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A statement from our new Mayor

Ken Couper of Waipu was finally declared the elected Mayor of Whangarei late on Friday evening 17 October. With all the special votes counted and the various iterations of the STV ranking system were worked through, Councillor Couper with 12,418 votes was ahead of his nearest rival, sitting



Ken Couper

Mayor Vince Cocurullo by 435 votes.

He said in a statement to the Bream Bay News,

"It's a privilege to be in this position and to get public support and it's a big responsibility. Now I have the responsibility to achieve what is best for the district. What are his priorities?

"To have a council that works together insuring that we can get things done."

Ken said he won't be holding onto any grudges left over from the election.

"As far as I am concerned it's a new day."

He said he would work to build links with other local authorities and with the community including business people and with iwi and hapu.

He would be respecting the result of the referendum where the majority of voters in the Whangārei District said they wanted the Council to discontinue its Māori Ward but would be looking for other ways to strengthen the relationship with these groups.

Ken said, "I want to thank the people of Bream Bay for the support they have shown me in recent elections."

At the Waipu Primary School Agricultural Day



Siblings Lilly and Max Winters with their twin pet goats: Sandy and Poppy from Belle Chevere farm. Lily's goat Sandy was Champion in the senior class and Max's goat Poppy won the junior section at the Waipu Primary School Agricultural Day held on Saturday 18 October.

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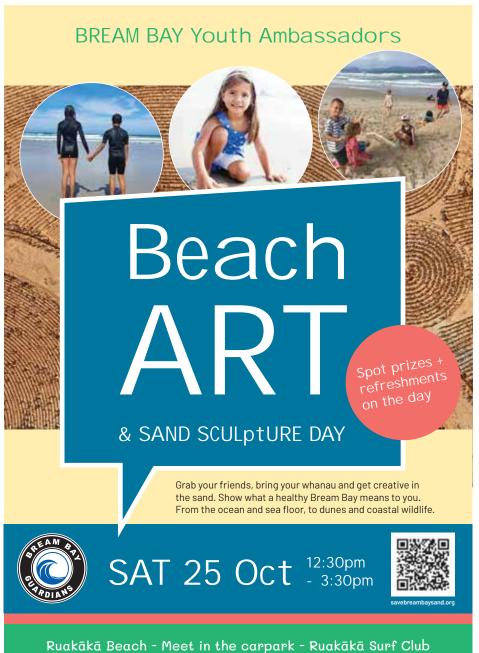
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EDITORIAL

Where is our share of the tourism levy money?

Our local government elections are over and we have a new Northland Regional Council representative, two new councillors for the Bream Bay Ward and a new Mayor for the Whangārei District

All these positions were contested and we had three elections, which is more than what happened in some parts of the country so we need to be grateful to all those individuals who put their names forward.

Each of our new councillors will be juggling with the competing pressures: while nobody wants rate rises, we all want more services

The Central Government piles more and more requirements on local government yet is threatening a rating cap. Many people consider the funding model for local government in New Zealand is broken

If we want the potholes in our roads fixed, clean public toilets, more footpaths, walking and cycling trails, well maintained parks, sports parks and public buildings and we don't want to be forced out of our homes by exorbitant rate rises, we need to look at alternate ways for our local councils to be funded.

Here is one idea. A few weeks back there was a cover story in the NZ Listener entitled "Money Trail – Where the tourist levies are really going."

The article, by investigative journalist George Driver, describes how, although the visitor levy for tourists coming to New Zealand went from \$35 per individual to \$100 last year (tourists from Australia and most Pacific islands are exempt) this hasn't resulted in extra funding flowing to local councils or to the Department of Conservation for the infrastructure and maintenance of the facilities tourists use. The bulk of the levy is going straight to the government's coffers.

The article describes how by way of various loopholes and rule changes, money that was meant to help communities cope with the v pressures tourism brings has been syphoned off by the Coalition Government.

The law that enabled the tourism levy to be enacted stipulates the proceeds must be spent on conservation, tourism infrastructure and "other initiatives related to tourism". To get around this the government paid out a share of the funds collected by the levies to both DOC and Tourism New Zealand but then offset this by a corresponding cut in government funding to both these organisations.

Also some of the funding generated by the levy has been used on the big tourism promotion campaign – the "Every one must go" campaign in Australia. The Government is aiming to grow the number of visitors to 4.78 per annum as part of its plan to build the economy

Ruakākā and Waipu are both tourist towns and get their share of international travellers. Right now we are seeing a steady stream of Te Araroa walkers with their big packs and hiking poles striding along our beach

Unless they are New Zealanders, Australians or Pacific islanders, all the walkers would have paid those \$100 visitor levies. Our District Council is charged with maintaining the walking trails, public toilets, parks and other facilities these international visitor use. The Whangārei District Council should be getting some of that tourism levy money.

There is a big multi million wastewater treatment plant upgrade about to be built in Ruakākā. The upgrade is forced, in part, by the high volumes of wastewater the plant needs to cope with during the busy summer holiday season.

We have a cycle walkway that needs to be completed in Waipu and another just beginning in Ruakākā. How can we get hold of some of that levy money to help us complete these two projects?

I urge our newly elected District Council to make a strong representation to the Government, pointing out the unfairness of this situation.

Marilyn

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Bream Bay's new ward councillors Mathew Yovich

We asked Mathew Yovich, who behind Ken Couper, was the highest polling Bream Bay Ward candidate to what he attributed his success.

He said, "That's a tricky one. I think there were likely several contributing factors. I was very clear on where I stand on issues ratepayers asked about. I think a fresh face may have helped. I also think ACT putting their name behind me was also a benefit. People that weren't sure who to vote for, but know ACT's principles may have voted for me because they knew what they were getting."

