

## Should we keep the ward system of representation on the Whangarei District Council?

Should Whangarei District continue to elect its councilors ward by ward or should all our councilors be elected district wide?

This has been the subject of heated debate in the Whangarei District Council chambers in recent weeks. In June the Council launched a representative review, which was triggered by its decision to create a separate Maori ward. The Council put forward an initial proposal for a single district wide Maori ward represented by two councilors, with another 11 councillors elected from five wards, the Mayor to be elected across the whole district. Submissions on this proposal closed on 30 July.

On Tuesday 7 September Councillors voted on their "final proposal" with a district wide election of 11 councilors in a general ward and two elected from a Maori Ward winning the day.

Those in favour of this option were: Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors: Nick Connop, Tricia Cutforth, Gavin Benney, Ken Couper, Anna Murphy and Carol Peters. Those favouring retaining the ward system were: Deputy Mayor Greg Innes and Councillors: Vince Cocurullo, Shelley Deeming, Jayne Golightly, Phil Halse, Greg Martin and Simon Reid.

The Bream Bay News asked Bream Bay ward councilors Shelley Deeming and Ken Couper why they voted as they did.

## Masking up to go shopping in Waipū

Photo by Peter Grant



Teresa and Jae Atkins shopping in Waipū on Monday20 September with their colourful masks. "If you have to wear a mask" said Jae "no need to ware a plain boring one, I've got masks for many different occasions and outfits. like a Zombie, Joker and Samurai masks."

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### **EDITORIAL**

# Just imagine district wide meet the candidate evenings

Here's hoping the Art'n Tartan show will get to the stage this year. The show has been rescheduled to 12 and 13 November, which all going to plan, will give it more of a chance of happening. I have my ticket and am looking forward to seeing a live show at last. I feel for all those people who put so much effort and time into those few magnificent moments when they can display their brilliance on a stage in front of hundreds of people. It is terrible after all that work and creativity if those moments don't arrive.

Lock downs to stop the spread of contagions are nothing new. I recently read Bill Bryson's book on Shakespeare and learned that the Globe Theatre was forced to close in 1603 and again in 1608 when successive waves of the Bubonic Plague killed tens of thousands of Londoners. People avoided going to the theatre and mixing in crowds and Shakespeare and his fellow thespians fled to the countryside. Switching topics to consider another kind of theatre – what does everyone think about the idea of district wide voting when we choose our councilors in next year's Local Government elections? The proposal as it stands is that there will be two Maori representatives voted in by people registered on the Maori roll and another 10 councilors voted in by everyone else. Rather than these general electorate Councillors being voted in by wards they will now be voted for across the whole district. We will each get to vote for 10 councillors rather than just the two for the Bream Bay Ward. My initial reaction was – How could this work?

As the editor of the Bream Bay News I am pretty Bream Bay centric. I know about what happens in this corner of the district and don't have the same depth of knowledge or connection with Whangarei City or the northern rural or coastal parts of the district. Therefore I suspect I am a bit more biased in the direction of wanting to retain the ward system than most other people.

I feel it can be hard enough getting our own councilors to understand some of the issues needing Council action here, so how would we get the attention of councilors from other parts of the district?

However, after a conversation with Councillor Ken Couper my feelings about this are a bit more nuanced. Perhaps there are councilors from elsewhere who have views more aligned to my own. Perhaps when candidates can come from any part of the district we may get a higher caliber of person standing for election. Perhaps people who have good ideas but can't get elected because their views don't sit with others in their ward might have a better chance of getting elected. Perhaps it would encourage councilors to look at the needs of the district as a whole rather than to be always fighting for their own patch.

Divisions might form in other ways though. There could be a bitter split, for example, between people who believe we urgently need to lower green house gas emissions and an opposing view that productive industry needs to be protected and incentivized. There is a lot of diversity within the Bream Bay Ward and as it stands our councilors need to consider the views of people across all our communities greenies and industrialists alike. Council elections could become a tussle between these two worldviews.

At present the Ruakākā and Waipū resident and ratepayer associations are conduits for local concerns and the Council. Our two Bream Bay Ward Councilors attend these meetings. Asked how this would work under the proposed new system, Councilor Couper said perhaps it could be an advantage if various councilors attending these meetings. In my experience though it can take a long time for issues to be addressed. How long has the problem of the narrow one lane bridge out of Ruakākā south or the dysfunctional One Tree Point boat ramp been on the table? A lot of background explaining would be needed for councilors unfamiliar with these issues.

Councilor Couper made the point that if there happens to be three strong candidates in Bream Bay all three could be elected and we could end up with more representation around the table than we have now.

He said that councillors control the spending of a lot of money and councillors need to be competent people.

I am not sure about the need for business skills if this is what he means. Councils don't need to generate funds in the same way business does. Their job is to spend funds (which we are all compelled to pay into) wisely. This needs a good understanding of people and communities rather than business acumen.

What really worries me though is having to attend district wide Meet the Candidates evenings. It is bad enough trying to sort out who to vote for amongst half a dozen candidates for the Bream Bay Ward. There could be 80 to 100 candidates standing for election across the district. How many meetings would we have to attend and how many hours of listening would we all need to put in to be able to responsibly vote for ten district wide Whangarei councillors?

