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Plan change sought for Marsden City

The owner/owners of the 83-hectare block of land on One Tree Point Rd known, rather ironically, as Marsden City, have applied for a private plan change.

Marsden City Partnership Ltd. has put a request to the Whangarei District Council seeking to delete the special Marsden Primary Centre environment in the district plan, to reduce the amount of land zoned commercial on the site, to eliminate all heavy industrial zoned land there and to increase land zoned residential and open space.

The application also seeks to create a new *Special Purpose Marsden Town Centre* zone at the northwestern end of the Marsden City land.

The plan change request incorporates land owned by the Great Northern Land Company to the south of the Marsden City land. However, Paul Gray of GNLC said he was not involved in the application. He spent a lot of money changing the zoning on the GNLC land a few years ago to a mixed commercial and residential use allowing for the construction of a retirement village – Bream Bay Village.

Mr. Gray said he found there was just no demand for industrial zoned land and the development of this block only went ahead once the zoning was changed. Southpark Group, whose director is John Sax, purchased the Marsden City land in 2017.

Two companies belonging to Oliver Scott, who was behind the original Marsden City development, *North Holdings Development Ltd* and *North Holdings Investments Ltd*, were placed in receivership in 2015. Mr Scott had envisaged a city of 40,000 people to rival Whangarei being built on the land.

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A very proud nana

Photo by Julie Paton



Bream Bay College dux Jack Boakes shares a moment with his nana, Marion Boakes after the Senior Prizegiving held at the college on Friday 13 November.

Jack also was joint winner of the Dr. MBirney Memorial Award presented to the best all round student. He shared the award with Kayla Carter who was also Promime Accessit. (second in Year 13) and best all round sportsperson.

More pictures and story on the 2020 Bream Bay College Senior Prizegiving on page 10.



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EDITORIAL

Maybe not another shopping centre but affordable housing is something we really need

I have just been sent a collection of photographs from the Bream Bay College senior school prize giving by Julie Paton. There are some great photos but the ones I like best are where parents, grandparents and aunts are pictured with their young men and women. Julie has captured some great moments.

There is something universal about the love and pride we have for our children and I hope this support from whanau will help the young people who have graduated this year from the college go on to further successes as they move on to higher education or into employment.

I enjoyed visiting Sharon Boaz and her husband retired Doctor Neville de Villiers at Marsden Cove last week and seeing Sharon's finished project, her painting of angels, cherubs and a Greek god in a dome on the high ceiling of their Albany Rd. home. I had visited the couple several years ago to discuss Dr. de Villiers book about his epic journey from the UK to New Zealand as a lone sailor on his boat Doumar and asked about the scaffolding at the top of the stairs. Both these enterprises sailing alone, after his crew abandoned him, through pirate infested waters in the Mediterranean and 90-metre waves in the Southern Ocean and, in Sharon's case, spending some of your retirement years painting a mural with, angels, a Greek god and cherubs on the domed ceiling of your home as you lie on scaffolding at the top of a high stairwell seem like rather eccentric activities. Dr. de Villiers and Sharon Boaz together make a well-matched pair. These two wonderful characters add colour to our community. I have enjoyed telling you their stories.

Something is happening, albeit not on the ground yet, in that Ruakaka monument to overreaching ambition - Marsden City. The towering sign, the roads, footpaths and street paths have been in place for something like 15 years with not much development happening around them.

But the current owners are applying for a plan change, which if accepted will change land zoned for industry to mixed use residential and commercial. Apparently, the predicted demand for industrial land in Ruakaka hasn't eventuated.

The application by Marsden City Partnerships Ltd. still seeks to build a primary commercial centre and one end of the subdivision. Given the ongoing development of the Ruakaka Shopping Centre with a new and bigger supermarket about to be built and the expansion of the shops at Marsden Cove I wonder how viable another even bigger shopping centre at this location really is.

What I really hope eventuates though is some affordable housing. With families crowding into existing homes, people living in garages, tents and cars and workers travelling long distances for jobs in Bream Bay because they cannot find affordable rental housing here, this is something we really need.

Marilyn

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Southpark Group is one of Auckland's largest industrial landowners but also has residential development underway including the Kensington Park housing project in Orewa and the Market Cove residential development in Mangere. The Mangere development will provide 1,400 much needed new apartments and terrace houses for Auckland.

The private plan change application for Marsden City proposes six new parks and has identified a site where a new school could be built to service the urban growth the de-

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The entrance to Marsden City

velopment would bring. It also states that the Marsden Town Centre would be a "higher order" town centre compared to the Ruakaka shops and the Waipu town centre and will draw customers from across the catchment.

The centre "will service the higher order retail, commercial, entertainment and civic needs of the Marsden/Ruakaka community reducing the need to always have to travel to Whangarei City Centre."

