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## No record of Covid 19 travellers at Uretiti camp

The Uretiti Camp managers have no record of one or both of the women who travelled to Northland earlier this month with Covid 19 coming through the gates of the camp.

The camp has been listed on the Ministry of Health website as a "location of interest" from 6.30pm on Sunday 3 October until 5pm on Tuesday 5 October. Camp Manager Steve Farrow said he learned about this from the Northland District Health Board about five minutes after the announcement about the camp having been visited by the women on Friday 8 October. He took the initiative and locked the camp down not letting anyone in or out for the next 24 hours. Steve said there were around 40 people present at the time and he did the rounds talking to each of them. "Some of them were a bit surprised."

The next morning he phoned the Northland DHB and asked if a Covid 19 testing van could be sent down. He was told that the danger of the virus being present at Uretiti had been downgraded and it would be OK to allow people who had arrived after the time of the alleged visit to leave.

Last week 20 people remained at the campground in a contained bubble with many of them having undergone tests for the virus. just in case.

However, Steve said they had no bookings during this period for either a single or a pair of women and no one answering to a description he had obtained from the DHB had come through the camp's electronic gate. He had gone carefully through CCTV footage for the

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## Get vaccinated so we can all have a very merry Christmas



Bream Bay Medical Centre Nurse Paula Detlaff left and Practice Manager Kaye Brittenden got into Christmas garb to push the vaccination message. On the right is Peter Wright of Maungakarama who came to the Marsden Cove Super Saturday clinic for his second Pfizer jab. Peter said he hoped his vaccination status would allow him more freedoms.

The Medical Centres adopted a Christmas theme for their Super Saturday vaccination clinic at the Marsden Cove centre, with a whiteboard at the door suggesting, Lets all get vaccinated so we can all have a Very Merry Christmas.

The clinic gave out spot \$50 prizes, and the sign made the promise "Our nurses are very gentle."

The clinic administered 120 Super Saturday vaccinations.

The vaccination clinic at 1A Ngawaka Lane in Marsden Cove remains open. People can book a vaccination by phoning 432 8060 or just walk in. Official hours are 9am to 2pm but the clinic will go a bit longer if there are people waiting. The clinic will also open from 9am to 12 noon on Saturdays.



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## EDITORIAL

### Here's hoping for a very merry Christmas

Super Saturday vaccination day was a great idea and a smart move on the part of the Government and Ministry of Health. Just over 130,000 people had either their first or second jab and New Zealand's vaccination level rose to 85% for people with a first dose and 65% fully vaccinated. It's going to be difficult though to bring the last 15 or 10 percent of people into the fold..

I liked Jan Francis' reference to civil society in her letter (page 8). Jan said we all need to have the Covid 19 vaccine as part of our commitment to living in a civil society where we have an obligation to protect and support one another.

While nothing and no-one is perfect, our civil society offers us many advantages and opportunities. The free Covid 19 vaccine paid for by the state is one of these. The anti vaxers have misread or misinterpreted this offer and see it as some evil plot by the drug companies, the government or aliens from outer space in one report I heard about.

It must be hard to remain unvaccinated with public pressure growing and the opening up of travel and to attend concerts and social functions dependent on vaccination status.

I am not comfortable with the harsh condemnations I hear people make about the unvaccinated but neither do I go along with the adage that we should respect everyone's point of view. Some people's views, such as those of this country's Director General of Health, who has worked for many years in public health and who is making a truly heroic effort to save New Zealand from a full scale Covid 19 outbreak might be more worth a bit more than individuals who spend too much time down dark rabbit holes of the worldwide web.

It's too late now to resurrect Labour Weekend, which is usually a big deal in Bream Bay with lots of events and visitors. As someone who tried to set up a relatively small event: a school holiday skateboard demo and competition at the Ruakākā Skatepark, I have empathy for all those wonderful, energetic, creative and civic minded local people who put so much volunteer time and energy into organising events such as the Waipū Labour Weekend Market, The Waipū Fishing Competition and the Art 'n Tartan Parade and then to have to pull the plug and cancel.