Marilyn

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Councillor Shelley Deeming

Councillor Shelley Deeming believes that rural ratepayers will be disadvantaged by a district wide voting system.

"You would expect that candidates who come from where the largest concentration of people are: i.e, the city area to be the most successful.

"Councillors are supposed to represent communities of interest. Our rural issues will be submerged under the greater issues of the urban area.

Councillor Deeming thinks this can best be done by wards covering different parts of the district.

"There is a lot of diversity in Bream Bay but we still have a community of interest here in that we all live in this part of the district. As ward councilors we listen to people in our ward and know what their concerns are. It just isn't possible for one person to cover the whole district."

Come election time Councillor Deeming asks how it will be possible for voters to get to know all the candidates they will be asked to choose from. There could be as many as 80 people standing for election.

Also she says there is a lot of change underway on at present with the Government putting forward policies that will alter the role of district councils.

"With all this going on why have change just for change's sake?"

Councillor Deeming said that of 64 submissions received in an initial public consultation process only



Councillor Ken Couper

six had suppored the district wide voting system. However Councillor Couper said this wasn't quite correct as the proposal the Council has not adopted wasn't given as an option for people to decide on. Despite this some people had said that this is the system they would prefer.

Councillor Couper said his decision to vote for district wide voting system last week was "a hard one. One of the hardest since I have been on the Council."

Initially he had voted against the district wide system but had changed his mind.

"When I took office I took an oath to work for the whole district and I don't take that oath lightly. Yet I was elected by the Bream Bay Ward, so there is an anomaly there.

"Councillors should be looking at the larger picture long term across the whole district.

He doesn't believe Bream Bay will be disadvantaged in this system as Whangārei District Councillors all understand that this is the biggest growth area in the district and needs a lot of investment.

He said that council investment in Bream Bay's water supply; ongoing upgrades to the water treatment and sewage disposal systems as well as the allocation of \$1million to the proposed new Ruakākā multi purpose building demonstrate the wider council's understanding of the needs of Bream Bay. than two. People will be able to vote for councilors who share their views

He thinks district wide voting could lead to less partisan politics and perhaps interest people in standing. "The Whangarei District Council is one of the biggest businesses in Northland and we need competent people to take on this job."

I am just a farmer but I got elected in Bream Bay because my family has been here a long time and I have been involved coaching a rugby team, on the school board and on the museum board.

He only stood for Council because long term Bream Bay Ward Councillor Phil Halse stood down to contest the Okara Ward.

"There may well be people interested in standing for Council who don't want to stand against a sitting candidate. With district wide elections potential candidates won't be faced with this difficulty.

"We could well end up with more that two Councillors living in this part of the district.

## What happens now?

People who don't agree with the Whangārei District Council's final proposal to abolish its ward system and conduct its 2023 elections on a district wide basis now have until 5pm on Monday 11 October to post an appeal. An objection form is available on the Whangarei District Council website or one can be picked up from a Council service centre including the one at the Ruakākā Library entrance in Takutai Place.

Councillor Shelley Deeming told the Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association meeting on Tuesday night 14 September that even a single appear is likely to trigger a hearing before a commissioner. She told the meeting she understood a former Councillor, Robin Leiffering had already made an appeal.

The RRRA voted to also appeal the Council's final proposal.

The association's chiarman Jules Flight warned that the appeal would need to be made with some good arguments as a commissioner is unlikely to overule the decision of the Council.



He also said everyone will now have ten votes rather

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The flash new bridge at the entrance to Waipū Cove on the Waipū cycle an walking trail.

### LETTERS

# Department of Conservation campground never been a place where people can set up permanently

Thank you for asking for my comments on this issue. We all know Uretiti is a popular place for long-term campers, but as a DoC ground it has never been a place people can set up permanently, and when Level 4 was announced, DoC had to shut all its camps and facilities within the 48 hours window given for people to return to base for Lockdown. My understanding is that the ministry wasn't told by any of the long-term campers that they were going to struggle to find an alternative site, and so they didn't explore alternatives like organising a longer transition time or making referrals.

There was space at other local sites that remained open

and when I've been calling around some of them and also emergency housing providers to try and check on the people displaced, so far I am getting good reports. It seems that people have found safe landings. However, if there are people still struggling to find a site, I want to know about it so if they could please contact my office and we will try and get them some help from social services.

Nāku noa nā Dr Emily Henderson MP for Whangārei

Apologies to Dr. Emily Henderson who sent this through a fortnight ago in the time frame I gave her to make comment on the situation where mobile home dwellers were displaced from Ureititi Campground when New Zealand went into Level 4 Covid 19 Lockdown on August 18 2021. However our printer who is based in Auckland and was working under Covid 19 level 4 conditions asked that the files be sent through early and when Dr. Henderson's email arrived the print was already underway.

. Marilyn



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## A mountain of peat at the Mountfield Quarry



This mountain of peat at the Mountfield Quarry has come from land being cleared in preparation of subdivision at The landing in One Tree Point.

Quarry manger Chris Brown said the peat is being transported to the quarry at the expense of the developer. The plan is to screen the peat and, if necessary, add fertilizer to it to make it into a saleable product in a landscaping supply business being developed at the quarry.

