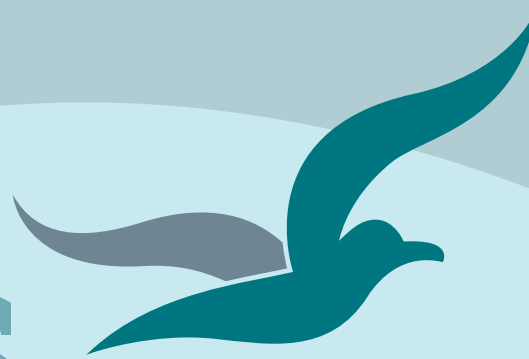


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Sewage running down the roadside gutter in Kepa Rd.

Raw sewage from overflowing manhole pipes in Kepa road ran down the roadside gutter into a storm water drain, which has an outflow into nearby Bream Bay. Keith Newey said he phoned the Council about the problem when he first saw what was happening on Saturday 4 May. He was told a pipe had collapsed and had filled with sand and would take some time to repair. On Thursday 9 May, Caroline Newey phoned the Bream Bay News to observe how sewerage was flowing out of two manholes across the road and into a stormwater drain.

Mr. Newey asked, 'Why can't they just bring in a digger and replace the pipe?'

He said basic infrastructure such as sewage pipes should be a Council priority. He said campervans and trucks were driving through the spill which had spread across the driveway of the Newey Transport depot.

He took his concerns to the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting on Tuesday evening 14 May.

The RRRRA have told the Council this issue needs "urgent attention and a long-term solution."

Secretary Richard Morris has sent an email with note this was "an urgent and serious public health risk in Ruakākā" to the Mayor and CEO of the Whangārei District Council as well as Councilors Phil Halse, Deborah Harding and Ken Couper. The email also went to Dr. Shane Reti, Whangārei's MP and Minister of Health, the Northland DHB (now part of Health NZ), the Northland Regional Council and NRC Councilor Rick Stolwerk.

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Helicopter crash at Uretiti



A helicopter crashed on the beach at Uretiti north of the Waipu Golf Club and just 100 metres north of the Tahuna loop walk southern end, on Sunday 19 May at around 12.30pm.

The helicopter was privately owned and neither of the two people on board was injured. A Police officer at the scene said he had driven them to the Tip Rd. entrance where they had undergone medical assessment but neither needed to be transported to hospital.

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EDITORIAL

Investing in happiness



The Waipu cycle and walkway - a happy place for many of us

I think we need to look for and celebrate moments of joy. Seeing all those excited little Bream Bay United players running off to practice on their new fields at the Ruakākā Sports Park was one such moment last week. There is something about the beautiful game that brings happiness to people around the world and now we have these new sports fields for our children, young people and adult footballers to play and practice on.

Bream Bay United has 300 signed up players this season, so those new fields will bring many moments of joy for the players and old people like me who just enjoy watching them. This was a good investment by the Whangārei District Council in the wellbeing of its citizens.

Cycling seems to also bring joy to people. I watched a YouTube video last week of a 90-year-old Frenchman who regularly cycles 400 kilometres each week. He had a permanent smile on his face. I resolved to do more cycling. Occasionally on a sunny morning I enjoy the ride from my home along Shoemaker Rd into Waipu. At present with hardly any traffic driving through the Shoemaker Rd. State Highway One intersection there is no problem crossing the highway. One advantage of the Brynderwyn closure.

We need to finish the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway. Trail. I have been involved in this project for over ten years and I and the other members of the cycle and walkway trust who have put in so much volunteer time and effort would really like to tick it off. The group are currently working to raise enough funds to build the trail to the Waipu Cemetery. It's not easy in the present climate. We are hoping the Whangārei District Council will hold to its promise to make the link around the Riverview Rd. Corner.

Think of all the happiness this trail brings and will bring to people in years to come. Every time I drive out that way there are people on the trail and when it is completed it will only get busier. Getting out for a morning walk or ride and meeting and greeting friends and neighbours lifts the spirits.

I am wondering where to go for a break when I next get a week off in July. I want to find somewhere not too far away where I can go walking or cycling for a couple of days. If I was living in Auckland I think I would be eyeing Waipu Cove and a ride along the cycleway to Waipu for lunch at one of the town's cafés as a great short winter holiday option.

The Waipu to Waipu Cove cycleway when it is completed and provides an unbroken safe off-road link between the town and The Cove has the potential to bring visitors and associated financial benefits to this area during the winter off-season. If only the politicians who hold the purse strings on all those rates and taxes we pay could see this.