It's such a shame. All that meeting and greeting, creativity, humour, colour, excitement and fun won't be happening.

The message on the whiteboard outside Bream Bay Medical Centre's Super Saturday vaccination clinic was "Let's all get vaccinated so we can all have a very Merry Christmas."

Here's hoping.

Marilyn

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## No record of Covid 19 travellers at Uretiti camp

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duration of the alleged visit and found nothing to suggest either of the women had been present.

He acknowledges that if, as has been suggested, these women are "ladies of the night" it might have been possible for them to have entered the camp from the beach or from the day visitor park just outside the northern boundary of the campground.

He thinks the information about the stay at Uretiti may have come from the first of the women to be taken into a Managed Isolation facility and, as it has been reported this person was uncooperative when questioned about where she had been on her travels north, what she told the authorities may not be reliable..

## Dr. Shane Reti helps with vaccinations at the Ruakākā Racecourse

Member of Parliament and Deputy Leader of the NZ National Party Dr., Shane Reti has been working to support the Northland vaccination effort.

On Wednesday October 13 he was out in the rain at the Ruakākā Racecourse helping at a Kia Ora Ngatiwai vaccination clinic Dr. Reti said he didn't count the number of vaccines he gave but "it would have been dozens."

"It was really interesting catching up with people in their cars on the day, a lady yesterday who said, Dr Shane, 26 years ago you helped me with my pregnancy so no problem at all having you give me my vaccine today please".

Kia Ora Ngatiwai runs a clinic for testing and vaccinations at the Bream Bay Trust Centre every Wednesday morning from 10am to 12 noon.



Dr. Shane Reti giving vaccines at the Ruakākā Racecourse

## Labour weekend cancelled this year

"It would have been our biggest market ever with close to 200 stalls," said Graham Boulton who with his wife Judy organizes the big long weekend markets in Waipū's Celtic Barn and Caledonian Park.

He said it was a really hard decision to cancel the Labour weekend market but with the rules constantly changing about what was and wasn't allowed in terms of crowd numbers, running the market became "too hard".

Judy said the dearth of markets was particularly hard for some stallholders who rely on their stalls for their livelihoods.

Judy and Graham are now planning for the "biggest and best market ever" on Sunday 19 December. Most of the stallholders booked in for the Labour weekend had agreed to leave their bookings in place for the Christmas market.

The Waipū Boat and Fishing Club's annual Labour weekend fishing contest is another casualty of Covid 19 alert level restrictions.

The club's secretary Kath Barber said, "Due to the uncertainty of operating under Covid 19 restrictions, we have reluctantly decided to cancel our Labour Weekend Fishing Competition for 2021."

Graeme Giles, the club's commodore said organising the contest "took months of work".

All the prizes and prize money totaling \$7,000 had

been returned to sponsors.

Steve Farrow manager at the Uretiti Campground said usually he has 700 people booked in for Labour weekend.

"This year we would be lucky to have 70."

Steve said it's not the income he is worried about so much as that all those people who would normally come to the camp to enjoy the beach and celebrate the start of summer are not able to do this.

Sue Robinson owner of the Land and Sea restaurant and café at Marsden Cove said uncertainty about what Covid response level Northland will be in is making planning very difficult.

"I am sitting here at the moment making up two plans – one for if we remain at Level 3 and another for Level 2. We don't know what we need to order in. We don't expect Aucklanders to be able to come up but if we go into Level 2 then people from around Northland will be able to visit. We could still be fairly busy."

Sue said Labour weekend is usually a wonderful time with people celebrating the beginning of summer.

"At the moment there is just no predictability and this makes running a business hard."

Grant Egan of Ruakākā Fresh Choice – thinks it unlikely that the big Auckland crowds will be here.

"We just have to wing it I suppose. Hopefully, Northland will be back at Level 2 by then and we are

preparing for a busy weekend."

Labour weekend is usually an exciting time for local real estate agents but Janine Goldsmith of Bream Bay Realty said this is a difficult time for the industry.

"There is lots of enquiry from Aucklanders wanting to move away from the city but they can't come up here to view properties. Also there are not many houses on the market as people are reluctant to sell until they have somewhere else to move to.

