \$250,000. In the end the project cost \$420,000.

Grant Alsop of the Whangārei District Council was also pleased to see the building completed. He has overseen the work, liaising with Trevor, talking to neighbours, negotiating with the contractors etc. The sky blue tiles at the back of the showers were his idea.

He is aware that Ruakākā beach gets very busy over summer and that the small two toilet block there was inadequate. He has seen long lines of people waiting to use them. This block will remain where it is giving beach goers a total of seven toilets – so no more long lines.

Trevor said the process has been frustrating but "anyway all good now. We have an absolute necessity in place to cope with local and national visitors and for the various surf club and volleyball competitions that are held at the beach.

If you want to sign the petition on Kāinga Ora development

People wanting to sign the petition calling for Kāinga Ora to reconsider its planned development in the Ruakākā Village need to contact Tui Roman its originator by phone: 09 432 7134.

The petition asks that due to concerns about a lack of community engagement and consultation, lack of infrastructure, the likelihood of increased traffic, a lack of social service providers and concerns of increased crime in Ruakākā the NZ housing agency should reconsider its development proposal.

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Planning an indoor heated swimming pool for the Bream Bay Community



Gilbert Costello and Tania Abercrombie

A proposed indoor heated swimming pool complex in Waipu would be a mix of a private and community investment.

Tania Abercrombie and Gilbert Costello, the owners of the Shred Fitness Hub in South Rd. said the idea came from Mary Sinclair, a gym member who put it to them that such a pool would be an asset for the whole Bream Bay community.

A community group has formed to promote the project including: Mary a retired teacher and ministry of education employee, now retired Waipu RD contractor Steve Jones, Rick Stolwerk our regional councilor, swim coach and representative swimmer Andrea Hawcridge, Jess Loomis also a swim coach, Tania and Gilbert, with Tania’s father, Stuart Abercrombie,

The group has launched an online survey on the SHrED Waipu website to get a feeling about how popular a heated pool alongside the over \$300 fitness centre would be and how people would like to use it.

The survey will run until the New Year to capture the people who come to Langs and Waipu Cove over the holiday period.

Last week 660 people had responded, most saying they would use such a facility once or twice a week.

Meanwhile the team is also gathering information about how much it would cost to build the complex comprising: two pools – one 25 metres long for lane swimming and aqua jogging and activities and another shallower pool for

children’s swimming lessons, aqua fit classes and physiotherapy and rehabilitation as well as the building these would be housed in.

Tania said they would aim to keep the cost of using the pool competitive with the price for swimming in other pool complexes such as Whangārei’s Aquatic Centre where it costs \$7.50 for an adult and \$5.50 for children and seniors to swim. However the Aquatic Centre is subsidized by the Whangārei District Council to the tune of over \$300,000 pa.

While Tania and Gilbert will provide the land they are inviting interested people to invest or become sponsors in the pool complex. The survey invites participants to contribute by way of investment, sponsorship or by helping with the construction work.

Another idea is that individuals might like to contribute a few thousand dollars towards constructions costs in return for a pass to use the pool.

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Gumboot mental health day

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A game of Touch Rugby between the Waipu Rugby and Takahiwai League clubs played in kilts and gumboots, gumboot throwing and a decorated gumboot competition were all features of the Gumboot Mental Health day held in the Caledonain Park in Waipu on Saturday 4 November. There was entertainment by locals including Bream Bay College's steel pan band and the Fale Pasifika Dance Academy. The Bream Bay Community Support Trust was there explaining its array of services, the Bream Bay Sports Trust gave out information about the array of local sports clubs in the belief that playing sport is a good way to look after your mental health. And there were plenty of coffee and food trucks. One of the organisers Jamie Halpin said it was a fantastic day and she is grateful for the support and enthusiasm by so many local people.



Touch rugby in kilts and gumboots



Bream Bay College's steel pan band Panimals sheltered under a Waipu Primary Gazebo while entertaining with its uplifting rhythms



Judy and Graham Boulton of the Bream Bay Sports Trust gave out information about local sports clubs

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Bev Webb reflects on 27 years as Personal Assistant to a series of four principals at Bream Bay College

Bev Webb still uses plural first person pronouns – we, us, our when she talks about Bream Bay College. After 27 years in the job as personal assistant to four principals and only having just retired this is hardly surprising.

Bev's farewell party was held a few weeks ago but she has been back helping to hand over to her replacement Nikki Donaldson. Last Thursday she could finally say she had retired.

