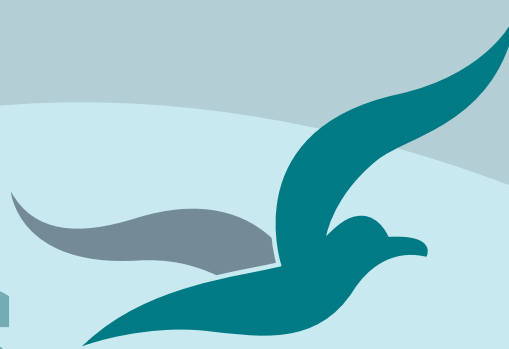


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## Proposed big rate increases for higher valued properties

The Whangārei District Council rate increase is set for 2025/2026 at 10.5% however a proposal to decrease the Uniform Annual General Charge by 39% from what would have been \$909 per property results in a 44% increase on the portion of the rates we pay based on land valuations. To calculate what this means for you multiply your land value by \$0.0039342 and add on the UAGC of \$500 as compared to \$0.0027338 for the 2025 -2026 year when the UAGC was \$821. To calculate the difference if the Council adopts an alternative proposal with an UAGC of \$909 multiple your land value by \$0.0029438.

The Council has stated its preferred option is for the \$500 UAGC and the higher rate based on land value.

Each property's proposed rate will also be impacted by any valuation increase or decreases.

In addition there are targeted rates increases of 3.2% for wastewater and 5.7% for water.

There is also a proposed stormwater rate – which was unfunded in the current 2024-2025 year as the Whangārei District Council waited to find out the implications of the coalition government's cancellation of the Three Waters arrangements and replacement by its Local Water Done Well proposals. Two options are under consideration – a district wide rate of \$0.0003696 per dollar of land value or a set rate of \$172 per separately inhabited part of a rating unit.

To comment on these proposals you can fill out an Annual Plan 2025-2026 feedback form on the Whangārei District Council website. Your comments need to be sent in by 5pm on Friday 2 May 2025.

## A lucky break in the stormy weather for the Waipu Easter Carnival



The Waipu Easter Carnival provides a table with free activities to give parents a break. Here Lisa Cullen oversees rock painting with twins Bella and Maggie Jones, aged six years and Chloe O'Hanlon aged 6 and her brother Brooks O'Hanlon, aged 8.

There were several light showers on Saturday 19 April, the day of the carnival, but for the most part the weather was mild with the howling winds and torrential rain of Ex Cyclone Tam having moved on.

*More carnival pictures on page 10.*



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# Honoring our heroes: a reflection on Anzac Day



ANZAC Day, what does it mean for you? For me, it is one of the most important days of remembrance we could have in our New Zealand history. For my father-in-law, he grew up knowing that he would always have the day off on his birthday, and he got to share it with his family who fought for this country. Personally, I find myself thinking about the sacrifices made by our brave soldiers. April 25th marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during World War I at Gallipoli in 1915. It is a day that I believe brings us together in remembrance and gratitude.

On Anzac Day, the soldiers who landed on the beaches of Gallipoli faced unimaginable hardships. They endured grueling conditions, fought valiantly, and many made the ultimate sacrifice. More than 130,000 men lost their lives during the Gallipoli campaign, including 2,779 New Zealanders and over 8,700 Australians. These numbers are more than statistics; they represent fathers, sons, brothers, and friends who never returned home.

The dawn services held across New Zealand and Australia are a way we can remember these heroes. As the first light of day breaks, we gather at war memorials in silence and reflection. The ceremonies are celebrated differently around the country, some with marching, some prayers and hymns, some in silence. The two things that all the ceremonies have in common are the laying of the wreaths and singing our national anthem, a powerful reminder of our shared heritage and values.

The phrase “Lest we forget” resonates deeply during these ceremonies, reminding us of the importance of remembering the sacrifices made for the freedoms we have today.

Anzac Day is also a time to acknowledge the contributions of returned service personnel. Their bravery and dedication have shaped our nation’s history and continue to inspire us. The Royal New Zealand Returned and Services’ Association (RSA), established in 1916, plays a crucial role in supporting these individuals and their families. The annual Poppy Appeal, now in its 103rd year, is one of many ways for our communities to show their continued respect and support for all our veterans.

The red poppy is a symbol of remembrance associated with the fields of Flanders and serves as a tribute to the unmarked graves of soldiers and a reminder of the resilience of life even in the darkest times.