Warren Greene of Orrs Bream Bay Pharmacy said, "Like all businesses over the many lockdowns that we have experienced it has had its challenges. Undoubtedly this has had an impact on how busy we have been compared to previous years. However we have remained focussed on looking after our team and the community. Labour weekend usually signals the start of the summer with more people arriving to experience our part of the world and a large proportion of these people would be from Auckland or travel through Auckland to get here. The reality is they come with extra discretionary spending which benefits us all. What will be interesting will be if the borders remain closed over the peak summer and the impact that this would have. However we would like to thank our Bream Bay community who continue to support not only the pharmacy but all the local businesses and volunteer organisations."

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## LETTERS

## The Braigh obvious choice for main traffic flow from SH1



Shoemaker Rd. too narrow to be a SH1 interchange

Thank you for your article regarding the proposed roading changes in Waipu. It did surprise me to read that Waka Kotahi are even considering turning Shoemaker Road from a quiet narrow road residential street, into a SH1 interchange and channel all the logging and large trucks down this road. Shoemaker is filled with housing, with families and kids on bikes etc. I have added a couple of photos demonstrating how narrow it is, with some vehicle's half parked on

the footpath.

I actually think more needs to be done to physically slow the traffic down, as many ignore the shiny 40km signs.

In my opinion the Braigh is much wider and has a combination of commercial/residential and to me it's the logical choice for the main traffic flow from SH1.

*Justin Corles*

*Waipā*

## From a pig farmer of forty years

As a pig farmer of some 40 years' experience I wish to correct a few errors in the article "Home Grown in Bream Bay (in the 7 October issue of the Bream Bay News).

If the farmer in question was a registered farmer with New Zealand Pork he would have access to industry information.

The reality is that just over 60% of the pork consumed in NZ is imported from around 20 different countries. NZ farmers supply only 40% of the pork consumed,

mostly for the fresh meat trade.

Very little NZ grown pork is exported, mostly to the Pacific islands, not the 80% that he asserts.

For the public's assurance it would be useful if he were to publish the identity of the Abattoir and butchers that he uses to slaughter and process the meat that he sells.

*Graham Taylor*

*Maungaturoto*

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## Beach access wheelchairs so everyone can enjoy the sand and sea at Waipū Cove

Photo by Angela Stolwerk



Waipū Surf Lifesaving Club Captain Kath Manning and daughter Taylor try out one of the new wheelchairs

The Waipū Surf Lifesaving Club has some new beach access wheelchairs. One is adult sized – “Sanderusher”, and the other is for children – “Sandpiper”.

Club Captain Kath Manning said, “Waipū Cove Surf Life Saving Club is keen to enable everybody who wants to enjoy the beach to have the ability to do so. We hope to see our beach wheels getting a lot of use between the flags at Waipū Cove!”

The chairs were funded by a Sport Northland, Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa grant. They will be free to borrow over summer while Surf Lifeguards are on patrol, and bookable through Camp Waipū Cove. They are not self propelled, so will need someone to assist, but are easy to push on the sand and Kath says they are “fun to use in the water” – although it was still a bit cold in September when Kath’s daughter, Taylor tried one out (above).

The Bream Bay Sports Trust has provided funding for the surf club to train its team in using the beach wheels.

Waipū Cove was recently named in a Stuff website article as one of the top ten wheelchair accessible beaches in New Zealand. Accessibility has been improved with a concrete path built by the Waipū Cove Reserve Board from the surf club along to the boat ramp.

Camp Waipū Cove manager Anton Trist said, the accessibility ranking for the beach sits nicely with the campground where a wheelchair accessible cabin has just been built.

Camp Waipū Cove was named as one of five national finalists in a Spirit of Hospitality Award held at a Holiday Parks NZ annual conference. The award is based on customers’ online reviews and feedback.



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## POLICE REPORT



### Man living rough in Sime Rd. arrested and charged with car theft

A 29-year-old local man has been arrested in connection with a car theft and is being held in custody on remand to face numerous charges. The man was found by Police sleeping rough in trees at the seaward end of Sime Rd. in Ruakākā. There have been a number of car thefts from One Tree Point and Ruakākā recently including three in the last fortnight. One of these was found in the man's possession and has been recovered.