The first Principal Bev worked with was Linda Fox, a temporary replacement for Principal Jules Flight who was away on sabbatical leave. When Mr. Flight decided not to return to the college John Fitzgerald, who had previously worked in the Education Review Office, was appointed by the school's board. He remained for six years until he left under a cloud having had an affair with a student.

For the next 21 years Bev was PA Wayne Buckland who she got on well with saying they complimented one another. She thinks Mr. Buckland has been a positive influence on the school, putting it's finances on a good footing, raising the NCEA achievement rate, introducing restorative justice processes and overseeing some big building projects.

Bev said the new year seven and eight classrooms and science block will be his legacy.

For her final few months in the job she worked with new Bream Bay College Principal Julian Cosgrove. She believes he will be good for the school and says, "It was time for a change."

Bev began working at Bream Bay College as the part time "photocopy girl." In the days before laptops and chrome books lots of photocopying was needed. Teachers would bring her the material they wanted multiple copies of and she would guarantee a 24-hour turnaround time.

Towards the end of 1995 the principal's PA job became available and Bev applied. She had previously worked, as a private secretary to a partner in a big actuary firm in Melbourne, so was well qualified.

Bev and her husband "came back home" in 1989 when their son Mitchell was born. Bev's parents had retired to One Tree Point and she wanted her children to grow up knowing their grandparents. Her mother, who died recently aged in her 90s, had supported Bev in her job by helping to take care of her two children.

Bev's father Frank Bray was an engineer who helped to build the Marsden A power station and her parents had immigrated to New Zealand before she was born.

"We were transient people", Bev said. They moved around to where ever her father had work. The family returned to Ruakaka when her father was employed to work at the Marsden Point Refinery and Bev spent two years as a pupil at Ruakākā Primary. Her mother worked in the refinery cafeteria.

The John Fitzgerald saga was a difficult time for Bev and a low point for the college but there have been plenty of high points since then.

She has enjoyed getting to know local families. The children of some of the students at the school in her early years are now coming through the college.

She valued the contact and relationship building with kaumatua of Patuharakeke, which she said has given her an insight into how special the community of Bream Bay is.

She thinks the kahui ako communities of learning structure, where all three local primary schools, the college and early childhood learning centres have formed a co-operative relationship has been "really successful."

"It has brought everyone together so we can support all our students from the moment they enter the education sector through their learning journey."

Opening the new whare in 2018 was a celebratory occasion. The whare was built by the school board without Ministry of Education funding and is a valuable addition to the school. The old college whare was relocated to the Lakeside Industrial Park where it became the Ruakākā Toy Library, which Bev regards as good repurposing of it.

In 2006 a building that had served as the Marsden Bay Mission to Seafarers centre was relocated to the college and became the students welfare centre used by counselors, nurses and the school's deans to work with students. Bev was particularly pleased when this building was named the Reid-Gardner centre in memory of Gloria Reid who had been a local public health nurse for many years and the late Ginny Gardner a teacher at the school who had a particular interest in student welfare.

In 2005 Bream Bay College set up a sister school relationship with Higashi School in Osaka, Japan and 30 students from that school visited the college and were billeted out by local families. The following year Bream Bay College students paid a return visit. These exchanges continued until halted by the Covid epidemic but began again this year. The school also has an arrangement with Jinai Girls High school in Osaka. Two students from this school have attended Bream Bay College this year and another two are due to come to the school in 2024.

"There was never a dull moment."



Bev Webb

Another memorable time was when Covid 19 arrived in New Zealand and the college was closed. Bev said this was, in fact, a very busy time for the schools teaching and administrative staff who worked together to make sure lessons could be continued via zoom. The school staff made a big effort to keep in contact with all its students and their families. Bev describes a spreadsheet developed for staff to use when making contact. Top of the page were two questions to put to students and their whanau: "How are you? How can we help?"

If a family didn't have a computer or an internet connection the school worked to remedy this. Chrome books were handed to families through car windows in the school car park.

She wants to compliment the school's Board of Trustees and senior management team whom she says are all "committed, intelligent people who want what's best for the school."

"The school has a good team of support staff. It has been a privilege to work with them all."

What will she do now with all her free time? She is not in a great rush to make plans. Perhaps next year she and her husband will do some travelling around New Zealand or further afield.

For now Bev said, "I will do some walking and try to get a little bit fitter."