Hopefully, it won't take ten years to build the Ruakākā to Marsden Cove cycleway link. I envisage a loop trail here with information boards and photos telling of the history of that area: the various people who have lived there and the industries that have come and gone. Then what about a cycle trail through the dunes on the gas pipeline linking the Waipu and Ruakākā communities

A cycling holiday in Waipu could become a quite a long extended stay.

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Sewage spill in Kepa Rd.

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Keith Newey Showing Jules Flight Chairman of the Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association how sewage is spilling out of two manholes in Kepa Rd.

The email asked that the Council’s Chief Executive officer Simon Weston attend the Association’s next monthly meeting on Tuesday June 11.

- that the Northland Regional Council take enforcement action “to prevent and sanction WDC for discharges into the stormwater system”
- the Northern Region Public Health Service serve an abatement notice or other suitable regulatory enforcement on the Council
- that barriers and warning signage be set up in the affected area until the problem is resolved
- and that the resource consents for Kainga Ora and other housing developments be paused until the sewerage system is able to cope with additional demand.

Andy Keith, the Council’s Wastewater and Stormwater Operations Manager said that the spill on Saturday 4 May was caused by a leak at an attachment to the pump and was confined to the storage area. The leak was repaired and the area was cleaned and disinfected.

He said, In December 2023, an issue with one of the wastewater pipelines at Kepa Rd in Bream Bay was brought to council’s attention. A temporary pump diversion was put in place until a full assessment could take place. In January 2024 the Council decided to replace the 50-year old concrete pipes with a polyethylene pipeline.

“This design work is being completed. This should be part of a long-term solution.” He also said a small spill on 8 May “was contained and cleaned up relatively quickly.” Another spill on 9 May, which had been contained and cleaned up, “however some wastewater went into the storm water system through a roadside drain.”

Mr. Keith told the BB News the Council “is investigating monitoring systems for the man holes to advise staff before spills happen in the future.”

To the question are there concerns about the sewage flowing into the stormwater drain and into the sea he replied: “We notified the Northland Regional Council and Health NZ of the spills. The public health risk is expected to be low and we have not been advised to place signs at adjacent waterways and beaches.”

The Council’s Senior Communications Manager Ann Midson sent the BB News a copy of a flyer for businesses in Kepa Rd. which said that work is underway to replace the concrete pipelines and renew a manhole in which the spills have occurred and that this work is expected to be completed in August 2024. The flyer asks those who work in the road y contact the Council if they notice any further wastewater issues.

New head of NZ defence forces a former student of Bream Bay College



Air Vice Marshal Tony Davies MNZM

Air Vice Marshal Tony Davies MNZM, who was named last week as Chief of Defence Force by Defence Minister Judith Collins is a former pupil of Waipu Primary and student of Bream Bay College. His parents Lyn and Peter Davies still live in Langs Beach.

Air Vice-Marshal Davies was one of a number of senior New Zealand Defence Force personnel at Takahiwai Marae early last week, attending the opening day of the Wai 2500 Military Veterans Tribunal’s latest hearing week.

The Tribunal is hearing briefs from living veterans and their whānau, and from the whānau of deceased veterans describing the effects of operational service on the physical and mental health of veterans and the impact their service had on whānau. Some described their hurt at the lack of support for veterans and their whānau, particularly after they had left the service.

The purpose of the Inquiry, in addition to determining the Treaty of Waitangi consistency of Crown conduct, is to prepare an official narrative that will put Maori experiences of military service on public record, and help the military to improve its support for veterans, current serving personnel and their whānau.

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How to prepare for the flu season

With autumn upon us it means winter is fast approaching - shorter days, cold weather and unfortunately, the flu season.



The flu viruses that circulate can change from year to year.

The official flu season

runs from May to September, and although anyone can get the flu, it doesn't mean you will definitely get it every year. People who are fit and well are better able to ward off the flu. If you eat a balanced diet, exercise regularly and get enough sleep, your body will be in good shape to fight back against any invading flu virus.

So, how do you get the flu? The flu is a viral infection passed from person to person via infected droplets commonly spread by sneezing and coughing.

Symptoms of flu include:

- a fever greater or equal to 38°C
- at least one respiratory symptom, like a cough, sore throat, or runny nose
- rapid onset with at least one systemic symptom, like a headache, aches and pains, sweats or chills, or fatigue.

Flu symptoms are severe and are not to be confused with cold symptoms – with the flu you often don't have the energy to get out of bed.

Some people are more at risk of getting the flu than others. The Ministry of Health has identified that the following groups are at higher risk of developing complications from flu viruses and are therefore eligible for a free flu vaccine. They include those who:

- are pregnant
- are significantly overweight
- use asthma preventers
- have diabetes
- are aged 65 years or over
- have heart disease
- have kidney problems
- have a serious medical condition, like cancer.

