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Concerns planned site of Waipu interchange would funnel high volumes of traffic through the town

Several years ago NZTA proposed a roundabout at Shoemaker Rd. as part of road safety upgrades for State Highway One. When NZTA representatives presented their proposals at a Waipu Resident and Ratepayers Association Meeting they met some vociferous opposition.

People were concerned that if the Nova Scotia Drive/ State Highway One intersection was removed traffic from Mangawhai and Langs Beach would be funneled through Waipu Township. Representatives of Waipu 2,000 and the WRRA subsequently held meetings with NZTA staff and the plan was changed so that the roundabout would be at the Nova Scotia intersection. NZTA was even in negotiations to purchase land for this project when it was called to a halt with the emphasis now on building the four-lane highway.

Now it seems we are back to square one. The interchange from the new highway into Waipu will be in The Braigh so traffic from Langs Beach and Mangawhai wanting to connect with the highway will first need to drive through the town.

Home owners whose property is earmarked for the

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Ruakākā Fire Brigade at the **Villy Day Out**



Reid Gibb, aged 7 years, and Neeson Swimmall, aged 8, take part in the Ruakaka Fire Brigades challenge at the Villy Day out held in the Te One St Park on Saturday 15 November . Station Officer Marama Ahomiro oversees the action.

More Villy Day out photos on pages 7



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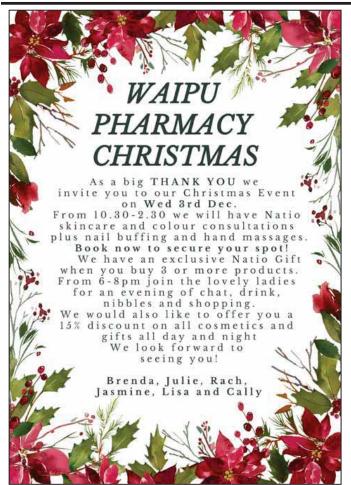
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EDITORIAL

Will that second highway through Bream Bay ever be built? It's already costing millions and shattering the peace of mind of many homeowners

This is a lovely time of year before the sun gets too hot, when there is still moisture in the ground and the vegetation is still green. I remember how happy I always felt coming home to Northland for Christmas when I was living in Auckland or Wellington and seeing the long soft grass just beginning to set flower heads. I would wind down the car window to feel the warm breeze. Sometimes you have to go away to appreciate what you have.

I can empathise with the people who have been told that their homes will be demolished to make way for the proposed new four-lane highway. The route planners seem to be lining up as many loved homes, essential pieces of farm infrastructure and as much fertile pasture land as possible. No wonder the price tag is over \$18 million.

Do those harbingers of doom, the NZTA representative calling on farmers and lifestyle block owners to tell them their land will be taken for the highway understand what they are doing to people? For some, myself included, a home is more than just a building and a piece of land. There is the fig tree out the back given to me by my late father. There are the rose bushes I planted and enjoy all summer, the vegetable garden built up with compost over many years and the hundred little totara trees I am nurturing down by the river.

Lynda Bryham father's ashes were scattered amongst a stand of kaikatea trees that she has been told will make way for the new road as will the beautiful house she and her partner Jose designed and built was intended as their forever home.

Some ecologically valuable areas such as the wetland at the bottom of Doctors Hill Road, a known habitat for the endangered Australasian bittern and the stand of kaikatea trees in the Braigh on Linda and Jose's land on the Braigh in Waipu where the interchange from the new highway into Waipu is planned are also in the firing

The proposed second highway through Bream Bay is already costing millions of dollars and is shattering the peace of mind of people who have worked for years to establish their homes.

Will this additional, parallel highway through Bream Bay even go ahead? It will take a large chunk of this country's infrastructure spend so really needs bi-partisan buy in. That doesn't seem to be in place. In fact the speed and lack of public consultation this route is being designed with suggest the opposite is true. There is an undue haste to get this project so far down the track that it cannot be undone. However, the Coalition Government needs to remember how it cancelled the iRex Cook St ferry contract with hundreds of millions of taxpayer money already paid out to Hyundai and invested in upgrading port infrastructure and then in a cancellation fee.

Transport Minister Chris Bishop has announced \$187 million "to progress the design, consenting and route protection of section 2 (Te Hana to the Port Marsden Highway and 3 (Port Marsden Highway to Whangārei)."

The Waipu Resident and Ratepayers Association has invited representatives of both major political parties to visit farms that would be affected. So far only Whangārei MP Shane Reti has responded saying he will take up the invitation in the New Year. Doing our small bit to help NZ move forward and away from this wasteful situation were projects are begun and then unpicked when a new government gets elected, we need to work at getting more MPs to come on that visit.

Marilyn

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Minister gives assurances the impact on productive farmland will be taken into account in Northern Corridor project

The Honorable Chris Bishop, Minister of Transport has replied to a letter from the Bream Bay News editor Marilyn Cox

He thanked her for her email of 3 October 2025 raising concerns about the effect the proposed four-lane highway would have on farmland.

He said, "I can confirm that as part of an economic assessment, the Northland Corridor project considers the broader impacts to businesses and the local economy, including the farmland you have described. The impact the project will have on highly productive land will also be assessed taking into account the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022."

He said, "Part of the next phase of work the project will undertake to further refine the route will be to engage directly with impacted property owners from Te Hana to Whangārei in order to further understand the impacts on affected farms and how the project proposed to address them.

"On 20 October 2025 I announced the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) Board decision to approve funding of \$187m to progress the design, consenting and route protection of sections 2 (Te Hana to Port Marsden Highway and 3 (Port Marsden to Whangārei of the Northland Corridor. The project represents a transformational opportunity to boost jobs and growth in a region rich with potential."

