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Feral pig eradication underway in Takahiwai forest

Two weeks after a pest control strategy began in the Takahiwai Forest and surrounding hills following a meeting on 13 July, no fewer than 16 wild pigs had been killed in the target area. However, the remaining pigs must be growing in cunning as in recent weeks, despite sitings by landowners, no further pigs have been killed.

A second meeting with landowners, hunters and volunteers was held on Saturday 28 July to thrash out some of the problems hunters are encountering and to work out protocols to protect the forest from kauri dieback disease.

This disease has been found in both the Ruakaka and Brynderwyn (Piroa) forest but is not present at Takahiwai, which the pest strategy team attributes to the fact there is no public access into this land.

Dr. Mere Kepa, who with Luana Pirihi convenes the pest control group, said hunters need to understand they can't just turn up and expect to gain access to the Takahiwai hills and forest.

To keep the forest clean of this disease and to avoid hunting accidents, a register of approved hunters has been drawn up. Each hunter has been issued with a cleaning kit to help insure boots, dogs and vehicles free of mud before they enter the forest. They are also be given a list of protocols to follow.

The Northland Regional council is providing funding for two professional trappers to be employed to carry on with the work.

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Eight decades of service



Ninety - six- year - old Trevor McKenzie cutting the cake at his Fire Brigade gold star presentation held at the Waipu Fire Station on Saturday 18 August.

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EDITORIAL

One small victory in the local war against plastic

The world is filling up with plastic. You may think the beach looks clean but go up to the high tide mark where the seaweed and drift wood has been deposited, look hard and you will see millions of tiny fragments of plastic scattered on the sand. The white bits are hard to distinguish from shell fragments but the specks of cobalt blue, vermillion red and neon green on the sand are a giveaway.

Maybe this is a good way to clean up the ocean. Mobilise people to walk the world's beaches sifting through the sand to take out the plastic. This is likely to be much less expensive than operating a boat to sift through the sea. Plastic, being relatively light, seems to float up to the high tide mark.

The problem of plastics in the oceans is huge but its not just there. There are plastic bags and bottles all over the roadsides, around our streets, blowing around in parks. Even if you do the right thing and carefully dispose of plastic in the council recycling bin, it is still problematic. China, which up until recently took the bulk of New Zealand's recyclable plastic no longer wants it and there are mountainous stock piles of bailed up compressed plastics building up all around New Zealand.

This plastic avalanche has happened so rapidly. When I was a child there was not nearly so much of it around. Building blocks were made of painted wood. Swings were hemp ropes strung in trees with maybe a wooden board to sit on. We wrapped our school sandwiches in greaseproof paper.

I can remember climbing up trees to peer into blackbirds'nests. The eggs were little miracles: bright blue and so perfectly smooth. I don't think a child of today would be nearly so impressed as there are so many bright plastic objects everywhere.

It is really hard to avoid adding to the mountains of plastic waste. You can take a basket or shopping bag to the supermarket and, if you are a really dedicated plastic reductionist, take along some recycled bags for your purchases from the bulk bins or the fruit and vege department, but then there's milk in plastic, fish in plastic packs, meat pre-packaged in plastic.

I recently saw in our local supermarket, corncobs with their natural leaf wrapping pulled off re-wrapped in plastic on a plastic tray.

I feel that packaging stuff up in plastic is often a trick to make us buy more than we need. You might need just one new toothbrush but the only way you can get the small head, soft bristle one you want is in a plastic wrap pack of three.

Something that really irks me, although it is probably insignificant in the scheme of things, is those little sticky plastic coated labels on apples and sometimes other fruits. You used to be able to eat an apple without ending up with any inorganic leftovers. Now you have those annoying little stickers to dispose of somewhere tidily.

One small local victory in the war against plastic the new Waipu butcher, Cameron Miller of Millers Meats is now able to wrap your meat purchases in paper, which for me is a good reason to support this young man and to shop at Millers Meats. To begin with Cameron was a bit doubtful, thinking that a plastic bag would be needed for food safety reasons but, as lots of people were asking, he now has a pile of grease proof paper squares on his counter and another pile of brown paper on the shelf behind. Those neat little brown paper parcels are so much nicer then plastic trays and gladwrap and the paper can be used to get your evening fire started.

The New Zealand Government will be passing legislation to ban single use plastic bags. I think this just refers to the plastic bags you get if you don't bring your own shopping bag to the supermarket. It's a step in the right direction, I suppose, but what about all the other plastic stuff that gets used once and thrown away. I heard a radio interview with a young Auckland couple who had managed, over the course of; I think it was two years, to reduce their plastic waste to one small shopping bag full. the down side however was that they spent an awful lot of time hunting down products that didn't come in the ubiquitous plastic. Hopefully they drove an electrical vehicle for those trips to a farm to refill their milk containers.