If you are unlucky enough to get the flu, you should stop the spread of flu germs by:

- staying in bed and not going to work or school
- covering your mouth when you cough and sneeze
- regularly washing your hands and drying them thoroughly
- avoid crowded settings.

This may all sound like doom and gloom, but flu prevention is better than cure. Help prevent flu by:

- washing your hands thoroughly and often and avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- eating a balanced diet with fruit and vegetables rich in vitamin C
- getting enough sleep
- reducing your stress levels
- getting regular exercise.

And remember that flu can cause serious complications, like pneumonia, which can be deadly. So look after your health – it is your most cherished possession.

Helicopter crash at Uretiti

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Photo by John Subritzky



A second helicopter was arranged by the owner of the wrecked machine to retrieve it from the beach

The cause of the crash is unknown at this stage. The helicopter wreckage has been recovered by the owner who arranged for a second helicopter to lift it from the beach.

A spokesperson for the Civil Aviation Authority said, "Depending on the nature of an accident CAA may seize an aircraft for further investigation, however that isn't the case on this occasion. We have made initial enquiries with the pilot and will follow up in the coming days to understand exactly what happened and why, and to determine whether any further action is needed from a safety perspective."

A man out for a walk found a heavy metal drive shaft 100 metres away from the crashed machine and said he was glad he hadn't been on that section of beach at the time the helicopter came down.

Sorry, no more free firewood

RBK Properties Ltd, the company that owns the Northpine site, has leased a road front building to a new laundromat that will be opening soon.

Unfortunately, this means that the area outside the gate that Northpine used to place bins with free firewood is no longer available for use.

Northpine is now working on a solution to grind this timber up for its own fuel in the boiler, which generates heat for timber drying.

Bruce Larsen, Northpine's General Manager said, "We appreciate that many people have used this supply of firewood over the last 25 years but like many things, it has now come to an end.

"Our apologies for this and the short notice."

Mr. Larsen said Northpine management deemed it unsafe to try and place the firewood bins inside the timber mill premises and as they have an intermittent need for more fuel have decided on this outcome.

Waipu dog owners take issue with new dog exercise restrictions on Uretiti beach



Waipu dog owners gather on the beach at the Tip Rd entrance in a show of opposition to a proposed new restriction to dogs being permitted on the beach at that location.

Waipu dog owners are taking issue with the Whangārei District Council’s proposed new dog regulations, which seek to restrict the hours dogs are allowed on Uretiti Beach.

The section of beach between Tip Rd, north to the southern edge of the Department of Conservation’s Uretiti Campground has been a place where dogs are permitted to run off leash all year round.

Under proposed new rules, during the months of summer from 20 December to 31 January, in line with many other Northland beaches, dogs will be prohibited between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

Early on Friday morning 11 May, dog owners gathered on the beach at Tip Rd. to make the point that this is a well used dog exercise area and dog owners are prepared to fight to keep it this way.

Sixteen dogs of all shapes and sized turned up with their owners who urged one another to send in submissions to the council’s Dog Management Bylaw asking that the summertime dog restriction be removed.

“Where else can we take our dogs for a run?” they asked.

The beach at Mair Rd. southward to where the Te Kamo St. entrance used to be is an all year round dog off leash area but they pointed out as Ruakākā and One Tree Point people exercise their dogs here it would become very crowded if the dogs of Waipu were taken there as well.

Submissions on the bylaw from Waipu dog owners have been flooding in to the Council and the message from the team working on the new bylaw is, “We are keen for all people with any concerns to provide submissions so we can make sure we consider their views before adopting the documents, with any changes if needed.”

The submission period has now been extended by a week until 5pm on Friday 14 June 2024

The draft Dog Management Policy and By-law as well as a submission form can be found on the Whangārei District Council website under the tab “Have Your Say.”

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A final appeal to finish building the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway

The Waipu to Waipu Cove Walkway and Cycleway Trust is nearing the end of what has been a ten-year-plus mission to build an off-road cycle and walkway trail between Waipu town and Waipu Cove.

The easements needed to extend the trail westward to the Waipu Cemetery are in place, the weather is settled and, normally very busy contractors, are available over the next few weeks.

The trust has in hand enough money to build an additional 300-metres of trail but hopes to raise additional funds to take full advantage of these favourable conditions to bring the trail to the cemetery.

The Whangārei District Council has agreed to construct a section around the Riverview Rd corner to join up with the trail leading out of Waipu. The Council is currently working on finding a route around this corner.