### No arrests for covid 19 alert level breaches

Sergeant Simon Craig, Officer in Charge at the Bream Bay Police said although there have been a few complaints about people breaking Covid 19 Response Level 3 restrictions over the past few weeks, none of these resulted in any arrests.

### Two vehicle crash on Port Marsden Highway

On 6 October at 2pm there was a two-car crash on Port Marsden Highway when a vehicle pulled out of McCathie Rd. into the path of an oncoming vehicle on the highway. Although one of the vehicles flipped over, no one in either vehicle was seriously

### Sixteen family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police responded to 16 family harm incidents in the fortnight Monday 4 October to Monday 18 October

### Abandoned car

A car abandoned near the Shoemaker Rd. / State highway One corner was reported missing from Auckland. Someone known to the owner took it without permission. The car was abandoned when it ran out of petrol and is now waiting to be retrieved by its owner

## New sub station planned for Waipū

A new electricity sub station for Waipū is a feature of the electricity distribution company Northpower's ten-year asset plan.

Rachel Wansbone, Customer Experience Manager with Northpower, said "Waipū is a very fast growing area in our region with 23.3% growth in population between 2013 and 2018 (census data). Over this time we have noticed a sizeable increase in electricity demand in the area.

With areas around Waipū and surrounds being noted for ongoing development, we expect the load to increase over the 10-year planning period, which will require a dedicated zone substation in the area.

"The proposed 5 MW zone substation in our 10 year Asset Management plan is to address this growing demand, and to allow some transfer of load from the Ruakākā substation built in the 1960's and the Man-

gawhai substation. We expect this will be completed around 2030, but this will depend on how quickly load continues to grow in this area. The substation would be connected to Ruakākā substation with a new 10km high voltage (33kV) line, which will also provide the ability to supply the area from both substations, reducing the duration of any unplanned outages in the area.

"These projects are at a very early stage with high level planning expected in the next few years. We look forward to engaging with the community when we begin working through the planning of this electricity supply upgrade for Bream Bay residents."

This year Northpower will be completing a project to upgrade the existing 11kV distribution lines to increase capacity and ensure the ongoing security of supply for Waipū and Mangawhai.

## Trade competition "a poor basis for land use planning"

A representative of Town Centre Properties Ltd, the owner of the Ruakākā Town Centre, contacted the Bream Bay News last week to point out that the company's submission on the private plan change sought by Marsden City Partnerships Limited, which seeks to set aside an 8.3hectare area to the north-west of the development as a "higher order town centre" for the Marsden Point – Ruakākā community was not made on the basis that it would not be viable to have two town centres within 3km of one another, as was stated in the 7 October issue of the Bream Bay News

"It is the other way around. We are not seeking to limit the development of the Marsden City centre but rather asking that development of the Ruakākā Town Centre not be limited by the proposed Marsden City Centre being given a higher order status.

The Town Centre Properties Ltd. submission stated that the proposal to amend the Whangārei District Plan to allow for the higher order centre is motivated

by trade competition."

"It would appear from Marsden City Properties own economic evidence and the approach taken to suppress competition, that the commercial zoning is not viable unless development on existing commercial land can be controlled – and that is a poor basis for land use planning."

Several other submitters, including the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association, did say it would not be viable to have two town centres so close together.

The RRRA submission said, "The existing Ruakākā Village has all of the required amenities for the area and we disagree with the proposal to develop a separate town centre 3km away from the existing one." The hearing for the private plan change is scheduled for 27-29 October before independent commissioners in the Comfort Flames Hotel in Whangārei.

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## LETTERS

## At this time vaccination is not a right or a choice but an obligation

This is now a different letter to the one I had planned in response to your last editorial because yesterday I was surprised to come across a small anti vax protest right outside the gates where people were driving in to get their shots at the Waipu Rugby Club. I was surprised because Waipu is a small community and we all rally round for events, fundraisers, and disasters, we care about one another. These protesters (none of whom I knew or recognised as Waipu locals) seemed not to fit this description.