The PA job involved a lot of deskwork.

"I will reconnect with people, potter around a bit in my garden. I haven't had time to do these things. The school has been my whole life."

Top students of 2023 at Bream Bay College

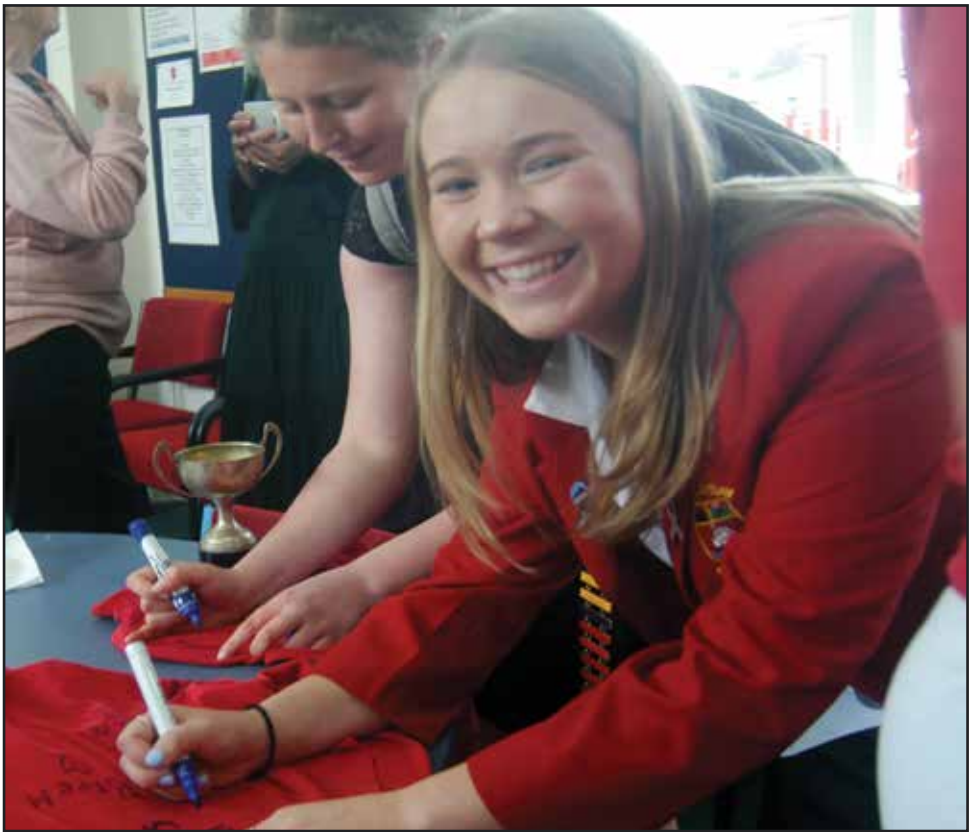


James Lewis, left, is Bream Bay College Dux of 2023 while Joel Tolley was awarded the Proxime Accessit (secon place) award

James Lewis is the 2023 Dux of Bream Bay College. In 2024 he plans to study engineering at Auckland University and, after his first year of study will apply to join the biomedical engineering course. As this course only takes in 30 students he has a plan B, which is study mechanical engineering. James explains that one aspect of biomedical engineering is the development of devices such as heart monitors. James is a former pupil of Waipu Primary and has been at Bream Bay College throughout his intermediate and secondary school years. He said he has enjoyed being in year 13 where his teachers have been more like friends than authority

figures. for the best all round student based on their character, application and ability. Jess plans to study to be a Paramedic and AUT next year. She is a volunteer surf lifeguard at the Ruakākā Surf lifesaving Club so is already on the way to achieving this qualification. Jess is pictured here signing the school shirt of class mate Yasmin Macken- Sawford. Yasmin said she prefers outdoor work as is planning to take on a mining job in Australia. The Bream Bay College Senior Prizegivng was held on Friday morning November 3. The school’s senior Year 11,12 and 13 students are now well into their NCEA exams.

figures. Joel Tolley who won the Proxime Accesit award will attend Waikato University in 2024 where he will study Mechatronics, which blends Mechanical, Electronics, Computer, and Software Engineering. Its making “robots and drones and stuff”, Joel explained. He said he became interested in this area through Lego Robotics. Joel is a former pupil of Ruakaka Primary and like James has spent all his intermediate and secondary school years at Bream Bay College. Jess Andrews won the Doctor McBirney memorial award, which is the school’s top prize



Jess Andrews was awarded the prestigious Doctor McBirney award as the school's best all round student



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Choir practice at Ranburn



The combined Waipu and Kaiwaka choir at practice in the Ranburn common room

Residents of Ranburn Rest Home get to enjoy some Tuesday afternoon choir music with a combined Kaiwaka and Waipu choir holding a weekly practice session in the retirement complex’s common room.

