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Lots of requests from Bream Bay people to the Whangarei District Council's Long Term Plan

Bream Bay people have been pretty active in making submissions on the Whangarei District Council's Long Term Plan.

The most frequent request from local people (and perhaps from people across the whole district) is for an urgent upgrade of the Ruakaka football fields.

Warren Green's submission is typical of a number the Council received on this subject.

"Bream Bay United Football Club is the primary user of the fields at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. Bream Bay United one of the major sports clubs of South Whangarei. For successive years the fields have not been able to cope through the winter months due to surface flooding. In 2017 this problem peaked where we lost a significant amount of, not only club Saturdays, but also practice days. This is a growing club and as such a basic minimum is to be able to provide playing fields of an acceptable quality to provide for the current membership and the growth that is forecast. NFF (Northland Football Federation) has identified these fields as a priority and there is a responsibility of council to help provide suitable facilities for communities to support and encourage a community's health and well-being. I would like to see the funds allocated for this to remain in the LTP with work commencing in 2018".

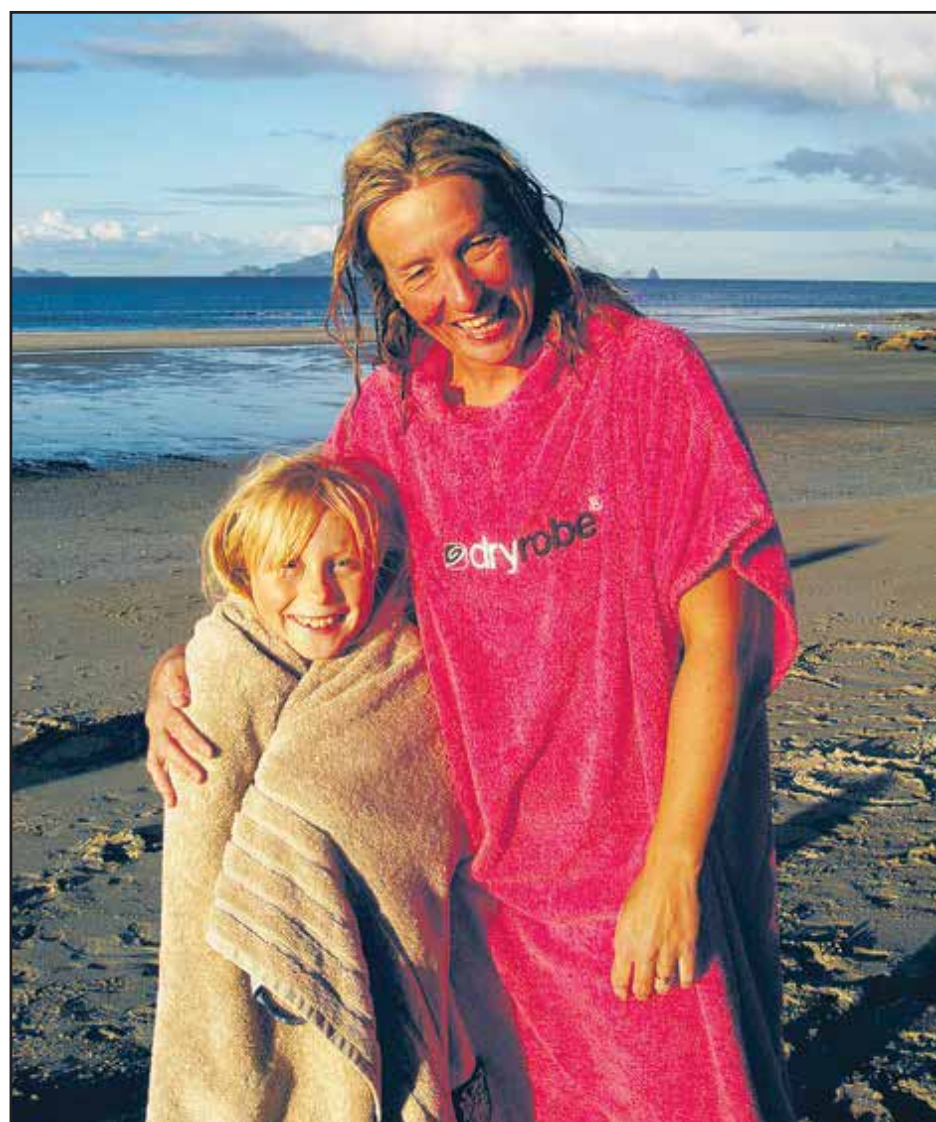
Steve Pether said the Ruakaka field is renowned through the region for the "Bream Bay bobble" because the ball infrequently runs true and cannot be relied upon – unfortunately this has become a cause for ridicule in the senior leagues. Grass is substandard, not resilient. The lights were once a feature that brought North Force/ Northland to play night games in Ruakaka as well as the general state of the grass and superior drainage. Those days are long past and it is time for a revamp."