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Waipu interchange have been told that this will be build as part of the Brynderwyn section of the Northland Corridor and they can expect to be served with notices formally informing them of this requirement early in

Graham Boult, who was part of Waipu's negotiation with NZTA last time around said although some of the traffic from the northern side of Mangawhai may able access the new highway south of the Brynderwyns, the volume of vehicles travelling north from Langs Beach and Mangawhai is likely to increase and it will all be coming through the centre of Waipu.

First ever female station officer



Marama Ahomiro is the Ruakākā Fire Brigade's first ever female Station Officer. Marama joined the brigade after returning from Australia to her hometown of Ruakākā in 2020. Her training was held up for a while by Covid 19 restrictions but as soon as she was able she became fully involved gaining her Heavy Traffic Licence and undergoing Emergency Response Driver training. Ruakākā Fire Chief Warren Marshall (pictured said this is an historic milestone for the brigade



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Local business support progresses the Ruakākā **Shared Path**



The Bream Bay Shared Path - from the Ruakākā Tavern to Marsden Cove is steaming along under the watchful eye of Darrell Trigg -Project Manager who has volunteered his time and expertise.

The hope is to have the trail formed and at least graveled to the intersection of McEwan Rd by Christmas.

Support has come from many local businesses including: Trigg Construction Ltd, Hansen Drainage and Earthworks Ltd, Seaview Contractors, T8 Traffic Management, Complete Concrete Ltd, Firth Concrete ltd, and Akarana Timbers Marsden.

Grant Brown Secretary of the Shared Path committee said, "The valuable assistance of these local contractors has allowed us to build this shared path at a fraction of the cost that it would normally take. The group will keep going until this current allocation of funding from the Whangarei District Council runs out.

"We are planning a Christmas raffle with the prize a new E Bike donated by Melo Yellow Whangārei. We ask for the support of our community to either sell or buy the raffle books."

More details will be on the Bream Bay Shared Path facebook page.





No driving past this point sign stolen after just one week



The sign lasted in this position for just one week

This new sign showing the point on the beach south of the Tip Rd beach entrance past which vehicles are not permitted lasted just one week in its position in the dunes before it was pulled out and stolen.

The Northland Regional Council sent up a drone to see if the sign had been dumped somewhere nearby but could not find it.

It cost around \$1,000 for the sign itself, the posts it was attached to and the job of installing it.

Vehicles were banned from two kilometers of beach north of the Waipu Rivermouth in December 2023 when the new Northland Regional Plan was adopted. In June 2023 the Environment Court directed the NRC to implement vehicle exclusion zones on beaches around Northland as it found the impact of vehicles in these areas is "a risk to significant ecological sites and threatened species".

The new (now stolen) sign was designed to give beach drivers clear information about the area they are no longer permitted to be in.

The Waipu Estuary provides shorebird habitat and is

one of the few nesting sites for the critically endangered New Zealand Fairy Tern. Extensive efforts have been made to improve the breeding success of fairy tern and as their numbers slowly increase more suitable nesting sites are needed. Fairy tern are territorial and drive away rival pairs from the vicinity of their nests. They choose shell strewn sections of dune land alongside estuaries where they find small fish to feed their chicks. Dotterel and oystercatchers also nest at the Waipu Estuary, with some attempting to nest on the northern side where until vehicles can be deterred they are in danger of being run over. David Laurie of Bream Bay Coastal Care reports vehicles continuing to drive from Tip Rd to the rivermouth, with one last week transporting a dog, which was let out to romp around amongst the shore bird nesting area.

Laura Shaft of the NRC said despite the sign being stolen, the section of beach north of the estuary remains a vehicle exclusion zone and the NRC will be stepping up its enforcement of this ban.



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"We thought this would be our forever home - it's gut wrenching"

Linda Bryham and Jose Castillo have been told their home in The Braigh, Waipu will need to make way for the interchange into Waipu from the proposed four-lane highway.

The stand of kahikatea behind their home will also be destroyed and Linda is not sure which of these two pending loses upsets her the most.

Jose and Linda built their house 15 years ago with Jose, a plasterer by trade, doing the finishing work. They have planted an orchard and established gardens. It has taken a lot of time and effort.

The ashes of Linda's father, who died when she was just 21-years - old are scattered in the kaikatea grove. Linda remembers walking through the swampy forest with her Dad and jumping between the raised roots of the trees.

The kaikatea with their wide spreading root systems have withstood cyclones.

"They never fall over, they just sway from side to side." Linda said.

There are more kaikatea on the other side of the State Highway One. Her family gave land for the Waipu bypass in the 1980s, which cut the forest in half. These trees will also be destroyed as will the family farm just east of the highway and six houses on this farm, which house farm workers members of Linda's family.

Linda and Jose's daughter Vanessa obtained a degree at Lincoln University and currently manages the farm.

"This was meant to be her career", said Linda.

Linda looks after the farm accounts and Jose bases his plastering business at their home.

"We will all lose our homes and our livelihoods", Linda said. Linda and Jose have been told the Waipu interchange would be part of the Brynderwyn section of the new Northland Corridor, which will be built as a priority before the section between Waipu and the Port Marsden Highway. They were told to expect a formal notice telling them their land is required in February or March of 2026.

"We thought this would be our forever home. It's gut wrenching", Linda said.