I am not sure if we can get by any more without plastic. However, with a bit of effort we can certainly use a lot less than we currently do.



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Naming of new Bream Bay College whare to be discussed at hui

A name for the new Bream Bay College whare was to be the subject of discussion at a whanau hui at the school on Wednesday 22 August at 6pm. Principal Wayne Buckland said the building is almost completed and is already fully in use.

A formal opening for the building will be held on 22 September when Kaumatua Paraire and Heidi Pirihi return from a visit to Australia.

Mr. Buckland said Heidi and Pararie had been involved with the building from the beginning and it would be a shame to hold the opening without them.

The building has cost a total of \$700,000 with \$400,000 coming from the sale of two school houses from which Bream Bay College received half the proceeds, and the remainder from school funds.

Mr. Buckland said it usual to have a whare at the front of a school rather than in the middle or at the back, where the old whare was located.

He said the new location would make it easier for whanau and community to engage with the school.

He said, although it was not traditional for this kind of carving on Nga Puhi whare, the school's caretaker Mathew Spragg had carved out figures on the maihi with his router.

"People are quite surprised when they see how big they are."

The search is on for Ruakaka Citizen of the Year

The Ruakaka Library Committee is asking residents of Ruakaka, Takahiwai and One Tree Point to start thinking about who they might nominate for this year's Ruakaka Citizen of the Year Award.

This will be the fifth year of the award and the committee is hoping to receive a good number of nominations.

This award is open to all residents of One Tree Point, Ruakaka and Takahiwai.

The winner receives a certificate, plus gifts donated by local sponsors.

Nominations open in October and close in mid November. The presentation will be in early December.

Library committee member Sharon Booth said, "We have so many wonderful residents in our local area and it is with great pleasure we run this yearly award" "

Trial Bream Bay Bus service coming soon

Dean Mitchell, the Northland Regional Council's Transport Project Officer, said he has been busy with a few other projects but hopes to be able to start work on setting up a Bream Bay bus service within the next few months.

The NRC's new Long Term Plan has budgeted for a trial bus service between Bream Bay and Whangarei.

To begin with the bus is likely to be a 12 - seat van, perhaps moving up to a 22 seater, if the number of passengers justifies this. It will likely be a shoppers service with two trips a week, leaving Ruakaka at around 10am and returning at around 2.30pm.

Mr. Mitchell said there is also a possibility the service could be run in conjunction with a local community trust as some bus services are run in Christchurch and this might be a cheaper option than going out to tender with a commercial bus company.



The new Bream Bay College whare is already being used for classes.

Under the sea theme at Princess Ball

This year's Princess Ball will be held on Friday 7 September at the Lifepoint church centre, 300 One Tree Point Road.

The Princess Ball is a fun night out for women and girls, a chance to dress up with dancing, prizes and supper.

The theme this year is Under the Sea.

Tickets are \$5, if purchased before 1 September, or \$10 after that date, and are available from Sandra Currie who you can phone or text on 021 023 97 431. The Princess Ball is supported by Orrs Bream Bay Pharmacy



Feral pig eradication underway in Takahiwai forest

Possums and weeds such as wild ginger will be targeted over a five-year programme to rid the forest of these pests as well.

The pest strategy team has adopted the mantra "We don't want noxious weeds and feral pigs, we want kiwi,"

If the pest strategy is successful it might be possible to reintroduce kiwi to the forest.



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LETTERS

Waipu's yesteryear charm



Passing through the Village yesterday, I could not resist this rare shot of the old pick-up Truck outside the Industry Store. Sort of Waipu in times past, but still with that yesteryear charm, even now.

Jeff Johnson Waipu

Dry humour should be reserved for those who know you

I write in support of Chris Cummings, and in response to Ken Couper and Helen Frances, whose letters were published in the latest edition of the Bream Bay News on the 9th of August.

I, too, was disappointed by the comments by Ken Couper regarding the children's work. It reflected poorly on him, and was rude to the children, and the volunteers who give considerable time in support of this category.

Jayden Rudolf, the co-director / choreographer, is an excellent example of how having a children's category develops children's creativity and confidence, provides a platform for the future of the production, and includes all members of the community. His contribution was dynamic, and inspired, and contributed a great deal to the show.

Why not talk to the person concerned?