Asked about his top priority once he is sitting around the council table he said, "I want to see our city move forward, and I would like to see it done without a rise in rates."

Asked about what he would like to see happen in Bream Bay he said, "There is a lot happening in BB Ward currently. I think the wastewater treatment plant is going to be big and we need to keep a close eye on how it is tracking. To me this is quite an urgent service that we need completed."



Matt Yovich

Dave Baldwin

Dave Baldwin had to wait for almost a week to find out if he had won a seat on the Whangārei District Council. His position hinged on whether or not Councillor Ken Couper had won the Mayoralty. Once this was confirmed the preference votes of those who had picked Ken as their number one choice were added up giving Dave 1472 votes making him the second Bream Bay Ward Councillor.

Dave has campaigned strongly on keeping rates as low as possible and he confirmed this would continue to be his focus.

He moved to Waipu with his wife in 2019 to retire and

says; as he had no job he will be able to devote plenty of time to Council work.

On 5 November the new councillors will be meeting with the Mayor and CEO and there is an 80 pages of standing orders he will need to read.

"There some big issues I will need to get my head around. But I enjoy learning and hunting out information."

He said he had spoken to Matt Yovich and they would work together to attend the various ratepayer and community group meetings

In the final tally Simon Schuster polled in third place with 1217 votes, Paul Grace gained 779 and Shilane Shirkey - 469.

Monthly Resident and Ratepayer meetings

The next meeting of the Waipu Resident and Rate-payers Association will be held on Wednesday 29 October at 7pm in St Peters Church, Nova Scotia Rd. Waipu. If you wish to speak please email the secretary at... waipurrra@gmail.com two days prior.

The Ruakāka Parish Residents and Ratepayers Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the new Ruakāka

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Next meeting will be on Tuesday 11 November.



Dave Baldwin





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Council puts up numerous subdivision hurdles

I thought I would let you all know how difficult the Council is to deal with regarding a simple subdivision that was fully compliant with the Council rules.

I started subdividing my residential section in Waipu in July 2023. I employed qualified professionals to process the paperwork. From the start, there were numerous hurdles put in front of me.

Firstly, I was informed that my existing driveway wasn't legal. It was built in the 1990's and after getting my surveyor to prove otherwise (at my cost) the necessary paperwork was discovered 2 weeks later. Things got worse. I was building a new garage on the remaining section and was informed that this consent had to be tied to the subdivision, incorrect but once again costly to get the Council to accept their error. I won't bore you with the rest of the hurdles, suffice it to say each one required one of my professionals to correct their errors again at my cost.

The absolute stinger was the cost of traffic management for the installation of water, stormwater and driveway. I have paid more than \$4,000 for numerous cones and one day of actual workers and their truck. I have also noted numerous other driveways being installed with no CONES. Simpler to ask forgiveness than permission.

The new garage then required an additional \$6,600 for excessive foundations based on the Councils determination that I had peat soil, wrong again. Their GIS maps showed they were wrong.

All in all, I have had to spend an additional \$16,000 on top of all the many fees placed on what I was doing.

I finally got title 23 months after my initial lodging of the consent request. This Council is far from being pro-development. So, if you intend to do a simple subdivision, I suggest you take a lawyer with subdivision experience to the first meeting with the Council so that they understand that you will not allow the same problems I had.

Malcolm Norton Waipiu

In response

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

We do understand that the consent processes can be confusing and difficult for those not used to them, even when the best efforts are made by all.

Our resource consents team has a 20-working-day timeframe for processing consents. We "start the clock" when the application is received. If we need any further information from the applicant or their agent, we "stop the clock" and re-start it when the information comes back.

In this case we sought clarification on the surface of an existing vehicle crossing and whether a future garage would infringe setbacks from the boundary, and stopped the clock. The clock was started again when the answers came back that the vehicle crossing had been in place for a long time and did not need to be addressed, and that there would be no boundary set-back infringements. There was no delay to the processing time taken for the application.

Traffic management is required by everyone working in the road corridor, and this is part of the build cost. We will happily investigate any unapproved works that are reported to us.

General Manager,
Planning and Development, Dominic Kula.

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The eventual route will follow Marsden Point Rd. as far as McEwan Rd. where the Whangarei District

Council has committed to building a dedicated off road overbridge alongside the road bridge.

The plan is then to take the trail across Hermpac and Marsden Maritime Holding land to the marina.

Easements for this second stage are still under negotiation.

Double fatality when a car collided with a truck on SH1 on the Brynderwyn Hill

Two people died when the car they were travelling in The road was closed intermittently as the Serious collided with a truck on State Highway One over the Crash Unit worked at the scene. Brynderwyn Hill on 17 October 2025 just after 3am. The truck driver sustained minor injuries.

An investigation is underway to determine the cause of the crash.





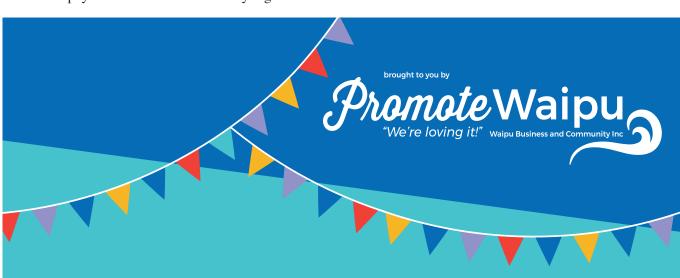
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Having your support for 11 elections extremely humbling

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the residents and ratepayers of this amazing Bream Bay Ward. Having had your support and trust for 11 elections has been extremely humbling, and this has allowed me to have the confidence to push hard with my fellow ward councillor to get the infrastructure, development and services that you need .As a councillor and Deputy Mayor you get to work with many amazing volunteers who give their time to making this a better place. Thank- you all. Flo and I received a very nice send off from the Ruakaka Ratepayers Association on Tuesday night which

reflects the community spirit, and we thank them for this. Bream Bay will continue to grow and will require sturdy infrastructure and investment to support this. Congratulations to the incoming councillors and we wish them well in this challenging role, and it looks likely we will get a BB Mayor.