Being ill disciplined I was unable to resist engaging when one woman told me she didn't know what was in the vaccine! Neither did I when I had the diphtheria injection, the disease my mother nearly died from as a baby, or the polio shot when that disease left my friend crippled for life. We don't hear of those diseases now, because vaccinations work!

I believe at this time, vaccination is not a right or choice but an obligation. It is our obligation to protect, support each other, and work for the greater good. An obligation we support as a result of living in a civil society, without which as Thomas Hobbes (English philosopher - 1588-1679) said life would be "nasty brutish and short".

Jan Francis  
Waipu

## An apathetic country of the Covid jabbed

Re your editorial in the 7 October issue of the Bream Bay News, Marilyn you are wrong on a few points:

1 - Hard working New Zealanders are being forced to get the Covid jab (which by the way is not a true vaccine) or lose their jobs as the Government along with the help of the MSM are mandating a no jab no job to create an apartheid country of the Covid Jabbed and those who have every right to refuse a medical experiment that has not been proved safe. If journalists still do some form of research I would suggest you find out what freedoms our brave soldiers fought and died for in previous wars.

2- You state that a person that has not taken the experimental Covid drug and ongoing boosters that you will catch Covid from them, even though the likes of yourself can still catch and pass on Covid.

3- You use the defence of PM Ardern when confronted with a statistic that you say is untrue or that you disagree with, yet you can't or do not want to reply with any truth as it does not fit your agenda. FYI according to the MOH on their website as of up to and including the 25 September 2021 there have been 838 reports that were listed as serious and 75 deaths associated with the Covid experimental drug. To date no one in New Zealand has died of Covid.

4-One can only assume that yourself Marilyn and others who have been jabbed have done due diligence and taken the experimental Covid drug. If on the other hand you have all followed blindly and hung on every word that comes from the podium of truth even though

PM Ardern uses this podium to lie to the public of New Zealand in stating the Covid Jab is safe. Well that is also your choice. As is my and many others right that have carried out due diligence to not get jabbed.

5- Please explain to me how the Covid experimental drug is the only product in the world whose failures are blamed on those who have not actually been experimented on?

6. Are you Marilyn or your paper receiving any monetary payment for printing the Governments Covid agenda? Some unbiased reporting would be great to see in this paper.

Mike Germann  
Maungaturoto

Editor's note:

*I am not sure where you get your information but the official sources I have access to state that 28 people have died from Covid 19 in New Zealand, despite this country having a low number of infections up until now.*

*One person in NZ has died, probably due to inflammation of the heart muscles after receiving the Pfizer vaccine. A coroner's verdict on this death has not yet been released.*

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The switchboard, which takes power from the substation to the seven feeders that supply the surrounding area, has been replaced with new equipment that is safer to operate and maintain. The building was extended to make room for the new switch board and the transformers have been installed with large concrete bunds as required for earthquake and environmental considerations.

This project will cost \$4.8 million and has taken 12 months. The new transformer arrived on site last week and it will be lived in by the end of October.



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### Thanks Ruakākā



So there it is!` two vans`, same on the outside, yet different on the inside. A match for them. Bruce off ! with the man's dream, hunting, fishing and gathering, while his special friend Jilly is somewhere else. He calls her ` Aunt Daisy`, cause she writes to others, supporting and upholding, never judging. Just able to have insights into life and us: she spent two and a half years writing her life story to this point; he's read the manuscript three times, and loves the light, the dark, and the humour within its pages. It's a finished manuscript of over five hundred pages; and he wonders if it will ever find a publisher, because the chances of publishing is about one in five hundred of a completed manuscript. Interesting eh!

It started with " I could build that !" and Jill said " could you! would you, for me ! That's so personal, Wow ! please do ! I have just enough money saved to pay for the materials. said Jilly . That's amazing ! thought I, you would trust me with your life's savings, having never built one.

The deal is, I'll build one for you, and if I like it, I'll build one for me !.

So one year later Bruce has built two small homes.