The choir’s conductor Anne Connolly-Munt is now a resident of Ranburn and the retirement home management has agreed the weekly practice sessions can be held there.
At present they are rehearsing Christmas carols in preparation for the festive season.

As well as Kaiwaka and Waipu, members of the 14 strong choir come from Ruakākā and Whakapirau. They have a set of sky blue matching polo shirts monogrammed with KW Choir design, with these part sponsored by Ranburn.
“Where ever I go I seem to start choirs”, said Ann.

This is no exaggeration.
In the 1980s, married and living in Hamilton, she formed the 100 strong Cantando Choir, then the Cantamus Womens Choir, Les Enfants Children’s Choir and Hamilton Chorale and the Cantamus Men’s Choir now known as Male Voices Waikato.
In 1999 she rehearsed the North Island Male Choir and became an associate director of the New Zealand Male Choir.
She formed the Albany Singers mixed community choir after moving to Auckland’s North Shore in 2007 and then the Albany Women’s Choir.
Then living in Kaiwaka she set up the KW choir. Now aged 91 and living in Ranburn the choir has come to her.
Ann’s first had piano lessons at the age of six practicing on her mother’s harmonium. When she was ten years old she was transfixed by the sound of an church organ. By the age of 12 she was able to play her first service on the organ at the Anglican Church in Pt. Chevalier. While at training college she became the deputy organist at St Mathews in the City.
Ann is an exacting choir mistress getting her KW singers to repeat lines if they are not quite right.
“Hold your music sheets up and your heads high, then you



Choir conductor Anne Connolly-Munt

won’t go flat on that last note”, she exhorts.
She sets homework for the singers between choir practice sessions.
The KW Choir has been together since June and Anne says they are “going pretty well.”
She would like a few more singers, particularly a few more male voices.
She will limit the number in the group to 25.
“That will give us enough people to perform even if some can’t be therell”
She doesn’t hold auditions
“Everyone has the right to sing. If people can’t cope they don’t stay.”
The KW choir is preparing for a Christmas concert at Ranburn on 19 December for residents and their relatives.

Monthly Meetings of local Resident and Ratepayer groups

THE RUAKĀKA PARISH RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The Ruakākā Parish Residents and Ratepayers Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka

WAIPU RIDING RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association meets at 7pm on the last Wednesday of each months .
While renovations of St Peters Angilcan Church are underway the group meets in the Presbyterian Church Hall 45, The Centre, Waipu.

Much loved infant teacher and family matriach celebrates 100 years

A drop in session at the Waipu Presbyterian Hall to celebrate the 100th birthday of Julie Brown, a former infant teacher at Waipu Primary School, turned into a full scale party with hundreds of people lining up to say Happy Birthday to the highly respected, long time resident of Waipu.

Julie’s son Roly said his mother would make every new entrant in her class “feel special” and consequently she was held in high regard by many people in Waipu. He told how Horace Brown, one of her former pupils, would bring her fillets of fresh fish and crayfish in gratitude for her kindness to him as a child.

Roly said his mother had worked exceptionally hard on the family farm in North River and raising her five children alongside her teaching job.

Julie said her neighbours at Riverview Place on the Waipu Estuary, her home of more than 30 years had been wonderful and that the staff at Ranburn where she now lives have also been “so good” to her.

Julie’s daughter Meg read out birthday cards received from Governor General Cindy Kiro, outgoing Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and King Charles and Queen Camilla. Meg commented that her mother would have liked to have received a card from the late Queen Elizabeth but had outlived her.

Following the formalities, 62 family members, Julie’s four surviving children (her eldest son Craig, a former Mayor of Whangārei died in 2021) their partners, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren lined up for a photo.