Mr. Brown said approximately 8,000 cubic metres of peat has been trucked to the quarry and if it proved unsaleable he would be able to use it to cover the piles of clay accumulated in the quarrying process of excavating aggregate.

# Waka Kotahi presentation on SH1 safety upgrades at next WRRA meeting

Clint Hangar and Jon Pheloung of Waka Kotahi, (the New Zealand Transport Agency) attended the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association September meeting to hear what local people think about their plans for safety upgrades on the stretch of State Highway One between the Ruakaka roundabout and the base of the Brynderwyn Hill.

Mr. Hangar told the meeting that the objective was to reduce deaths and serious injuries caused by road accidents. He said that the flexible centre barrier installed on the Brynderwyns, although initially controversial, had been very effective in preventing vehicles crossing the centre line and had likely saved lives.

The first stage of the SH1 safety upgrade through Bream Bay would involve the installation of a central barrier between Sandford Rd. and the roundabout. Vehicles turning out of driveways or out of Sandford Rd

would need to turn left and drive up to the roundabout if they wanted to turn right.

This would be followed by road widening from Sandford Rd. to Lagoon Bridge just south the Marsden Point Rd intersection and further road widening north of the Brynderwyns.

The final and most difficult upgrade would be through Waipū with upgrades, likely to involve land purchase, to the numerous intersections along this stretch.

Mr. Hangar and Mr. Pheloung will give another presentation and answer questions at the Waipū Residents and Ratepayers Association meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 29 September in St. Peters Anglican Church in Nova Scotia Rd.

Updates on the Whangārei to Wellsford highway safety project can be found at: www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/ connecting-northland/sh1-whangarei-to-wellsford



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Northland's tsunami sirens will get a test run on Sunday 26 September to mark the beginning of daylight saving.

The sirens will sound twice: at 10am for 10 minutes and then again at 10.30am for 30 seconds, and will be monitored for any faults.

The network of 205 outdoor tsunami sirens, in coastal communities of Northland is checked twice a year. There are around 30 outdoor sirens in Bream Bay.

Indoor sirens will be tested at the same time and test alerts will be sent out to users of the Red Cross Hazards App which can be downloaded for free from the Red Cross website.

The sirens are funded and owned by the regions three district councils in partnership with Northpower and Top Energy – the regions energy network providers. The four northland councils (The Northland Regional Council, Kaipara, Far North and Whangarei) have agreed to jointly fund a \$5million replacement of the current sirens with new longer reach sirens, which will be able to broadcast voiced instructions in addition to the tsunami sound.

Contracts are being prepared for the installation of these new sirens, which are expected to be in place within the next three years. In the meantime the existing siren network will continue to be maintained.

Victoria Harwood of the Northland Civil Defence Emergency management Group said people also need to be aware of the risk of local source tsunami (those

generated on or close to the coast), which could arrive ahead of any official warning. "Everyone who spends time on the coast needs to know the natural warning signs of tsunami – a strong earthquake that is hard to stand up in or one that lasts longer than a minute, or



The distribution of tsunami sirens along the shores of Bream Bay

out-of-the ordinary sea behaviour, such as sudden rise or fall and/or unusual noise."

To hear Northland's outdoor and indoor tsunami sirens online visit: www.nrc.govt.nz/tsunamisirens

### Humpbacks and godwits

The godwits have arrived back in Whangarei Harbour. Bird watcher Simon Ellison saw a flock of around 50 birds feeding on the sandspit at the Ruakākā estuary two weeks ago, around a week earlier than their usual arrival date of 16 September. Since then he has seen godwits feeding in front of his home alongside the estuary in Princes Rd.

Amongst the godwits he spotted a few red knots, another migratory bird which like the godwits fly here each summer from their breeding grounds in the Arctic tundra, some 12,000 kilometres away.

Simon is also excited about a siting of hump backed whales swimming north approximately four kilometres

off shore on Monday 13 September at around 3-pm. Simon regularly scans the sea and horizon from alongside the Ruakākā Surf lifesaving club with his binoculars. He saw the hump backs spouting and then spotted a distinctive rounded dorsal fin.

He said, "I wasn't quite sure what I was looking at but after checking in a book I have on sea mammals it seems humpbacks spout and then they roll exposing their backs above the surface – hence the name humb back.

He also was able to identify the rounded shape of the dorsal fin he had seen as being that of a humbback.

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# New speed limits no problem for fire brigade

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He was responding to a question about whether the speed limits were causing delays in fire fighters arriving at the station when the siren goes off.

He said, "Reducing the speed contributes towards better outcomes for the community and ultimately less calls for the brigade

The delays won't affect our ability to respond to the station or from the station to the incident."



More than four times over

Police stopped a vehicle on Tamingi Street on Fri-

day 10 September and breath tested the driver, a

49-year-old local man who returned a reading of

1,033 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath,

more than four times the legal limit for drivers

over the age of 20, which is 250 micrograms of

alcohol per litre of breath. He will be appearing

in the Whangarei District Court on drink driving

On Saturday 11 September a vehicle was stopped

When breath tested, the driver, a 52-year-old local

man returned a reading of 941 micrograms of alco-

hol per litre of breath and will be making a court

Drink driving charge

appearance on a charge of drink driving

by Police on Paparoa Valley Rd.

the limit

charges.