Linda in the kaikatea forest



Left in limbo until final route is decided

Denis and Robyn McCartain live on the other side of the Braigh and have also been told their property may be needed for the interchange. "We were all set up here. We get 75% of our food off this land. Its taken ten years to get this place the way we want it and we are too old to start all over again somewhere else", Denis said.

He is an acclaimed wood turner and has a workshop set up on the property.

He questions how long it's going to take for the new road to be built." "If we are forced to move away from here and then the road doesn't get built for another ten years I would be really annoyed."

He gave the example of farmland in Mata designated for the rail spur to Marsden Point in 2012. The spur has not yet been built.

At a meeting with NZTA representatives last week Robyn and Denis were told the exact route for the new road hasn't been finalized and there is still uncertainty about whether their property would be required.

"We are still in limbo"

Denis raised the issue of how an interchange at the Braigh would negatively impact the town of Waipu and the NZTA representatives said they had received a letter about this and it is something they would need to consider.

Nigel Taylor whose lifestyle block he shares with his partner on The Braigh is also in the firing line said for him, "It's the uncertainty that is the issue. The length of time between this round of notifications (October 2025) to the decision being made - they say February/March 2026 but when have they ever kept a due date in the planning phase!"

Brynderwyn closure highlights the need for completion of the Waipu trail



With State Highway One over the Brynderwyn closed for resealing and dozens of Te Araroa hikers walking through Bream Bay the need for the completion of the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walking Trail became very apparent.

Wendy Boyd watched from her home as hikers looking at their phones, perhaps following direction instructions, crossed the road where the trail runs out at Riverview Place.

Wendy emailed her concerns to Mayor of the Whangarei District Ken Couper, the Council's infrastructure committee chair Brad Flower, its CEO Simon Weston and for good measure the Member of Parliament for Whangarei Shane Reti.

She asked why the cycleway had not been completed as the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers had been informed by then Deputy Mayor Phil Halse that it would be built by December 2024.

Writing on Thursday 13 December, Wendy said, "The amount of traffic today is huge and very unsafe.

"The number of walkers/ overseas hikers on the Te Araroa Trail has increased greatly within the last month

She said the walkers were crossing "this dangerous

road on a corner with limited vision from both directions. And in the rain!"

Wendy said she had also seen families "with young children on their little two wheelers peddling fast, staying close to the barrier, parents front and back. One wobble and there will be a death."

She concluded, "This is an urgent matter. We do not need fatalities at this time of the year."

Asked when the last section of the trail would be built Whangārei Mayor Ken Couper said, "The job has been designed and is now out in the tender process, which will see the two ends of the trail connected.

"The commencement of the project will be dependent on the price coming within budget, and this will depend on the response to the tender process

He said he would keep the Bream Bay News informed and appreciated the community's involvement."

Early in 2024 the Waipu Cycle and Walkway Trust called for public donations and applied for grants to extend the trail from McLean Rd to the Waipu Cemetery with an understanding the Council would build the section around the Riverview Place corner to join the two already completed sections.



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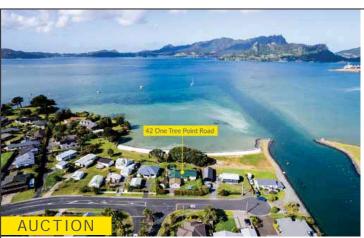
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Ruakākā Library marks 50 years

By Maggie Mouat



Whangarei Mayor Ken Couper unveils a wooden carving by Gordon Both made to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Ruakaka Library

Ruakākā Library celebrated its 50th birthday last month, a milestone that brought together past and present librarians, long-time supporters, and local leaders to honour five decades of service to the community.

The ceremony opened with a karakia from Wiremu Green, grounding the event in shared connection to Ruakākā and the wider whenua.

Newly elected Mayor Ken Couper and past Deputy Mayor Phil Halse, who served the district for more than 33 years, joined in marking the occasion. Phil reflected on the library's humble beginnings and the bold vision that has carried it forward, a spirit he said is captured in the design of the modern building that houses it today.

Mayor Couper spoke of the importance of "Wellington getting involved" to help communities like Ruakākā continue to thrive and to recognise the district's contribution to Aotearoa's vibrant culture and growth.

The importance of collegial collaboration between the district's regional libraries and the central Whangārei Library was highlighted by Glenn Davidson, the General Manager of Whangārei Libraries. Glen highlighted the mobile library bus as a great example of partnership in action, noting that while there were early concerns the service might detract from smaller libraries, it has instead strengthened community connections and lifted the profile of libraries right across the district.

He said, the Ruakākā Library itself stands as a shining example of the volunteer economy in action. The librarians who sustain it give, not only their hours but their hearts, blending wisdom, dedication, and fresh ideas to ensure this much-loved library continues to grow and evolve with its community.

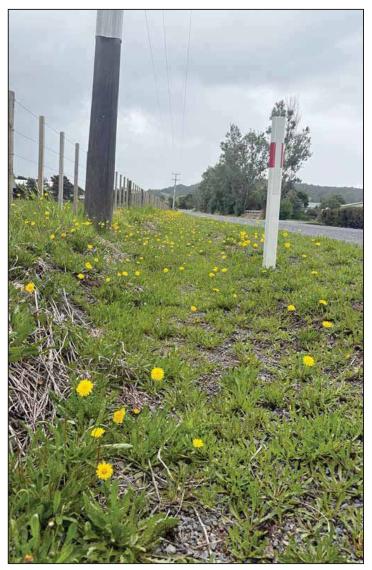
Among those who spoke was Sharon Booth, Ruakāka Community Library Chairwoman, whose speech moved many to tears as she thanked all who have carried the mantle over the years, from early volunteers to today's team, and looked with hope toward the library's future.