As we commemorate Anzac Day this year, let us remember the true essence of this day. It is not about glorifying war, it is about honouring the bravery, sacrifice, and resilience of those who served. It is a day to express our sorrow for the lives lost and our gratitude for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. I encourage everyone to participate in the Anzac Day ceremonies all over Northland and take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by our soldiers. This is a time to come together as a community, united in remembrance and gratitude.

Lest we forget.

*His Worship the Mayor, Vince Cocurullo*

## EDITORIAL

# Who are the winners and losers in the Whangārei District Council’s proposed new rate calculations?

I have been trying to work out who will be advantaged by the Whangārei District Council’s stated preferred option for rates over the 2025/2026 year, which is to lower the Uniform Annual General Charge from what would have been \$909 to \$500 and then make up the difference by a higher charge based on the land value of each property.

I looked at various land values of properties at various parts of the district and found that a residential lot in the Ruakākā Village with a land value of \$350,000 gets a \$63 annual advantage if the UAGC is lowered to \$500.

A residential property in the Nova Scotia Estate with a land value of \$385,000 is at a slight \$27.69 disadvantage, so the tipping point is somewhere between these two values.

A Waipu ten-acre lifestyle block with a land value of \$710,000 would be paying \$300 a year more if the lower UAGC and higher land value calculation is applied. The pain really starts to hit in, though, on the higher valued properties.

A Lings Beach property, for example, with a land value of say \$1,750,000 would pay an extra \$1,324 on an already hefty rates bill if the lower UAGC and higher land value charge is applied.

I suspect this lower UAGC higher land value charge is to the disadvantage of most Bream Bay residents as sea views and closeness to the beach make for higher valuations.

I am not sure why our local government rates for both the Northland Regional and Whangārei District Councils are based on land values, which can vary for all kinds of reasons that have no basis on the incomes of people living on those land lots. If the lower UAGC is an attempt to help people with less money at their disposal it seems like a pretty clumsy way to do this.

Some of the lowest value properties are owned by landlords, so will the rates advantage flow on to tenants? This seems unlikely.

In addition to the jump in our rates bill many of us will get by dint of this new calculation method, we are all now for stormwater management. This wasn’t applied in 2024-2025 while the Council came to grips with what the Coalition Governments abandonment of the previous administrations plans for Three Waters management would mean.

This is still a bit unclear with our Council saying, while it is willing to co-operate with the other Northland councils, its preference is to go it alone. Regardless it’s going to cost.

I am looking out my office window at the water from the recent heavy rain, draining from our property by way of a little stream into the river at our boundary. The Council has nothing to do with this arrangement.

Roadside drain maintenance could perhaps justify this charge and it’s easy to see how the costs could mount up here. Last week we had full - blown traffic management with hundreds of metres of road cones, trucks with flashing lights and people at each end with Stop/ Go signs, while a noisy, clanking digger (loud enough to be heard and to warn approaching traffic of its presence for some distance), scrapped out sections of drain.

To comment on these proposals you can fill out an Annual Plan 2025-2026 feedback form on the Whangārei District Council website. You comments need to be sent in by 5pm on Friday 2 May 2025.

*Marilyn*

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## No definite plans yet for the Council's \$2.8 million Waipu land purchase

You may be wondering what is happening with the 4.65 hectare block of land between Argyle St and South Rd. which the Whangārei District Council purchased last year for the sum of \$2.8million?

The block was purchased from a developer who had already gained resource consent for a 31-lot residential development

District Development Relationship Manager John Bent said Council was at the earliest planning stages regarding the site.

"There are many different options that could be considered and fortunately there is no hurry to do anything concrete right now.

"One possibility is to examine whether Argyle Street could be extended to connect with South Road."

He said geological, engineering, planning, funding, timelines and other information, including potential

impacts on traffic, local residents and the Waipu Primary School, will need to be gathered before options are put forward formally and this will take time.

Mr. Bent said several groups have expressed interest in developing the southern part of the site that has resource consent for development, "but we are not close to considering any single option at the moment." The northern half of the property, neighbouring the Waipu Bowling Club, is zoned residential and in the medium term will be left as open space and maintained by the Council for the community to use for "passive recreation.

From a Google search, "Passive Recreation means recreational activities that are commonly unorganized and noncompetitive, such as picnicking, bird watching, kite flying, bicycling, and walking."

## How much rain?

Although rainfall varies across Bream Bay, the records kept by Malcolm Sandford in central Waipu pretty much tell the story of what has happened weather-wise here over the past three months.

Malcolm had recorded 253 millimetres of rain so far for the month of April on Monday 21 April 2025. His combined total for the months of February and

March was just 28mm.