An appeal has gone out to local businesses, some of which have already pledged donations. The trustees are also hoping the people of Waipu will respond as generously and enthusiastically as they have in the past to get this trail built.

Donations can be made directly into the cycle/walkway account – 03 1538 0013377 000 and there will be a stall at the next Waipu Boutique Market on Sunday 9 June to help raise support.



The new section of the Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle and walkway. More funds are needed to take the trail all the way to the Waipu Cemetery





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Plenty of excitement at the opening of the Ruakākā Sports Park new playing fields



Bream Bay United's junior teams lined up for photographs wearing their new club uniform at the official opening of the Ruakākā Sports Parks new playing fields before rushing off in great excitement for training on the new fields.

“Now we have players from other clubs coming here for matches and looking at our fields with envy, which is a nice role reversal after fifty years,” said Bream Bay United President Hayden Green at the official opening of the new Ruakākā sports fields on Thursday afternoon 16 May.

Mr. Green said former club President Mike Davies had first proposed the new fields back in 2017 and in 2018 they were included on the Whangārei District Council's Long Term Plan.

Project manager Deva Howat said it was a pleasure to deliver the project, which would provide a much needed asset to the community. To begin with 80,000

cubic metres of sand had needed to be removed from a sand bank behind the old fields. Throughout the process he had enjoyed good communication with the Bream Bay United club officials.

The equivalent of two full sized football fields have been added to the park, which are currently configured as one full size and two youth sized fields. In addition the parks number one field has been upgraded. Last winter permanent irrigation was installed and over the summer the surface has been reseeded. Mr. Green said the pitch had never looked better.

Mayor Vince Cocurullo said he had been a councilor when the project was first presented back in 2017. He thanked the club for “bringing it to our notice.” He said it was important to remember that the Whangārei District had many communities and the Council needed to deliver for all of them. He said

that there are big plans for Ruakākā over the next few years with a dry dock for ship maintenance planned at Northport and the possibility of the navy moving here. The ceremony began and ended with prayers and a blessing by Len Namana who was supported by other representatives of Patuharakeke.

Prior to the formalities, rows of excited junior club players lined up for photographs in some smart new Bream Bay United uniforms before running off for practice sessions on the now expansive fields.

Bream Bay United has over 300 players in its junior and senior grades this year.

For the first time it will be fielding two senior women's teams and on Saturday 27 July it will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a gala dinner at the Celtic Barn in Waipu. Tickets will go on sale soon.



Bream Bay United President Hayden Green said at the opening ceremony that visiting clubs now looked at the Ruakākā sports fields with envy - “A nice role reversal after 50 years.”

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Enrolments have opened for a new independent secondary school in Mangawhai

Enrolments are now open for Mangawhai Hills College, an independent secondary school, which is scheduled to open in February 2025. A site has been leased (with the option of eventual purchase) and two new classrooms are currently under construction off site. Investment to date is \$1.4 million, all raised from local people and business. Jill Crispin, one of the driving forces behind the school, is a former school principal and believes it is important for young people to attend a school within their own community. She said that families often move away from Mangawhai when their children reach secondary school age, which is a loss to both local business and the community. At present Mangawhai's secondary school aged students travel either to Otamatea High School or Rodney College both around 50 minutes away by bus. "Wellsford and Maungaturoto have good communities but they are not our communities." Despite a fast growing population, the Ministry of Education has made it clear that it has no plans to establish a secondary school in Mangawhai in the foreseeable future and to quote from the Mangawhai Education Trust website - "Setting up an independent school is our only option at this time." When expressions of interest from families who might want to send their students to the new school were invited 150 enquiries came in. Jill - "We can't afford at this moment to build a school for 150 students" so the school will open with two classrooms, to cater for 40 students. Interviews with families and students to find the inaugural Mangawahi Hill College students will be held next month in June 2024. The school will open for Year 7 to 9 students with plans to eventually cater for students from year 7 to Year 13. It will have two classroom teachers as well as a specialist teacher. At present the school is unable to cater for children with special needs. Teaching will follow the International Cambridge curriculum. Schools need to gain accreditation to teach this curriculum and the process to achieve this has been initiated. The school will also incorporate Te Mātaiao | the refreshed NZ curriculum from Year 7-9, which Jill said does not vary markedly from the Cambridge curriculum at these levels. Fees are expected to be around of \$16,000 per student per annum. There will be no school zone, so students from surrounding areas can apply. Although the Trust has talked with Association Minister of Education David Seymour about his proposal to reintroduce Charter or Partnership Schools a decision has been taken that there is too much at stake to go down this path. Jill said, the investments made needed to be protected. Opposition leader Chris Hipkins has said that when his party returns to government it would be disestablishing charter schools as it did in 2017. Also the new legislation and rules around how the partnership schools will run will not be in place until September 2024, which does not give enough time for the Mangawhai Hills College to be up and running at the start of the 2025 school year.