# POLICE REPORT

### Arrested for dangerous driving on Peter Snell Road

Police received a number of phone calls from Ruakākā village residents at around 7.30pm on Friday 17 September of a vehicle racing up and down on Peter Snell Rd. Police arrested an 18 year old man from Onerahi who will be appearing in the Whangarei District Court on dangerous driving and driving with out a license charges

# Attempted theft of cars at Marsden Cove Marina

There appears to have been attempts to break into and steal three cars parked at the Marsden Cove Marina, overnight on Thursday 16 September

### Theft from clothesline

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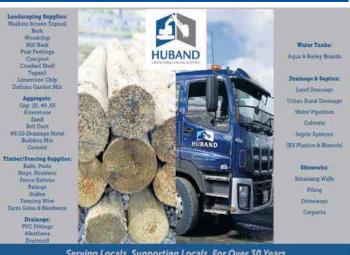
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### **Ivan Antonovich**



Ivan with wife Lou (seated on the right) receiving his Ruakākā Library Citizen of the Year award from Essie Leech at an award ceremony held at Two Birds Cafe in March 2020.

An old Ruakākā identity Ivan Antonovich has died at the age of 92.

Ivan lived his whole life in Ruakākā. He was educated at Ruakākā Primary School and then at the Waipu District High School. He left school at the age of 16 and took up a joinery apprenticeship with Fosters and Sons Joinery in Whangarei before taking over the running of his parents farm.

He met Lou, his wife, in 1955 when Lou was working at the Wynn Fraser Trading Store located on the highway at Ruakaka, right next to Ivan's parents farm.

They married on May 20 1961 and a celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary was held this year, which was attended by most of their original bridal party. Ivan and Lou had three children Marilyn, Sheree and a son Dean.

Marilyn said, "Dad taught and walked the values of life, he was one of the finest gentleman, an honourable and reputable man. He had a wonderful sense of humor and great stories to share

"As children we were taught that you have to work for what you needed, there was no want. We were given daily chores to be completed before school and after, be it to get the cows in for milking, feed the chooks or your turn to peel the vegetables for dinner and oh yes the dreaded it's your turn to dry the dishes tonight."

Lou said Ivan was "a wonderful husband". Together they shared the duties of a farming and family life, milking the cows morning and night to provide for their family.

Ivan played a major part in the building of the Ruakāka Hall.

He would milk cows on the the family farm and then work all day on the hall mixing the concrete on the ground and then hauling it up in buckets on ropes.

Along with his fellow volunteer workers Andy Owen and Vincent McGrath he made around  $2{,}000$  concrete blocks .

When the hall was compelted in 1955 Ivan, who lived just over the road, became its custodian and over the years managed many repairs and rennovations. Putting his joinery skills to good use he oversaw the installation of half inch thick plywood walls to minimize the echo from the concrete blocks, the building of new toilets, a remodeling of the the kitchen and a floor replacement.

In recognition of all his years of voluntary work for the community Ivan was named Ruakākā Library Citizen 2019 Citizen of the year.

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# Plenty of vaccinations spaces available at the Bream Bay Medical Centre

Vaccinations have dropped off a bit over the past few weeks at the Bream Bay Medical Centre.

Whereas in the first weeks of the Delta outbreak in Auckland and the nationwide lockdown the clinic was administering over 100 vaccines a day this has now slowed to around 50 a day.

Some people who are normally resident in Auckland but who have come north to stay in their baches for the weeks of lockdown, have attempted to book vaccines at the clinic but have been turned away as the Bream Bay Medical Centre is only funded to give vaccines to permanent residents of Northland.

Sally Collings, the clinic's Administration Team Leader, said although we have had no cases in Northland in the current outbreak we need to be careful not to get blasé about Covid 19.

"We need to keep scanning in, social distancing, wearing masks and washing our hands. We still need to do all those things and people still need to be vaccinated."

"There are plenty of spaces left and waiting times are not long. We usually book in 6 people at a time as each vial of vaccine contains 6 or 7 doses. The vaccination itself only takes a couple of minutes and then you need to sit in the waiting room for 15 minutes. The whole process will only take around half an hour."

You don't need to be a patient of the Bream Bay Medical Centre, and anyone over the age of 12 who is a Northland resident can book their vaccine by phoning 432 8060.

# Skate boarding demo and competition at the Ruakākā Skate Park

The Bream Bay News is sponsoring a skateboarding demonstration for local young people at the Ruakākā Skatepark over the October school holidays.

Expert skate boarder Sam Johns of Whangārei and some of his friends will give a demonstration of their skills and run age group skateboarding competitions with prizes donated by Cheapskates, Whangārei.. This event will be held on Saturday 9 October from 11am to 2pm with a rain date the following Saturday 16 October at the same time.

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## Harlequin ladybirds - are they pests or a gardener's best friend?

Almost everyday I have to rescue a brightly spotted ladybird from my office window. I am pretty sure these are Harlequin ladybirds, which I see on a Landcare Research website page were first found in Auckland in 2016 and by 2018 had spread throughout the north island and into parts of the south island. Insect populations can spread quickly.