Chris Cummings has really got the wrong end of the stick regarding the Chair of the Museum. As a teacher myself, I am also appalled!

"Lugging in" - Scottish term for listening in to someone else's conversation, getting only part of the whole conversation and then having the cheek to write to the paper, without checking any facts is narrow-minded and hurtful.

If Chris was so upset why not talk to the person concerned, face to face? The final Saturday is a really long day, with two shows, for all the people working on the show (myself included) and everyone is mindful that these children need to get home to bed. So if the Chairman hurries things along, with humour, so be it. Ken Couper's reply was accurate and dignified.

We have a new multi purpose sports surface completed and now ready for use by locals and campers Call into our reception to pick up a key. Use of the court is free but we do require a \$25 bond



It seems "dry" humour should be reserved for when in the company of those who know you, and the critiquing of a performance by those involved in it should be reserved for a formal meeting some days after the Show.

As a suggestion, it would also be useful for some form of audience feedback to be promoted as a way of "seeing" the Show from the perspective of attendees.

Sally Greed Waikato

Margaret Crichton Waipu

Letters to the Editor are very welcome Email them to: breambaynews@xtra.co.nz, Drop them off at the Waipu or **Ruakaka Lotto shops** Or post them to: The Bream Bay News, 547 Mountfield Rd., RD2 Waipu, 0582

"I am much happier doing something than just moping around"

Ninety-six-year old Trevor McKenzie received a Gold were and then arrange to have culverts Star award last Saturday for 37 years of service to the Waipu Fire Brigade.

In fact Trevor's service to the brigade goes back further than this. As Waipu's County Councillor he called the meeting that resulted in the formation of the Waipu brigade in 1955. Although never a fire fighter Trevor would often go out with the fire crews to see what equipment was needed.

He has served the brigade as a radio operator and record keeper for much longer than the recognised 37 years but prior to that the Fire Brigade Association did not record the work of operational members.

Until very recently he has attended almost every fire call, even those in the middle of the night, noting which firefighters go out in which fire truck and jtting down communications concerning the call out in a notebook beside the radio set.

Colin Kitchen, the past President of the United Fire Brigade Association of New Zealand, said over the past 37 years Trevor's turn out rate to incidents had been an "absolutely incredible" 98.82 percent.

Deputy fire Chief Trevor Vaile said Trevor had been serving his community since when at the age of 15 years he joined the North Auckland Mounted Rifle Brigade. In 1938 he joined the first motorized squadran and was discharged from the army as a sergeant in 1943.

He served as a Whangarei County Councillor from Finally he was given a carving 1956 to 1977 and had sat on a multitude of committees, many of these as chairman.

Trevor's daughter Marie Evans said her father had taken his County Council job very seriously.

"Whenever there was heavy rain he would go out driving around the roads to see where the problems

and drains unblocked.

His motto was, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

Mayor of Whangarei Sheryl Mai congratulated Trevor on his award in a letter. She said, "Your community is lucky to have had your skilled service for so many years. I am sure every resident of Waipu will join me in applauding you."

Standing to speak Trevor thanked everyone for coming. He said he was slowing down a bit now and probably would give up his role as fire brigade radio operator. However he had done all those years of volunteer work in all those different capacities very "willingly."

"I am much happier doing something than just moping about."

Trevor was also presented with a statue of a fire fighter by Fire and Emergency NZ Acting Area Commander Chris Power and a pile of wrapped gifts from the Waipu Brigade by Station Manager Ron Dixon.

made from kauri taken from the old Whangarei County Council building by his granddaughter Selena, who told him it denoted his position as the much loved rangatira of their family.



Trevor McKenzie receives his Fire Service gold star from Colin Kitchen, Past President of the United Fire Brigades Association of NZ.

Planning underway for commercial development in Waipu's main street

The owners of the buildings and land on the north side of Waipu township (the Waipu Petrol Station and adjoining property) are hoping the redevelopment of this site will get underway some time next year.

Paul Wickham, one of the joint owners said a planning is underway for the development of the site. He said the petrol station would be upgraded and remain at its present location and that some new retail space would be built. .

development.

Mr. Wickham said there were now enough key interested tenants to make the development viable.

He commented that Waipu's proximity to Whangarei makes it difficult for retailers to succeed here, particularly over the winter months but due to the pace of residential development in the town "things are changing."

Another much anticipated Waipu commercial For several years a sign has been in place asking for development, the new Hammer Hardware store with expressions of interest from prospective tenants for a shops and offices off Nova Scota Drive behind the

Ranburn retirement complex is also planned for next year.