Kindest Regards Phil and Flo Halse.



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State Highway One over the **Brynderwyns** to close for six days next month

State Highway One over the Brynderwyns will now be closed for what the New Zealand Transport Agency is calling two "super weekends." The closures will take place from 12.01am on Thursday 13 November until 11.59pm on Sunday 16 November and then for a second four-day period from 12.01am on Thursday 20 November until 11.59pm on Sunday 23 November.

They are deemed necessary to carry out some final resurfacing work after the major recovery and resilience work undertaken in 2024. Steve Matene, NZTA's System Manager in Northland said, "The decision to fully close the road has been made with freight and the community in mind. If we'd chosen to use stop/go traffic management, the works would've taken 12–14 weeks. Compare that to a full closure, which allows work to be completed in 6-8 days."

Night works will take place during the week prior to the first full closure to prepare for the construction with stop-go controls in place. Four detours are in place. Light vehicles can use the Cove Rd. detour through Mangawahi and Waipu so there will be a lot of traffic in Waipu.

Trucks with trailers can use the Paparoa/Oakleigh Road but over dimensional vehicles -HPMVs -High Productive Motor Vehicles need to travel along state Highway 12 to Dargaville and then along SH14 to Whangārei.

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Councillor Halse made a life Member of Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association

The Ruakākā Ratepayers made Councillor Phil Halse a Life Member of the Association at a dinner held in his honour at Oregano Restaurant at Marsden Cove on Tuesday 14 October 2025.

They also presented Flo, Councillor Halse's wife with a big bunch of flowers in recognition for the support she had given her husband over the 33 years he has served on the Whangārei District Council.

Councillor Halse recounted how Flo had kept a notebook beside the phone in the early pre cell phone days and had noted down all the phone calls that came in from residents.

He said there had been many changes in the area over those 33 years and it had been exciting to be involved in these.

"We made a good structure plan and the development that followed has pretty much stayed within that plan."

Councillor Halse did not stand for re-election in this year.

Last month the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association held a super to thank him for his work for Waipu, presenting him with a Waipu Tartan scarf and a bowl crafted from swamp kauri.



Flo and Phil Halse

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John Hunt - Looking forward to meeting local groups

Our newly elected Northland Regional Council representative for the Coastal South constituency.

John Hunt is CEO of North Harbour Basketball but said he will be spending an increased amount of time in Northland working in his new role.

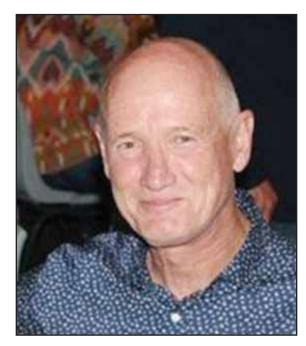
He said he is looking forward to meeting with all the local groups working for the environment in Bream Bay and Mangawhai

"I am incredibly grateful that so many people supported me. I won't forget that and will be working pretty hard for them.

A lot of money in rates gets taken out of the communities of this area and a good proportion of that should come back.

He describes himself as a fiscal conservative but says this doesn't mean he can't be an environmentalist as well. We just need to spend wisely.

On the question of sand mining in Bream Bay he said he recently met with representatives of Kayasand in



Hamilton where high quality sand able to be used in construction is engineered from quarried rock and he is of the opinion that sand mining is a thing of the past.

Rick Stolwerk - Moving on

Rick Stolwerk has lost his se reproeson the Northland Regional Council after werving nine years as our representave for the Coastal South

Constituency

Rick said he was proud of what he has helped to achieve. The Piroa conservation group was started in his first term. There are now two more marine reserves in Northland. There has been a lot of work on foredune restoration and protection on 30 beaches. There has been investment in the NIWA Kingfish Farm and in the Northport expansion.

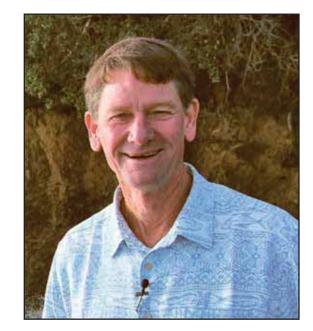
Rick said he believes there has been good management of the Regional Council finances with investments that make good returns and have kept rate rises at a minimum.

He has chaired the Civil Defence committee which as well as developing emergency response capabilities has worked on managing event recovery.

He said the Northland Regional Council has employed some "really good staff." whom he hopes will be able carry on.

I will have more time to catch up on things.

I have a lot going on. Obviously there is still the surf lifesaving work. We have a property in Blenheim and we need to do work there. We are planning a cycle trip, we have a nieces wedding coming up and we might



even get over to the UK to visit our daughter Ella. "You work hard you put a lot of energy and money into it and the best thing to do now is to move on."

Roof goes on the new Waipu Menzshed

Wellsford Roofing is the latest business to come to the assistance of the Waipu Menzshed in the construction of their new building.

Menzshed President Gordon Walker said the company had given them a very good deal to get the roof in place on the building under construction behind the Whangārei District Council's Saorsa carpark.