Female harlequin ladybirds can lay 20-30 eggs per day and breed throughout their adult life, with an individual producing 1600 to 3800 eggs, which would account for how suddenly they have arrived in such large numbers.

The Harlequin Ladybird has a few other names: the multi coloured Asian Ladybird d, Multivariate ladybird, Southern ladybird, Japanese ladybird, Pumpkin ladybird, Halloween lady beetle, Multicoloured Asian ladybird, Asian ladybeetle, or if you want one of a scientific version Harmonia axyridis - amongst a number of others.

Adults measure between 5 -8mm in length and vary widely in colour. They can be completely black, or black with red spots. They can be yellow red or orange with zero to 21 black spots. The ones that I find on my window are mostly orange with black spots – sometimes just two, sometimes eight, sometimes more. Yesterday I rescued one that was black with just two red spots.

Most have white on each side of the pronotum, which is the segment linking their flat shaped heads to the rest of their bodies.

Whether these brightly coloured little visitors are a problem or not depends on your point of view.

They eat the eggs and larvae of native insects and insects introduced to benefit plant crops. They predate on those little steel blue ladybirds, which were introduced to New Zealand from Australia in 1899 to control scale on citrus trees. I can't remember when I last saw one of these little beauties. There is also a concern that they might hide amongst bunches of grapes n vinyards and be harvested along with the fruit to taint the wine.

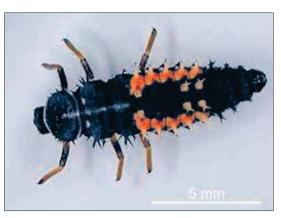
On the plus side the Harlequin Ladybird lays its clumps of little yellow eggs near infestations of aphids and when the larvae hatch they feast on these pests. In fact Harlequin Ladybirds were introduced into North America and Europe from Asia just for this purpose

Here in New Zealand their rapid population expansion is helping to control the giant willow aphid.

Apparently they can deliver a small harmless bite but their main defence is to emit a smelly substance called hormanine from their legs when when under threat. Because these ladybirdse seem resistent to diseases that kill off other insect species, scientist are studying this substance to see if it has value in combating human diseases such as malaria.



Three harlequin Ladybirds displaying just some of their colour and spot pattern variatons.



The nymph of the Harlequin Ladybird



Females can lay up to 3,800 eggs over a three year lifespan.

### BREAM BAY COMBINED ARTS GROUP INC

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### A Call to Northland's Artists

Bream Bay Combined Art Group Inc are preparing for their 5<sup>th</sup> annual art exhibition & sale, to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the 60m long marquee at Marden Cove near Ruakaka, Northland.

The group is now calling for expressions of interests for this event, the largest exhibition & sale north of Auckland, to which artists of all genres, from painting to pottery to fibre and everything in between are invited to register for. Up to now 28 of the 48 available spaces are taken so don't wait too long to apply. This event is a well-known and supported by the public from Auckland, north, with advertising to remind them what they already know, and what they can expect.

If you are into your art, and are an emerging artist or a full time professional you need to have your work on show at this event.

For further information email – The Secretary, Bream Bay Combined Arts Group Inc at bbcombinedartsgroup@gmail.com

# An ordinary looking garage in Waipū is the base for a handcrafted lure making business with a world wide reputation

It looks like just an ordinary house, in an ordinary street on the outskirts of Waipū and who would imagine this to be the base of a cottage based business whose hand made products have become sought after by top fisher folk all around the world.

Michael and Rita Knight operate a successful start up business here called *On Top Lures*.

Last October an article in the fishing magazine *Ocean Blue* described what they make here as "some of the best top water fishing lures worldwide?"

With their growing reputation fishing enthusiasts come to visit and ask where their workshop is. Rita tells them, "It is all based right here.'

Michael joined the building trade as an apprentice at the age of 16 and for a few years worked with Waipū based company Worthy and Cox.

A keen fisherman he made the most of living in Bream Bay.

"I was buying lures off the shelf in fishing shops and I thought I could make these myself."

Rita said after having a go at this "He thought 'This is fun'.

At first Michael just made lures for himself and friends but word got around.

Making and marketing their handcrafted lures is now a full time job for both Michael and Rita.

They supply fishing shops in Australia, Japan, Dubai and around New Zealand. They have a Saudi prince as a regular client. He has invited them to Oman, a trip which they have had to postpone because of Covid 19 restrictions.

When the Bream Bay News reporter visited there were two rows of lures strung on a slow rotation drier. They are miniature works of art, painted with subtle variations in colour, two rows of perfect little fish. They will stay on the drier for two days.

Michael explains the colour variations are for different sea conditions.

A lure has to glint and it has to match the prey of the fish the angler is trying to catch.

"Match the hatch" is a phrase used in the business.

This order is for an Australian client – a popular fishing influencer. New Zealand waters need more subdued tones and, for fishing locations in the Pacific island, lures need to be brightly coloured.

The lures are all worked in cedar. Rita cuts out flat fish shapes on a band saw in a range of sizes. These are then rounded and shaped and strung with wire through the centre by Michael. Weights are carefully positioned in the bodies and tails

Michael says this is an important aspect of a lure's success.