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Pink Ribbon High Tea at the RAZZA raises \$1,800



Shelley Bridger of the RAZZA kitchen dressed in bright pink and with the brightest of smiles tops up the tables with cakes and savouries.

A Promote Waipu Pink Ribbon High Tea held at the RAZZA on Wednesday afternoon 8 May raised \$1800 for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. Around 80 women brought tickets to the event and attended dressed in various shades of pink. There were

glasses of pink bubbly all round, tables decorated with pink flowers and plates of cakes, tarts and savories, raffles and a talk by Gill Webb, Acting Chairwoman of Promote Waipu.

More Pink Ribbon fundraising events

Another Pink Breakfast event was held on 15 May with members of the Waipu Cove Walking Crew attending a breakfast at the home of Greg and Karen Shanaghan where they were served fruit juices and bubbles, a home cooked breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns and sausages - from the award winning Ruakākā butchery, followed with sweet treats, such as: croissants, fruit, cakes and tea and coffee to finish.

Thirty-five guests paid to attend the breakfast raising a total of \$560 for the Breast Cancer Foundation. There will also be a Pink Ribbon Brunch at the Bream Bay Community Centre in Takutai Place on Friday 24 May from 10.30am. There will be games, prizes and food. This is a free event but koha to the Breast Cancer Association will be appreciated.

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The Bream Bay Village fairy house team from left Rachel Boyle of One Tree Point, her parents Luanne Wedgwood and Ray Wedgwood and John Holley who cuts out the templates in the village Menzshed also the Wedgwood family dog Cadbury.

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Mon 27 May	10.05	2.5	10.40	2.7
Tue 28 May	10.54	2.5	11.29	2.6
Wed 29 May	11.45	2.5	~	~
Thu 30 May	12.20	2.6	12.39	2.5
Fri 31 May	1.15	2.5	1.39	2.5
Sat 1 June	2.22	2.6	2.38	2.5
Sun 2 June	3.08	2.6	3.41	2.5
Mon 3 June	4.05	2.6	4.44	2.6
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Wed 5 June	5.58	2.7	6.38	2.7
Thu 6 June	6.52	2.7	7.30	2.8
Fri 7 June	7.45	2.6	8.20	2.8

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

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

You might be surprised to spot a fairy house somewhere on a walkway around Bream Bay.

At the Bream Bay Village in Ruakākā there is a production team making and decorating little plywood houses with windows, door knobs doors that open and shut and chimneys with coral smoke. They are all decorated with glued on beads, flowers, shells and little rabbits and other tiny figurines.

If you pull on the knob and open a door you may find a message inside such as: “Be kind to animals” John Halley cuts out the template from plywood in the village Menzshed. Luanne Wedgwood and her daughter Rachel Boyle design and decorate and Luanne’s husband and Rachel’s father Ray takes care of screwing on the hinges and latches for the doors and attaching the finished items to trees.

Other village residents are taking a keen interest with many donations of beads or tiny model animals and flowers suitable for decorating the fairy houses brought to Luanne and Ray’s villa.

So far the fairy houses have been attached to trees along the Karoro Rd. and Paradise Point coastal walkways They set out little shell paths leading to their doors. There are also a few fairy swings strung up in trees around these locations

Keep an eye out as the team is looking for more locations. .

“I don’t know how long we will keep this up”, says Luanne who has a new series of little houses underway on her dining room table. It will depend if people like them and are interested.”

Making the little houses is a nice diversion for Luanne after a career of 30 years as a receptionist at a medical centre.

She has now teamed up with members of the Bream Bay Combined Arts Group who are keen to add toadstills and mushrooms around the installations and have invited Luanne to the Arts Cottage to help make these.

Northpower Mangawhai Substation Open Day

Sunday 23 June, 10am to 3pm

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Police Report

Highway closure a problem for Bream Bay Police

Asked how Bream Bay Police who cover Maungaturoto as well as Bream Bay are managing the extra travel time between Waipu and Maungaturoto with State Highway One over the Brynderwyns closed, Sergeant Matt Nicolson replied, "With difficulty. We mostly use Gorge Road as this seems to be the quickest route. But the road is deteriorating at an alarming rate with the amount of traffic using it. It adds a little bit of time. But we have managed."

Sergeant Matt Nicholson comments that although the cooler temperatures are here, family harm and mental health incidents are still featuring strongly in the Bream bay Police workload. Once again the detour routes around the closed section of State Highway One on the Brynderwyn Hill are problematic with the volume of traffic using them.