In July 2020 Southpark took an appeal against the Whangarei District Council's urban plan change decisions seeking to limit the development of the Ruakaka shopping centre. Southpark's lawyers argued that

this was necessary to "manage the relationship between the Ruakaka Shops and the area of land zoned Marsden Primary Centre. Relief sought was either to change the zoning of the Ruakaka Town Centre from Local Centre to Neighbourhood Centre or to apply a "precinct to the Ruakaka Shops which would limit retail and food and beverage activities to the level provided within the Neighbourhood Centre Zone."

This appeal has not yet been resolved

At it's meeting on November 3, the Whangarei District Council accepted the application and agreed that a public notification of the application would begin. Submissions are open until 10 December.

Wild pigs destroy maize plot

A herd of wild pigs destroyed a seven-hectare plot of planted maize on farmland near the intersection of Shoemaker and Helmsdale Roads in Waipu. .

Farmer Ali McKay said a group of around eleven pigs including piglets and full-grown animals were seen in the field. The pigs were moving along the planted rows hovering up the maize seeds as they went.

In previous years Ali has had trouble with wild pigs digging up maize seeds on farmland he owns near the bottom of the Shoemaker Rd. hill and he had organised pig hunters to go in with dogs prior to maize being planted there in October. He is wondering if pigs flushed out of the bush bordering this farmland moved into a small patch of bush alongside the Helmsdale Rd. field.

He has since called back the pig hunters and their dogs to hunt out these pigs. They shot nine in total, including six full-grown pigs and three piglets.

Although only around half the seeds were eaten the whole field had to be ploughed up and resown. The pigs had dug up patches of seeds throughout the field and planting on top of what was left would have resulted in plants growing unevenly spaced with some too close together. The supplier Pioneer Seeds has insurance to cover such events and replaced the seeds free of charge leaving Ali to pay for the contractors.

Ali said the pigs are only interested in eating the maize seeds and not the plants and once the plants have grown to a certain size the danger of pig damage has passed.

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New One Tree Point footpath laid over old asbestos water pipes

A One Tree Point resident phoned the Bream Bay News last week to raise concerns about asbestos water pipes which he said had sprung two leaks during the construction of the new One Tree Point Rd. footpath. He said the footpath was being built over the old pipes and was concerned that it would need to be dug up again if the old pipes sprung another leak.

The caller also thought that as two power poles needed to be moved across the road to make way for the footpath, the electricity line in that part of One Tree Point should have been undergrounded to meet the standard already in place in the new subdivisions.

We put both these questions to Paras Monga the Whangarei District Council engineer overseeing the footpath project.

Mr. Monga said, "We did have a break on this main (unrelated to the footpath project) back in July however it does not have a history of problems so is not at the top of our priority list for replacement.

The two water leak incidents we had during footpath construction did not directly relate to the water main.

One of them involved the striking of a redundant line, which was then plugged. The other incident was that we found a slow leak in the trunk line, which was connected to a fire hydrant box. This was repaired and a new fire hydrant box installed.

As regards undergrounding the power wires Mr. Monga said, "We did consider undergrounding the power line in that area and discussed it with Northpower.

"The currently chosen option to relocate the two power poles to fit the footpath in the grass berm costs approximately \$21k.

The approximate cost for to underground power was \$85k. This option also included additional electrical works for the adjacent houses to convert their connections from overhead to underground. We did not pursue undergrounding due to the significant additional cost."

Mr. Monga said it would have been the Council and not adjacent householders who would have paid for the undergrounding of the pipes into each house.

LETTERS

Timely assistance

I wish to publicly thank the two volunteer members of the local community patrol who went out of their way recently to assist a member of the public.

In the early hours of Saturday morning following the recent College Ball our daughter's car overheated and she was stranded at the Ruakaka shopping complex. Despite worried mobile calls no tow trucks were available, nor was the A.A. able to assist.

This meant sleeping in her car.

Not only did she receive help from the patrol, but they followed her home ensuring her safety.

Here in Waipu we are blessed with selfless volunteers from several different organisations. In this instance the Community Patrol members certainly deserve praise for their actions.

Name withheld by request.

Stop your moaning

When I moved to Waipu in 1980 I fell in love with the Waipu community and especially the Waipu people who were forever positive, friendly, with a great 'can do' attitude.

Waipu people are not moaners; if there is something they do not like they simply do something about it, no fuss, no negative attitude.

Lately I have noticed mainly in your paper and on line a lot of complaining from people who have moved into Waipu, all unnecessary and all having a negative impact on our town.

Waipu is a great town with great people and businesses all doing a great job.

I would just like to suggest, that if you have moved to Waipu, and find yourself moaning about things here, perhaps it is time you moved on.

Jenny Vaile
Waipu

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For and against the establishment of a separate Maori ward (or wards) for WDC

The Whangarei District Council decided at its 3 November meeting to establish a Maori ward (or wards) for the next local government election in 2022.

