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## Deluge of unsaleable and often dirty goods left on the doorstep of the Waipu Opshop

The already over-stocked Waipu Anglican Opshop is suffering from a deluge of dirty and unsaleable goods left on its doorstep. In spite of notices asking people not to dump their rubbish at the shop, the practice continues. The shop's volunteers have put up a barrier to try to deter people but this has not worked either. It is also often obvious that the goods dumped have been sorted through and strewn

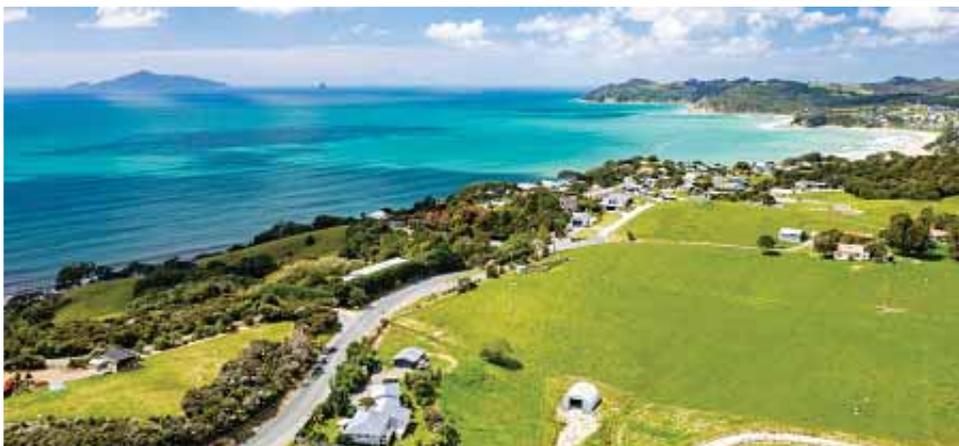


The sign at the Waipu Opshop

around. Early morning walkers in the park have witnessed this happening. The shop continues to accept laundered clothes, shoes and good quality bric-a-brac, kitchen utensils and clean books - all of which are very popular with customers. All small electrical goods need to be tested and certified before they can be sold. The shop raises many thousands of dollars a year which it distributes among local charities. In 2021 it gave away \$49,400. Scavengers, the Ruakaka recycling shop, run for over 20 years by the flamboyant, dedicated and community spirited Yvonne Judge has been closed since before Christmas as Yvonne is not well. The gates into the Scavengers yard have been locked and this might in part account for more rubbish being dumped at the Waipu Opp Shop. Scavengers also had problems with rubbish dumping in its driveway and at its front door sometimes preventing Yvonne and her volunteers from getting inside and costing part of the shops profits to dispose of at the Whangarei District Council's Uretiti rubbish depot so depleting what was available to donate to local charities.



"We had a trip in the plant which resulted in some increased flaring and smoke activity from the site. Safety systems, including the flare, activated as designed to ensure safety of the plant and workers. The fault has been rectified and the refinery has returned to normal operation," a spokesperson for REfining NZ told the Bream Bay News on Monday after being sent a copy of the above photo. With the Marsden Point Refinery due to cease production in April the sight of such flares will soon no longer be a feature of the Bream Bay landscape. This great picture, and likely important historic photograph, was taken on Wednesday 16 January by Mark - who did not want us to print his surname.



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## EDITORIAL

# An idea to get those Wellington protestors to move on

I am finding all the insults being flung at our Prime Minsiter by those protestors in the grounds of Parliament highly offensive. I think the people making them are deeply mysogynistic and those images of Jacinda behind bars and hanging nooses are disgusting.

Here's an idea for getting all those protestors to leave. Make an announcement that it is good to have them all in one place so they can

all get a dose of the Pfizer vaccine sprayed on them from above by a helicopter. Tell them this will be for their own good to help protect them from catching and spreading the easily transmissible Omicron variant of the Covid 19 virus. That bunch of conspiracy theorists is likely to believe this and quickly disperse.

Who can I send this suggestion to? It is a bit unclear. The Government is leaving control of this rabble to the Police, who are taking a consolatory approach, which is clearly not working. You can't negotiate with people who are disconnected from reality. Taking advantage of their propensity to be manipulated by false information might be more effective

Here's another equally depressing problem closer to home. The sign outside the Waipu Opportunity Shop says "Please do not insult us and our customers by leaving dirty, smelly and rubbishy goods."