Coralie Roberts, who with husband Bruce is undertaking the development said they were still working through resource consent conditions with the Whangarei District Council but hoped work on the new retail and office block would begin later this year and that they would move their Hammer Hardware business into the new building some time in 2019.

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Police Report



Waipu man seriously injured after he drove into the back of a parked log truck

The Waipu Fire Brigade was called out to cut a 57- yearold Waipu man from his car at around 3.30am on Tuesday morning 14 September. The man had driven into the back of a parked logging truck in South Rd. outside the Waipu Hotel. The truck trailer, which was stacked on top of the tray, was jolted onto the car. The accidnt victim remains in Middlemore hospital with serious spinal injuries

The Waipu Fire Brigade cut the doors and part of the roof off the car to get the driver out.

GAS Ruakaka robbed at gunpoint

The GAS Ruakaka petrol station was robbed at gunpoint on Saturday 11 August. At around 7.30pm a man with a shotgun entered the shop and ordered the sole attendant to hand over money and cigarettes. No one was hurt in the incident. Police are following lines of inquiry.

Waipu Hotel burglar suspect arrested

A 34-year old Whangarei man was arrested at a Paparoa address in relation to a burglary of the Waipu Hotel on 3 August. He was arrested on the burglary charge as well as a number of other offences and has been remanded in custody. His next court appearance is scheduled for 23 August

Checkpoint finds over the limit driver

On Friday 10 August at 10pm a 59-year-old local woman was stopped at a checkpoint on the Braigh in Waipu and returned a breath alcohol reading of 370mcg of alcohol per litre of breath.

Motocross bike reported stolen from Uretiti

On 15 August a Whangarei man reported his motocross bike stolen from his trailer at Uretiti. It is a blue XTZ 125 Yamaha.



Hayden Hall, aged 41 of Ruakaka, will appear for sentencing in the Whangarei District Court on 12 September. He has pleaded guilty to 10 burglary charges and is remanded in custody.

Judge calls for restorative justice meeting

Vilmae Allen pleaded guilty to a charge of Theft by a Person in a Special Relationship in the Whangarei District Court on Monday 20 August. Judge Davis released her on bail and asked that she attend a restorative justice meeting with her victims Ravi Patel and Dina Bahkta, owners of the Ruakaka General Store before she reappear in court for sentencing on 14 November.

Another crash into Brynderwyn median barrier

On Wednesday 8 August at 8pm a car crashed into the median barrier on State Highway One, near the summit of the Brynderwyn Hill. The driver, a 22-year-old Auckland man was found to have a breath alcohol level of 400 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The legal limit is 250mcg. No one was hurt in the accident

Nine family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police attended nine family harm incidents in the two weeks from 3 August to 17 August

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Helping to restore the dunes at Waipu Cove

The restoration of the dunes at Waipu Cove was taken a step further when on Wednesday morning, 8 August 124 Waipu Primary Years 5 and 6 children spent two hours planting 2,000 spinifex on a 100 metre section of rebuilt dune at the southern end of Camp Waipu Cove.

Laura Shaft, the Northland Regional Council CoastCare Coordinator said this was "an extra good effort from the kids. It's not often we get that many plants in the ground in less than two hours!"

The Northland Regional Council supplied the plants and the digger work to reshape the dune



From left: Ryan Groom, Brooklyn Raniera, Ollie Buckle, Tremarn Jones put some team work into the dune planting effort

complete the last 100 meters of dune re-shaping and

planting. This will complete a 1kilometre stretch of

sand dune area, which starts at the public reserve and

goes to the end of the camp, beyond the camp boundary

is a dedicated wildlife sanctuary of international

was funded by the Cove Café. Camp Waipu Cove supplied buses as well as sausages, hot chips and a drink to reward the children for their efforts.

This is the fourth year Waipu Primary children have helped with the dune rebuilding effort.

Camp manager Anton Trist said, 'Next year we will

Flowers on Fridays

On Friday afternoons there is a bright new addition to the main street of Waipu, when from 2-5pm Liz French holds her Flowers on Fridays stall.

Liz organized the flowers for the recent Art 'n Tartan show and then decided she would give a street stall a try. She buys some flowers locally but has an agent buy for her at the Auckland flower markets.