Eight Councillors voted for this resolution and six against.

Of our two Bream Bay Ward Councillors Councillor Shelley Deeming voted against setting up the Maori wards and Councillor Ken Couper voted in favour.

Councillor Deeming also supported an amendment put by Councillor Vince Cocurullo that the Council hold a poll on this issue along with the 2022 election. That amendment was lost by eight votes to six, with the same six councillors supporting it as had voted against the establishment of the Maori wards.

The Bream Bay News asked Councillors Deeming and Councillor Couper to explain why they had voted as they did.

Councillor Shelley Deeming

There are many and widely varied reasons for my vote; many couched in the high regard I have for the ability of the Maori people among whom I grew up to stand on their own two feet and achieve outstanding results without the separatism of special conditions.

Very recently WDC was served by both a Mayor



and Deputy Mayor of Maori descent. Both consistently said they would not want to sit around the table without the same mandate to be there as all other members, i.e. in a vote that said they were as worthy to be there as everybody else.

Only those on the Maori roll can vote for a Maori ward and they cannot vote in a general ward. This seems discriminatory to me from both positions and certainly doesn't pertain to my understanding of democracy. Maori standing in general Northland central government seats have been spectacularly successful in past elections without special conditions and in my view if Maori people want Maori representatives they need to get out there and vote.

I believe it is not a matter of lack of ability but possibly lack of confidence which in my view is not likely

to be overcome by special conditions further undermining self-belief.

I seconded and voted for Cr Cocurullo's amendment to canvas public opinion alongside the next election which would have enabled the community to have a view and standing candidates to state their position.

The amendment was lost and 8 of 14 members made the decision to invoke Maori wards.

This was one of my most horrible experiences in council wanting to respect Maori but also standing by my self-respect in holding with the principle of democracy and the oath we took to represent all in a fair and equitable manner.

Councillor Ken Couper

Thank you for the opportunity to explain why I supported the formation of Maori wards in a recent meeting of the Whangarei District Council.

While there is some debate over the interpretation of the Treaty of Waitangi, I don't think anybody would disagree that the intention was for



Maori and Pakeha, to move forward together to the benefit of both cultures. The reality however is that by comparison the Maori culture and Maori people have not enjoyed the same benefits as Pakeha. Any statistic you look into demonstrates this.

As the date for the Council vote approached I was lobbied by people who felt strongly, both for and against Maori wards. A common argument was that the creation of Maori wards was anti democratic. I feel this is not the case as I believe that democracy is the governance of the people, by the people, for the people. Currently we do not achieve this in the chamber at the Whangarei District Council. We do not have proportionally the number of Maori Councillors we should have, and the statistics tell us we are not meeting the needs of many Maori. What we have is governance of the people, by some of the people, and clearly this is not working for a significant number of Maori people. Maori wards help address this in my opinion.

Another argument that is put forward is that there have

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Ten family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police attended ten family harm incidents in the fortnight 2 – 15 November.

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A vehicle was stopped on State Highway One at 9.30pm on 6 November and the driver underwent a breath alcohol test. The test returned a reading of 681 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath and as a result a 28-year-old Whangarei man will be appearing in the Whangarei District Court. The legal alcohol limit for drivers over 20 years of age is 250 micrograms.

Beach ambassador programme

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Councillor Ken Couper on why he voted for the establishment of separate Maori wards

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been Maori Mayors and Councillors who have gained the position without the need for a “special” ward system to get elected. I agree there have been some outstanding Maori people who have represented us in council, however it is not the norm and these people tend to be the exception rather than the rule. I think as a community, we can, and should, expect more.

I accept that Maori wards are a topic that evoke strong feelings in many people, and obviously in this debate we are only looking at a very small part of a much larger issue. I sincerely appreciate and respect the members of our community who took the time to con-

tact me with their thoughts, both for and against this topic. There was also a very clear indication from the Te Karearea Council Standing Committee that they desired Maori wards as a way to increase representation at Council level. I campaigned on a platform of Council making decisions and a desire to close the gap between those who have and those who do not. Weighing the arguments up I voted to support the formation of Maori wards. I hope that the people of Bream Bay will support this small step towards addressing some of the inequity in our community.

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Takutai Place carpark upgrade underway



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Contractors began the job of lowering the surface of the carpark and putting drainage in place prior to asphaltting the surface last week.

Ken Orr, of the Ruakaka Town Centre, who has an arrangement with the Whangarei District Council to seal the carpark, said the work would be undertaken in two stages so as not to be too disruptive to those using the area. Work on the first section of the carpark outside the recreation centre is underway and should be finished before Christmas. Work will begin on the the second section alongside the library in January 2021. While work is underway people visiting the library or recreation centre can use the nearby Educare carpark if extra parking spaces are needed.