Its been going on for years. I can remember an appeal by Steve Goldthorpe who asked people to stop leaving unsalable goods on the shop verandah out of hour, pointing out that it costs a lot to dispose of all this rubbish.

Yvonne Judge, who with a few volunteers heroically ran the Ruakākā recycling shop Scavengers for many years, would arrive some mornings to open up and be unable to get to her front door for piles of clapped out electrical appliances, mouldy furniture and bags of grubby stuffed toys and clothing. How awful for the good people who volunteer at the Opshop to have to deal with all this mess;

I am told there is a collection of old furniture left on the road to the Uretiti recycling centre. If you can afford new furniture then perhaps you can also afford to dispose of your old lounge suite responsibly.

I heard while listening to my daily dose of world news last week how mountains of second hand clothes from America, Europe and Asia are ending up in Latin America and being dumped in Chile's Atacama Desert. The sight of all this rubbish in that wild place is sickening. It puts me off buying that new T-shirt I think I need. Perhaps I will look through the racks at the Waipu Opp shop.

Even our own wild places are being impacted. Members of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust are lifting up seaweed washed up on the beach to find plastic, sometimes broken up into tiny fragments - minute grains of too bright colours mixed in the sand underneath.

We all accumulate too much stuff. There is a huge demand for storage facilities. I know of five such places already operating in the Bream Bay area and now someone has had the bright idea of building another at the top of a narrow bush lined privately owned road in the hills south of Waipu. Sometimes of course, we have good reason to use one of these services - when we are moving home and staying in temporary accommodation, we are working or travelling elsewhere and have rented out our home in the meantime. But often it is just a case of people not having the space to store all the stuff they own and rather than taking the sensible step of giving some of it away or better still not buying it in the first place, they hire a storage facility. Too much stuff becomes a liability.

Marilyn



Piles of second hand clothing dumped in Chile's Atacama Desert

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## Easter Carnival cancelled for second year

The organisers of Waipu Primary School's Easter Carnival fundraiser have announced that this year's carnival is cancelled due to Covid 19. The carnival was also called off in 2021.

The Waipu Primary PTA and Carnival Crew said in press release as the Easter Carnival attracts thousands of visitors from Auckland and around Northland its cancellation is in "the best interest of the public health in the wider Waipu community."

The statement said, "This is one of the highlights of Waipu's event calendar and to have to cancel it a second time is frustrating.

The PTA and supporter are now investigating alternative fundraising avenues for the school. The Carnival made a profit just shy of \$60,000 when it was last able to go ahead in 2020.

The PTA statement said it was hoped the carnival would be back in 2023 and thanked "all the community who planned to attend, for the volunteers who have already offered their time, the entertainers who were booked to perform, all the vendors, sponsors, suppliers, contractors, staff and the wider Waipu business community who have supported the event in past years, we share your disappointment."

## Car and bike show cancelled

The Waipu Lions Car show, which was due to be held on 3 April has now been cancelled for 2022.

Originally this year's date was set for Sunday 6 February but this was moved to early April when it became clear that Covid 19 restriction rules wouldn't allow a gathering of this size to proceed. The car show draws around 750 car and bike entries and thousands of people come through the gates to view the exhibits.

At a meeting on Wednesday night 16 February the Waipu Lions made the decision to cancel this year with the hope the show will be able to proceed in February 2023..

Waipu Lions President Malcolm Norton said, "It is a blow for Waipu Lions as it is a substantial fundraiser for the Club and the benefactors this year.

Last year's car show raised \$35,000 some of which went towards the Waipu Skate Park.

Lions member and Car Show founder Ron Cave said in the seven years of the show it has raised over \$100,000 all of which has been handed out to local charitable causes.

## Ruakākā School Principal's position in line with Tai Tokerau Principals' Association

Ruakākā Primary School Principal Marilyn Dunn, after reading an article where she was quoted as being in opposition to hosting a vaccination clinic at the school (Bream Bay News 10 February), said she wanted to make it clear that this was a position help by the Tai Tokerau Principal's Association whose chairman Pat Newman has stated he believes in vaccination, just not in school.

Mrs. Dunn also wanted to make it clear that the antagonism stirred up by the Covid 19 vaccination debate does not currently exist in the school.