On the northern edge of Waipu at Mountfield Rd. rainfall was a little bit higher but followed the same pattern with 31mm recorded in February, 11mm in March and a whopping 285mm recorded for the first three weeks of April.

## Fire restrictions lifted

Surprise, surprise we are no longer in a restricted fire season. An open fire season was declared for Northland with the exception of Muriwhenua (around Cape Reinga), on Friday 18 April at 12am. It is now OK to light outdoor fires with out a permit from Fire and Emergency.

Northland District Manager Wipari Henwood said

"lower temperatures and some solid rainfall has lessened the fire risk".

However he added, "We do ask people to continue to take care when lighting any fires and if you're not sure what the conditions are for you location go to: check-itsalright.nz

## Why was Tam described as an Ex Cyclone?

Why was last weeks wild weather attributed to ex cyclone Tam? In the midst of all that wind and rain it certainly seemed like a full-blown cyclone and not one that was petering out.

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Every woman’s experience of menopause is different. And whether you suffer from hot flushes, mood swings or sleeplessness, this “change of life” does not have to mean the end of your way of life. Menopause is the natural process of your periods becoming irregular and eventually stopping. This means your body has ceased preparing every month for pregnancy - your ovaries stop releasing eggs and your hormone production decreases.



How do you know if you are going through menopause? The symptoms for menopause are varied and vast. You could experience any or all of the following symptoms:

- hot flushes
- night sweats
- irregular periods
- loss of libido
- vaginal dryness
- mood swings.

Other changes during menopause may include fatigue, hair loss, sleep disorders, dizziness and weight gain. As bones can get thinner due to hormone changes, some woman are also at risk of developing osteoporosis. Talk to your community pharmacist about managing the possibility of weakening bones.

Many women do not seek treatment for menopause but those that do often experience severe symptoms. Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) is the most common treatment and comes in the form of tablets, creams, patches and implants.

Menopause is generally manageable if you make a few adjustments to your lifestyle. Ask your community pharmacist for advice which may include:

- sticking to a health diet
- getting plenty of exercise
- doing weigh-bearing exercise
- avoiding stressful situations
- getting enough sleep
- stopping smoking
- not drinking coffee, or exercising, before you go to sleep
- sleeping in a well ventilated room
- using lubricant during sex.

It is also critical that you get support from your family and friends during menopause. Their help will assist you during this change in life. Menopause can be managed with the help of health professionals, talk to your community pharmacist about the appropriate treatment options for you.

## LETTERS

### Another slip on the Brynderwyns

The Brynderwyns has had another land slip. The workers did as good a fix as they were able, but the geology is such that slips will continue with weather events. It appears the Government wishes those travelling up north to be satisfied with the travelling public being upset by occasional slips and blockages. We have been advised that the fantastic new four-lane highway will be built starting in maybe ten years time. The latest land slip hit cars. Will the next land slip cause injury or death ? The new four-lane highway is going to be built starting from Warkworth to Te Hana and then the part to Ruakākā. Why can the new part of the four-lane highway that solves the Brynderwyns land slips not be built at the same time and then the Te Hana joined to this newly completed section ? Will I be writing again in a few years still not having had anyone explain why The Brynderwyns blockage section cannot be built separately to help the travelling public ?

Richard Cole  
Waipu

### ANZAC observances in Bream Bay

#### Dawn Service

There will be a short Dawn Service at the Military Services Section of the Waipu Cemetery in Cove Rd at 6.28am consisting of a recitation of the Ode to the Fallen and the New Zealand flag will be lowered to half-mast.

#### Waipu ANZAC Parade and Service

The Waipu RSA ANZAC Parade and Service will follow the same schedule as in previous years. Those wishing to march need to gather on South Rd at 10.40am with the march up the main street of Waipu to the War Memorial starting at 10.50am. The service at the car park behind the memorial begins at 11am with wreath laid at the base of war memorial. The parade then travels back up the main street of Waipu and crosses into Nova Scotia Rd. to finish at the Waipu RSA.

#### At the Takahiwai Marae

An ANZAC ceremony will be held at the Takahiwai Marae from 10am. Each year a different family from Patuharakeke hosts the ceremony in honour of members of their family who served at war. This year it is the Epiha family who had two uncles who served in the Second World War. Both were able to return home when the war was over. Those present at this year’s service will listen to the stories of these two uncles and then take a hikoi across to the nearby urupa to lay wreaths on their graves. Everyone is then invited to a shared lunch in the whare kai.