To commemorate this special moment, Sharon's husband Gordon gifted a hand-carved wooden book, which will take pride of place on the library counter, a reminder of the past, present, and future of a community-led project that has fuelled imaginations, sparked curiosity, and provided literary escape for all ages in the Ruakākā community.



Ruakākā Library Chairwoman Sharon Booth at the celebration

Every summer there are ribbons of bright yellow flowers along our roadsides



Cat's ear or false dandelions have begun their summer flowering on many of our roadsides

Every summer our roads are flanked by ribbons of bright yellow flowering daisies. These are false dandelions, flat weed or cat's ear, a plant native to Europe, probably imported in seed brought to this country by early settler pastoralists.

At nightfall all those millions of little yellow flowers close up but by morning their bright yellow petals are on full display again.

The botanical name for false danedlion is hypochaeris radicata. It is commonly mistaken for true dandelions. The flowers are similar and they both form similar windborne seeds. However, false dandelion flowering stems are forked and solid, whereas dandelions have unforked stems that are hollow. Both plants have a rosette of leaves and a central taproot. The leaves of dandelions are jagged in appearance, whereas those of false dandelions are more lobe-shaped like a cat's ear and are hairier.

False dandelions are extremely hardy, able to grow in stony hard - packed, dry soil and seem to be able to survive the herbicide periodically sprayed on roadside verges. In the absence of competing plants they thrive and multiply.

The leaves, flowers and roots of false dandelions are edible, although perhaps better not to eat those growing on busy roadsides or where herbicide has been applied. There is a recipe for false dandelion petal jelly made with lemon juice and honey. The leaves can be used in salads and stir fries

But a warning to horse riders, be careful not to let your pony snatch a mouthful as the plant is suspected of causing, a condition known as stringhalt in horses.

Camp closed for Argentine ant erradication

The Department of Conservation's Ureitit camp has been closed for the past ten days as a spray programme to get rid of an ant infestation has been carried out.

Abigail Monteith, a Senior Media and Communications Advisor for DOC, confirmed these were Argentine Ants. From the Northland Regional Council's Pest Control Hub webpage – "Argentine Ants are widespread in the Northland Region. They favour sandy coastal soils and volcanic soils but have also been found in other areas, particularly in association with human activity. Care needs to be taken that there are Argentine Ants are not present in potted plants, soil, mulch, camping gear etc. when these are being moved around the region..

Nests of Argentine ants have multiple queens and are capable of multiplying into huge numbers in a very short time.

They link their nests and form super-colonies, which can extend over hundreds of metres.

Argentine Ants are considered a threat to New Zealand's biodiversity. Colonies can grow rapidly. They ants eat native invertebrate that many indigenous species depend on. They will also eat lizards, bird's eggs and newly hatched chicks.

Argentine Ants are light brown in colour where most other ants seen in NZ are black. They are around 2-3mm long and often move in large distinctive trails five or more ants wide.

Care needs to be taken in using poison on these insects as a failed attempt can cause bait aversion or spread the problem further. Ant bait doesn't work well during the colder months as the ants diet changes to focus on carbohydrates rather than protein.

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Pictures taken at the Villy Day Out

"It was awesome, bringing our community together with a focus on families and children. It was a day of unity", was event coordinator Bobby Joe Paikea's comment about this year's Villy Day out held in the Te One St. reserve in the Ruakākā Village on Saturday 15 November.

"The Village Day Out was truly a wonderful event. We were blessed to see so many people come together, and the support from local businesses, service providers, and community services was outstanding. Their involvement made a real impact, and we're grateful for everyone who showed up to engage with the community.

"It truly takes a village to make days like this possible, and we appreciate every hand that helped bring it to life."

She said,We are always learning and every year it gets easier." Up on the stage there was a Villy Day Out Idol competition with adults and children competing for donated prizes inclucing tickets to the UB40 concert in Semenoff Stadium, Whangārei in February, tickets to the cinema, McDonalds and Dominoes Pizza vouchers.

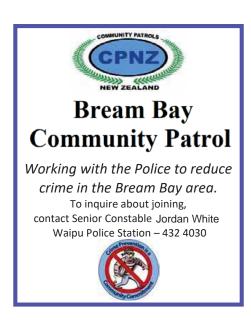
The Ruak $\bar{a}k\bar{a}$ Fire Brigade ran a challenge for children involving pulling weights, swinging a hammer and activating a fire hose.

Bobby Joe said the brigade does a great kids challenge every year. "We are lucky to have such an active group of people in our brigade." Some giant inflatable slides made a colourful backdrop.

There were a record number of 60 stalls this year including one by the Patuharakeke Taiao group selling hangi, the Bream Bay Anglican Church, Bream Bay Coastal Care selling tickets to its big annual raffle, Meridian Energy giving lessons about electricty and Ringa Atawahi Matauranga, which provides Rongoa Maori Services under contract to the Ministry of Health demonstrated massage techniques in their tent.



Willow Lindeque (aged 4) and her big brother Quinn (aged 5) enjoying some sweet strawberries on sale at the Villy Day Out.



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Some giant inflatable slides made a colourful backdrop to the event

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Beau Connelly - Maihi aged 6 and his brother Reid, aged 5 with their mother Emily Connelly. The boys were each able to choose an item from a stall selling hats and small inexpensive toys for children.



Whatukura Blanch, aged 7 years, up on the stage showing his dance moves

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Knox Taualofa, aged 7, with some very cool sunglasses, with his Dad Mike Taualofa.