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The prostate is a gland found only in men. It is about the size of a walnut, lies just below the bladder and surrounds the tube that drains urine from the bladder (urethra). Its job is to secrete a milky fluid, which becomes part of the semen and nourishes the sperm.

The main conditions affecting the prostate are:

- Prostatitis, which is inflammation of the prostate, usually due to an infection, which will likely need antibiotic treatment.
- Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), which is a gradual enlargement of the prostate as men age. It often causes urinary problems but is not due to cancer.
- Prostate cancer, which is a malignancy which can be life-threatening, particularly if it spreads beyond the prostate. However, in older men prostate cancer is often slow growing and may not require treatment.

Prostatitis

Prostatitis is inflammation of the prostate gland, which is often caused by urinary tract infection. It usually affects younger men.

Prostatitis usually results from blockage or irritation of some of the ducts within the prostate gland. The cause may be a due to a physical problem, an infection (e.g. sexually transmitted infections such as Chlamydia) or as a complication of a urinary infection.

Symptoms of prostatitis may include:

- painful, burning or frequent urination
- weak urine flow or incomplete emptying
- fever and chills
- low back pain.

Diagnosis and treatment of prostatitis

Your doctor may feel your prostate through your rectum (digital rectal examination), to check if your prostate is tender, and take blood or urine samples to test for infection. If you have prostatitis, you may need antibiotic treatment. Take the medication for as long as it is prescribed, to stop the infection recurring.

Benign prostatic hyperplasia

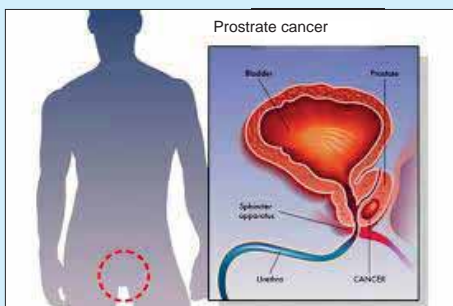
Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) is a normal, gradual enlargement of the prostate caused by hormonal effects. It usually starts in middle age. BPH does not lead to cancer

Prostate cancer

In New Zealand, around 3000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year. Prostate cancer occurs less commonly than BPH, and it is usually slow-growing.

There are usually no symptoms of early prostatic cancer. In older men prostatic cancer is usually slow to develop and if the cancer does not spread beyond the prostate it may not be life-threatening. When prostate cancer does occur in younger men, both diagnosis and treatment outcomes are improved the earlier it is brought to the doctor's attention.

For more information go to www.healthnavigator.org.nz or www.prostate.org.nz



New Years Day community festival in the park

To help with the promotion of a new years day community festival in the Waipu Caledonian Park, Ron Davidson, marketing manager for the Waipu Caledonian Society has obtained permission from the family of the late John Clarke (aka Fred Dagg) to use his image to promote the event.

When it was explained what the image would be used for John Clarke's daughter Lorin said, "The world needs more of this kind of thing right now." A community festival with music, performers, games, market stalls and community information stalls will replace of the Highland Games, which are traditionally held in the Caledonian Park on New Years Day in 2021.

Because of the uncertainty around Covid 19, the Waipu Caledonian Society canceled the games for next year.

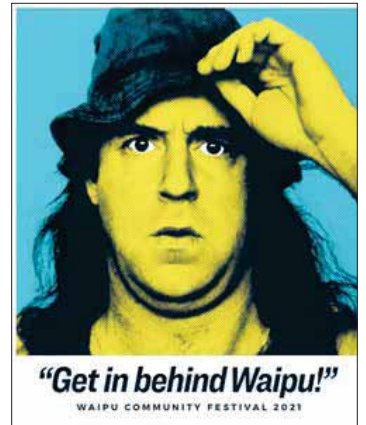
Ron said, "After the terrible year people have experienced because of Covid 19, we want to give everyone the opportunity to come together and enjoy a really positive way to start the new year."

He said the festival event will also give local community groups such as schools, sports clubs, social service groups etc. that have been disadvantaged by Covid 19 an extra chance to raise funds and lift their public profile.

Local people are invited to be part of the day either by providing entertainment with a performance of some kind, volunteering to help or by joining the Waipu Community Festival Supporters Club and paying a \$50 donation towards the festival costs.

A sub-committee with representatives from local community groups has been formed to stage the event. Entry will be by a gold coin donation to cover running costs with any profit made donated to local charitable causes. The festival will run from 9am to 2pm.

If you would like to find out more about the Waipu New Years Day community festival for general enquiries email Kelly Langsford: secretary@wcs.org.nz, for sponsorship offers Peter Gibbs: sponsorship@wcs.org.nz and for Supporters Club donations: Ron Davidson: getinbehindwaipu@creativehotpot.com



Time to start planning those Christmas Parade floats

The date of the Ruakaka Christmas Parade has been set as Saturday 19 December. It will start at 10am outside the Ruakaka Recreation Centre and proceed up Peter Snell Rd past the skatepark and back.