## Tiny bits of plastic under the seaweed



Lucina Cummings of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust is concerned at how many small pieces of plastic, some of it in tiny particles, she finds under seaweed washed up on the beach in recent storms.

Lucina has organised working bees amongst her fellow Coastal Care members to collect up as much plastic as they can find on the beach at Ruakākā

## Prospect of a commercial storage facility alarms private road residents

Residents who live in and near Wairimu Way in the hills south of Waipu were alarmed when a man who owns a 10-acre block at the top of the road carried out a substantial amount of earthworks, brought in truckloads of metal to spread over the surface of the flattened area and then started bringing in containers. At the same time he set up a website advertising a storage facility without giving the location.

The residents contacted the Whangarei District Council, However the man informed Council staff that he was still looking for a site to set up his storage facility and the two containers he has placed on his land to date are just to help out a friend with storage.

Wairimu Road is a private road where people who purchase land along its length sign an agreement to share in the costs of its maintenance. Residents were concerned about the additional wear and tear on the road a commercial storage facility would bring, the security measures such as high fences and floodlight that would be needed and did not relish the prospect of people driving up their road at 4am in the morning to collect boats so they could go fishing.



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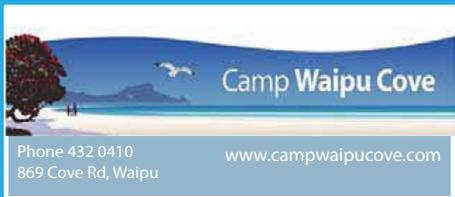
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**Can you help with an online survey on seaweed strandings in Bream Bay ?**

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The Waipu Cove Reserve Trust Board has commissioned Cawthron Institute to design a monitoring programme of algae on the shore and in the water column in the area. The survey has been designed as a Citizens Science project with members of the Waipu Cove and Bream Bay community encouraged to take part. The survey can also be found at: <https://arcg.is/1Hm91L>.

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**LETTERS**

**Disappointed at lack of indigenous history**

Recently, early January, my husband and I spent a week staying at your beautiful Waipu Cove, Most days we would come into town(Waipu) . We very much enjoyed your current exhibition of WW1 and visiting the museum. What we were extremely disappointed in was the lack of indigenous history. Where are the stories of the local Maori who populated the land long before 'the great migration'? What were the first interactions like between the indigenous and the visitors? What were local Maori contributions to the WW1 effort? The ethno-centric approach you have taken shocked us . It is 2022. We live in a bi-cultural country. Let's be proud of and tell all of our stories. We live in a rich and beautiful country steeped in a unique culture. Let's share it.

*Nga-mihi nui  
 Anjila Charriez  
 Auckland*

**In response**

Thanks for the opportunity to respond to Anjila's letter. The WW1 storyboards are placed around the district in areas that are significant to those about whom they are written. The boards are placed between Langs Beach and Takahiwai. A large WW1 storyboard was created for the local Maori who were involved in WW1. This was created and approved in consultation with Patuharakeke. It is located at the Takahiwai Marae (at their request).

With regard to the lack of indigenous history inside the Museum, we are surprised and disappointed that you failed to notice our new and improved display about the Tangata Whenua, including the Taonga on display. This is located at the beginning of our exhibition. The development of this was also done in consultation with Patuharakeke and a karakia by Patuharakeke was held to open the exhibition. We are further developing this permanent part of our exhibition.

*Nga Mihi and Moran Taing  
 Heather Jacobson (Chair Waipu Museum Board)  
 Gina Murray (Patuharakeke Representative on Waipu Museum Board)*

**Can't these drivers read?**

Since the new speed limit signs were put up on Shoemaker Road East it hasn't made any difference to a lot of drivers using this road into Waipu or our of Waipu. There are big speed limit signs at both ends of Shoemaker Road East. Can't these drivers read? Perhaps they need to go to Specsavers. Thank you to those who stick to the speed limit.

*Nellie Holder  
 Waipu*

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# Unscheduled visit demonstrates Northport could handle car carriers

An unscheduled visit by a vessel, which normally carries cars and trucks has demonstrated Northport's ability to receive and handle car carriers and roll on – roll off vessels says Northport Chief Executive Jon Moore. The Istra Ace arrived at Northport on Wednesday 16 February to load triboard from the Juken Mill in Kaitiāia providing the vessel with a 'back-load' to Japan rather than having to sail the entire route empty.