#### At Logan McLean Caf 

The owners of the Logan McLean caf  in Waipu Tania Sumich and Murray Lane will be putting up an exhibition of historical wartime photographs and memorabilia. Tania and Murray both served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force.



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# Storm damage



Neighbours at Paradise Point were quick to help out with the salvage of this small sail boat which washed up against the rocks below their homes in last week’s strong winds. This was just one of three boats that broke their moorings and washed up in the vicinity of Paradise Point on Friday 18 April.

The Department of Conservation’s answer to beach access down the constantly changing Mair Rd, cliff face - a sand ladder with half round posts chained together to form a ladder was hollowed out by the strong easterly winds of X Cyclone Tam last week. DOC had recently filled the ladder with sand to make it more user friendly but after the storm it was rendered virtually useless once again. Surfers keen to access the beach for the big waves were using the old broken wooden steps which have plastic orange netting at their entrance to mark them as dangerous.





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# Over the years Waipu Car Show has raised \$182,800

The Waipu Lions Car and Bike Show has raised a total of \$182,800 for local good causes since its inception nine years ago.

The proceeds of the first ever show went towards a Panimals tour of Australia and since then proceeds from the show have gone to a new shed for the Waipu Fire Brigade, the Bream Bay St John Ambulance Service, the Waipu to Waipu cove Bike Trail, the development of the activity zone in the Waihoihoi Park, the Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle and walking trail and the Northland Rescue Helicopter.

Groups that help out on the day such as the Bream Bay Swimming Club and the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club have also benefited from the show.

This year’s show raised a gross total of \$47,000 with \$34,000 of the profits going to the Northland Rescue Helicopter

# Keep out of the Waihoihoi Park when mowing is underway

Waipu’s caretaker Alan Nordich asks people to stay out of the Waihoihoi Park when signs are in place to say that mowing is underway. He is particularly worried that a stone may flick up and hit a child.



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# Ruakākā Fire Brigade car show a \$21,000 success

Some of the cars on display



The scene at the Marsden Cove Christian Camp on the day of the car show

Asked how pleased he was with the turnout to the Ruakākā Fire Brigades fund raising car show held at the Marsden Christian Camp on Sunday 14 April, organizer Jase Tanner said he was “pretty pleased, in fact \$21,000 pleased”.

Around 500 classic cars and hotrods turned up to make up on the day. There was no entry fee and no requirement to pre register. Spectators paid \$10 each with children under the age of 15 years free,

The money raised will purchase a side by side, four wheel drive utility vehicle to give the brigade better

access in steep and bush clad rural land and onto the beach. This is expected to cost around \$10,000. The remainder of the proceeds will go towards purchasing new equipment perhaps a chainsaw, a new drier for wet gear – “things to make our job a bit easier,” Said Jase. Would he do it all again? Will there be another Ruakākā Fire Brigade car show next year?

Jase said he would like to but he will need a bigger venue. He expects word will spread and even more vehicles will turn up next year. Also if there were space enough he would include motorbikes in the show.

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# Police Report

## Crash at Mata

A vehicle was rammed from behind at speed on State Highway One at Mata on Sunday 20 April. The driver of the vehicle in front was unharmed but the man in the second car was taken to hospital in a serious condition.

## Thefts from boats in haul out facility

A number of boats were broken into in the Marsden Cove haul out facility on 7 April with fishing gear, solar panels and life jackets stolen. Police are following up on leads gained from CCTV footage.

## Boat and trailer taken from Bream Bay Drive

Over night on the 16 and 17 April a Fyran runabout boat on a trailer was stolen from Bream Bay Drive in Ruakākā.



The Fyran runabout and trailer stolen from Bream Bay Drive overnight on 16 - 17 April

## Stolen Trailer

A trailer was stolen from the vicinity of the intersection of State Highway One and State Highway 12 sometime between 25 March and 8 April. Police remind trailer owners that these need to be well secured, as they are popular targets for thieves.

## Motorbikes stolen from Marsden Cove

Two motorbikes were stolen from near the Marsden Cove Marina in the early hours of Sunday 20 April. The bikes are a green Suzuki VL800 and a Red Honda CMX 500.

## Elderly man loses more than \$40,000 in scam

A local man in his 80s has lost more than \$40,000 to a scam when someone purporting phoned him to be from his bank and asked for his access code. The scammer fraudulently told him that his eftpos card details had been stolen and someone in Sydney was accessing his account. On obtaining the code the thief was able to take a large sum out of the gentleman's account. Senior Sergeant Simon Craig warns that a bank will never request an individual's bank access code and this should not be handed over in any circumstances. He suggests if someone is unsure about how Internet banking works they should talk to someone who is.