There are also many requests that funding to help build the proposed new Ruakaka Recreation Centre Multi –generational building, be included in the Council's LTP budget with many submitters cheekily commenting that the new Ruakaka centre should be built instead of the proposed new Civic Centre in Whangarei.

From Waipu there were a number of requests that the Council purchase as a reserve

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A ten hour ocean swim



Sarah Poplar gets a hug from daughter Evie after completing a 10 hour, 11 minute ocean swim from Taranga Island (The Hen) to Waipu Cove on Saturday 21 April.



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The current owner loves this property, but is now engaged to be married and so is sadly saying good-bye.

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EDITORIAL

I hope everyone in Bream Bay has been counted in the census

I was working away peacefully in my attic office last Tuesday afternoon and something incredible happened. The loudest cracks of thunder I have ever heard sounded right above my head and lightening flashed across my office window. It was at once terrifying and thrilling. I dived under my desk. Then I thought I had better turn my computer off before it blew up so I mustered my courage to get back up on my chair to go through all the turn off procedures. The thunder and lightening continued. The rain came thundering down on the roof. It was all over in less than half an hour. Some but not all our electricity was off. We had lights in some parts of the house but not others. My computer still went and the stove-top worked but the oven was dead. Geoff rang Northpower but we thought we might have to live with this for a day or two, after all the situation wasn't too desperate. Several hours later at around 8pm, we saw the lights of a Northpower truck at our gate and our electricity was fully restored. We were impressed and I sent a thank you note to Northpower from the company's website. I am not sure if this got through so I might ring in person. When you hear about how some Auckland residents had to wait days to have their electrical problems fixed after the big storm earlier this month, I think in Northland we are pretty well served. The same goes for medical support. You wouldn't want to get seriously ill or suffer from a chronic disease in Auckland which, because of its rapid population growth and the unaffordability of accommodation for some of the not so well paid health professionals, has some serious gaps in its health care services. People can wait months for appointments for chronic conditions. The general anonymity in that big city is frightening. Whenever I have accompanied a family member or

have an appointment at Whangarei Hospital myself, I have been impressed by the caring and professionalism of the staff. We are pretty fortunate with the care we get here in Northland. Bream Bay people have certainly been active in making submissions to the Whangarei District Council's Long Term Plan. I lost count on the number of submissions that have arrived on the Councillors desks asking for an upgrade of the Ruakaka football fields. It will be interesting to see if the Council responds to the pressure of all these submissions. There are also quite a few in favour of Council support for the proposed new Ruakaka Recreation Centre with many of these submitters cheekily commenting Councillors should forgo a new Civic Centre in Whangarei in favour of the new Ruakaka building. It will be interesting when the results of the next census come out to see just how much the population of Bream Bay has grown since 2013. There has certainly been a lot of subdivision and house building going on. That is if we ever do get a credible result from the 2018 census. By all accounts it has been a bit of a shambles. I commented to someone employed on the census that I hadn't seen much publicity about it and she told me there had been a lot on Facebook. No wonder I hadn't seen it then. For reasons becoming more and more apparent, I seriously dislike Facebook. But whether you are a Facebook follower or not, for the sake of our future health funding, Council priorities, and for a whole lot of other reasons I hope everyone living in Bream Bay has made sure they have been counted in the 2018 census.

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An epic swim from Taranga Island to Waipu Cove

Sarah Poplar’s husband and children were waiting on the beach at Waipu Cove when she finally stepped ashore just before 5pm after an epic 10 hour 11 minute swim from Taranga Island.

It was a difficult day’s work for the experienced ocean swimmer as the wind was against her and for the last three hours she was swimming against the tide.

Three kilometres off Waipu she could see the shore but she felt like she was just not getting any closer. She was tempted to land at Langs when she saw the beach there only to be told she had to swim further northwards for her destination.

“I thought I could just get out here” but she kept going.

She said she chose Waipu to finish the swim on because it is such a beautiful beach.

“I could have landed at Bream Tail, which would have been a shorter distance but I thought Waipu would be much nicer.”

She started the swim before sunrise and she said watching the sun come up behind the island was one of the highlights of the day.