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Learning about our Northland seabirds A Manu Moana wanangā at the Waipu Surf Lifesaving clubrooms



Hollie Kereopa of Te Pou Taiao o Patuharakeke organised the wananga. Hollie has a bachelor degree in marine biology

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False killer whales, which are messy eaters, are often accompanied by black petrel, which feast on the scraps they leave. *Photo by Jochen Zaeschmar of the Far Out Ocean Research Collective*

Chris Gaskin of the Seabird Trust said NZ has more seabird diversity than anywhere else on earth and there are species which only nest on specific islands off the Northland coastline including the Black Petrel, which nests in burrows on Hauturu (Little Barrier) and Aotea (Great Barrier) and the New Zealand Storm Petrel, which was thought to be extinct but rediscovered in 2003. Its only known nesting site is on Hauturu.

Cooks Petrel, which fossil remains show was once widespread around New Zealand now nests only on Codfish Island just west of Stewart Island as well as on Hauturu and Aotea.

He was speaking at a day long Manu Moana Wanangā held on Tuesday 11 November in the Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club organised by Te Pou Taiao o Patuharakeke. Representative of the Mountains to Sea Trust, the Piroa Conservation Trust, Te Wairahi Trust, Waipū About Tern (Taraiti/NZ Fairy Tern), Bream Bay Guardians, Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust, Far Out Research Collective, and the Bream Bay News were invited to attend.

Seabird scientist Edin Whitehead said manu moana have an important role to play in the ecosystems of offshore islands as they transport nutrients from the sea onto the islands through their guano and regurgitation. These nutrients feed invertebrates, and this in turn feeds lizards, tuatara and land birds

This process once occurred around the coastline of New Zealand when seabirds were able to nest here in abundance

Edin said marine heat waves due to climate change could impact seabird survival. She cited a study on Pakahā (Little Fluttering Shearwater) during the warm summer of 2020 and 2021. The birds, which normally leave their chicks for a single day while they search

for food in the ocean, were away for two-day periods at this time. Although the chicks fledged in normal numbers their weight was lower than it should have been

Marine Scientist Jochen Zaeschmar of the Far Out Ocean Research Collective

gave information from a two-year study conducted in conjunction with Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board looking at the presence of marine mammals in and around Bream Bay.

The study was funded by MPI with a view to considering the likely impacts the construction of the Northport expansion and the ports operation would have on these animals.

Jochen said it was assumed that the seas around Bream Bay, having been subjected to pressures from the port and the oil refinery, would not be rich in sea mammals but the two-year study had found otherwise. He said there is a large population of bottle nosed dolphins which are core users of the seas around Bream Bay. The study was able to identify 288 individuals as well as orca, healthy numbers of pilot whales, false killer whales (150 individuals) and common dolphins. On one expedition in 2024 a blue whale was spotted. Individual dolphins can be recognized by scars and marks on their dorsal fins.

The study also identified 24 species of sea birds. Jochen said there were likely to be been more than this as sea birds in flight can be difficult to identify.

He told the group, that some seabirds can be found in association with sea mammals. Groups of false killer whales, which are messy eaters, are often accompanied by black petrel, which feast on the scraps they leave.

Sports Talk by Lisa Jones of the Bream Bay Sports Trust

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GETTING STARTED

• When did you first start playing your sport?

I started boxing training at home with my dad when I was 9. You can't join the amateurs until 10 so I started then. I've now had 41 amateur fights.

I started Jiu-Jitsu properly when I was about 10. I have now had 41 wins.

What made you choose this sport over others?

I chose these sports because I love the competitiveness, the discipline, the battle and the bravery it takes Not everyone is prepared to step in the ring or on the

• Did someone encourage or inspire you to play?

Yes, my Dad has been involved in boxing and combat sports for 30 years. We have a boxing gym here in One Tree Point.

· How do you balance school, sport, and other activities?

We have a tight schedule everything is planned out. I was homeschooled for a number of years. I'm at BBC this year, but next year will be doing Te Kura online under an Elite Athlete Category, so I can have more flexibility for training. We currently travel to Auckland at least twice a week for evening trainings at Peach Boxing.

· What's your favourite position or role to training or competing?

Big boxing events, evening shows which are televised with my Peach teammates going for world titles. It's exciting to be on the undercard and get to experience the feeling of being involved at a higher level.

atmosphere is intense.

ment so far?

For Jiu-Jitsu it would be winning Gold at the Oceania Champs (NZ/Australia/Pacific).

For Boxing I it would be fighting on the undercard Mea Motu and Lani Daniels who were both going for belts. This was on home ground at McKay Stadium in December 2023.

· How do you handle nerves before a competition?

I try to stay relaxed and to not over think. The hard work has been done. Mental preparation is just as important as the training. Part of that is my pre-game routine. Visualization, breathing, music etc.

What do you love most about being part or year? of your team?

My teammates and coach at Peach are very motivaand they help me. I look up to them because they already have achieved a lot.

Challenges & Growth

make you the best.

• What's the hardest part about your sport? to train with Mendes Bros for Jiu-Jitsu. It requires mental toughness to stay consistent and do • Would you like to play your sport after all the boring stuff every day. Things that it takes to high school?

· Have you ever had a setback or injury? How did you deal with it?

No injuries so far but I've definitely had setbacks. Matches I thought I would win and didn't and that can • How has sport helped you grow as a perbe really tough. You have to just feel the feelings (for son? 24 hours), then try not to dwell too long. Move on, It has made me more mature, confident. I have direcimprove, make changes.

· What's something you're really proud of improving in?

Focusing on my mental game has been big this year. We now have a programme and routine we follow which has made me feel more confident and faster to bounce back after setbacks.