The Istra Ace at Northport

## POLICE REPORT

### Waipu man in custody facing firearms charges

Police were called to an incident at an address in the Waipu area at 7pm on 8 February where they recovered two firearms including a sawn off shotgun. As a result a 28-year-old man was arrested and faces multiple charges. He is remanded in custody.

### Tree blown down on Cove Rd in storm causes accident

In the early hours of 13 February a driver crashed his car into a tree which had fallen across Cove Road at a blind corner in the storm the previous night. The vehicle was damaged but no one in the car was seriously hurt. Bream Bay Police attended four more minor road accidents in the fortnight from 7 February.

### Thirteen family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police were called out to 13 family harm incidents over the fortnight 7 February to 21 February.

### Collision at Cotton Rd intersection

On 9 February at 7.30am a northbound driver swerved suddenly to avoid a vehicle stopped and waiting to turn on State Highway One at the Cotton Rd intersection at Mata and collided with a southbound vehicle. No one was seriously hurt in the accident but, as a result, the driver of the northbound vehicle, a 23-year-old Rukākā man has been dealt with for careless driving.

### Young driver issued with infringement notice when breath test shows alcohol content

At 9pm on Saturday 12 February a driver was stopped and breath tested by Police on State Highway One. He returned a reading of 150 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath and as he was 16-years-of-age has been issued with an infringement notice. While the legal drink-driving limit for those over the age of 20 is 250 micrograms per litre of breath, the limit for those under the age of 20 is zero.

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## The start of an exciting season at the Waipu Golf Club

Results of Mixed Opening Day Tournament on Page 14

Bain McGregor piped in the start of the Mixed Opening Day Tournament and with this the start of the 2022 season the Waipu Golf Club on Saturday morning 12 February. The 74 players were given their starting orders and without wasting any time on the course a line of golf carts set off in a hurry for the various starting points around the links.

After the play a prizegiving with local entertainers and a Valentines theme was held at the clubhouse.

The Waipu Golf Club is about to embark on a major project to bring irrigation to its fairways, which as the course is built on sand dunes,

usually brown off in the summer months. The work, which will cost \$1.3 million has been under-written by one of the club's members. Donations by other members to date tally around \$400,000.

Irrigation pipes already reach each of the greens and new pipes will be laid to take water around the fairways from three irrigation ponds. A new pump has been purchased and

is housed in a pumphouse alongside one of the lakes. The fairways will also be reshaped a little to improve their playability.

The work is planned to start this April when there is likely to be enough moisture in the ground to dig trenches without the dry sand collapsing back into the hollow.

Waipu Golf currently has around 400 members.



Piper Bain McGregor got the tournament and the 2022 season underway.

## New Deputy Principal at Bream Bay College

Bream Bay College has appointed Junie Shelford, a former student of the College with affiliations to local iwi Patuharakeke as a new Deputy Principal with a portfolio in charge of Te Ao Māori.

Her new role will include supporting Māori students as well as helping classroom teachers with ways to engage and build relationships with Māori learners. She said, "I am humbled by the opportunity to work in this role and give back to my whānau Hapu and Iwi who have been huge supporters of my career thus far.

I have been a part of the school community for a number of years as a student, classroom teacher and now as a member of our leadership team. I am excited to see what the future holds for our community of learners with the introduction of new and innovative kaupapa that are beginning to address some of the disparity Māori students have had to endure for far too many years.

I believe my appointment is evidence of the commitment from our BOT and Principal to prioritizing Māori education - by Māori, with Māori and for Māori."

Junie has a postgraduate degree in Māori education and is planning to work towards



Junie Shelford

a Masters of education qualification in the near future. Bream Bay College has four Deputy Principals, the other three are Mark Bayer, Alison Dalgleis and Sarah Molloy

# New Marsden Cove Four Square store owner pleased to find local people who want to work

Murali Krishnamurthi, the owner of the new Four Square supermarket in One Tree Point, has a Masters Degree majoring in physics. So what is he doing running a supermarket?

He says the grocery business has been good

Perhaps it's his wide smile but Murali has a certain likeness to the Four Square grocery man.