The parade is organised by the Marsden Lions whose President Maree Gutry said, "We would love as many local businesses and community groups to enter the parade to help make it the best it can be."

People can dress up and join the parade, walking the route or decorate a trailer with a simple Merry Christmas theme.

"The only way our parade will grow is if you come and join us. Please make this year's parade a good one."

There is a \$1000 cash prize for the best float, with \$500 for second prize and \$250 third prize.

Contact: Marc Sands 021 552 197 or Maree Gutry 027 322 6385 to enter a float. After the parade there will be fun activities at the Ruakaka shops including funny money to spend, raffles, face painting, a bouncy castle and a Circoo Circus performance.

The Waipu Business and Community Group is calling for entries in this year's Waipu Christmas Parade.

This year the prize pool is: \$1,000 for Supreme Winner, \$500 for runner up and \$350 for the third place getter. There will also be a \$300 prize for the Most Environmentally Friendly float and \$300 for the best entry from a club or community group. You can register your float with Marion Samson – 09 432 1155 or email: marion@northpine.co.nz

The Waipu Christmas Parade, as always will be held on Christmas Eve 24 December starting at 7pm outside the Waipu Pizza Barn with prize giving in the Caledonian Park around 7.30pm.

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Fairy Tern eggs cared for at Auckland Zoo

Photo supplied by Auckland Zoo

Two precious fairy tern eggs laid in a single nest on the Waipu sandspit earlier this month have been taken to the Auckland Zoo for safekeeping with dummy eggs left in their place to keep the parent birds engaged.

The two eggs are amongst nine taken from the Waipu and Manga-whai sandspits when high winds and tides threatened to swamp their nests.

"We will keep an eye on the weather, the adult birds and the eggs over the coming weeks with the aim of moving the eggs back to a safe beach nest prior to hatching" says DOC Ranger Shelley Ogle.

In the meantime zoo staff are emulating as best they can the conditions the eggs would be subject to under the parent birds in their wild nests. Temperatures and humidity is maintained to what they would be in the nest. The eggs are turned several times a day and the incubators are set on a slow rocker to replicate how the parent birds move. The rocking movement also helps mix up the nutrients and protein within the egg that feed the embryo as it is developing.

With fewer than 40 birds remaining, the tara iti/fairy tern is nationally critical and despite intensive management has teetered on the brink of extinction since the 1980s

Fairy tern nest on shell and sand banks sometimes just above spring high tide, leaving them vulnerable to stormy weather coinciding with very high tides and strong winds. They are also vulnerable to predation and disturbance by people and vehicles, so all nest sites are fenced off.

A team of seven fairy tern DOC rangers and numerous community volunteers have worked since September trapping for predators near nesting sites, fencing off nesting sites and preventing nesting birds from being disturbed by humans. These rangers and volunteers will continue to monitor the birds and nests during the breeding season.



Fairy tern eggs at Auckland Zoo with bird keeper, Catherine Francescon

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The Bream Bay College Senior Prizegiving

Story and photos by Julie Paton

Bream Bay College's senior prizegiving was different this year, with no speeches, no junior students, and elbow bumps instead of handshakes.

"The college's cautious approach remains around large gatherings and Covid-19," says principal Wayne Buckland. "We have reduced the size and length of all the prizegiving programmes. The effect of a Covid case coming into contact with our school community around the time NCEA exams are being sat would be one straw too many for many of our students who have kept it together really well throughout the year."

After prizegiving, at a mix and mingle for graduating students, families and teachers, this year's head students reflected on their strange final year at high school.

"While we thought that 2020 would be the year that we got everything that we wanted," said head boy Latham Aull, "We have found it to be the year that we have learned to appreciate everything that we have."

When the country moved into lockdown at the end of March this year, Bream Bay College moved quickly to ensure all students were equipped for online learning, supplying laptops and internet connections where necessary.

"We realised that technology wasn't just a plaything anymore," says head student Lucy Bayer. "It became an important tool for our learning. This became our new normal, four periods back to back talking to our teachers on zoom. Google classroom became our new resource book and as for quizlet, padlet, jamboard split screens and breakout rooms, who would have thought these that these would be our new form of communication?"

She says the new methods of communication and collaboration gave students an appreciation of friends, family and teachers.

While cultural and sporting opportunities were curtailed because of Covid-19 related restrictions, students made the most of the opportunities they did have, playing sport, making the Senior ball happen despite two postponements, while the annual senior music night and Te Tuinga became recorded performances.

This year for the first time in 40 years, two students shared the Dr McBirney Memorial Award. Kayla Carter and Jack Boakes shared the award, which is presented to the best all round student based on their character, application and ability, as award committee chair Neil McLeod said the committee were unable to separate the pair's achievements.