· How do you stay focused when things get tough?

I pick one thing to focus on and I try to get on with it. Keep moving forward and doing the work. Focus on the process not the result.



AWAY FROM YOUR SPORT

· What do you like to do when you're not

Spend time with friends and family, eat good food, I play music (drums, guitar & piano), fishing, relax.

· Who's your biggest supporter or role model?

My Dad. He is a great coach himself, who is always Also, the bigger national Jiu-Jitsu championships, the taking me all over the country, planning our timetables and training me. If you know my Dad, you will know • What's been your biggest game or mo- he is super disciplined, he never misses a training, for himself or me.

· Do you have any pre-game rituals or hype songs?

Yes! I have a full pre-game routine and that has a playfor the double world title fights of our Wahine Toa. list that hypes me up. Also, meditation, visualization, breathing and reset techniques.

What's something fun or unexpected about your team?

Training is a lot of fun, as well as the massive workload there is heaps of laughs. They're all very different, nice, goofy people but they have switches they turn on in the ring.

Looking Ahead

What are your goals for the next season

Win Golden Gloves. Win Nationals for Boxing and all my national titles again in Jiu-Jitsu. Hopefully next tional. They support me and they've been where I am year I can travel overseas and represent New Zealand, as I have been in the New Zealand Development Squad for two years. I have been too young to travel, so next year should be my year. Hopefully I can travel to L.A

I want to go all the way and become a world champ. After the amateurs for boxing I will turn pro, but I would like to go to the Olympics and Commonwealth Games first.

tion. I can talk to all sorts of people. I am very disci-

plined, as all my time is basically planned out so I get a lot done and I like feeling organized. With BJJ and Boxing I have quite a few little kids who look up to me and that makes me feel good and I like helping them and building them up.

What advice would you give to younger players just starting out?

Any young fighters starting out, follow your dreams and just never stop. Showing up every day is the major part. If you can do that every single day, regardless of how you feel, you will eventually succeed. Another thing is "Try your hardest". If you're going to do anything you should do it the very best you can, every

MARSDEN POINT HIGH TIDES

	AM		PM	
Thu 20 Nov	8.36	2.5	8.37	2.4
Fri 21 Nov	9.14	2.5	9.16	2.4
Sat 22 Nov	9.51	2/5	9.54	2/4
Sun 23 Nov	10.29	2.5	10.33	2.3
Mon 24 Nov	11.07	2.5	11.13	2.3
Tue 25 Nov	11.46	2.5	11.55	2.3
Wed 26 Nov	~	~	12.29	2.4
Thu 27 Nov	12.39	2.3	1.13	2.4
Fri 28 Nov	1.27	2.3	2.02	2.4
Sat 29 Nov	2.19	2.3	2.53	2.4
Sun 30 Nov	3.16	2.3	3.47	2.4
Mon 1 Dec	4.18	2.3	4.43	2.5
Tue 2 Dec	5.21	2.4	5.40	2.5
Wed 3 Dec	6.22	2.5	6.38	2.6
Thu 4 Dec	7.21	2.6	7.36	2.7
Fri 5 Dec	8.17	2.8	8.32	2.7

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WAIPU TENNIS CLUB REPORT By Paul Ramsay

Having been away over the past few weeks I was pleased to see the new lights in action. This project has been on the agenda for around 10 years and has taken a 12-month final thrust since quotes were sorted to raise the amount needed. The lights certainly make it much easier to see and perhaps this is one of the factors contributing to our successful interclub teams? Waipu Raiders, our A grade team and Waipu Black, our B grade team are both leading their Northland wide competitions after 4 rounds with 4 wins each. Waipu Yellow, the other B grade team are yet to record a win.

Tuesday night is very busy at the club with around 60 Juniors and Intermediates receiving professional coaching in small groups from 3pm until 6.30pm. It is never too late to join up and develop some skills for later in

Following on from coaching is the McLeods Tuesday night competition that is now well advanced. Team 1 (Ben Donaldson, Hayley Pyle, Carl Gordon, Scott Curran) are leading the way closely followed by Teams 2(James Donaldson, Steve Lymburn, Michael Blyde, Kirk Johnson), Team 8 (jeff Roberts, Gary Coutts, Matt Watts and Melissa Connor)and Team 9 (Sean McCombe, Dayle Widdup, Damo Dixon, Alana McCarthy)

Ladies Night is under way on Wednesday evenings. Leave the kids at home with your partner and come along for some exercise and socialising

November sees the start of club tournaments around Northland. Keep your eye out for these on our Facebook page. McLeod's are sponsoring our own Waipu One Set Wonder that will be held on February 21. Make sure you keep this day free for a day of fun and tennis. All levels of players are welcome to enter.

Remember to check our Facebook page for what is going on at the club and watch for featured committee members.

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Mangawhai Heads (The Club)	9:20
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Waipu Cove (Opposite Beach Car park)	9:40
Waipu (Vet Centre Bus Stop)	9:50
Ruakākā (Peter Snell Road - opposite Takutai Place)	10:10
Arrive Whangārei (Rose Street Bus Terminus)	10:50

Whangarei to Bream Bay (Afternoon - PM)

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Fishy Fridays at Marsden Cove



During daylight saving, on the first Friday of every month from 5pm to 6pm the Marsden Cove Fishing Club runs a Fishy Friday event inviting children under 12 years to try their luck from the marina pontoons.

Bait is provided, there is a sausage sizzle when the fishing is over with and prizes for the first, second and third longest fish. Cost is \$2 per child and children need to be accompanied by an adult on the pontoons.