Julie Brown at her birthday party in the Waipu Presbyterian Hall

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Intended destinations for Bream Bay College graduates

Forty four students completed Year 13 at Bream Bay College this year. Below is a list of their plans for 2024

- Jess Andrews – Bachelor of Health Science in Paramedicine at AUT
- Phoenix Atkins – Bachelor of Education, University of Auckland Tai Tokerau
- Shay Aull – Employment
- Jess Benson – Camp America
- Nicole Botha – Bachelor of Communication Design, AUT
- Riko Brown – Employment
- Lacy Clapham – Beauty Therapy, Northtec
- Paige Comer – Further education
- Zane Cullen – Bachelor of Engineering, AUT
- Bridget Cullen – Bachelor of Business, University of Waikato
- Madi Dackers – Health Science, University of Otago
- Michael Doak – Employment
- Emma Gorrie – Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, AUT
- Nehana Griffiths – Bachelor of Music Production, University of Auckland
- Sophie Hall – Bachelor of Science, University of Waikato
- Eva Harvey – Bachelor of Engineering, University of Auckland
- Kael Heiwari – Automotive Engineering, Northtec
- Jasmine Hendery – Bachelor in Tourism and Event Management, AUT
- Aster Jacques – Further education
- Bray Johnson – Work in Rarotonga
- Ciaran Kay – Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics), University of Waikato
- Braedyn Kenny – Employment
- Jano Kloppe – Plumbing apprenticeship
- Jenson Lewin – Seeking employment
- James Lewis – Bachelor of Engineering, University of Auckland
- Kryzhene Libongcogon – Gap year/online study
- Tiffany Lew – Employment
- Yasmin Macken Sawford – Working in mining in Australia
- Caitlin McCullough – Automotive Engineering, Otago Polytech
- Rico McLean – A&P Farming Internship
- Amy McNamara – Camp America
- Cohen Morgan Webb – NZ Army
- Bree Munford – Gap Year
- Storm Parks Maihi – School of Tourism, Wellington
- Angus Paton – Gap year/ Travel
- Teghan Pram – Gap year
- Nyria Pullen – Bachelor of Engineering, Canterbury
- Annalise Rickey – Bachelor of Nursing , Northtec
- Cody Tilby – Accounting, Northtec or Waikato
- Joel Tolley –Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics) Waikato
- Shynnese Tuki – Yoo Bee College of Creative Innovation
- Bailey Whitelaw – Bachelor of Business Waikato University
- Connor Williams – Health Science, Otago University
- Tayah Wilson – Bachelor of Primary Teaching, University of Auckland Tai Tokerau

Awarded for her contribution to racial harmony



Shynesse Tuki receives the award for Contribuiotn to Racial Harmony from newly elected Member of Parliament for Whangārei Dr.Shane Reti.

Bream Bay College Senior Prizegiving Special Awards

- Bream Bay College Academic Awards 2023**
1st in Year 11: Laura McCullough and Henry Pirihi
1st in Year 12: Abby Thompson and Troy McKenzie
Proxime Accessit , 2nd in Year 13 – Joel Tolley
Dux, 1st in Year 13 – James Lewis
- University scholarships**
AUT Welcome to Auckland Scholarship \$24,000 Jess Andrews and Nicole Botha
University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship \$5,000 – Eva Harvey
University of Otago Entrance Leaders of Tomorrow scholarship - \$6,000 – Connor Williams
Universty of Otago Maori Entrance Scholarship \$14,000 – Nehana Griffiths
University of Waikato School Leavers Scholarship \$5,000 – Sophie Hall, Ciaran Kay, Joel Tolley.
University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement \$30,000 -Bridget Cullen
- Other Awards and Scholarships**
BDO Northland Award for Young Managing Director of the year – Bridget Cullen
The Prime Minister’s Vocation Excellence Award - \$2,000 – Rico McLean
Whangārei MPs Award for Contribution to Racial Harmony – Shynesse Tuki
Lear Cup for Endeavour – Angus Paton
Outstanding work as student trustee - Jess Andrews
KT Footwear Integrity Trophy – Ciaran Kay
Kururangi Citizenship Cup- Michael Doak
Marsden Lions Boys Trophy \$300 – Kael Heiwari
Marsden Lions Girl’s Trophy - \$300 - Amy McNamara
Waipu Lions Citizenship Cup - \$500 – Madi Dackers
Harvey Abercrombie Award –\$1,000 - Rico McLean
George Watt Scholarship Award - \$2,000 – James Lewis, Jess Andrews, Joel Tolley, Sophie Hall, Nehana Griffiths, Ciaran Kay
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Young swimmers shine at first national outing

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Coached by Richard Dunkerton, the swimmers put on a solid performance, grabbing 35 Personal Best (PB) Ribbons in 45 races.