“Its such a beautiful landscape”, she said.

Another exciting moment was when an oil tanker came close by. Was she worried about this. No but she thinks Steve, the boat skipper accompanying her may have been.

She saw no dolphins and no big fish of any description on this swim. Last month on a swim from the Poor Knights to Matapouri four dolphins came alongside.

This swim of a similar distance was accomplished in more favourable conditions in a time of 8 hours and 10 minutes.

Sarah swims without a wetsuit. To wear one she says would be cheating. Apart from a few cold patches off Langs Beach she said the sea was warm.

Every hour she takes on sustenance - “ liquid carbs, flat coca cola, anything that will stay down.”

She was accompanied by Steve Martinovich and his charter boat Cara J with

ocean swim official Mike Cochrane on board and volunteer assistant Chris Palmer who swam some of the way with her and helped with preparing and handing down her drinks .

“He was great”, Sarah said. “He was very conscientious. He even swam the last distance when the boat couldn’t get any closer in shore with me to be sure I was safe.”

Sarah has been ocean swimming since 2008 and in 2015 swam the Channel between England and France.

She is believed to be the first person ever to swim between Taranga Island and Waipu Cove



Sarah Poplar comes ashore at Waipu Cove after a 10 hour 11 minute swim from Taranga Island.

a distance of 20.8 kilometres.

“We had a look and we couldn’t find a record of anyone else doing it she said.”

After her swim Sarah was heading back to her home at Whangarei Heads for a session in her hot tub.

Woken in the early hours by a young man dressed in a rabbit suit

The sleep of some of the residents of South Rd. Waipu is being disturbed at odd occasions by a prankster who rings doorbells, drums on their fences or throws fireworks onto their lawns in the early hours of the morning.

A seventy-one-year-old man, who preferred to remain anonymous, said he and his wife had been woken by this person on at least three occasions. Just before last Christmas he had heard the doorbell ring at 3am and rushed outside to find a young man dressed in a rabbit or clown suit standing in the middle of the road.

“I told him what I thought of him, how he was crazy and should be locked up and he told me I should be

in an old people’s home. I had a kid’s baseball bat in my hand and I felt like wrapping it around his ears. The Police told me I better not do that and I know I shouldn’t but that’s what you feel like at 3am in the morning.”

A car came down the road while the two were arguing and the rabbit man ran for cover. The resident called the Police and a patrol car arrived and went up and down the road with a searchlight but could not locate the rabbit man.

The latest incident at this home was a firework thrown onto the lawn at Easter, again disturbing the man and his wife’s sleep in the early morning.

The resident said other people in the street have

experienced the same problem and the repeated disturbances are making some of them nervous, with a solo mother considering moving away. Constable Martin Geddes said similar incidents have been reported from other streets in the town.

The young man in the rabbit suit has been described as slight of build but fairly tall, either in his late teens or early 20s. As the incidents seem to occur at holiday times, around Christmas or Easter, the residents wonder if the prankster is a student returning home for a holiday break.

Constable Geddes said he would be interested to hear if any other Waipu residents are being harassed in a similar manner.



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Police Report



Pair arrested promptly following aggravated robbery of Port Marsden Highway GAS station

Some quick work by Bream Bay Police aided by a good witness account led to two arrests just hours after an aggravated robbery at the GAS service station at the corner of Marsden Point Rd. and Port Marsden Highway on 5 April. At around 8.45pm two men threatened staff at the station with broken bottles and stole some cash. Two hours later the car they drove away in was stopped by Police on State Highway One. The pair was arrested with the assistance of Whangarei Police staff. A 25-year-old from Raumanga in Whangarei remains in custody while he awaits a hearing date in the Whangarei District Court. The second offender, who is a 21-year-old Ruakaka local has pleaded guilty and has been released on bail outside of Northland awaiting sentence.

Rural residents urged to keep an eye out for suspicious activity

There have been a number of rural burglaries of scrap metal and vehicle batteries throughout rural Bream Bay over the past few weeks. Police urge rural people to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and to promptly report any they see.

Thirteen-year-olds referred to Youth Aid after burglary spree

A number of houses and cars were broken into in the early hours of 2 April. Two 13-year-olds have been referred to Youth Aid in connection with these burglaries

Calves stolen from Waipu farm

Overnight on 9 April nine Friesian Hereford cross calves were stolen from a farm at the corner of State Highway One and Mountfield Rd. in Waipu

Car broken into at Mair Rd.

A car was broken into at around 9.30pm on 15 April at the Mair Rd. carpark while the owners were at the beach. Several iphones, a pair of binoculars and some tools were stolen.