Gordon said thanks to the generosity of many local people and businesses the cost of the new building has been kept to a minimum which is just as well as he is finding the market for funding is very overcrowded.



Wellsford Roofing at work last wek installing the Menzshed roof

A regular 8am Saturday morning fun run from Waipu Cove

There is a regular Saturday morning fun run and walk at 8am from Waipu Cove.

Participants gather on the domain grass area alongside the carpark and when the starter goes off, jog, run or walk along the Waipu Cycle and Walkway. People can choose where they want to turn back with some going the full distance to the Waipu Cemetery and others turning at Cullen Rd. In some respects the regular Saturday run follows the format of Park Runs, which are held in cities all around the world including in Whangārei. However, Grace McLean, the Waipu organizer, said official Park Runs cannot have road crossings as part of the course and also need to have a specified number of marshals.

Last Saturday 18 October around 40 people including babies in pushchairs, youngsters on bikes and this 71-year-old Bream Bay News reporter took part.

Grace said she is expecting even more people to turn up this coming Saturday, 25 October, as lots of visitors are expected in Waipu for Labour Weekend.



Around 40 people turned up to last Saturday's morning run from Waipu Cove

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A year of volunteer work disappears under pine slash

Volunteers who have worked for over a year to clear weeds and plant native trees alongside the Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle and walkway trail alongside Flagstaff Reach are horrified about the mess left by a council contractor who felled some large pine trees alongside the trail.

Coralie Roberts said the area was looking lovely with the young trees growing well.

"People would sit on the seat (located there) and enjoy the surroundings."

Now all that pine tree slash and big holes left in the ground makes it hazardous for us to go in there.

The volunteers have worked two mornings a week for over a year taking out trailer loads of wild ginger, tobacco weed and pampas and planting native trees.

The volunteers acknowledge that the large pines posed a hazard and needed to come out but had understood that the site would be left in a tidy state and that the slash would be chipped so it could be used as mulch.

The volunteer group has complained to the Whangārei District Council but on inspection Council roading staff told them they were happy with the state of the site.

Tim Manning Chairman of the Waipu Cycle and



Pine slash left beside the Waipu cycle and walkway

Walkway Group said the group wasn't involved in the pine tree removal but is keen to work with the Whangārei District Council to make sure the area is left safe so that replacement s can be made.

Wastewater Treatment Plant **New Fencing Installed**



Council has installed new fencing around the Ruakākā wastewater treatment plant discharge area known as the Rama Road Block.

The new fence runs along the boundary line of the site and creates a buffer of around 15m between the publicly accessible reserve area and the wastewater discharge field.

The site is currently an active wastewater treatment site with a major upgrade to happen over the next three years. The fence and gates will protect the treatment plant infrastructure and are important for public safety as the major construction upgrade ramps up.

"Over time the old fencing has perished and been damaged. An informal path had widened with use (mainly by recreational 4WD users) and was encroaching on WDC owned land close to the discharge area," says Acting General Manager of Waters, Simon Charles. "The new fence moves access back outside the boundary and away from discharge and construction areas."

The fencing includes signage advising the public not to enter the area for public health reasons.

"We remind the community that neither treated wastewater discharge areas nor construction sites are suitable for recreational activities, even in a vehicle. We ask the public to respect this important safety boundary and to stay out of the fenced areas."

The community is likely to see activity starting up shortly, with geotechnical and surveying inspections on the site from now until construction starts

For further information contact Anna Curnow, Engagement Lead, WDC, Ruakākā Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, anna.curnow@WDC.govt.nz

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| Langs Beach (Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads) | 4:15 |
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Meticulously made model wooden crane fetches \$67,300 at auction for the DEBRA charity

Joe Worthy lost track of the hours he spent building a wooden scale model of a Liebherr crane but all that investment of his time became worthwhile when the finished item fetched an astounding \$67,300 at an auction at the NZ Crane Association's 50th anniversary conference in Wellington in July with the proceeds going to the charity DEBRA, which has a special association for Joe and his wife Kathy.

DEBRA is an acronym for Dystrophic EpidermolysisBullosa Research Association.

Their son Ash, who passed away two years ago at the age of 36, suffered from this condition, which caused his skin to be extremely fragile, blistering and falling away at the slightest friction. During his young life Ash attended camps run by the DEBRA Association where he was able to experience adventures such as white water rafting, skiing and abseiling. Joe is pleased the money from the auction will enable other young EB sufferers in New Zealand and Australia to attend similar camps.

He is a builder by trade and retired just before he reached the age of 65, when Ash became very ill and he was needed at home to help with his care.

Joe said, "There are only so many Attenborough documentaries you can watch so I was looking for something to do."

He had made wooden toys for his children when they were younger but he began to make more complex models.

All his life Ash loved tractors so Joe began work on a wooden tractor and scraper unit. Then he came across some assembly instructions on line with a full catalogue of parts for the Liebherr Crane and thought it looked interesting and challenging.

He scaled the model down by 28 times to a size he could work with. The full sized crane has a total height of 196 metres and a lifting capacity of 750 tonnes.

Joe's model is 2 metres high. It can swivel, the tracks turn and the winches are all functional.

It has thousands of wooden parts all made in recycled wood. He got hold of some old window frames.

"They were covered in paint but when I planed them down there was beautiful rimu." Kauri, rimu, totara and a little bit of macrocarpa were all used in the construction.

There are no nails or screws. The model is able to be dismantled and put back together as the crane itself can. Joe and Kathy had to pack it up in boxes to transport it to the conference where he reassembled it for the auction

Waipu film maker David Klum created a beautiful short video telling

the story of Ash and how Joe came to work on his crane project to show to the people at the conference.