In 2009 he purchased a smaller Four Square supermarket in Russell, which he has now sold in order to focus on the new One Tree Point business.

Murali's wife Rita Krishnamurthi is an associate professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at the Auckland University of Technology – AUT. Her research area is strokes and dementia. "She has a much higher profile than me", said Murali. He is very proud of her and shows me photos.

They have two children, one studying at University in Auckland and another at college and for this reason the family base remains in Auckland.

But sometimes, if Murali can't get down to Auckland, his family travels up to spend the weekend with him in One Tree Point.

It took longer than expected to open the new store. Murali said this was due to hold-ups in freight. The building was completed and standing empty for months before the refrigeration equipment was delivered and installed.

Now up and running the store has spacious wide isles and enough cooler space for fresh fruit and vegetables to be kept at optimum storage temperature. Air conditioning throughout made the new supermarket a cool haven in the sweltering humidity of recent weeks. Asked if this is the largest Four Square store in New Zealand Murali said he wasn't sure but it is certainly the newest.

"I am very happy with what we have got here".

Murali has had no trouble finding staff. He says there are plenty of local people who want to work, "which



Murali Krishnamurthi, owner/operator of the new Marsden Cove Four Square store.

is good". Residents from the nearby Anchorage retirement village have taken on part time jobs, while some of his staff travel from Waipu.

Foodstuffs provide human relations (HR) support for Four Square franchises and run staff training programmes in product management and procedures. He is also finding local people very friendly said he has "good customer support". With the rapid residential development at One Tree Point, Murali is predicting a bright future.

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## Essential workers needing RAT test kits need to go to Kamo

The nearest place to go for local people who work in essential services for Rapid Antigen Test kits (RATs) is the Northland District Health Board's testing centre at 20 Winger Crescent in Kamo.

Warren Greene of Orrs Pharmacy, Ruakākā said he expects the pharmacy may become a distribution centre once more of the tests become available and the country moves into Phase 3 of its response to the Omicron variant.

The test kits are only available for critical care workers, essential service workers such as police and fire fighters and people who work in businesses, which registered on a critical services list. Documentation proving you fit one of these categories is required to get hold of the kits.

RAT tests, which are generally taken with a front of nose swap, provide results in 20 minutes as opposed to two or 3 days for the PCR test. They are not as accurate at detecting Covid 19 as the PCR (Polymerase

chain reaction) tests which need to be laboratory tested for genetic material from the Covid 19 virus. Self administered RAT tests are being used to enable asymptomatic critical workers to stay on the job after they have been in close contact with someone who has Covid 19. They will also reduce pressure on medical laboratories.

The Ruakākā Pharmacy is still able to carry out supervised RAT tests for asymptomatic, unvaccinated people who need to prove negative results to travel domestically, attend medical appointments or court cases. Warren said that some clinics are now requiring a negative RAT tests for vaccinated people to attend. People with Covid 19 symptoms need to go to Kamo testing centre for a PCR test. People with no symptoms are asked not to get a PCR test as with Omicron spreading rapidly unnecessary testing is this putting diagnostic laboratories under pressure.

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Sam Johns who is touring Northland skateparks with sponsorship from Whangārei skate shop - Cheapskates.

The Whangārei skate store Cheapskates is sponsoring a tour of the skate parks in and around Northland by skateboarding exponent Sam Johns. Sam will visit the various skate parks in turn showing some of his tricks and handing out prizes donated by Cheapskates to skateboarders with the best moves. He will be at the Ruakākā Skatepark at around 10am – 1pm on Saturday 26 February and then at the new Waipu Park in the afternoon from 2pm to around 4pm. He is scheduled to be at the Mangawhai Skatepark on Saturday 12 March. Should it be raining on any of the tour dates they will be postponed until the following Saturday with the whole programme moving forward a week. Sam ran the skateboarding competition in Ruakākā in November 2021.

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4.15pm	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
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## New walkway taking shape along the One Tree Point cliffs



Garden waste dumping is a problem

There is a new walkway taking shape along the One Tree Point cliffs. A concrete ramp built over what was previously a steep bank at the seaward end of Pyle Rd West now allows access to reserve land at the top of the cliff and a formed walkway stretches part way along the cliff top to the Marsden Bay Boat Club at One Tree Point.