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Barfoot and Thompson Bream Bay ran a July school holiday colouring competition and last week handed out prizes to the winners. Pictured above: in the front row from left: Pania Parker, aged 5, Eden Sheppard aged 8 and Lara Galley 12 as well as Heather Nash, who was picking up a prize for her grandaughter Zoe Nash. Standing behind are: Andy Dalton, Steve Gibson, Angelique Hartnett, Bert Hartnett, Janice Chisholm and Janine Roughton all of Barfoot and Thompson. Prize winners absent from the photo are Reid Kingi and Sammy Foreman. The prizes were Barfoot and Thompson books of short stories written by children as well as cash: \$75 for first place winners and \$40 for second.

Developing a "Child Rich Community"

An invitation has been sent out to anyone who would like to take part in a

> community discussion about how we cam make Bream Bay a better place for children.

Linda Biggs of the Bream Bay Learning Community has secured funding from an organization called Inspiring Communities to run the workshop, which will take place on Wednesday 28 August from 9.30am - 1230pm in the Ruakaka Fire Station.

The Learning Community group

already runs the annual Pukapuka Party where children and their whanau can spend a morning participating in fun learning activities, has a team of volunteers who help children with their reading in local primary schools and runs children's swap a book events and other activities in the school holidays.

Linda says,"Strong and resilient children, families and communities are interlinked - reflecting the adage 'it takes a village to raise a child'. Everyone in a community contributes to shaping the lives of children and enabling them to realise their dreams and potential. This makes community-led action important in building child rich communities."

Some of the objectives of the workshop are: "to identify opportunities to enhance Child Rich Communities practice and outcomes locally "and to create an action plan for our community.

For catering purposes can those planning to attend please let Linda know. Her phone numbers are: 433 0324 or 0274 864 150 and her email address is: lindabiggs@inspire.net.nz

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Waipu's conscientious postie of 32 years retires - sort of

Kay Dixon cycled the streets of Waipu delivering mail for the last time on Saturday 11 August as Waipu's postie. Kay has held the position for the past 32 years and a party to thank her for all those years of hard work was held at the Waipu Fire Station on Thursday 9 August.

Steve Jones, Waipu's Rural Delivery contractor for almost the same number of years started the speech making saying Kay was a "very conscientious" person. "She is extremely conscientious. Frustratingly conscientious some times." Steve said Kay took a lot of pride in what she did. She was also very knowledgeable if he had a letter addressed to someone and we didn't know who it was, Kay would

always be able to say, "Oh I



Kay Dixon with her postie bike decorated by friends and colleagues for the occasion of her retirement party.

know them. He was married to my second cousin" or something like that.

Mary Farrell said she was working at the old Waipu telephone exchange when Kay first got the postie job. "In those days she was very quiet and shy and wouldn't say boo to a mouse. She has made up for it over the years.

"The bike she rode on to deliver the mail was a greatbig old thing. She used to climb on the step outside the post office to get onto it and we all wondered how she got back on after she stopped at a letterbox. "

Chrissy Faithfull, the manager of Courier Post and Kay's former boss said she was, "A fantastic postie." Sometimes when the weather was terrible I would ring around to make sure everyone was OK. When I phoned Kay she would say she was fine and had already been out and delivered all the mail." She thanked Kay for all her hard work.

Ron, Kay's husband said with all the cycling Kay has done, "she still has the best legs in Waipu."

He has been waiting patiently for her to retire so they can go away in their motorhome together.

Tony Solomon, who along with Kay is a member of the Waipu 2,000 group spoke about the volunteer work both Kay and Ron continue to put in helping to keep the town of Waipu clean and tidy. have a good look around New Zealand and perhaps at a few overseas places as well.

The position Kay held as a salaried worker for New Zealand Post has finished with her retirement. The job of delivering mail to the Waipu urban area is now contracted out, with Debbie and Wayne Brooks, who also have the Waipu Courier Post delivery round, officially taking over the job on Monday 13 August. Mail delivery has been cut back to three days a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Courier Mail will be delivered on five days from Monday through to Friday. To cope with the courier parcel, a vehicle is now used for the round, rather than a bicycle.

Courier Post and mail delivery has now been combined in most rural New Zealand towns

Debbie said she and Wayne will do the rounds themselves most days but, as they also have a similar combined mail and Courier Post contract for Maungaturoto, they hope to be able to find relievers for Waipu from time to time.

In fact they found a very efficient and competent reliever last Wednesday when Kay stepped in to help them out and did the Waipu postie and courier round for them.

She was back on the job again on Monday saying as long as she is not away somewhere in the campervan





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There is a lot of history behind the Waipu Highland Games



Don Ewen. Don is the current Chief of the Waipu Caledonian Society.