Rangatira tane and winner of the Whangarei MP's award for contribution to racial harmony Taunga-Tyreec Taunga with proud mum Ricki MacShane (left) and aunty Peggy Putairi

These two were also the college's top academic achievers for the year, with Boakes awarded dux based on a GPA of 94 and Carter Proxime Accessit. Boakes is headed to Auckland University to study computer science, assisted by a \$20,000 Auckland University top achiever scholarship. Carter plans to study spatial design at AUT with a \$6500 significant student award.

Other special awards: Pasifika leadership: Talia Ashby, Rangatira Tane: Taunga-Tyreec Taunga, Rose Waerea and Gordon Lee Cup for Innovation and Enterprise in Music: Elijah Backhouse, ASB Sports Award Code Winner: Maddison Greatorex

Best All-Round Sportsman: Kayla Carter, Sportsman of the Year (Dux Ludorum):

Maddison Greatorex (winner of the North Island Pony Grand Prix) Maddison missed prizegiving as she was away competing at the Horse of the Year competition., Year 11 Outstanding Citizens: Zara Jacobson, Keira Carroll, Connor Owen, Alex Lynch, Lear Cup for Endeavour: Teneille Hiki, Northpower Award for Excellence in Technology: Zara Jacobson, Mirabella Uphof, Connor Owen, Alex Lynch First in Year 11: Mirabella Uphof and Max Whitehead, Second in Year 11: Zara Jacobson and Alex Lynch, First in Year 12: Ryan Andrews and Elyahna Backhouse Second in Year 12: Abby Wright and Jackson Howie, Marsden Lions Citizenship Award (\$300): Hayden Bartlett and Grace Rodgers, Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award (\$2000): Thomas Brears, Whangarei MP's Award for Contribution to Racial Harmony: Taunga-Tyreec Taunga, KT Footwear Cup for Integrity: Kiri Jonathon,



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Bella Wati - Agriculture



Teacher Tivaan Doak-Smith adjusts the korowai for student Talia Ashby, first place in Year 13 Maori

integrity: Kiri Jonathon, Kururangi Cup for Citizenship: Talia Ashby, Waipu Lions Cup for Citizenship (\$500): Summer Babe-Vercoe, Harvey Abercrombie Award (\$1000): Summer Babe-Vercoe and Hayden Bartlett, George Watt Scholarships (\$2000): Talia Ashby, Hayden Bartlett, Summer Babe-Vercoe, Jack Boakes, Dakin-Alasdair Braddock, Kayla Carter, Thomas Jacobson, Kiri Jonathon, Abbie-Jean Panui-Park, Grace Rodgers



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The deadline for all copy is 4pm on

Wednesday 25 November

Fulfilling a very personal ambition



The finished painting in a dome at the top of the stairwell

For the past 16 years Sharon- Boaz has been spending a considerable amount of her time lying supine on a mattress set on a platform held up by scaffolding at the top of the stairwell in her Marsden Bay home producing the work of art below on a dome set in the ceiling of the two storey home she shares with her husband Doctor Neville de Villiers in Albany Rd. in Marsden Bay.

It's a dizzying height from the ceiling to the floor below and Sharon said it took a while to get used to it. Just as she was finishing painting the frame around the outside of her artwork she damaged her shoulder and needed a course of physiotherapy to put it right. As soon as she was able she climbed back up to get to work once again.

Sharon said she has always wanted a dome in the house, which she could paint. This one is on chains so a future occupant won't be tempted to paint over it. She hopes it will end up in an art gallery or museum somewhere in Whangarei.

There is a lot of personal family history in the work. The book on the lap of the Angel Gabrielle has biblical names in gothic style writing on one side of the open page and on the other the names of some of Sharon's forebears who lived in Whangarei.

The cherubs in the painting have the faces of her grandchildren and other children she has had a close connection with.

The curly headed child at the bottom left of the picture is setting a boat in the water. This represents Douma the craft in which Doctor de Villiers sailed from the UK to New Zealand in 1980. Sharon has charted its passage around the southern coast of Australia, around Spirits Bay at the northern tip of New Zealand and then southwards along the east coast of Northland to Whangarei where Dr. de Villiers came ashore at the Marsden Point Refinery wharf.

The waves at spirits bay are depicted as a team of white horses.

Sharon's daughter loved fairies when she was little, so a fairy has been included in the design.

Another personal reference is the tattoo on the forehead of the Angel Gabrielle. This is the same Celtic design Sharon has on her own forehead.



Sharon copied the portrait from a famous portrait of the ill fated second wife of King Henry VIII of England

And as a reference to Leonardo de Vinci who painted spaceships, Sharon has included one in her painting. How did she come to paint like this? Has she travelled in Europe and gazed in awe at the work of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel.

"No, but I have all the books," Sharon says.

When she was a child she would stay with her grandmother who lived in central Auckland and she and her sister would wander off on their own to the Auckland Museum. They would gaze at the museum's collection of Renaissance art and Sharon said she knew straight away she could paint in that style.