## Fifteen family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police dealt with a high number of 15 family harm incidents in the fortnight up to Monday 21 April.

## Drink drivers

- A vehicle was stopped on State highway One at Waipu on Saturday 13 April. When breath tested the driver returned a result of 665 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath, well over the legal limit of 250micrograms for drivers over the age of 21 years. As a result a 43-year-old Mt Eden man will be appearing in court of charges of drink driving and driving while disqualified.
- A vehicle was stopped for speeding on Peter Snel Rd in Ruakākā at around 10.30pm on 15 April. When the driver was breath tested he returned a result of 600 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath and will be appearing in court as a result.
- A 36-year-old Waipu man returned a very high 1006 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath reading after he was stopped in his vehicle on Marsden Point Rd. at around 5.30pm. He will be appearing in court as a result.
- A 23 -year-old Whangārei man is facing a court appearance after he was stopped by Police on State Highway One at Oakleigh on 19 April at 9pm. He returned a reading of 482 micrograms per litre of breath.
- A 23-year-old Auckland woman failed to stop when signaled to pull over by Police on State Highway One near Mata at around 4pm on 15 April. Her vehicle had been observed weaving across the centre line. She continued driving northwards at a slow pass and stopped just short of where road spikes had been set out at Oakleigh. She is charged with failing to stop for Police and with refusing to undertake a driving impairment test.



## Waipu Primary School Easter Carnival

Waipu's community is so strong and the Waipu Easter Carnival was a shining example; a monumental effort from so many parents, businesses and individuals giving up their personal time to ensure the day was a success - and the weather played ball too! It is an event we are proud to be part of.

There were so many activities for everyone - our little ones loved the merry-go-round and of course the ride on Jeeps!  
All raising money for the Waipu Primary School - the next generation.

The complimentary activity books were a hit, and we had many keen competitors at the Reverse Steer Bike Challenge this year, including local Councillor Ken Couper and Whangarei Mayor Vince Cocurullo.

As well as a chap who took away the grand prize after riding the bike over 3m!

See you all next year for another round!





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# School holiday stories at the Ruakākā Town Centre



With the help of Puka Pete the penguin and some finger puppets, Lisa Kenny told the stories of Jack and the Beanstalk, How Maui Caught the Sun and We’re going on a Bear Hunt to around 30 children gathered the Ruakākā towncentre on Tuesday Morning 15 April The children were then given a map to help them look for beans as they made their way to the Ruakaka Library entrance and a free book stall. The children then were invited to made a pot, to plant their seeds in and given a list of instructions on how to grow and look after their beans. Sharon Booth, of the Bream Bay Learning Community, said it was “a very successful day” and the BBLC is already thinking about its next event.



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# Pictures from the Waipu Easter Carnival



Penelope Christie, aged seven, fearlessly made it to the top of the climbing tower and then asked if she could do it all again.



The Trivedi family from left: Mum - Meghana, Kiara- aged 7, Dad - Dhaval and 16-year-old Vighnesh ran a stall selling delicious Indian food at the carnival



Manaia-Lee Clark aged 5 of Waipu, enjoyed riding a painted pony on the Merry Go Round



Out There Kites put on a colourful display both in the park and above in the sky

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Dee Field, one of the co-ordinators of the Waipu Easter Carnival, said despite some worrying weather predictions, it was a great day.

"We did have a few challenges with setting up during the storm on the day before and we lost a few gazebos in the process but on the day itself it was OK.

Dee always says it never rains on Easter Saturday and despite Ex Cyclone Tam passing through she was proved right once again".

Well there were a few showers but these weren't heavy enough or long enough to disrupt the proceedings too much.

There are still bills to pay so the takings haven't been added up yet.

Dee thinks the profit is likely to be significantly down on last year's massive \$55,000, which she thinks, "might have been our peak".

There were fewer people through the gates and those who came were spending less

"But still it was great."

People came from near and far and had a good time. The Waipu Easter Carnival is run by Waipu Primary School parents as a fund raiser for the school.



# The first Northland team at Polyfest



Taonga o Te Moana dancers at the Ruakākā Town Centre

For the first time ever Northland was represented at the ASB Polyfest held in Auckland over the weekend of 5 and 6 April.

Finemoka Fotuhetule, the director of the dance school Taonga o Te Moana said despite having to perform on the stage in the wind and rain, the dancers represented Northland proudly.

To thank the community for its support the group’s senior dancers repeated their Polyfest performance at the Ruakākā Town Centre on Tuesday afternoon 8 April.