Liz and Peter Hedley have been Fishy Friday Crew for the past three years. Peter said there have been up to 100 children turn up, which can get a bit hectic. He cuts up the squid bait and helps to untangle lines. Last Friday 28 there were around 50 children with parents and grandparents, which is a bit more manageable.



Tova Basagre, aged six years, fishing with her grandfather Dave Gibson.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

FROM THE BREAM BAY NEWS **November 1975 EDITION**

The County has agreed to improve the sides of the roads in the areas adjacent to One Tree Point School and Bream Bay College by mowing grass verges and building up the roadsides with metal to be level with the seal. To make motorists aware of the roadside walkways a solid white line will be painted on the edge of the seal and signs are to be erected warning of pedestrians.

Colourful new playground at Waipu Cove



Afa Kuika and Jack Craig of the company Play Top Safer Surfacing spreading bright blue rubber surface over the base of the new playground.

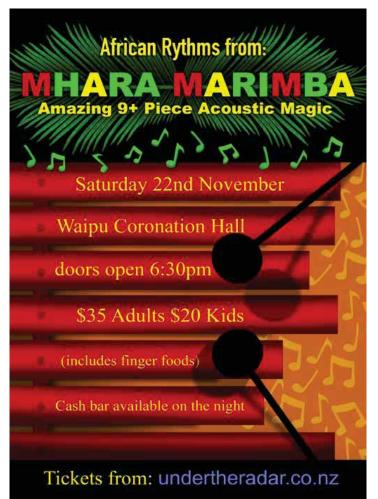
The blue rubber is made from recycled soles of shoes and the black is from recycled tyres.

A new playground is being built at Waipu Cove funded by Camp Waipu Cove and available for all to use.

Camp Manager Anton Trist said, "The old playground had been there for more than 20 years, so it was definitely ready for an upgrade.

The new playground has a nautical theme with a pirate ship design, sand toys and rockers, and an impressive tall ship mast for children to climb up.

The playground is expected to be completed and ready to use by this Friday 21 November.



WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET Third Sunday of each month. Next on Sunday16 November. 9am to 2pm. One Tree Point School. Fundraiser for children's ward at Whangārei Hospital.
- AFRICAN RHYTHMS FROM MHARA MARIMBA Nine piece accunstic band. Saturday 22 November in the Waipu Coronation Hall. Doors open 6.30p, Adults \$35 Kids \$20. Tickets from: undertheradar.co.nz
- SUNSET MARKETS MARSDEN COVE First Friday of the Month 4pm -8pm. Next on 5 December
- KIDS FISHY FRIDAYS Run by Marsden Cove Fishing Club Frist Friday of each month. Next on 5 December. Kids fish from pontoon from 5pm to 6pm. \$2 per child. Up to 12 years. Must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Prizes. Sausage sizzle and bait supplied
- RUAKĀKĀ CHRISTMAS PARADE Saturday 13 December from 10.30am in Takutai Place aongside the Ruakākā Library. Phone Maree 027 322 6385 to register your float.
- CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES. At the Ruakākā Racestrack. Wednesday 17 December Free entry. Gates open from 11am 5pm.
- CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON MARKET in Waipu Caledonain Park on Sunday 21 December from 12 noon to 6pm.
- WAIPU CHRISTMAS PARADE Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 December Starts at 7pm from the Pizza Barn , Travels down the main street of Waipu, up St Mary's Rd. into the Caledonian.Park . Register on the Promote Waipu website.
- THE 153rd WAIPU HIGHLAND GAMES. Wednesday 31 December 2025. Starts 8.30am with the March of the Clans. 12.25pm massed pipe bands and highland fling final event 3.15pm NZ Record attempt at 160lb Farmers Walk
- TRIGG FAMILY FUND RACEDAY. Tuesday 6 January \$15 entry For those over 18 years old. gates open 11am.- 5pm.
- **BREAM BAY MUSIC GROUP** First Monday of every month starting at 7pm At the new Rec Centre in Peter Snell Road, Ruakākā. Contact Ross or Fulco on 0274 410 584
- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** Fridays 10.30 -12noon, Bream Bay Community Trust Hall, Takutai Place, Ruakākā
- **COMMUNITY BINGO** Last Wednesday each month (except December) Every one welcome. Raffles, restaurant and Bar open from
- 5 pm. Calling starts at 7.pm 15 games and 2 jackpots open to the public. At the Waipu Citizens and Services Club The RAZZA
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BREAM BAY ANGLICAN FOODBANK

If you would like assistance or know someone that does, perhaps we can help Please phone Liz 022 582 5734

EMPLOYMENT

WANTED someone to take care of Classic Vehicle collection. If you are good with painting and welding EVEN BETTER but good old school mechanic and common sense needed. Great working conditions. Part time or full time. Hours to suit you. Phone Dave 021 947 710 or (09) 432 0011.

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Recruiting now!

We currently have the following vacancies within our aged care facility:

Caregivers - casual/part time including short shifts morning and evening.

Conveniently located within Waipu village we offer full training to successful candidates.

If you are reliable, take pride in your work and can work rostered shifts please apply by sending your CV to:

manager.ranburn@alden.co.nz

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Waipu Volunteer Fire Brigade needs you!

Waipu Volunteer Fire Brigade is looking for guys and gals to join our close-knit team who are passionate about helping their community in a time of need.

Being a Firefighter is an amazing way to give back to your community and be part of an amazing supportive team at the same time.

For more information pop on down to the station on a Monday night from 7:30 to have a chat with our team

or send us a message on our Facebook page.