Having finished the major dome project she continues to paint. She is currently working on a portrait of Queen Elizabeth 1st of England which she found in a faded state in a second hand store. She has painted the rose in the Queen's hand a bright pink to contrast sharply with the dullness of the rest of the painting.

New Helmsdale Rd business carries on this district's proud engineering history



Tony in his workshop with a tubular aluminium table stand he designed and made for a customer.

Town and Country or TC Engineering is a new business operating from Helmsdale Rd. in Waipu.

Tony Carter is a light fabrication engineer, which means he can design and make specialist metal products such as shelves, brackets and other fittings for homes, businesses and boats. He makes furniture, gates and railings and is qualified to build food grade pipework. He recently worked on the expansion of Waipu's McLeods brewery. He can custom build trailers and has built his own aluminum fishing boat.

Tony served his apprenticeship at the naval base in Devonport. He has since worked in a variety of different places learning new skills from each.

He worked for a boat building company in Auckland and for Classic Sheet Metals in West Auckland.

Seventeen years ago he moved to Waipu with his wife Mez and their two children. The idea was always to start their own business and work from home but initially Tony landed a job at the Marsden Point Refinery and for the last fourteen years he has worked for the engineering company SPIIND in Ruakaka.

He oversaw the work on the big aluminum walkway that was part of a SPIIND contract to supply a training barge for the New Zealand Navy and on shut downs at Fonterra factories.

Tony says Whangarei was built on the engineering industry and for a time was the boat building capital of New Zealand. He feels like he is just carrying on this tradition.

If you take the Covid 19 Lockdown out of the equation he has been in business on his own for just on a year.

Mez says things are working out well and they are both enjoying working from home. Her role is marketing, accounts and general running of the business.

They are finding there is plenty of work around.

Tony said, "Sometimes I think there is too much to do and I really could use having someone working with me but I just work into the night and get it all done."

Nau mai haere mai

The Waipū Community Led Fund Project Committee invites you to attend the first public walking of the Waipū River Walk

Meet at Waipū Presbyterian Church Hall on
**** Saturday 28 November at 10.30am ****
for a debrief before setting off

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The walk is approx. 3.4km, moderate fitness level required, there is a stile to climb as walkway route is not yet complete

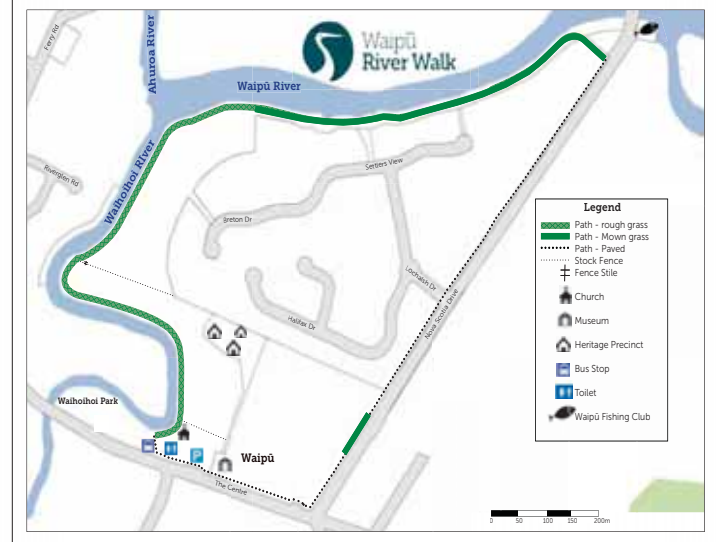
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Activity	Day and Time	Cost	Contact
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Light Circuit Fitness class	Monday 10am to 11am		\$3 AnnMarie 0211693115
Light Circuit Fitness class	Wednesday 11am to 12pm		\$3 AnnMarie 0211693115
Tai Chi	Monday 11am to 12pm		\$2 Annette 4327897
Chi Kung	Wednesday 9am to 10am		\$8 Alice 02102480549
Aerial Yoga	Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm, booking essential		\$18 Barbara 0212998840
Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm		\$3 Lu 4328941
Karate	Thursdays 4pm to 7.00pm		\$5 Pam 4320760
60's up	4th Friday of month 10am to 4pm	\$12 annually fee	Joy 021491887
Music club	1st Monday of month 7pm to 10pm		\$2 Holly 021 842 060
Squash casual	Weekdays-booking essential 8am to 5pm	\$5 p/h	Rac Centre 4327962
Pilates	Tuesday 5.15pm to 6.15pm booking essential	\$12 concession(10x)	Barbara 0212998840
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Ruakaka trainer wins NZ Cup at Christchurch



Dragon Storm in the centre and Lincoln King on the left race to the finish line in the New Zealand Cup race at Riccarton.