Taonga o Te Moana teaches children aged 5 -17 years learn cultural dance from their own heritage as well as the dance heritage of other island nations. The dance school now has over 50 children who live from Wellsford north to Whangārei.

## Back to basics at the Port to Cove Free Fishing Contest

Clayton Denize is the man behind the Port to Cove Free Fishing competition planned on Bream Bay for 26 April.

Mr. Denize said he has timed the event to coincide with the end of the school holidays and to avoid a clash with the Waipu Easter Carnival.

The competition, based on a Mangawhai fishing contest, is for land based fishing from the beach with a rod and reel or a handline and a maximum of three hooks per line. Those using: drones, kites, cannons, boats or anything to get the line out further than you can throw it are not eligible and he emphasises “the rocks are not the beach.”

“It’s all about good old-fashioned beach fishing” is the message on the website

Vehicles are restricted from driving in and around the Waipu and Ruakākā estuaries which are designated as wild life refuges and anyone driving in these areas will be disqualified from receiving prizes.

People can register by way of a QR code displayed on posters and then are able to pick up tickets from venues

including the Ruakākā Lotto, Post and Gift Shop with other venues to be listed on the website: [maiplace.co.nz](http://maiplace.co.nz)

Prizes including cash prizes for the biggest snapper, kahawai and trevally as well as mystery prizes can be claimed at a prize giving after the weigh in. This is likely to be at the pedestrian beach entrance at Te Kamo St. near the NIWA Aquaculture Centre; Mr. Denize said there is plenty of space for car parking here. This again to be confirmed on the maiplace website.

There are additional prizes for children under the age of 15 years who are also eligible for the weight prizes and for the main mystery prize of \$500. He said, the prizes have all been donated by local businesses.

The event drew around 300 entries last year and up to 1,000 are expected this time around. Mr. Denize said he spent around \$300 of his own money on posters and tickets last year but this time around has found sponsorship to cover expenses and the cost to him is just his time.

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Sun 27 April	6.38	2.8	7.12	2.8
Mon 28 April	7.30	2.9	8.04	2.9
Tue 29 April	8.23	2.9	8.56	2.9
Wed 30 April	9.15	2.8	9.41	2.9
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# Gwyneth Scotland looks back on an adventurous, busy life shared with her late husband Dick. Gwyneth remains involved in her community

Gwyneth Scotland moved up from Tauranga with her husband Dick and their three children David, Ian and Alison to take over the Waipu Cove Store 52 years ago. A fourth child Andrew was born after the move north.

Gwyneth recalls how they came here quite by chance. They were visiting friends Anne and Brian Sellar in Auckland and were invited to come along to have a look at businesses this couple were interested in buying.

Gwyneth said she took the children to the beach and didn't even come and look at the store.

But Dick was won over by Waipu Cove and he and Gwyneth sold a stationery shop and a kiwifruit orchard they had in Tauranga and went into a ten-year partnership with their friends.

Alongside the store there was a service station, some cabins, three flats a campground and a Rural Delivery run

Gwyneth was born Gwyneth Williams in Northampton. She was an only child. Her father was a World War 1 veteran and worked for the railways, so the family moved around a lot. However, when she reached grammar school for the sake of her education they settled in Bristol.

After leaving school at the age of 17 Gwyneth began training at the Exeter Hospital.

"I had always wanted to be a nurse. I made up my mind when I was just four years old and I never wavered."

However, she discovered she was allergic to surgical spirits, which in those days was used to rub on patients' backs.

"They didn't know what to do with me so I was sent to help in the physiotherapist department."

One of the physiotherapists there suggested she train in this profession so Gwyneth applied to The London Hospital and luckily had good enough grammar school grades in the right subjects to be accepted.

Gwyneth said the training she received at The London was "excellent".

"We spent the first six months in the classroom and then for the next two years half days in the classroom and then in the wards with patients. The final six months was spent full time with patients."

Gwyneth met Dick, who was from Tauranga, when he was on his OE in the UK. They became engaged but she waited 18 months to finish her training and spent a last Christmas with her parents, before travelling out to join him in New Zealand. She wanted to see as much of the world as she could on the way out so came with P and O via Gibraltar, the Suez Canal and Adelaide and then overland to Sydney, as there was a seafarers strike on at the time, before continuing on to Wellington on board the MS Wanganella.

Dick's family had a stevedore business so Dick was able to come on board to meet her. They walked off together so Gwyneth never went through immigration.

"It never mattered until around ten years later when I applied for a passport."