There is, in fact, a wide public esplanade reserve all along the cliff top and people can walk the full length if they don't mind going through what appears to be several private gardens.

The Whangārei District Council Parks Department is taking a softly, softly approach, asking residents to remove their fences, hedges, and garden furniture from the reserve with the understanding that for some, private use of the reserve has been unchallenged for many years and it can feel uncomfortable to suddenly find part of what you have regarded as your private garden now open to the public.

Previously some argued that the cliffs are unstable and it would be dangerous to establish a walkway here but a survey two years ago found that there is ample width of reserve land, at least 10-metres at its narrowest point, for people to walk well away from the cliff edge.

Rock revetment walls have been built along the base of the cliff at the southern end to slow down cliff erosion. The cliff does continue to fall away in the section where the cliff face is remaining unaltered at the request of the NZ Geological Society. One cliff top resident Ian Macartney said he was woken in the night during heavy rain on Tuesday morning 1 February by the thunderous sound of a large section falling onto the beach below.

There are names scratched into the sandstone, some of them quite large and deep, which Council parks staff warn could destabilise the cliff face -Kaden take note.

The views across Whangārei Harbour and the added attraction, for those in the know, of the fossils and light and dark layers visible in the unaltered section of cliff face: evidence of sea level rises and falls over the millennia, make this a very valuable addition to the Council's collection of public walkways.



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At low tide you can walk back along the shore

The Parks Department is planning several picnic tables and some park benches for the reserve and beach frontage near the Pyle Rd West entrance. Property owners are requested not to put any furniture or structures on the esplanade without consultation with the WDC, as the Council is responsible for any safety issues on its reserve.

Another problem is garden waste thrown over the cliff face. Many garden escapees are now growing there as weeds. The vision is eventually to replace the weeds with native coastal species.

Walkers are asked to keep their dogs on leads and to clean up all dog poo.

If you walk the cliff top route at low tide you can return along the beach. At high tide the beach below the reserve at the Pyle Rd West end is a nice place to go for a swim.



Council Parks staff warn scratchings in the sandstone could destabilize the cliff face



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# Family combinations dominate at Waipu Tennis One Set Wonder Doubles Tournament



Andrew Ramsay and Paul Ramsay (runners up) Mike Clapshaw and Terry Mitchell - Men's A grade winners

A record number of pairs competed in the Waipu Tennis Club's One Set Wonder doubles tournament held on Saturday February 19. Sixteen men's teams and 12 women's teams played. Family combinations dominated the prizewinners list. The Fannin family were the most successful with mum Pippy and daughter Louie (12) beating daughters Lala (11) and Lily (10) in the B grade women's final. Not to be outdone dad Rafe Fannin combined with brother Brock to be runners up to father and son combination Paul and Boston Stanaway in the B grade men's final. The women's A grade was won by the mother and daughter combination of Raewyn Heywood and Shelley Yeates over Maryanne Rogers and Valerie Dubois. Mike Clapshaw (Kerikeri) and Terry Mitchell (Kamo) were the A grade men's winners over another father/son pairing of Paul and Andrew Ramsay.



Mother and daughter combination Shelley Yeates (with baby) and Raewyn Heywood who won the A grade wwomen's competition. With several babies and mothers at the tournament there were enough baby minders around for Shelley to concentrate on her game

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## Waipu Golf Club Mixed Pairs Opening Day Results

Saturday 12 February 2022

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Best Stableford Men - 39 Points - Fraser Knight

Best Pair (9 holes) - 25 points -Max Dunn & John Barber

Best Pair 1st Place (18 holes) - 73 points Fraser Knight and Stephen Webb

2nd Place - 72 points - Julian Rous and Tony Lowe

3rd Place - 62 points - Tony Sneddon & Robyn Coutts

4th Place - 62 points - Craig Cogan and Gordon McKay

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## “Travel well Glenn - we will miss you”



Glenn in the kitchen making the fish stock for his seafood chowder.

Glenn Burgess, who owned and operated the Salt and Pepper Caf  in Waipu with his wife Lynda Gibson died suddenly in Brisbane last week at the age of 61 years.

Long time friend Liffy Truman said, “It is very, very sad.”

“We had dinner with Glenn and Lynda at the pizza barn just before they left for Australia and they were both really excited about the move. Then three weeks into their new life this happens.”