Quad bike rider faces driving charges

A quad bike was witnessed by Police doing burnouts in the Marohemo Hall carpark in Maugaturoto on 10 May. When the rider was approached and spoken to he rode away continuing to do more burnouts and then leaving the area. However, the Identity of the rider is known and a 19-year-old local male will be summoned to appear in court on a number of driving related charges

Please report suspicious behaviour

There continues to be incidents of suspicious behaviour reported in the Ruakākā area with people on properties late at night and into the early hours of the morning. Police are reminding residents again to remain vigilant and report any suspicious incidents to Police either on 105 or 111.

Nine family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police attended nine family harm incidents over the fortnight to Saturday 18 May. Five of these were in Ruakākā, one was in Waipu and three were in Maungaturoto. They also attended six mental health crises incidents:

Stolen vehicles located in Waipu

A number of stolen vehicles have been located dumped in the Waipu area. Please keep an eye out for suspicious behaviour and contact Police on either 105 or 111.

Another crash at the Waionehu River Bridge

On 11 May there was a three-vehicle crash on Cove Road, Waipu before the one lane bridge on the way out of town. There were no injuries and the matter has been dealt with by way of an infringement notice.

Vehicle located down steep bank off Prescott Rd.

On 4 May a vehicle was located down a steep bank having crashed through dense native bush on Prescott Road. No injured persons were found. Police are not looking for anyone in relation to this incident.

More crashes

- A vehicle was driven onto the wrong side of the road and collided with wooden garden boxing at the intersection of Innovate Rd and Marsden Point Rd. in Ruakākā on 7 May. There were no injuries. The causes of the collision are being investigated.
- On 8 May the wing mirrors of two vehicles travelling in opposite directions along Mountain Rd near the intersection with SH12 road collided. There were no injuries and the matter will be dealt with by the vehicle owners insurance companies.



The Waipu Fire Brigade was called to put out a car fire at Tip Rd., Uretiti in the early hours of Sunday 19 May. Photo by Tim Dower

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How best to savour the flavours of honey



Expert honey taster Maureen Conquer, on the right, with beekeeper Jo Searle whose honey she judged to take first place in the 2024 Waipu Beekeepers Association annual honey tasting competition

“There are almost tropical notes to it and it has a clean after taste” were the comments made about the honey which took the first place at the Waipu Beekeepers Association’s Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday evening 7 May at the Porterhouse Bar and Eatery.

The Association has an annual honey tasting event where members bring their samples along to be tasted and judged. This year those winners had their honeys tasted by Maureen Conquer, who is a world renowned honey taster.

Jo Searle whose hives are on Brooks Rd. amongst farmland with native bush around the fringes was the winning beekeeper. Andrea Graham whose bush honey was found to be “clear and fresh” took second place and Maureen Paz whose bush honey was found to have a clean, sharp taste took third place.

Mrs Conquer, who has also been a wine taster, explained some of the intricacies of honey tasting to the club members.

She said you should smell the honey first as smell is a large part of what we think of as taste. You

should roll the honey around in your mouth to experience its different properties.

She handed out charts listing hundreds of different taste qualities that can be found in honey and showed a set of swatch cards to match jars of honey to different colours ranging from almost white to deep red.

She suggested beekeepers keep records of the kinds of honey hives placed at different locations produced and that these be kept for at least eight years to get a good understanding of the qualities of honey made at each location.

And she passed around a device for measuring water content in honey as if the level is over 18.5% the honey will ferment.

The Waipu Beekeepers Club was formed in 2015 and became an incorporated society in 2016. The club has since expanded to Ruakaka in the north and Mangawhai in the south and every place in between and has 45 members.

President Ian Fisher said, “As a club we serve our communities every spring time by assisting with the removal of swarming bees.”



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The inaugural lecture of the re-constituted Takahiwai Māori Committee

Lucie Ceottini began her talk by explaining why she had come to New Zealand to study mangrove forests as in Switzerland there are no mangroves.

She said her professor at the University of Lausanne where she is studying for a masters degree in environmental science had encouraged students to gain overseas experience and she had been captivated by a lecture of a visiting professor on the mangrove forests of South America.

She told her audience of around 30 people in the Bream Bay Community Trust community room on Thursday 9 May that she had specifically been looking at mangroves in the Ruakaka Estuary where the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association had a permit to remove juvenile trees and at Mangawhai where there is a permit to keep an area of 19 acres clear of mangroves.

She said worldwide there are 80 species of mangroves but only one of these is found in New Zealand. Since the 1940s there has been a 3 to 4% mangrove expansion per year due to urbanization, industrialization and agriculture.