"The lure has to swim like a wounded bait fish. If you can achieve this with a lure then it is certain to be successful in catching fish."

He has a collection of photographs of kingfish, giant trevally, big tuna and many other giant fish caught with On Top Lures. He gets a real thrill when customers send in these pictures.

Painting of the lures is done by hand. Local graphic artist Stacey Dye supplies stickers for eyes and body markings.

Rita said they try to purchase from local suppliers. They sell a range of fishing rods made by a craftsman in Whananaki.

They also use shredded paper in their packaging. Cutting down on plastic is important to these lovers

of the sea. Michael says another advantage is that cus-



Mike and Rita Knight outside their garage, which serves as a workshop for their thriving hand crafted fishing lure making business

tomers like to pick up the lures from the shop shelf and feel their weight - not possible if they are packaged in plastic bags.

Do they get out to test their lures much them-selves?

"Not as much as we would like these days," said Rita

Testing out new designs is important and Michael he has friends and respected fishing contacts who can do this for him when he is too busy to get out on the water himself.

They turn out only around 36 top of the range lures a week and want to remain as a family run cottage industry. Rita - "We don't employ

staff and just work hard ourselves."

As a family business they were able to keep going throughout both Covid 19 lockdowns. During last year's weeks at Level 3 and 4 they ran low on materials but were better prepared this time around.

They expected orders to slow time during Lockdown but with people staying home and having more time to order on line this didn't happen.

At present they are busy with enough orders to keep them going until Christmas.



Mike with rows of drying lures he has made on assignment for a customer in Australia



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# Time to start thinking about nominations for the Bream Bay Sports Awards



Netball legend Bernice Mene was guest speaker at the 2020 Bream Bay Sports Awards

The date has been set for the next Bream Bay Sports Awards. These will be held in the Waipū Celtic Barn on Friday 11 March and local sports club members are invited to start thinking about who they might want to nominate for the various sporting achievement and service to sport awards.

Nominations are invited for: Junior Sportsperson of the Year 2021, Male sportsperson of the Year, Female Sportsperson, Masters Sportsperson, Senior and Junior teamd of the year, Referee of the Year, Sports Administer of the Year, Coach of the Year, Sports Leadership and Services to Sport. Nominations forms will be made available on the Bream Bay Sports Awards website.

An auction of sporting memorabilia has been a feature of the last two award dinners and the Bream Bay Sports Trust has put out a call for donations of suitable items.

### One more *Come and Try* night at the Waipū Tennis Club

Summer tennis at the Waipū club began last week on Tuesday 14 September the second on Tuesday of this week. The third and final comeand try night is on Tuesday 28 September from 6pm. These nights are an opportunity to give this active sport a go. The club caters for all levels in its competition. You don't have to be an expert.

Follow the come and try nights, a pre- Christmas competition will start on October 5.

The club held its AGM last month via a zoom meeting with some new people putting their hands up to help with administration. Key points from the meeting were: subscriptions will remain the same (\$190 for seniors, \$100 for juniors) with \$20 reductions if paid before the end of October, the club tournament will be held on 19 February 2022. Louise Wickham and Paul Ramsay were awarded life memberships for their services to the club over the past 20 years.

A Love Tennis nationwide promotion postponed due to the Covid 19 lockdown, will now be held on 21 November

The Waipū Tennis Club is located at the St Mary's Rd entrance to the Caledonian Park.



### **Bream Bay Combined Arts group preparing** for big January exhibition



Leslie Cleary will be one of the artists showing her work at the

The fifth annual Bream Bay Combined Arts Group exhibition is scheduled for 29 and 30 January 2022 in the 60 metre long marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina. Forty-five Northland artists are already booked in for the event. These include potters, fibre artists, painters, photographers, sculptors and artists working in mixed

# School holiday activites

• SKATE BOARDING DEMONSTRATION AND COMPETITIONS At the Ruakaka Skatepark on Saturday 9 October form 11am -2pm. Rain date Saturday 16 October same times. Skate boarder Sam Johns of Whangārei and friends will demonstrate their skills and organise age group competitons. This is a free event sponsored by the Bream Bay News and suppored by the Bream Bay Sports Trust. Prizes donated by Cheapskates of Whangarei.

• ARTFUL KIDS is holding a series of school holiday art workshops in Waipū for kids aged 5-11, 6-10 and 8-13. Classes include: Abstract Monday, Recycling Creations, Picasso Inspiration, Still Life Fun and Surreal Imangination. Cost is \$25 or paying adult. \$45. Some run from 9.30am to 12.30 and others from 9.30am to 2.30pm. For more details email: artfulkidsart@gmail.com or phone Lisa - 021 947 724

media.

A feature of the annual exhibition is artists giving live demonstrations of their crafts.

The Bream Bay Combined Arts Group exhibition is billed as the largest art sale north of Auckland.

BREAM BAY LEARNING COMMUNITY SWAP-A-BOOK STALLS on Wednesday 6th October in Ruakākā town centre, and Wednesday 13th October in Waipū. Waipū location to be confirmed. Children can bring along books to swap and are encouraged to write book reviews on stories they have read.