Liffy and her husband Mike met Glenn and Lynda when they ran the Whang arei Club and then Columbus Caf  at Mitre 10 in Whangarei.

Liffy said, “They were an incredibly hard working couple. They had done all sorts of things and once ran a pub in National Park. Glenn told us how it was impossible to get tradesmen there and he would have to carry out all kinds of repairs himself to keep things working.

“Our son worked for them at the Columbus. He once asked Glenn for the recipes of some of his dishes so he could make them when Glenn was away but nothing was written down. It was all in Glenn’s head.”

Christine Hitchcock worked for Glenn and Lynda at Salt and Pepper. Christine had volunteered to help with the food at the 2018 Art’n Tartan show, which Glenn and Lynda were catering for.

“By the end of the night they had offered me a job.”

“Glenn and I often opened up the cafe in the morning, I really enjoyed working with them.”

Christine’s husband Dean had trained as a chef at the Auckland Polytechnic from 1974 to 1976, the same time as Glenn was there. However, they were in different classes and didn’t get to know one another until Christine started work at Salt and Pepper. They became good friends and would often reminisce about some of the early Auckland restaurants they had worked at.

Two of the places Glenn worked at after completing his training were Waipuna Lodge and La Brie Restaurant.

He was executive chef at the Sheraton Hotel Rotorua and owned and operated Anatoles in Howick and he was executive chef at the America’s Cup in 1999-2000, with 120 chefs working for him serving over 8,000 meals each day out of the Village. When they sold the Salt and Pepper business last year Glenn and Lynda auctioned off their extensive collection of salt and pepper shakers with proceeds going to Bream Bay St. John.

They had earlier taken on the caf  at the Waipu Golf Club and they concentrated on this business for a time but decided early this year to move to Australia to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Judy and Graham Boulton of the Waipu Business and Community Association paid the following tribute:



Glenn at the yacht club in Brisbane on Australia Day 26 January 2022.

“Chef extraordinaire, community supporter and bloody good friend.

“Glenn Burgess enjoyed the simple pleasures in life. He loved a quiet evening with friends with a glass of wine or beer in hand - not to mention the steak on the barbie.

“Glenn was introduced to the Waipu Business and Community Association when he and Lynda opened Salt n Pepper Cafe in Waipu. They quickly became stalwarts of the group.

“They made their Cafe available for network meetings and Glenn ensured there was always a great array of delectable nibbles.

“When Glenn and Lynda sold Salt and Pepper and moved to Waipu Golf course, they carried on the assistance to the group.

“Travel well Glenn, we will miss you.”

Sarah Simperingham was employed by Glenn and Lynda, when they opened Columbus caf  at the Mitre 10 in Whangarei in 2012. She has worked for the couple on an off for 10 years.

Lynda said “A number of our staff had stayed with us over the years, even travelling from Whangarei to Waipu in the first year we were open. It is heartening to know they enjoyed working for us that much”

Sarah said, “Glenn was a true “Westie.” He attended Rutherford high and played rugby league for Auckland. He loved The Warriors, a good steak, a cold beer and a good laugh. He was very social and loved catching up with the patrons of Salt n Pepper. In fact he was so social we all turned into chefs cooking orders while Glenn chatted away to the customers!

“We moved to The Waipu Golf club but we never actually got Glenn out on the course. I saw Glenn and Lynda off the day they left Waipu. Who was to know that would be my very last hug from Glenn. My deepest love and sympathy to Lynda and family

“Cheers Glenn until we meet again. Love always. Sarah.”



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**Meet the donut king**



Neil Dowrie with a plate of his specialty donuts.

Neil Dowie is the donut king. Neil who previously was chef at Café North at the Marsden Point Refinery took over the café contract at the Waipu Golf Club last December. Some of his customers who came to Café North for coffee and his famous decorative donuts are now his customers at the golf club.

Neil enjoys baking and all the breads, donuts, Chelsea buns, muffins and pies etc. at the Golf Club café are made by him.

The café is open to the general public for morning and afternoon teas and on Thursdays when twilight golf is underway from 5.30pm until around 7.30pm for dinners.

Neil is still working out the patterns – when the café is busy, how much food he needs to prepare on each day and whether or not he needs to employ some part time staff. At present he has just a barista working alongside him.