PUBLIC NOTICES

KW SINGERS PRACTISE



At Ranburn Care Home. Tuesdays 1.15 - 2.45. An unauditioned community choir

Anne Connolly - Munt 0274847576

Anyone interested in collecting WHISKY

MEMORABILIA

i.e. Jugs ashtrays figurines etc. or have any for sale please contact Jim on 09-431 3400 Thank you.

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MEDICAL

Bream Bay Medical Centre Ltd. Ruakākā Town Centre, Ruakākā



Monday - Friday: 8.45 am - 5pm Saturdays: 9am - 12pm

Marsden Cove Medical Centre 1A Ngawaka Lane, One Tree Point

Monday - Friday: 8.45am - 5pm

Please advise at time of booking if you require an extended consultation

New patients welcome

Ph: 432 8060

MARKETS



LIBRARY HOURS



Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10am - 1pm. Tuesday 10am - 4pm. Phone 432 0375



Takutai Place, Ruakaka 432 8406 Mon - Fri 9:30am-3:30pm Sat 9am-1pm

JP Service available Saturdays 10am - 11am.

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 4 December The deadline for all copy is 4pm on Wednesday 26 November

BREAM BAY BRIDGE CLUB

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Bream Bay Bridge Club will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 18th November 2025 at the Coronation Hall, 47 The Centre, Waipu

NORTHPINE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

This committee meets periodically to review the environmental performance of the Northpine timber manufacturing plant in Waipu, in consultation with representatives of the local councils. Any Waipu resident with concerns about the environmental effects of the Northpine plant should notify the Northpine office (432 1155). Concerns will be recorded, considered and subsequently reviewed by the liaison committee. The Independent chairperson of the liaison committee is Steve Goldthorpe 0274 849 764.

BREAM BAY SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian Camellia Ave, Ruakaka: 8.45am. The Centre, Waipu: 10.15am.

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

Anglican - ST PAUL's Church, 25 Karawai St, Ruakaka 1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30am

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, 8 Nova Scotia Dr., Waipu 2nd and 4th Sundays, 09.30am

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

Lifepoint. 300 OTP Rd,10am.

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RECENTLY SOLD







Are you ready to experience this for yourself? If you're thinking about selling, now is the perfect time to engage with a team known for results.

FOR SALE



319 MANGAPAI CAVES ROAD, **MANGAPAI**

- Set on 1.32 ha's of stunningly landscaped grounds
- Large four bay shed, 3 phase power
- Very tidy Colonial style home with three bedrooms, study, two bathrooms, high stud ceilings.
- Large wrap around decks, farm fenced

Price: \$1.170.000



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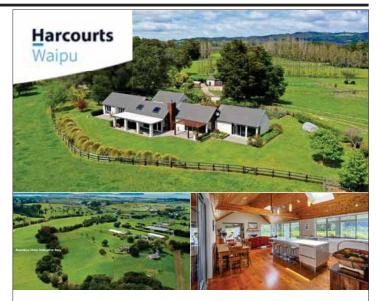
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Ruakaka

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One-of-a-kind Countryside Estate

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- 20 fenced paddocks, 3 stables and yards.
- High-stud implement shed and farm shed.
- Manicured gardens, orchard and mature trees. Exceptionally private with stunning rural views
- Deadline Sale

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Saturdays & Sundays 12:00-1:00pm harcourts.co.nz/WAI2877



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Mob: 022 656 0165

Step into this stunning 4-bedroom, 2bathroom, brick and tile beauty, built 10 years ago for lasting quality and comfort. Outside, there's room for it all—bring the boat, the motorhome, and still have space left for an extra-large shed. Perfectly positioned just a leisurely stroll to the shops Price Now \$845,000 | bbrealty.co.nz #4191

JANINE GOLDSMITH AREINZ Mob: 021 432 793



LAKE VIEWS, SUNSHINE & SPACE Enjoy views over the lake from this well-

positioned, low maintenance four-bedroom nome. Nestled in a quiet no exit street and surrounded by tranquil parklands, this property offers the perfect blend of privacy, sunshine, and lifestyle convenience. Easy-care grounds & impressive 3.3m high stud garage. Set Date Sale 27/11/25 | bbrealty.co.nz #4266 Interest in the late \$900ks. (CV \$990,000)

FRANCIE STOKES Mob: 022 656 0165



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Perfectly situated down a private laneway, this appealing three-bedroom, two-bathroom nome offers an ideal balance of privacy and street presence. Sitting on a well-appointed 529m2 fenced section, providing secure environment for young children or pets. Generous decking from the main living areas, provides the perfect summer entertaining area

Price by Neg | bbrealty.co.nz #4264 KIM BROWN

Mob: 027 545 1208

BREAM BAY SECTION SELECTION

- 36 Maturiki Drive, Marsden Cove 600m2 Price \$465,000
- 3x Lots Salle Road, Ruakaka—Sizes from 503m2 Prices from \$280,000 - No house size restriction
- 8 Roto View, One Tree Point 596m2 P.O.A.
- Anbrue Lane, Ruakaka Sizes from 763m2—Prices from \$415,000

FIONA SOUTHORN MNZM

Mob: 021 317 775

SPRING, SUMMER OR WINTER

This spacious 196m2 family home will keep you cool, cosy and comfortable no matter the weather. Elevated and North facing with views over the manicured lawns and walk-ways of the La Pointe Beach Estate. Open plan living dining and kitchen, with an additional separate lounge, provide space or privacy with the opening or closing of sliding doors. Plenty of parking extra vehicles

Price \$899,000 | bbrealty.co.nz #4262 FIONA SOUTHORN MNZM Mob: 021 317 775