There is a lot of history behind the Waipu Highland Games and no one feels this more keenly then Don Ewen, his great grandfather was William McKenzie, on who's property in The Braigh, the first games were held not long after the first Nova Scotian settlers arrived in Waipu in the 1850s.

To begin with these were not official highland games but New Years Day picnics with the idea of helping to reinforce and retain the Scottish Highland culture and assisting later Scottish and Nova Scotian arrivals to Waipu to settle into their new community. The picnics included dancing competitions as well as running races for both adults and children.

Don's great grandfather was the third man off the first boat of Scottish settlers to land in Waipu in 1853 and he was able to buy Lot 3: that is land along what was to be called The Braigh, at a location close to where the town was built, so his farm was the obvious spot for the annual picnic.

The Waipu Caledonian Society was established in 1871 and around 1900 it acquired nine acres to hold its annual games.

This land has been developed into a park and includes two rugby fields, squash courts, four tennis courts and a croquet green. It is also used for events such as the Waipu Primary Easter Gala, the Waipu Lions Car Show and motor home rallies. The park is now owned by the Waipu Caledonian Trust. Over the past years maintenance and improvements on the park has been done by volunteers from the district and various user groups

But the biggest annual event is still the Waipu Highland Games attended by up to 8,000 and drawing people from all around the world.

The kilted Highland Heavyweights take Centre field entertaining the crowds with their theatrics when the caber toss goes well (or not so well) and the sheath goes flying over the high bar. In 1993 the Waipu Caledonian Society initiated the New Zealand Highland Heavyweights Championships and this has been a highlight of the Waipu Games every year since then. In addition Waipu has hosted two world heavyweight competitions in 1996 and in the millennium year 2,000.

There is Highland dancing – two kinds (Scottish Official and New Zealand Highland Piping and Dancing Association), with competitions based on two separate stages.

Piping and drumming remain major features of the Games with solo competitions and a massed pipe band marching into the field before the official opening at midday. A fiddling competition is a popular innovation



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Colonel Fraser Sim, who at that time was chiev of the Waipu Caledonian Society taking the salute at the opening of the 2018 Waipu Highland Games

of recent years as is a Tartan in the Park fashion competition.

All comers are invited to participate in running races, held around the perimeter of the centre field. There was previously also a cycle track and Don remembers one year when athletes in a Commonwealth Games training camp at Waipu Cove joined in and set a pretty high standard for local people to aspire to.

Both Don and his good friend Fraser Sim have fond memories of the Waipu Games of their childhoods.

During the years of the second world war the main event was cancelled and just a children's games was held. The park was used for the Home Guard to train in and in the later years of the war an American military camp was established there. The area along the boundary with Argyle St. became known as the Soldier's Park and was separated from the rest of the park by a line of trees. The army installed drainage pipes under the grass, which the society is only now having to upgrade. The soldiers also built a toilet block, which has since been pulled down. Fraser, who as a young child lived with his family in what had been the Waipu Boarding House (where the Waipu Pharmacy is now located) remembers the sound of the American Army camp's diesel generator. Fraser's family moved up to Whangarei when the Waipu Dairy factory burned down but they returned each year on 1 January. Fraser said he first competed



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Photo of the Waipu Caledonian park taken by the late Harry Curline on new year's day 1932

in the sprint races at the games when he was aged around five years. He took up the bagpipes at the age of eleven and in 1950 he competed in the solo piping competition before leaving to attend a military officers training academy in Australia.

In later years Fraser travelled to Highland Games in many parts of the World as a member of the Auckland Police Pipe Band.

As a youngster Don took part in the heavyweight events. He says he was never a competition winner but he "flew the flag for Waipu." He has taken a keep interest in this competition and after his partial retirement visited Scotland, Canada and America to follow this sport around the world.

The Waipu Caledonian Society was an early sponsor of the great Pat Hellier, who won the New Zealand heavyweight title 18 times and it was often to support Pat that Don traveled the globe. Pat retired from competition in 2016 but has returned each subsequent year to take charge of the heavyweight event.

The polio epidemic of 1948 also caused a cancellation of the games and, more recently, in 2016 a deluge of rain and wind forced the heavyweight competition to be moved to the Paeroa games held in February. Other competitions were able to be moved to the Waipu Coronation Hall or the Celtic Barn, which was built in the park in 2015.