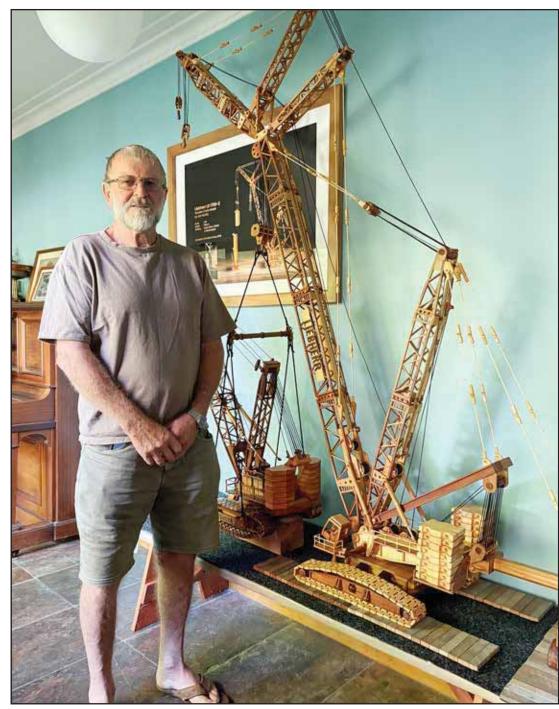
Joe said, "They asked me how much I hoped it would get at the auction. I didn't really know but I said I would be disappointed if it didn't fetch at least \$5,000. So we were pretty happy at the outcome."

He has since built a second wooden model Liebherr crane, which has pride ofplace in the entrance hall of his Waipu home.

Liebherr representatives at the Wellington conference were i pressed and promised to send him something. A diecast kitset crane model duly arrived. This presents its own challenge as the screws and bolts are so tiny, tweezers and a magnifying glass are needed. Liebherr have requested a photograph of the finished model so a bit of pressure here.

The final figure was made up when Titan Cranes of Lower Hutt Wellington put in a substantial winning bid and other bidders generously donated a portion of their bid to reach the amazing outcome. The winning company has commissioned a glass case for the model, which will be on permanent display in the Titan head office.

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Joe with his second wooden model crane

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Survey Work in Poupouwhenua Reserve

Council contractors will be carrying out surveys and geotechnical investigations around the Pipeline Track on the Poupouwhenua Reserve at Ruakākā over 3 weeks from the 28 October 2025

Council is proposing to locate a new wastewater treatment plant on the existing Whangārei District Council (WDC) site located between Rama Road and Allis Bloy Place (Rama Road Block).

Most of the work will be on this site but the team are also investigating possible locations for a pipeline that will connect the existing treatment plant site and the proposed new site.

"During this period, people might see our surveyors and some specialist equipment in the area. But there is unlikely to be any disruption to members of the community," says Acting General Manager of Waters, Simon Charles.

The surveys for the connecting pipe will include assessment of ground levels using ground penetrating radar. This is a non-invasive way to see what's under the ground and is needed to ensure construction work avoids the major gas and oil pipelines in the area.

For further information contact Anna Curnow, Engagement Lead, WDC, Ruakākā Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, anna.curnow@WDC.govt.nz.

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Ruakākā Community Library celebrates its 50th Anniversary

In November, the Ruakākā Community library will celebrate fifty years of service to the community.

Back in 1975, four women got together with the aim of starting a library for the Ruakaka Beach area, a sleepy seaside settlement with few residents and few services. They were Carolyn Tedesco, Ayala Nicholas, Olwyn Jobbitt and Jill Crispin. They applied to the National Library Service to start a library for the area and were not only given permission, but were supplied with fifty books to start them on their way.

With donated books from residents and from the volunteers to add to the collection, the Ruakaka Beach Library was set up in Carolyn's house, in a spare room, in Slako Crescent. Many hours were spent on fundraising for new books which broadened the choice in the little library but it was soon bursting at the seams and a new venue was sought. In April 1976, the library was relocated to an empty business premises in Princes Road where it remained for a couple of years.

The little library was growing at such a rate that bigger premises beckoned at Clapham Hall in the Ruakaka Domain (the camping ground) and yet another move to a hut known as 'the red shed' on the same site. In 1979 there was another move to the kitchen in the hall of the Presbyterian church in Camellia Avenue. It was rather small but the library remained there for some time. It was open to the greater community but was still known as the Ruakaka Beach Library.

Wooden shelves were built and Mr Nicholas, father of Ayla, made three mobile A-frame shelves which are still used in the current library.

Yet another move transferred the growing library to the Ruakaka Recreation Centre, where it was when I moved into the area thirty years ago.

By this time, the band of volunteers had grown to deal with the ever increasing demands of librarianship. About eighteen of us were rostered for duty a couple of times a month.

There were many tasks to be completed - librarians don't just sit at a desk and hand out books! There is book covering and repairing, entering and recording new books in ledgers with each book being given an accession number and categorised using the Dewey System for non-fiction books, accounts to be kept and a million other things that go on in the background. These days of course, computers are used instead of ledgers and for many other tasks too, but there are still plenty of hands-on jobs to do.

The Rec. Centre was proving to be increasingly damp and very dark on dull days with only one small window - not a suitable place for books or people!

Maureen Irving, our chairperson, expressed a desire to have a new building that was bright and cheerful - something more welcoming for the increasing number of readers and with the prospect of yet more readers in what was a rapidly growing area.