She was able to show her marriage certificate as evidence she had been in NZ all that time.

The physiotherapy qualification was put to good use. Dick's mother disapproved saying a married woman should not go out to work but this didn't deter Gwyneth. She worked right up until the birth of her first child and then for most of the time she had young children both for the Tauranga Hospital physiotherapy department and in private practice.

The physiotherapy work continued when she moved north. Waipu's Doctor Teh called into the Cove store one day saying he had heard there was a physiotherapist working there and he arranged for Gwyneth to work at the Waipu Medical Centre. In 1974 she took a trip back to the UK to introduce Andrew, her youngest child, to



Gwyneth with a painting of Waipu Cove by Carol King

her parents. When she returned she began a routine working two days a week in Waipu and three days in Maungaturoto as well as making home visits with referrals from the Whangārei Hospital physiotherapy department.

Back at the Cove things were busy as well. With the help of Brian, who was a builder, they built the Waipu Cove motel. Gwyneth recalls how in the middle of the construction, New Zealand's measurements changed from imperial to metric and they had to quickly buy up all the available imperial measure concrete blocks to finish the job.

The partnership purchased a motel in Russell, which the Sellars took over as their share of the business with Gwyneth and Dick retaining the Waipu Cove assets.

Both Gwyneth and Dick were very involved in the local community. Gwyneth recalls selling tickets at the Ruakākā Racecourse gates to raise money for scouts and being a timekeeper for the Bream Bay swimming club.

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Gwyneth at the age of 20. Dick took this photograph with him when he returned to New Zealand to and waited for Gwyneth to finish her physiotherapy training before joining him in New Zealand where they were married.

“Well you get involved with whatever your children were doing.”

Dick was President of the Lions and for a time District Governor. He was President of the Waipu Golf Club. He played a lot of sport. He took part in the Auckland to Suva Yacht race a couple of times. Sailing was in his family.”

Dick worked alongside drain layer Bert Worthy, mostly to remain fit, but as Bert neared retirement Dick qualified as a drain layer in his own right,”

Gwyneth said her story couldn’t be told without a big part of it being about Dick. “We did a lot of travelling. We just generally worked in together.”

Gwyneth and Dick sold the store but kept on living at the Cove moving into town at in the Nova Scotia Estate just four years ago.

“We were in a three storey house on a hilly bit of land and not getting any younger.”

In a tragedy felt by the whole of the Waipu community their youngest son Andrew, a builder and Waipu Volunteer Fireman was killed in a hang glider accident in the Remarkables near Queenstown in 2009 while at a Fire Brigade competition.

Dick died in February 2023.

At 86 years of age Gwyneth still keeps up a fair amount of community engagement, serving on the Waipu Library Committee and volunteering at the Waipu Museum. She works making chips – sometimes for long hours on the Waipu Lions food stall at public events.

Until fairly recently there were no women members in the Lions. Gwyneth said, “We women were just the rent-a-crowd when they needed a good-sized audience for a guest speaker. Now thanks to Juanita (McGoldrick) who had been in the Lions in Whakatāne, women can join so I am now a member in my own right.”

“We always did a lot of the work of course.”

Gwyneth has 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She keeps a list of all their birthdays and ages and sends them all birthday presents.

Was that a good decision to leave England to marry Dick all those years ago?

Gwyneth has no hesitation in saying it was. She has a painting with the pohutukawa in bloom at Waipu Cove by Waipu artist Carol King hanging in her entrance hall. She says all those years living at the Cove were “wonderful” and she and Dick had an eventful, adventurous life together.



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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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- **BEACH FISHING CONTEST** Saturday 26 April. Register on [Maipplace.co.n](http://Maipplace.co.n)
- z• **FAIRWELL AFTERNOON TEA FOR RON AND KAY DIXON.** Wednesday 30 April at 2.30pm in the Waipu Celtic Barn foyer. Organised by Waipu 2000 in recognition of the work Ron and Kay have done for the town over many years. All welcome.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 11 May From 9am to 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **COUNTRY SINGER /SONGWRITER DONNA DEAN** with bassist John Dodd and multi-instrumentalist John Egenes in the Waipu Heritage School at 4 Halifax Drive on Friday May 16 from 7pm. Tickets \$25 available at [humnaitix.com](http://humnaitix.com) and at the door.
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## Clean up on the beach and dunes at Ruakākā



Clean up at Ruakākā Beach

To mark Sea Week Bream Bay Coastal Care along with representatives from Northland Regional Council, the Department of Conservation and the Patuharakeke Taiao Group and volunteers held a beach and dunes rubbish clean up around the Ruakaka Estuary on Wednesday 26 March, Six bags of rubbish were collected with the most littered area the dunes in front of the Freedom Camping area at Ruakaka beach where a rat was spotted feeding on discarded food scraps.