• THE KAURI MUSEUM in Matakohe is offering free entry for children under 15-years for the duration of the October school holidays from Ovtober 2 to October 17. The children must be accompanied by a



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Budgeting Advice - Bruce Matheson - 432 0239 The Crossroads Trust (financial support) Peter Couper - 432 0524 or email lynettejones@xtra.co.nz

Waipu - 50 The Centre - 10.15am

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### **CREW NEEDED FOR ARTN'TARTAN**

Debi Walters Brown is well underway with her plans for this year's Art'nTartan to be held on November 12th and 13th providing we are in Level 1. She is calling for backstage volunteer crew to help with the show and would welcome contact from anyone interested. Being a member of the crew is an enormously important role and if you are interested and would like to help please contact Debi on 021 324 707 or email her at creativelynx@eznet.co.nz. If you are new to Waipu this is a great way to meet new friends and be involved in this fantastic event.



### Justices of the Peace

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Make contact with a Justice of the Peace (on any day) and make an appointment to have your documents completed. Only current Association members are listed.

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# Marsden Lions distribute more funds from their annual Charity Golf Tournament



From left: full time Bream Bay St. John Ambulance officer Jeff D'At, volunteers Dennaye Wright, Andrew Forsythe, Inga Knier, Kate Holden, and Kathleen Forsythe and Lyndon Reed (Station Manager, Paramedic) formally accepting a donation from the Marsden Lions.





Maree Gutry of the Marsden Lions, on the left, presenting a certificate announcing a \$2500 donation to Tania Ahrens, chair of Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Patrol

Both the above photographs were emailed to the Bream Bay News by Andrew Forsythe, who is involved in both the Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Club and Bream Bay St John Ambulance to in Andrew's words "acknowledge the exceptional hard work and generosity of the Marsden Lions.

"While it is unusually late to express the sincere appreciation on behalf of these two groups, these are unusual times and we were forced to work around lockdowns for Maree to present the certificates. The Marsden Lions donated much of the proceeds of their Charity Golf Tournament, 14 May at Waipu Golf Club in amounts of \$2500 to Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Patrol and \$1500 to St John Bream Bay Ambulance."

the golf tournament drew a record number of entries this year and raised in excess of \$10,000. NEST the Northland Emergency Service Trust which operates the emergency helicopter service and The Ruakākā Fire Brigade also received donations.

# WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

• OTP ARTISAN MARKET One Tree Point School field Fundraiser for Whangarei Hospital Children's Ward Next on Sunday 26 September 9 am to 1pm. Spaces available call Sue 021 530 153 or 09 432 8112

• FUNDRAISING CONCERT by Bream Bay College music students. At Land and Sea Cafe. Entry by donation. Sunday 26 September at 3pm. Funds go towards a new piano for the Bream Bay College music department

• THE WAIPŪ SUNDAY MARKET next on Sunday 10 October. 9am -1pm in the Coronation Hall.

• THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET Next on Sunday 17 October from 9am - 1pm. In the big marquee at Marsden Cove.

 THE RUAKĀKĀ PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA Thursday 4 November Ice skating rink, craft stalls, student stalls, concert stage, face painting, food stalls., auction.

• ART 'N TARTAN WEARABLE ART AWARDS 2021. Waipu Celtic Barn Rescheduled to 12 & 13th November 2021. Tickets now on sale at the museum or on eventfinda

• WAIPŪ MUSEUM 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am -4pm

• KAURI MUSEUM. NO CHARGE FOR KIDS DURING THE HOL-IDAYS! Children under 15 are free with a paying adult during the October School Holidays. October 2 - October 17 Open daily 9am - 5pm. 5 Church St. Matakohe. Current exhibition Portraits of Our People An exhibition of portraits from the past, the present and the future, featuring Kaipara residents, made by Kaipara people. www.kaurimuseum.com.

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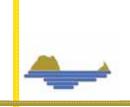