The Barn was built when the Waipu Caledonian Society deciding that, rather than relying on large tents and marquees, a more permanent structure was needed to provide shelter for games events. The building won a silver award in the Recreation and Leisure section of The New Zealand Commercial Project 2016 Awards. The judges said this was, "A perfect example of the Waipu community spirit as this \$2 million project had input and assistance from over 150 local families and businesses from the tight-knit Celtic community, with all costs raised over two years through community involvement, grants and trusts." Don and Fraser say the Caledonian Society is not just about the games and has in mind the well being of the town and people of Waipu. The Celtic Barn is available to sports groups to use for games and practice sessions.

Before Waipu school had its own playing fields the children used the park for their outdoor activities. Minutes from a meeting of the society in 1950 even show a donation to the County Council for the laying of a footpath on St Marys Rd.

The Caledonian Society relies on the Highland Games to raise enough money to maintain the park throughout the year.

Don says he wouldn't like to see the games become another gala day. He wants it to retain its sporting focus and more helpers are needed to ensure this can happen. He invites people to pick their area of interest, be it athletics, the heavyweight competition, piping, fiddling or dancing. Ideally he says there would be two or three people to take on each job on the day so that everyone gets a chance to wander around and enjoy the games.

Don, who is 81 years old, has been operating the sound system since 1976, and assisting with running the heavyweight events, and he would like to have some more volunteers to lend a hand. People are also needed to help with the set up on the days before the games and the clean up afterwards, to take a turn in the information tent on the day and with ticket sales and parking. The Caledonian Society itself also needs some new blood.

In particular, a minutes secretary is needed for the monthly meetings.



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"Its not a closed shop", says Don. He can name many illustrious past members of the Waipu Caledonian Society have not been Nova Scotian descendants.

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of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 6 September The deadline for all copy is 4pm on Wednesday 29 August

Debussy concert at Blacksheep Farm



Pianist Melanie Lina

Violinist Marko Pop Ristov and cellist Sarah Spence are returning to Blacksheep Farm in September with pianist Melanie Lina for a concert of work by Debussy to mark the 100th anniversary of the French composers death.

Marko and Sarah both performed in two Blacksheep Farm concerts with the Villani Quartet back in May. They said they found the Waipu audience "very warm and welcoming" and approached Lisa and Anthony Uphof to ask if they could return with their "Heralding Spring" Debussy concert.

The trio is an international line up. Marko is from Macedonia. He graduated from the Royal College of Music (London) with a Bachelor of Music in 2009, and has his Masters in Chamber Music from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. He has been awarded first prizes in several international competitions and plays a violin dating from 1670.

Sarah is Scottish and has a Bachelor of Music with Honours from the Royal Northern College of Music as well as a German Masters in Chamber Music from the Robert Schumann Music Hochschule. She plays a William Foster cello dating from 1790.

Melanie is an American and has performed widely in the US, across Europe and in Russia. She came to New Zealand with her Kiwi husband and now lives in Christchurch where she performs with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra.

Lisa says this will be an easy listening hour of music with some commentary by the performers.

As is the custom with Blacksheep Farm concerts, the music is followed by light refreshments and a chance to meet and talk to the musicians.

The concert date is Sunday 23 September starting at 2pm. Tickets cost \$45 and can be purchased by phoning 09 432 0435 or on line at: www.blacksheepfarm.co.nz There will be no door sales. Once again Lisa and Anthony are offering ten free tickets to young music students under the age of 16 years.



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- KARAOKE with Beckz is every Friday at the Waipu Hotel. Starting at 7pm
- WAIPU HOTEL DARTS every Tuesday. Starting at 6pm.
- WAIPU HOTEL POOL CLUB is every Wednesday starting at 6pm. New players most welcome.
- WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET. In the Waipu Coronation Hall. Next on Sunday 9 September from 9am - 1pm
- MARSDEN COVE MARKET Next on Sunday 16 September from 9am 1pm. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina.
- **RUAKAKA RECREATION CENTRE CAR BOOT SALE**. Saturday 25 August. Upstairs at the Rec Centre. From 10am to 2pm.

• **SPRING SYMPHONY YOUTH VARIETY CONCERT** Saturday 25 August at 4pm in the Waipu Coronation Hall.

• **RUAKAKA RACES**. Next on Saturday 1 September. From 11.30am to 5pm. Harcourts Daffodil Raceday High Tea fundraiser for the Cancer Society with food by A'Fare catering, fashion parades, spot prizes and auctions. Tickets \$60 with \$10 going to Cancer Society.

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• MASQUERADE PARTY Saturday 6 October from 7pm to midnight at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. Tickets \$25 from the Rec Centre.