For some reason he hasn't worked out yet Sunday sees lots of non-golfing customers. Bookings for a few small functions are starting to come in which Neil is pleased about. The clubroom being quite spacious with outside seating is big enough to comfortably seat around 60 people.

He doesn't think the Covid 19 restrictions are causing too many problems.

"We have got used to it now and it's just something you factor in."

The food is bistro style much of it quite spicy. Neil is from South Africa and said he likes to play with flavourful spices such as cumin, coriander and

saffron in African style dishes.

"I cook what I like", he says.

He trained as a chef in the South African army at a centre for the training of Police and Army dogs in the north of that country.

"My job was to cook for the officers. I had to prepare three courses for dinner every night."

Why did he leave South Africa?

"For the same reason pretty much every other South African leaves. It is too dangerous there," He looks out the window of the clubhouse at the view of Bream Bay and says; "If this was in South Africa there would be a high security fence in front and bars over the windows. Its at though you are in a cage."

It must be upsetting to see your country descend into chaos.

"Yes very. I went back a few years ago and I decided I don't want to be there anymore."

How did things get to that state? Neil says a lot of the problems come with illegal immigrants swimming across the Limpopo River. They come from impoverished African nations to the North and once in South Africa they need to steal to eat.

There is also a problem with corruption in the country's government.

Neil's mother has also moved to New Zealand. He said while he misses friends and family in South Africa he doesn't miss the country. He regards himself as a New Zealander now.

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## Fire safety upgrade underway at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre



Builder Alan McIntosh (centre) supervises the concrete pour on the new landing watched by Recreation Centre Committee Chairman Andreas Thirling.

The fire safety upgrade at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre is well underway helped along by the generosity of some local businesses.

The Recreation Centre Committee was blindsided in 2020 when, while preparing the former childcare centre for a new tenant, it was informed by the Whangārei District Council the whole complex needed an extensive upgrade to meet current fire safety requirements.

A fire safety assessor was brought in who said an additional set of stairs from the upstairs lounge, new fire safety doors, a new alarm system and signage and lighting upgrades would be needed, all of which amounted to a cost of \$130,000. The Council gave the committee two years to accomplish these upgrades.

Recreation Centre Manager Christine Thirling got to work -filling out funding applications, setting up a Give-a-Little page and running raffles. Pub Charity, Whangārei District Council, Four Winds, Fresh Choice Ruakākā and Transpower and Lottery Community Grants all contributed funds to the project.

To date: the fire alarm system upgrade has been completed by Fireco, MVB Electrical has upgraded the emergency exit signs and emergency lighting.

The new stairway has been built by Ruakākā Engineering and painted by Rudolphs blasting and Coating Specialists. Both these companies did this work at a discounted rate. Busck Concrete donated unispans planks for two new platforms on the stairway landings and Gordon Abernethy of Marsden Metals brought in his hiab to lift these into place at no charge.

Much of the building work has been carried out by retired builder and Ruakākā Recreation Centre committee member Alan McIntosh who has installed the new fire safety doors and built framing around the squash court viewing platform so it can be covered in fire retardant gib.

"There's still a lot to do, as we had a lot of delays due to the lockdown but we're making good progress," said the Recreation Centre Committee members in a statement sent to the Bream Bay News last week.



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- **OTP MARKET.** At OTP Primary school Sunday February 27 from 9am - 1pm. Call Sue 021 530 153 to book a stall. Profits donated to Whangārei Hospital children's ward.
- **BREAM BAY SPORTS AWARDS** With guest speaker Elisa McCartney. In the Waipu Celtic Barn on Friday 11 March has been cancelled.
- **THE WAIPŪ SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 13 March, 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET.** Next on Sunday 20 March in the marquee at Marsden Cove. 9am - 1pm..
- **WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW** Waipu Caledonian Park - This event has been cancelled.
- **THE WAIPU EASTER CARNIVAL** has also been cancelled.
- **THE RED DOOR GALLERY.** New work by 60, mostly Northland, artists. Runs until the end of January. Gallery open Friday - Sunday 10am - 4pm. The gallery is in the old Waipū Fire Station on The Braigh.
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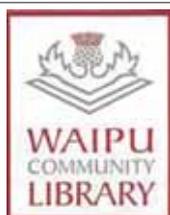
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