A horse trained by Chris Gibbs of Ruakaka has won the 3200 New Zealand Cup held at the Riccarton track in Christchurch on Saturday 14 November.

It was an exciting finish with Cambridge trained horse Lincoln King making a late run. Dragon Storm thrust his head out at the winning post to take the race by a nose. Dragon Storm was sired by Melbourne Cup winner Shocking. His dam is two time Auckland Cup winner Prize Lady so he has the right breeding for long races.

He is owned by a syndicate of local Chinese racing enthusiasts, headed by Alan Fu, who paid \$150,000 for him as a two-year-old at the New Zealand Breeders Ready To Run Sale four years ago.

Mr. Gibbs had praise for jockey Craig Grylls, "He rode him beautifully and got him out at just the right time. With his breeding we all know he can stay but the beautiful big track here just suited him down to the ground.

"I don't know about these nose margins though, as I thought my heart was going to jump out of my chest."

Mr. Gibbs said Dragon Storm "likes to run fresh" and he will be rested in the paddock now until next year when all going to plan he will race in the Auckland Cup in March.

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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	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)
4.50pm	Arrives	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall



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- **WAIPU RIVER WALK** Saturday 28 November at 10.30am. Meet at the Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall.
- **THE WAIPU SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 13 December. 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 20 December from 9am - 1pm. In the big marquee at Marsden Cove
- **HELEN MCGREGOR MEMORIAL TROPHY PIPING COMPETITION in the Waipu Celtic Barn from 7pm 31st December 2020**
- **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am - 4pm.
- **THE RUAKAKA CHRISTMAS PARADE** Saturday 19 December at 10am outside the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. Family fun afterwards at the Ruakaka Towncentre with facepainting, funny money, raffles, circus performance, bouncy castle.
- **THE WAIPU CHRISTMAS PARADE** On Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December. Starting at 7pm outside the Pizza Barn. Prizegiving afterwards in the Caledonian Park
- **NEW YEARS DAY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL** in the Waipu Caledonian Park. From 9am to 2pm on Friday 1 January 2021. Entertainment and stalls Entry by gold coin donation.

Halfway there with funds for the Rec Centre Fire Safety upgrade

It's been hard going but the Ruakaka Recreation Centre is close to halfway towards meeting the cost of the \$100,000 fire safety upgrade it needs to comply as a public building under new regulations.

The centre's manager Christine Thirling said around \$4000 has come in through donations and raffles with the inclusion of a \$623 donation raised by the Marsden Bay Garden club whose members served Devonshire Teas and sold raffle tickets on the club's recent Garden Ramble.

A grant of \$10,000 was received from the Whangarei District Council's community fund, \$4,271 has come from Pub Charity to meet the cost of two fire doors and the centre received \$6,000 from Sport Northland from a Covid 19 resilience fund which will go towards this project.

In addition, the Council's Parks and Recreation department has agreed to cover some of the cost of the fire safety engineer's and architect's reports.

Christine estimates the shortfall is now \$50,000 and she is preparing an application to Transpower Community Care Fund for this amount.



Justice of the Peace Jules Flight was called in to draw the Marsden Bay Garden Centre raffle which raised \$623 towards the Recreation Centre Fire Safety upgrade. On the left is Recreation Centre Manager Christine Thirling and on the right Sharon Booth of the Marsden Bay Garden Club.

MARSDEN POINT TIDES

	AM		PM	
Thu 19 Nov	11.34	2.8	11.51	2.6
Fri 20 Nov	~	~	12.25	2.7
Sat 21 Nov	12.43	2.5	1.17	2.6
Sun 22 Nov	1.36	2.4	2.11	2.5
Mon 23 Nov	2.32	2.3	3.07	2.4
Tue 24 Nov	3.31	2.2	4.03	2.4
Wed 25 Nov	4.31	2.2	4.57	2.3
Thu 26 Nov	5.29	2.2	5.48	2.3
Fri 27 Nov	6.23	2.3	6.35	2.3
Sat 28 Nov	7.11	2.3	7.19	2.4
Sun 29 Nov	7.55	2.4	8.00	2.4
Mon 30 Nov	8.34	2.4	8.40	2.4
Tue 1 Dec	9.13	2.5	9.20	2.4
Wed 2 Dec	9.50	2.5	10.00	2.4
Thu 3 Dec	10.29	2.5	10.40	2.4
Fri 4 Dec	11.09	2.5	11.23	2.4

Quilts for Bream Bay Coastal Care raffle

The Marsden Material Girls, a quilting group which meets regularly in the Marsden Bay Yacht and Boat Club in One Tree Point has donated two quilts, one to fit a Queen sized bed and another cot sized to the Bream Bay Coastal Care group to raffle.

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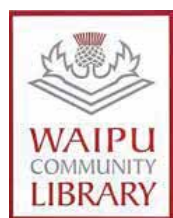
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