Weed action gets underway in Waipu



The newly formed Waipu weed busters group held a hands-on workshop led by Jo Barr, the co-ordinator of the Bream Head Weed Action Group, on Sunday 19 August. The group attacked a weedy patch at a property on Cove Rd. They learned how to deal with: wild ginger, tobacco weed, arun lilly, lantana, mignonette vine and cut down a giant banana passionfruit vine with a stem ressembling a large snake, which had grown to the top of a towering macracarpa tree. Twenty people attended the workshop. Pictured above from left to right are: Cathy and John Hawley, Peter Hunt, tutor Jo Barr, Bruce Copeland, Craig MacDonald and Greg Stump.

The Peter Lynch Croquet Singles Tournament







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Gael Donnelly, the winner of this year's Peter Lynch Singles Tournament receiving her trophy from Peter's widow Mary Lynch. Peter was a former president of the club. Mary brought along a bottle of wine for the winner as well. To the left of the photo is Christine Martin, the current Waipu Croquet Club Captain.

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The Spring Symphony Youth **Variety Show** By Peter Grant



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It's going to be a great show of young talent lead by the 12 year old first time MC Logan Dobson (the bag piping cow in the photo) with Auckland's Sinfonietta of budding classical musicians playing a medley of Kiwi favourites. Waipu's Circool Circus will be up to their usual trickery and Whangarei youth theatre group Making a Scene will take it back to 1910 with a play called The Discovery. Elijah Backhouse will be ripping out the chords. The rising star and dance choreographer from Ruakaka Jayden Rudolph will explain the cultural symbolism of the Art n Tartan dances which he and his troop will perform. For the last number all the performers will be joined by Art n Tartan models for a grand finale. An extra treat for the audience will be to seeing up close the last two years winning Art n Tartan outfits which will be on display in the hall entrance.

Photo by Peter Grant

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The coastal tanker Kakariki loading refined oil products on Jetty 2 at the Marsden Point Oil refinery.

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We are running out of yarn to knit. Do you have wool, synthetic, cotton or any yarn tucked away that you will never use and could give to us? We are a small group who meet every second Tuesday of the month at 10am at the Apple Basket shop in Kaiwaka. We knit various items for the children in Ward 2 and dialysis patients at Whangarei Hospital. Although we have had generous amounts of yarn already we need more in any quantities Should you be able to help please phone Gale 09 431 4827 or leave donations at the Apple Basket or Absolute Concrete. Both are on SH1 at Kaiwaka.

Mainly Music is on each Wednesday at 10.00am in the Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall All welcome

TOY LIBRARY

In the Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall All families and Grandparents welcome. Wednesdays after Mainly Music 10.45 to 12 noon. Saturdays 8.30 to 10.30am Contact Lynnette 432 0441 & Julie 432 0388 or 021 072 6710

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Free medical clinic each Wednesday

Enquiries to: Judy MacKenzie 432 8645

Ruakaka Library will be CLOSED all day on the following dates: 30th of August. 3rd of September. For Library Maintenance.

- Minute's silence for those who have passed
- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM
- Matters arising from the Minutes
- Presentation of Annual Report (President)
- Presentation of Accounts (SecretaryTreasurer)
- Election of Committee
- General Business
- Any Other Business

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 6 September The deadline for all copy is 4pm on Wednesday 29 August

- 9am 12noon.
- Free budgeting service by appointment - 432 7197
- Te Atarangi Te Reo class. Wednesday evenings 5.30pm 8.30pm.
- Narcotics Anon Wednesdays 6.30-730pm

The Bream Bay Community Trust offers:

- A Family Centred support team.
- Family violence Intervention advocacy
- Advice and referrals to other agencies and relevant support services.

Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone 09 432 7197

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Brand new 3 bedroom home, with ensuite, set in a very friendly and quiet cul de sac just over 2.5 kms to Waipu township. A little study nook, perfect for the home computer and of course, double glazing to keep you toasty. Double garage for the cars and internal access. Set on 2030m2, so plenty of room for kids. Enjoy morning coffee on a lovely sun drenched decking area. Close to the walkway into Waipu and not too far to summertime swimming. Judy Guy 027 221 5623 WPU10937 or a/h 09 432 0486

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This 3 bedroom home is situated in a quiet cul de sac on 921m2 level section with mature hedges and trees. Enjoy the large private fully fenced back lawn, safe for children and pets. A great first home, a downsize for the dwindling family or your holiday home close to some very beautiful white sandy beaches - the choice is yours! Just a stroll away to the Waipu township for all your amenities or a coffee and only a 7 minute drive to beautiful Waipu Cove. Roger King 0277 555 001 OR WPU10961 or a/h 09 432 1381

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