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# Waipu Tennis Report

By Paul Ramsay



Women's Doubles Champions Emma Donaldson and Hayley Pyle. Emma also won the Northland Under 14 girls' title and Hayle was awarded the trophy for the Waipu Club's most valuable member.

It's time to celebrate a successful season for our club. Our Waipu A grade team and Waipu Black B grade teams both made the interclub finals –the first for many years and definitely the first with two teams in a final. Waipu A grade finished top of the table so were favourites against Mairtown Megatrons. In a very tight encounter Mairtown emerged the victors 4-2. Waipu B grade had been beaten twice by Ngururu so needed to play extremely well. While there were some close matches Ngururu were once again too strong winning 5-1. Waipu Yellow B grade played off for 7th and 8th against Springfield MIA. Springfield won 5-1.

Club champs have kept players busy over the last couple of weeks.

Intermediate and Junior results are as follows: Junior girl champ: Lily Donaldson, Runner Up: Ella Watts. Junior Boy Champ: Lachlan Stuart, Runner Up: Zach Simonsen. Intermediate girls champ: Emma Donaldson. Runner Up: Emily Stuart. Junior girl's doubles champs: Scarlett Miller and Lily Donaldson. Runner Up: Ella Watts and Kaitlynn Rippingale. . Intermediate girls double champs: Emma Donaldson and Charlotte Palmer Runner Up: Chelsea Stuart and Emily Stuart. Junior sportsmanship: Piper Brookkorn-Ridge. Junior Most Improved: Ella Watts. Intermediate Sportsmanship: Emma Donaldson. Intermediate Most Improved: Saskia Martin.

Well done to Emma Donaldson who won the Northland Under 14 girls title.

Senior Club champs have been completed on a wild, windy Tuesday night: Men's singles Steve Abercrombie. Runner Up James Donaldson. Men's doubles Alvin Setiwan and Paul Ramsay. Runners Up James Donaldson and Sean McCombe. Women's singles Shauna Bryne. Runner Up Mel Profitt. Women's doubles Hayley Pyle and Emma Donaldson. Runner Up Mel Profitt and Christine van Hartogh. Mixed doubles Steve Abercrombie and Mel Profitt. Runner Up James and Emma Donaldson

Other trophies awarded were Most Improved Club member: Connor Taylor Most Valuable Club Member: Hayley Pyle

The McLeod's team of Sean McCombe, Nick Wiles, Jeff Roberts and Peri Woods defeated the Sawmill team in the final to retain the title they won last year in the Sawmill competition.

Tennis carries on through the winter months on Tuesday nights at 6pm Winter is the ideal time to learn to play or change something in your game so you are ready for the summer season.

Remember to check our Facebook page for what is going on at the club.

# Donna Dean in Waipu



Donna Dean and her band

Country Singer and songwriter Donna Dean will be performing in Waipu at the Heritage School behind the Waipu Museum on Friday May 16 at 7pm.

Donna has APRA and Tui awards to her credit and has collaborated with songwriting legends: Russell Smith, Willie Nelson, Jimmy Webb, Paul Kelly, Dan Penn and Spooner Oldham and Don Mclean.

The Waipu concert is part of her Forgotten Gems Te Ika a Maui, North Island tour Her touring line-up features n bassist John Dodd, and multi instrumentalist and songwriter John Egenes, As well as accompanying Donna, Dodd and Egenes will perform a short set of their Americana/Kiwiana repertoire.

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Yoga	Tuesday 6pm to 7pm	old centre	\$20 per session	Facebook: Shantishalayoga
Tuisi Parenting Hub	Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm	old centre		Cassie 021 2343527
Fit for life Ruakaka class	Wednesday 11am to 12pm	new centre	\$5	AnnMarie 0211693115
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Zumba Gold	Thursday 9am to 10am	new centre	\$9	Roz rozhumba@gmail.com
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Yoga	Friday 9am to 10am	old centre	\$20 per session	Facebook: Shantishalayoga
Zumba	4th Friday of month 4.45pm-5.45pm	new centre	\$10	Ali 021592228
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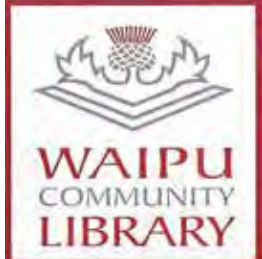
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