I pre-

sented her with a rather daring plan - a large modern building with all the bells and whistles that a modern library should have. Would she agree? The answer was a very positive "yes", and was agreed to by our committee.

This all started in 2003 and with the help of Shelley Deeming and Phil Halse who encouraged the council to get behind the project, we were off and running. Well, it took some years!

Maureen, Muriel Hodgson, Essie Leech and myself, attended countless meetings in Whangarei with the architects Westpark, Griffiths and Associates, Darryl Trigg and Shelley and Phil where we thrashed out plan changes, costs and everything that surrounds a major building project. It was tiring at times, but in the end



MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT RUAKĀKĀ LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Front Row L-R: Helen Bradley, Jill Crispin (original founding member), Jill Fisher (longest serving member -24yrs), Sharon Booth (Chair), Carol Lawson, Helen Bennett, Sue Humpage.

Back Row L-R: Sue Webb, Su Hilliard, Heather Saunders, Maryanne Woods, Vicki Sullivan, Barbara Griffen, Judy Flight, Karen Ainsworth.

Not present for this photograph: Diane Meek, Robyn Moffit, Eileen Sloper, Kim Clarkson, Pat Simmons, Catherine Walbran, Chris Glass, Jo Lewin and Koda Wilson.

agreement was reached, the funds secured and a date set for the first earth to be turned on the current site.

There was a dawn service, attended and hosted by members of Takahiwai Marae. With the sun coming up and the moon just going down, it was magical.

The building went up very quickly. The concrete panels were made on site - a fascinating process.

The day finally came for the shift. What a mission that turned out to be!

It was all hands on deck to transport books, furniture, shelving and all sorts of new stuff for our modern building. We had been busy fundraising for furniture etc for some time and had a great deal of satisfaction picking out the right look for the new premises.

We opened our new doors in October 2010 and ever since then we have increased our readership enormously and we continue to grow our collections of wonderful books.

It is with great pride that I record this little potted history and would like to pay tribute to all the volunteers, both past and present, without whom none of this would have been accomplished. There have been more than ninety volunteers over the years, some of

whom have sadly passed away, and the community has them to thank for giving up their time and putting in enormous amounts of enthusiasm and effort so that our community can feel proud of what they have achieved.

MORNING TEA TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF THE RUAKAKA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Monday November 3 at 11 a.m. for library volunteers past and present. The morning tea will be held in the library in Takutai Place.

If you are a past volunteer and would like to attend, please contact the library: phone 432 8406 or email ruakakalibrary@gmail.com.

INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO VISIT THE LIBRARY

We invite members of the public to come to visit our Community Library during November. You will see displays of the library history and you can browse the book shelves. Of course all current library members are always welcome.

Jill Fisher

Coastguard raining exercise turns into real rescues

By Grant Dixon

When the crew aboard Mangawhai Coastguard's vessel Kokako Rescue went out on a training exercise Saturday morning, they had no idea they would be called to do the real thing, not once but twice.

A four-metre alloy trailerboat broke down between the Mangawhai harbour entrance and the Hen and Chicken Islands with six people on board, including two children. When Kokako Rescue arrived on the scene the boat was already under tow by a recreational vessel. Taking over the towing duties as part of their training, Kokako brought the boat safety back across the bar then barged up the harbour to the ramp.

Heading back out to continue their sector search exercise, the crew found themselves able to render assistance to a boat with battery issues. With this sorted, Kokako shadowed the boat back towards shore. After bunkering (refuelling) it went out again to complete its training session, this time without incident.

Waipu Primary School Agriculture Day



Kalani Anderson and Emilee Williams, both aged 9, made shell candles decorated with flower petals to sell on a stall raising money for their school camp.



Levi Goddard, aged 8, with his lamb Cheeky



Neve Larsen, aged 8 years, won a second prize for her Halloween Dish Garden



Mac Gordon with his calf Fendy and the three red ribbons they won for: type, rearing and leading.

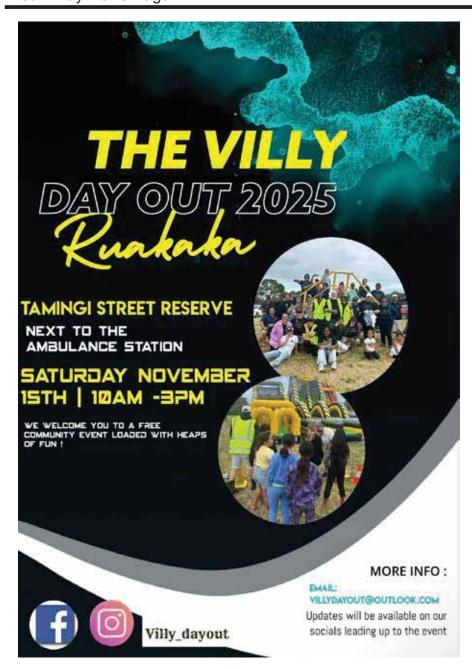


Rory McLean's cake entry in the father's baking auction took the form of a sand dredge out on the water flying a pirate flag



Connor Roberts green tractor won first prize in the cake competition

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Its Touch season



A game between Waipu Primary School's Red and Black teams ended in a two all draw

Touch season has come around again.

The first games were held in the Caledonian Park in Waipu on Thursday afternoon 16 October.

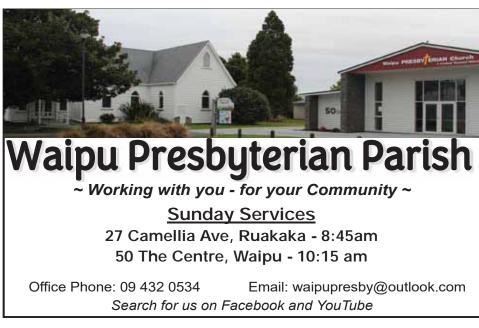
This year there are 44 teams -16 of these are senior teams and the rest juniors with 1-3 year, 4-6 year and 7-8 year grades. Thirteen plus year olds play in the senior teams.