She said mangrove removal can only be temporary and a more long lasting solution would be better catchment management.

In their favour mangroves provided coastal protection, trapped sediment, sequestered carbon and supported a variety of animal and bird species

On the negative side mangrove encroachment is taking over some coastal areas and changing habitats, which may have supported specialized endemic coastal species.

Warren Daniel of the RRRA said he was proud of the work carried out by the association to restore an area of salt marsh at the Ruakākā estuary.

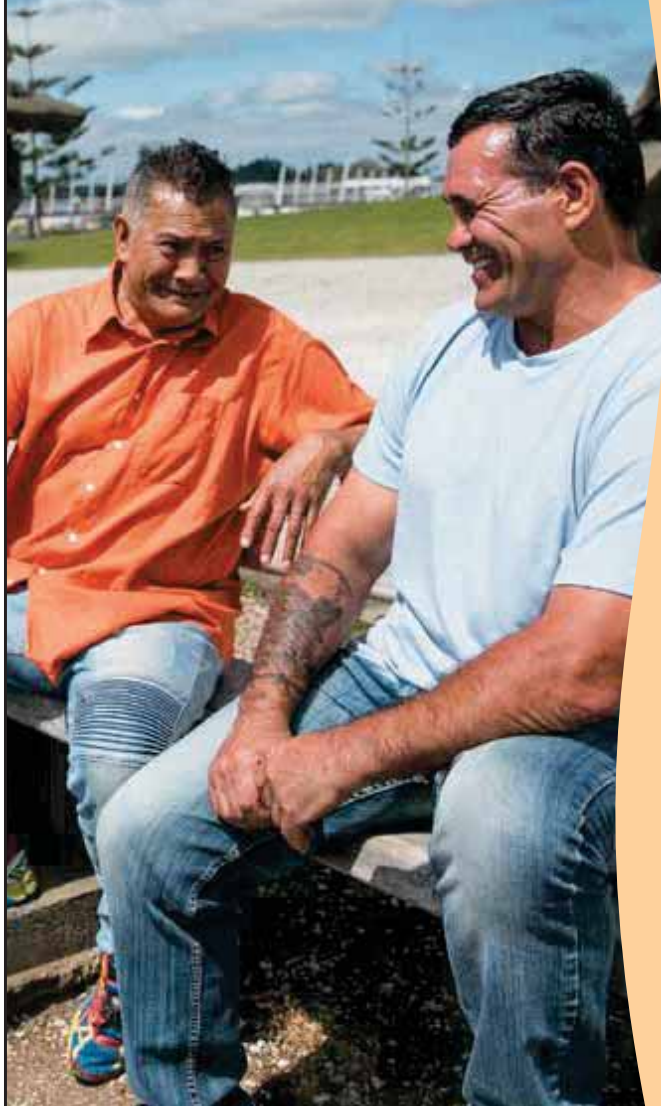
Dr. Mary Kepa said she was aware that manawa (mangroves) and salt marsh could co-exist and that stories of kuaka (godwits) feeding in mangrove forests to prepare for their return long distance flight to Alaska had been told by her forebears who had lived at Takahiwai

She thanked Mr. Daniel and Robbie Jones of The Royal Forest and Bird Society for their lively debate and was looking forward to organising the next lecture by the Takahiwai Māori Committee.



Dr. Mere Kepa and Lucie Cerottini, an Environmental Masters student from the University of Lausanne in Switzerland who has been studying mangrove forests in New Zealand. Lucie gave the inaugural public lecture of the reconstituted Takahiwai Māori Committee at the Bream Bay Community Trust on the morning of Thursday 9 May.

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"My main motivation for wanting to be a nurse is to make a difference and help people. I want to get my registration and then go overseas for a while because you can be a nurse anywhere. But then I'd like to come home and work up here, help out in my community. I want to see a bit of the world first then settle down again."

"One of the best parts of studying up here in Kaitia completing the NZ Certificate in Study and Employment Pathways (Level 4) is being able to have family support and still be able to live at home. It's made the whole thing a lot easier."

Tia is now working towards her Bachelor of Nursing with NorthTec in Whangarei.

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9.20am	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
9.35am	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
9.40am	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
10.10am	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus

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AFTERNOON

3.00pm	Departs	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
3.40pm	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
4.00pm	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
4.10pm	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
4.15pm	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
4.30pm	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
4.35pm	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
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A Watch for Bitterns sign on Doctors Hill Rd, Waipu

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The Australasian bittern – matuku – hūrepo is one of Te Taitokerau’s most endangered birds.