This was the first time these swimmers participated in a National-level event of this magnitude. Despite their lack of experience, they displayed determination and raced exceptionally well.

Miranda Lamens said “Coach Dunkerton’s guidance and their hard work were instrumental in their success.

“Participating in an event of this scale is a significant milestone for these young athletes. The experience gained here is sure to inspire them.

“The Bream Bay Swim Club can be proud of these budding talents and look forward to their continued growth in the sport. Their achievements are a testament to the hard work and commitment within the club.

“We eagerly await their future successes in swimming.”



In the back row from left :Maci Hutchinson, Kaylee Addy, Niamh Inglis, and Mr D (coach Richard Dunkerton)
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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	Ruakaka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangarei Rose Street Bus Terminus

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AFTERNOON

3.00pm	Departs	Whangarei Rose Street Bus Terminus
3.40pm	Departs	Ruakaka 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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WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

• VILLY DAY OUT Saturday 18 November 10am to 3pm. On the football fields alongside the Ruakaka Recreation Centre . Lots of free activities Kapahka by local primary school. Free sausage sizzle, iceblocks and hangi. Games, bouncy castle and mini rod rides for children. Stalls by a variety of social service providers.

• WHANGAREI SILVER FESTIVAL For Whangarei's older adults. Starts Monday 6 November and runs to Sunday 19 November. 48 activities listed. Programme available at libraries and on the Whangarei District Council website. In Bream Bay there are a series of Fit for Life exercise classes at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre, Social Bowls at the Waipu Bowling Club and a visit to the Waipu Museum.

• ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET Next on Sunday 19 November Fundraising for Whangarei Hospital Children's Ward. Sunday 18 June from 9am-1pm. One Tree Point School quadrant and field.

• RUAKAKA CHRISTMAS PARADE Saturday 9 December. Starts at 10.30am alongside the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. After the parade Christmas Carols, facepainting, sausage sizzle, quick fire raffles and funny money to spend in the Ruakaka Towncentre.

• WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET Next on Sunday 10 December . From 9am to 1pm in the Coronation Hall

• WAIPU CHRISTMAS PARADE. BACK ON CHRISTMAS EVE. Sunday 24 December starting at 7pm by the Pizza Barn in Cove Rd., Waipu. Finishing with a prizegiving in the Caledonain Park at 7.30pm. Organised by Promote Waipu.

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Villy Day Out this Saturday

This Saturday 18 November it's the Villy Day Out and organizer Bobby Jo Paikea has lined up the usual array of local entertainers, fun activities for kids and social services on the football fields alongside the Ruakākā Recreation Centre in Takutai Place.

There will be kapahaka by children from One Tree Point and Ruakākā Primary Schools, The Professionals – a ukulele group that practices at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre will take a turn on the stage and Ka Pao Samba, a reggae drum band from Whangārei will entertain with DJ Muzz introducing the acts.

The Pumipi family of the Ruakākā Village once again will put on a free hangi and sausages and ice -blocks will be handed out as well as lots of prizes and giveaways. There will be a bouncy castle and mini rod rides also free

The Ruakākā fire Brigade and Bream Bay St John will both be there.

Touch NZ is coming along with game equipment for the older children - apparently volleyball and smoothie bikes.

And there is a long line up of social services including: The Bream Bay Community Trust, Safe Man Safe Family, People Potential which offers training towards tertiary qualifications, Odyssey which helps people recover from addictions, Te Whatu Ora – the Ministry of Health, the children's charity Barnados, The Cancer Society and an organization called IPIR which stands for Igniting Potential in Rangitahi.

Bobby Jo is grateful for the sponsorship the event has once again received from local business and individuals.

She says "It's an event for and by our local community."

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Agenda:

Welcome and Opening

Review and Confirmation of Minutes of the 2022
AGM

Annual Report

Progress against the strategic plan

Survey results

Conflicts of interest on the Board

Treasurer's Report and Annual Financial Statements

Constitution Review

Update of the constitution to re-register and comply
with new legislation.

Proposed changes to the constitution

The process from here

Election of the Board

Any Other Business

Close

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DATE: SUNDAY 19TH November 2023

TIME: 2 PM

**PLACE: Heritage School in the
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Heather Jacobson

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