In the senior grade there is both open (competitive) and social grades.

Teams are seven aside with at least two girls or women in each team.

The tournament runs until 4 December.

It is organised by the Waipu Rugby and Squash Club. This the eleventh year the tournament has been held.





All day croquet



Winners: Gael Donnelly and Greg Stewart

It was croquet all day at the Waipu Club on Wednesday 15 October. Starting at 9am, - 9.30am 12 doubles teams played in two divisions culminating in the two winning teams competing in a play off, finishing at 5pm. Winners were Gael Donnelly and Greg Stewart and runners up: Neville Pomana and Mick Dignan. The event was sponsored by Waipu ITM.

WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- BEACH YOUTH AMBASSADOR DAY Sand sculpture with spot prizes. Saturday 25 October from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Meet in the car park beside the Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club. A Bream Bay Ambassadors' event.
- WAIPU LABOUR WEEKEND MARKET. Sunday 26 October 9am 2pm in the Waipu Caledonian Park. and Celtic Barn. Over 160 stalls
- JAM SESSION At the RAZZA.Sunday 26 October from 2.30pm. Kitchen and bar open.
- WAIPU ART IN MOTION (WAM) Wearable Art and short video show, which will be held in the Waipu Coronation Hall on October 31 at 7pm as well as on 1 November at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets cost \$45 and are available from www.trybooking.com/nz_ The show is a fundraiser for NEST The Northland Emergency Services Trust, which operates the Rescue Helicopter.
- BEAUTIFUL BREAM BAY ART AND POTTERY EXHIBI-TION. Sunday 2 November 10am to 3pm. The Art Cottage, Lakeside Rd., Ruakākā.
- SUNSET MARKETS MARSDEN COVE First Friday of the Month 4pm -8pm. Next on 7 November.
- **VILLY DAY OUT** Saturday 15 November 10am to 5pm on the reserve next to the Bream Bay Ambulance Station. Free fun day for children and adults. Service providers stalls with free advice.
- BREAM BAY MUSIC GROUP First Monday of every month
- 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.
- KIDS FISHY FRIDAYS Run by Marsden Cove Fishing Club Frist Friday of each month. Next on 7 November. Kids fish from pontoon from 5pm to 6pm. \$2 per child. Up to 12 years. Must be accompanied by a a parent or caregiver. Prizes. Sausage sizzle and bait supplied.

at 7pm At the new Rec Centre in Peter Snell Road, RuakakaContact 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
- .• WAIPU MUSEUM 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am-4pm
- .• THE KAURI MUSEUM. . The Kauri Museum is open 9am-5pm every day

FIFTY YEARS AGO

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Marsden Bay Residents, please note, dogs are not permitted on the beach or marine reserve. This includes dogs on leads! Recently people have been ignoring this order as well as exercising dogs, they are allowing them to foul the beach and reserve to the detriment of users.

In future action will be taken against these people by the authority of local beach wardens.

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| Langs Beach (Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads) | 9:35 |
| Waipu Cove (Opposite Beach Car park) | 9:40 |
| Waipu (Vet Centre Bus Stop) | 9:50 |
| Ruakākā (Peter Snell Road - opposite Takutai Place) | 10:10 |
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Please support our SeniorNet annual fundraiser

SOCIAL SERVICES

Safeman Safe family Men's Centre

Safeman Safefamily offers a safe place for men to talk privately without judgement and with complete confidentiality.

We are peer led and professionaly supported and offer a range of services and support for men and their families.

The services we provide are as follows:

- Advocacy Navigator
- Court support
- FGC Support
- Probation Community Service Provider
- Legal Advice
- Marriage Celebrant
- House and property blessing
- One to one counselling
- Drug and Alcohol support
- Anger management group sessions
- Supervisor for court ordered access
- Work brokers/ help with employment opportunities.

No appointments are necessary, we have an open door policeu - if you need help or know someone that does just come on down to: **9 Takutai Place**, **Ruakākā**. We are right next door to Jimmy's Barber Shop or I can be reached by phone 021 121 0763 - Phil Paikea

BREAM BAY COMMUNITY SUPPORT TRUST

Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone: 09 432 7197

Services we provide:

- Registered Social Workers
- Family Support Workers
- Youth Workers
- Youth Holiday Programme
- Counsellors
- Community Connectors

(Connecting community to various services)

- Free Whanau Ora Medical Clinic with Ki A Ora Ngatiwai. Fortnightly Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon, by appointment only phone 09 435 4586
- Free Budgeting Service –fortnighly on Thursdays 10am-1pm, by appointment
- Mana Wahine Ki Wahine Toa & Ha Tane groups
- Community Gardens behind our main buildling please help yourself
- Pataka Kai/ Food Pantry located outside our reception door.

Follow us on social media - Facebook and Instagram for updates on what is happening here during the week.

www.bbtrust.org.nz

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Costs \$5.50 for up to 20 words and 20c for each additional word.

Boxed, classified adverts cost \$16.50 gst .inc.

Phone your advert through to 027452 0070 email it to breambaynews@xtra.co.nz

Post it to: Bream Bay News, RD 2 Waipu 0582 or leave it with payment at: The Waipu Post Shop or the Ruakākā Gift and Lotto Shop

SOCIAL SERVICES



Not sure? Ask us!