Now say's I ! I'm off! for the rest of my life: Some of my family, move into the home, and that 's life ! " an adventure every day! Wow ! Thanks everyone, see you round the corner; down the road ; over the next hill.

Bruce Robinson

Ex Ruakākā

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## Celebrating thirty years of worship in Ruakākā's Church of the Holy Family

Bream Bay's Catholic community is about to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of moving into its new church in Peter Snell Rd.

The original Church was built on donated land alongside State Highway One in 1945. This building remains as the Signature Homes Ruakākā base with the bright green roof opposite the Primary School.

On 17 November 1991 this original church was de-consecrated by Parish Priest Father Peter Head.

The community had outgrown the little church and with State Highway One right alongside there was no room for expansion and parking was a problem.

The Peter Snell Rd. site, which was purchased with the help of the Jack Guy Charitable Trust and through the efforts of parishioners, Tom and Kath Pow, had originally been the Matenga Workers Camp Headquarters. Many working bees were held to tidy up the grounds and to carry out alterations on the building.

The new church was also used by kohanga reo for several months until they moved to a new location at Bream Bay College.

Two stained glass windows from the State Highway church were placed on the wall behind the altar with additional stained-glass windows sourced from Whanganui. Parish Priest Father Chris Martin thinks these very likely came from a church that was being demolished at the time.

The first Mass in the new church was celebrated by Father Peter Head and was followed by a shared meal with entertainment by the Filipino community and Highland dancers.

The Official opening of the new church was held on 9 February 1992 with Bishop Denis Browne as the celebrant.

Ray Timmins said the new church was much lighter and brighter as compared with the old church and there is additional space for other religious activities – and for parishioners to gather after Mass for a cup of tea.

Judith Boyd has been a member of the congregation for 60 years and she remembers with fondness the people who played a part in the establishment of the new church and in building the church community. She has an album with photos of some of these people. There is Matija Pivac who came from Yugoslavia as a young woman and is remembered as a real character, Nola Wortelboer who did handmade cards for birthdays and other special occasions, her husband, Ben, who built the Rosary altar and Brian Leech who was the “go-to” man for work around the church and grounds.

Judith also pays tribute to Truus Cox of Waipū, who has been a member of the church community for 60 years and is recognized as its ‘matriarch’.

The Catholic community of Bream Bay is likely the most multi-cultural of all our church communities. Judith described a social event where everyone was invited to bring along a small item representing their culture. There were Korean, Filipino, American, Dutch, Indian, Welsh, South Africans, English representatives and, of course, Kiwis.

Mass is celebrated twice a month with a Priest from Whangārei officiating. On alternate Sundays a Lay Presider takes the liturgy. Nora Butler says she enjoys these services given by local people and she believes this is another factor making the local Catholic community so supportive and friendly.

Father Martin says people often go to a local cafe together after the service, which he sees as a sign of a healthy faith community.

Judith thinks the name *Church of the Holy Family* is indicative of the many cultures that worship as a family.



A photo album revives memories of days gone by for : Nora Butler, Father Chris Martin, Ray Timmins and Judith Boyd.

She has made it her business to greet every new person who comes through the door and to make them all feel welcome.

She keeps a cushion on the seat in the church where she always sits. This is sometimes referred to as “the Duchess’s seat.”

She explains the original chairs in the Peter Snell Rd. church were white plastic and that they were very cold to sit on, particularly in winter, so she took a cushion along and “somehow it just stayed there!”. Those white plastic seats are still in use as spares.

Plans for a special Mass and picnic to celebrate the anniversary have had to be postponed until early in the new year due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Perhaps those white plastic chairs \ will make an appearance.

Ray said, “present parishioners, families and friends will be warmly invited to attend, but we will be specially reaching out to past members and friends who could be interested in coming along and sharing a few memories.”

### LABOUR WEEKEND STREET & PARK MARKET. SUNDAY OCTOBER 24TH, 2021 POSTPONEMENT

A Sad day for all who are involved with the market. For the first time we have decided to postpone the Labour weekend street & park market.

This market will now go ahead to our next date of December 19th.