Bittern are wetland birds that eat eels, frogs, fish and insects. They are about 70cm in height and have a distinctive ‘freeze’ stance, with their bill pointing to the sky, when disturbed. Their brown and beige mottled plumage helps them camouflage well in wetlands.

They once congregated in large flocks but are now a nationally critically threatened species with less than a 1,000 adult birds estimated to remain.

The decline is attributed to destruction of habitat with wetland drainage.

Predator control around remaining wetlands can help as rats, stoats and cats eat their eggs and sometimes attack female bittern while they are nesting.

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An Australasian Bittern hiding in a wetland

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Rising football star back visiting his old club



Rhys Davies, back in Ruakaka for the opening of the new Ruakaka sports fields with his mother Robyn

Rhys Davies returned to his former Bream Bay United Football Club last week with his mother Robyn.

Rhys who was a star junior player with Bream Bay United now plays in the Division One Soccer team for Bellarmine University in Kentucky where he is studying politics.

He hopes when he finishes his sdegree in two years time to win a place in a professional football team in America or Australia.

“I will see where it takes me.”

Rhys said politics is an interesting subject at this time in America.

Robyn Davies was Bream Bay United club secretary and administrator for a number of years. Rhys’ father Mike Davies as president of the club back in 2017 had first made the request for the new field to the Whangārei District Council.

WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** 10:30am-12pm every Friday in the hall.at the Bream Bay Community Trust in Takutai Place, Ruakākāā. Light refreshments available. Friday 24th May – Pink Ribbon Brunch from 10.30am. Friday 31st May– Art Class with Clancy
- **COMMUNITY PUBLIC BINGO** Last Wednesday in each month (Except December) Waipu Citizens and Srvices Club . Club open to public Calling starts 7.30 pm Restaurant open 5.30 pm All Welcome. Next on Wednesday 29 May
- **WAIPU STREET AND PARK MARKET** King’s Birthday weekend Sunday June 2 s 9am to 2pm
- **RUAKAKA RACES** Next race day Saturday 8 June. Bream Bay Business race day. Gates open 11am - 5pm.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 9 June From 9am to 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday16 June 9am - 1pm. One Tree Point School quadrant and field. Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children’s Ward.
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**One Tree Point Bowling Club
Notice of Annual General Meeting**



35 Pyle Road West, One Tree Point
Sunday 9th June 2024 @ 11:30AM

Nominations for all positions on the Board are asked for.
Along with Notices of Motions.

All Nominations and Motions to be with the Secretary by Friday 24th May.

Email secretaryotpb@gmail.com

**BREAM BAY 60'S UP
NOTICE OF AGM
on FRIDAY 26TH
MAY 2024**

AT 1:00 pm at the
Recreation Center
9 Takutai Place,
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All nominations for Executive members & committee to be in before this date.

Contact
President Mary Dwen
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Joy Butterworth
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Waipu Coronation Public Hall & Library**

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AGM**

Monday 17 June 2024
3.30 p.m.
At the library Takutai Place, Ruakākā.

**BREAM BAY SUNDAY
CHURCH SERVICES**

Presbyterian Camellia Ave, Ruakaka: 8.45am. The Centre, Waipu: 10.15am. Prayer Service: 7pm

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

Anglican - ST PAUL'S Church, 25 Karawai St, Ruakaka 1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30am
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WJ Daniel, Secretary.



**Notice of Annual General Meeting
Waipu Caledonian Society**

Sunday, 23 June 2024, 3.00pm
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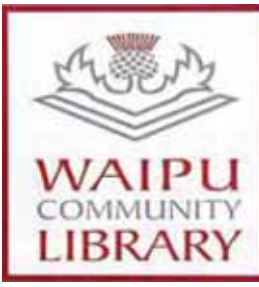
AGM Agenda and Nomination Forms can be found on our website waipuhighlandgames.co.nz or by email request to the secretary.

All nominations and motions are to be with secretary by Friday 21 June 2024

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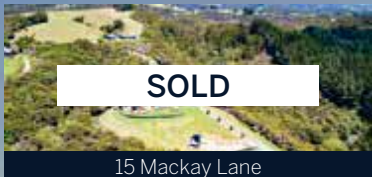
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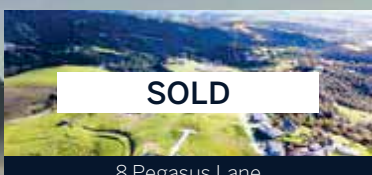
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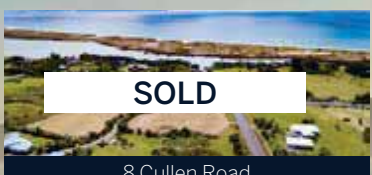
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