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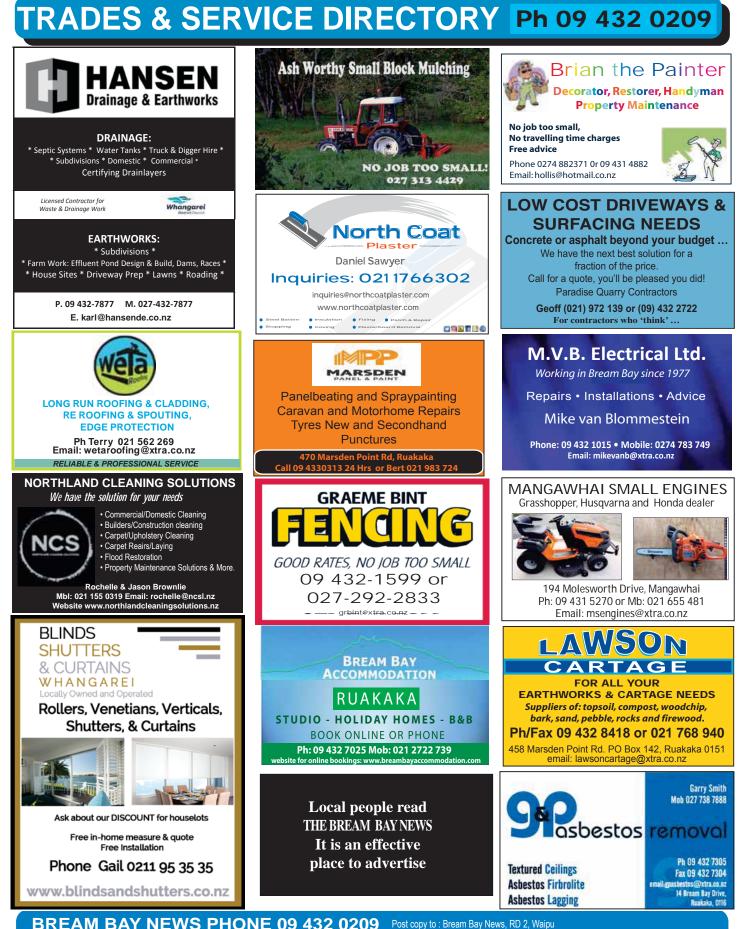
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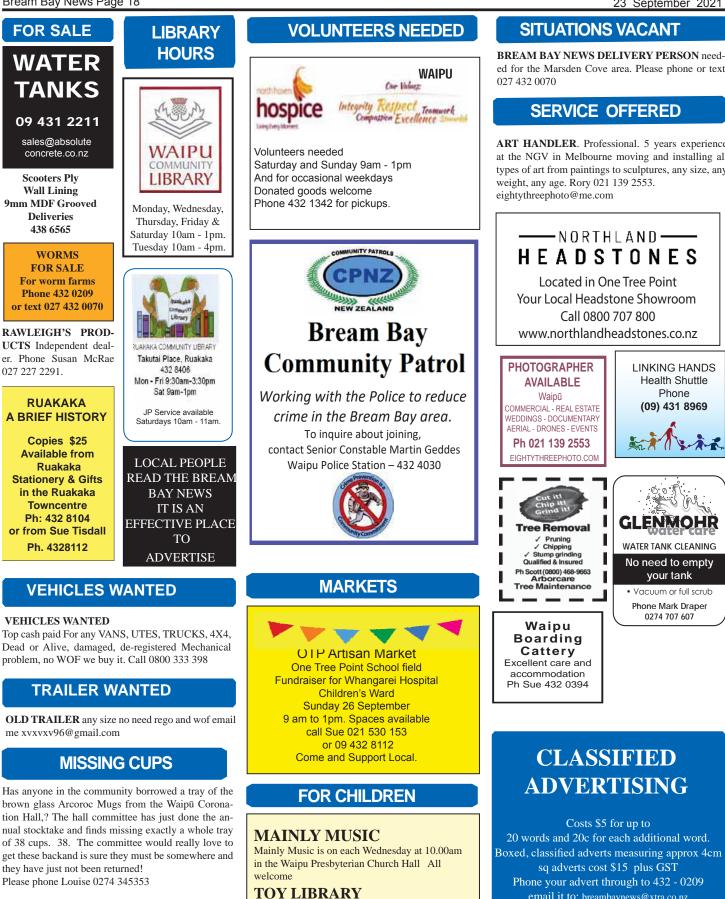


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### PUBLIC NOTICES

### **One Tree Point School**



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#### **Out of Zone Enrolments 2022**

The Board of Trusteees invites applications from parents/caregivers of out of zone pupils who wish to enrol ther child(ren) at one Tree Point for 2022, The school's enrolment scheme details are available from the school's office along with application forms.

The Board has determined that there are unlimited spaced for priorities 2 to 5.

All priorities as follows:

- · Priority 2: siblings of current students at the school
- · Priority 3: siblings of former students at the school
- Priority 4: children of former students
- Priority 5: either a child of an employee or a child of a member of the board of the school
  - · Priority 6: all other students. 20 places in total.

The deadlines for receipt of applications is Wednesday 29 September 2021

If the number of our of zone applications is more than the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Wednesday 20 October 2021.

For application forms and enquiries please contact the school office:

Phone 09 432 7891 Cell 021 268 5219 or email admin@otp.school.nz

#### WAIPU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association will be held on Wednesday 29 September at 7pm, the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers will be hosting a public meeting with guest speaker Jon Pheloung of Waka Kotahi who is interested to hear local people's views on possible safety improvements on State Highway One from the Port Marsden Highway to Waipū Gorge Rd. All Welcome

### WAIPU COVE RESERVE BOARD 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

To be held Sunday 3rd October, 11am in the All-weather Room at Camp Waipu Cove Contact 09 432 0410 or waipucovereserveboard@gmail.com

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### **30TH ANNIVERSARY**

On Sunday 14th November 2021, the Ruakaka Holy Family Catholic Community is celebrating 30 years since moving into the new Church in Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka.

Mass is at 10.30am followed by a shared luncheon, sausage sizzle and entertainment for young and old.

Of course, present parishioners, families and friends are warmly invited to attend, but we are specially reaching out to past members and friends who could be interested in coming along and sharing a few memories.

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Workbridge, which helps people realise their potential and find employment will be at the Bream Bay Community Trust every Tuesday. Phone 432 7197 to book an appointment.

### BREAM BAY SUNDAY **CHURCH SERVICES**

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