This has not been an easy decision to make. We have considered all possibilities but the problem is the uncertainty of where we stand. The rules and situations change daily and our advertising deadline for us to promote the market is today.

All stall holders will be allocated their labour Weekend sites for December 19th.

Those who have paid and are unable to attend on December 19th will have their stall fees transferred to the Anniversary Market on January 30

We will send more details on the December 19 market in the coming weeks, but we intend to make it a huge Xmas Market.

*Judy and Graham Boulton*  
Street Market coordinators.

## Drop in to discuss highway safety upgrades

The next planned consultation on the proposed safety upgrades on State Highway One through Bream Bay is a drop in session in the Waipū Coronation Hall on Saturday November 6 10am -1pm. with large maps, diagrams, a questionnaire and Waka Kotahi staff involved in the project available to answer questions and discuss. The drop in will only proceed if the Covid 19 response level in Northland allows.

Questions and feedback can also be emailed to: [northlandproject@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:northlandproject@nzta.govt.nz) and people can sign up for email updates at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/connecting-northland/sh1-whangarei-to-wellsford](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/connecting-northland/sh1-whangarei-to-wellsford)



## Art'n Tartan 2021 has been cancelled

Sue Welford of the Art'n Tartan Organising Committee said the committee has done everything possible to make this year's show happen.

"We have had record entries and we wanted to put on a great event which Waipu and the surrounding areas could enjoy after the difficulties of the pandemic."

"Sadly, we did not anticipate the impact of Delta, and the uncertainty that it would create. It is now clear that holding a show inside for 400 masked people in mid – November this year is simply not going to be possible or wise."

The shows have been postponed



until July 15 and 16 2022, with pre-judging scheduled for Saturday, 11 June.

All 2021 entrants will be entered automatically in the 2022 Art'n Tartan Awards if they wish. There will also be spaces for additional entries in 2022, and these will open in early December 2021.

For those who had already purchased tickets refunds have been made by Eventfinda/ [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz) or are available from the Waipu Museum if this is

where you bought your ticket

"We are very disappointed that the many wonderful creations submitted for 2021 will not now be shown this year, but we hope all designers, artists, models and members of the audience will support the reasons behind our decision and look forward to joining us again in 2022" said Claire Drake, Chair of the Art'n Tartan Committee.

## New EV Charging station in Waipū



Waipū has a new electric vehicle charging station.

The new 50kw fast charger has been installed at the front of the Museum car park by ChargeNet, the company which installs and maintains EV charging stations throughout New Zealand. The new charging station needs to be inspected by Northpower before it can be energised. When it is up and running EV drivers will be able to see from a ChargeNet App on phones or car displays whether the charger is in use and may decide to make a detour from the highway for a 20 minute top up: good news for Waipū's cafes.

## Skateboard demo and competition this Saturday if Covid 19 alert level allows

The Ruakākā skateboard competition will run on Saturday 23 October on condition that Northland is back in Level 2 Covid 19 Response Level.

Sam Johns, the skateboard expert who is preparing to give a demonstration and run a competition for local young people at the skatepark was disappointed when the event had to be cancelled twice due to Northland being placed in Covid 19 Alert level 3 under which all gatherings of more than ten people are banned. Sam has collected up lots of prizes to give away from Cheapskates and Mega Surf and has organised some of his skateboarding friends to help with the competition and demonstration.

There will be competitions for under 12-year-olds and under 18s and another competition for the best trick.

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## Quilt exhibition at the Kauri Museum

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For further information contact Glennys McKenzie 09 4320409 or Lyn King 09 4392262. The museum is located at 5 Church St., Matakohē and is open daily from 9am to 5pm.