We provide free, confidential and independent information and advice to help you understand your rights and responsibilities.

Contact us for assistance. 09 438 8046 • whangarei@cab.org.nz

www.cab.org.nz



LINKING HANDS
Health Shuttle

Phone **(09) 431 8969**

BREAM BAY ANGLICAN FOODBANK

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

SERVICES OFFERED

HEADSTONES

Located in One Tree Point Your Local Headstone Showroom Call 0800 707 800 www.northlandheadstones.co.nz





Vacuum or full scrub
 Phone Mark Draper
 0274 707 607

JD LAWN CARE SERVICES

Lawn mowing, Weed spraying, Water blasting, surface cleaning of driveways, paths and patios, Hedge trimming, Section clearing, tree pruning, wood chipping and more.

PH. 021 063 7907

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 6 November The deadline for all copy is 4pm on Wednesday 30 October

EMPLOYMENT

ALDEN RANBURN -

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

WANTED someone to take care care of Classic Vehicle collection. If you are good with electrics 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.

FOR HIRE

SHIPPING CONTAINERS

20ft Shipping Containers, hire offsite \$180 per month + GST + Del, minimum 3 months. Ph 0212722739 / 021432701

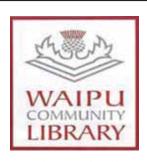
MARSDEN YACHT & BOAT CLUB **CLUBHOUSE FOR HIRE**

Available to Community Groups for regular hire, weekdays and evenings Fees only \$30.00 for half day sessions Also suitable for Corporate Hire, Conferences, etc.T's and C's apply Good facilities. Enquiries to K. Walker, Ph. 4327422

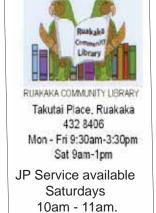
MARKETS



LIBRARY HOURS



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



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.

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

We will be closed from 3pm - 5pm on Thursday 13 November 2025 for staff training.

New patients welcome

Ph: 432 8060

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WAIPU TO WAIPU COVE CYCLE AND WALKWAY TRUST will be held

on Wednesday 5 November at 7pm at the Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club

All Welcome

Marsden Bay Garden Club



Monthly Meetings held 3rd Thursday of the month.

ALL WELCOME



1:00 pm – Ruakākā Hall Sandford Rd Contact - Secretary -0210515581



Bream Bay Community Patrol

Working with the Police to reduce crime in the Bream Bay area.

To inquire about joining, contact Senior Constable Jordan White Waipu Police Station – 432 4030



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

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.

Local people read THE BREAM BAY NEWS It is an effective place to advertise Bream Bay News Page 20 23 October 2025

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TEAM JAMES ALEXANDER

5 sales in 3 weeks

With rising buyer interest and lowering mortgage rates, now is the time to get your property seen and sold.

Give you your property the best chance of getting sold. Choose an agent with dynamic marketing, a wealth of experience and strong negotiation skills...

(...just don't ask his daughters — for them, he folds faster than a beach chair).

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1058 & 1060 Cove Road, Langs Beach

Coastal Crown - two titles, one iconic sale.

These two side-by-side titles on coveted Cove Road have officially SOLD — a rare coastal pairing that captured the heart of the lucky purchaser before it ever hit the spotlight.

TEAM JAMES ALEXANDER | 021 878 178

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PRIVATE RETREAT

This lifestyle block with a large open plan 4bedroom, 2-bathroom home, a man shed & more, has it all. Purpose built with the sun & country views in mind, not to mention the fruits & vegetables harvested from the orchard trees & gardens. Centrally located with easy access to main road, shops & beaches. EOI around CV \$1.2M | bbrealty.co.nz #4223

FRANCIE STOKES

Mob: **022 656 0165**



Approx 4 acres with panoramic rural views, this substantial and sunny family home offers space and comfort. Located down a quiet lane in Maungaturoto. Four bedrooms, open plan living, extra lounge space, woodburner and wraparound decks. Double garage plus 3 bay pole shed with plenty of extra parking Price \$959,000 | bbrealty.co.nz #4260

FRANCIE STOKES Mob: 022 656 0165



NEW LOOK LIFESTYLE

SLICE OF PARADISE

to the Ruakaka Estuary.

Mob: 021 432 793

A lifestyle property at the beach.

Two levels of Rustic Family Charm, with living

floors, a kitchen, dining and winter warming

areas, bedrooms and bathrooms on both

woodfire welcoming you in the front door.

A detached garage, workshop and plenty of

room to expand. All within walking distance

Price \$1,150,000 | bbrealty.co.nz #4228

JANINE GOLDSMITH AREINZ

Escape to the tranquillity of rural living, with this exceptional 1ha lifestyle property. A charming 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home with 2 living areas & a fire located in the centre of the home ensures warm cosy living. Extra large double garage plus a near new 12m x 9m 3-bay shed. Whether you're looking for a sustainable lifestyle, or simply a rural retreat, this property is a rare find.

Price by Negotiation | bbrealty.co.nz #4237 FIONA SOUTHORN MNZM Mob: 021 317 775

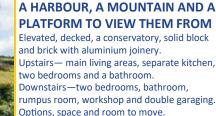




- 10 Acres—Flat & Fertile land
- Large Family Home
- Sheds, Barn, Garaging Galore
- Town Water & Bore
- Views of Mt Manaia and close to boat ramps, shops and schooling.

Offers Around \$1M | bbrealty.co.nz #4210 **JOANNE DEWSON** AREINZ Mob: 021 780 622





Price \$849,000 | bbrealty.co.nz #4249 **KIM BROWN**

Mob: 027 545 1208