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Fri 22 Oct	9.37	2.5	9.48	2.5
Sat 23 Oct	10.25	2.5	10.25	2.5
Sun 24 Oct	10.51	2.5	11.02	2.4
Mon 25 Oct	11.28	2.5	11.40	2.4
Tue 26 Oct	~	~	12.07	2.4
Wed 27 Oct	12.20	2.3	12.49	2.4
Thu 28 Oct	1.03	2.2	1.35	2.3
Fri 29 Oct	1.51	2.2	2.26	2.3
Sat 30 Oct	2.45	2.1	3.22	2.3
Sun 31 Oct	3.43	2.1	4.19	2.3
Mon 1 Nov	4.45	2.2	5.14	2.4
Tues 2 Nov	5.45	2.3	6.08	2.5
Wed 3 Nov	6.42	2.4	6.59	2.6
Thu 4 Nov	7.36	2.6	7.50	2.7
Fri 5 Nov	8.27	2.7	8.41	2.8

## Eliza McCartney will be guest speaker at the next Waipū Sports Awards

Pole vaulter Eliza McCartney, who at the age of 19 won a fairy tale bronze medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics will be guest speaker at the 2021 Bream Bay Sports Awards dinner, which will be held in the Waipū Celtic Barn on Friday 11 March.

In 2014, at 17 years old, Eliza won the bronze medal at the World Junior Championships. The following year, she set a World Junior record in Auckland, with a height of 4.64m and two years later backed up the Olympic bronze with a silver at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

Just months later, in Germany in 2018, McCartney cleared 4.94m, a new National and Oceania record. At the time of the jump it ranked her number one in the world for that year, and the third highest women's pole vaulter of all time.

As well as being a professional athlete, Eliza has undertaken university studies. Initially a Physiology student, she transferred to studying a Bachelor of Science majoring in Environmental Science in 2018, to reflect her growing passion for sustainability and the climate crisis.

Bream Bay Sports Trust Chairman Philip Eustace said, "Eliza is a very bright, bubbly and positive person with great public speaking skills. She will certainly contribute to making the evening a lot of fun." Nominations will open next month for the awards. There are eleven categories: Junior Sportsperson of the Year 2021, Male sportsperson of the Year, Female Sportsperson, Masters Sportsperson,



Eliza McCartney

Senior and Junior Team of the year, Referee of the Year, Sports Administer of the Year, Coach of the Year, Sports Leadership and Services to Sport. Nominations forms are now available on the Bream Bay Sports Awards website.

## Waipū Skatepark on track to be ready by Christmas



The construction of the skatepark in the Waihoi Park in Waipū continues apace despite the Covid 19 Level 4 restrictions with the crew from Steve Bowling Contracting able to work within a confined bubble.

The new skatepark is scheduled to be completed by 18 December give or take a few days.

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- **OTAMATEA QUILTERS' GROUP ANNUAL QUILT SHOW 2021 AT THE KAURI MUSEUM** from Labour Weekend October 22 to November 21. The Kauri Museum is open daily 9am - 5pm. 5 Church St. Matakōhe.
- **OTP ARTISAN MARKET** One Tree Point School field Fundraiser for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward. Next on Sunday 24 October. 9 am to 1pm. Spaces available call Sue 021 530 153 or 09 432 8112. This market is dependent on Northland being at Covid 19 response level 2.
- **THE RUAKĀKĀ PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA** Thursday 4 November Ice skating rink, craft stalls, student stalls, concert stage, face painting, food stalls., auction.
- **THE WAIPU SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 14 November. 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall. *If Covid 19 response level allows.*
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This year's Easter Carnival raised a record amount for the school and PTA Chairperson Mel Jenkins wants to share where some of the fundraising proceeds have gone.

"This year, thanks to the efforts of everyone involved in the Easter Carnival, our PTA has been able to fund a Structured Literacy programme for our junior school, aspects of which we hope to roll out to the senior school if we can see it supporting the reading and literacy curriculum for our children. We have also funded Prime Maths teaching materials for a few of the senior classes, and a range of equipment from brick therapy, sand pit toys, chrome book storage units, TVs for senior classrooms and Kapa Haka uniforms for our ever increasing Kapa Haka roopu.

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The Waipu Easter Carnival is planning to go ahead next year, so please mark Easter Saturday, April 16th in your calendars now! If anyone is keen to volunteer some time to help out with the Easter Carnival, please contact the PTA on [waipupta@gmail.com](mailto:waipupta@gmail.com).



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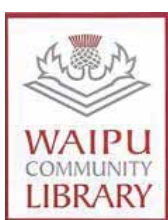
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