Tools taken from rural shed

A rural shed in Cotton Rd.; Ruakaka was broken into some time between 17 and 19 April. Tools and welding gear were stolen.

Cigarettes stolen from Marsden Cove Marina general store

At 11.30pm on Sunday night 22 April the general store at the Marsden Cove Marina was broken into after a door was jimmied open. Cigarettes were stolen.

Road accidents

Just two road accidents have come to Police notice over the past three weeks.

• On 5 April at 10am there was a single car crash on Port Marsden Highway. A car left the road, crashed into a ditch where it remains. No one appears to have been hurt and Police are still trying to establish who the driver of the vehicle was.

• At 4.30pm on 13 April a driver, who was on his way to work, lost control of his vehicle, which crashed into a fence. No one was hurt in this incident.

Thirteen family harm incidents

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Selling poppies in memory of her father, a decorated World War 2 soldier

Jennifer Wood and Violet Basil sat at the Ruakaka shops collection donations for the RSA and handing out ANZAC poppies last Friday 20 April. Jennifer had with her a photograph album with pictures of her late father, Huan Cochrane, who was a decorated Second World War soldier of the New Zealand 21st Battalion, Second Echelon.

Mr. Cochrane received a Military Medal for *gallant and distinguished service in the field* for action he saw in Scola Rogosso, Italy. He was a section leader when his platoon commander was killed during an attack on a building occupied by the enemy. Mr. Cochrane took control and led the platoon to destroy a machine gun post, kill two enemy soldiers and to take a third prisoner.

In the 1950s Mr. Cochrane lived and worked in Waipu as a fencing contractor and shearer and in the Waipu butcher shop where he met Jennifer’s mother whose brother owned the shop. He was also a member of the Waipu Fire Brigade and helped to build the first Waipu Fire Station in 1957.

Mr. Cochrane was born in Rawene in 1922 and died 20 years ago on 24 April, the day before ANZAC day when he was planning to attend the dawn parade in Whangarei with a granddaughter, who has served with the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Jennifer moved to One Tree Point a year ago after living in Auckland for 40 years. She said this feels like coming home as she grew up in Waipu and did her nursing training in Whangarei before moving to the big city.



Jennifer Wood with a photo album with pictures of her father Huon (Tui) Cochrane who served with the NZ 21st Battalion Second Echelon and earned the Military Medal for Gallant and Distinguished Service .



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Kids art classes in Waipu



Claire Nicholls sees a need for after school art classes in Waipu

Claire Nicholls, an established local artist and mum living in Waipu is starting up after school art classes for children in term two.

Claire said she sees a need in our community for a place to nurture and develop children's creativity outside school.

"There are lots of sporting clubs and facilities which is great but not many extra-curricular programmes for kids who are passionate about art and so we have been renovating our garage in central Waipu for the past year with the intention of holding art classes once my eldest started school."

Claire is also involved in the Waipu Community Arts Group, which is working towards a permanent space for a Community Art Centre so the group can run a variety of workshops and holiday programmes for both children and adults

Claire's after school sessions will run in 10 weeks blocks around the school term and will be suitable for 7-13 year olds. "We will work with a different medium each term, learning a variety of techniques and developing some finished pieces over the 10 weeks

Claire managed the Quarry Arts Centre in Whangarei for six years where art was taught in a variety of mediums to people of all ages. Anyone interested in finding out more information can contact Claire on 021 272 2294 or claire@sculpturenz.com

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Waipu Primary says goodbye to Principal Paul Ramsay

Paul Ramsay, who has served as Principal at Waipu Primary for the past 18 years, wanted to retire quietly with no fuss, but Catherine Munroe, the schools board of Trustee Chairwoman wasn't about to let this important occasion go unmarked and Paul, his wife Margaret and their family were treated to a full ceremonial welcome to Mr. Ramsay's farewell assembly in the school hall on Friday afternoon 13 April, complete with piper and a performance by the school's kapahaka group.

"Catherine and I had lots of debates about this" Mr. Ramsay said. "There have been lots of secret things going on around here for a while."

One of the "secret things" was a skit put together by some of the school's older children around Mr. Ramsay's regular end of year message to departing pupils.

"When you are rich and famous make sure you come back and visit us."

The children came up with a long list of questionable claims to fame and fortune, which had the fictional Mr. Ramsay ordering each of them out of his office and shouting that they were all crazy.

There was also a song, written by music and drama teacher Penny Goodall – If it weren't for your Farmal – where would you be?" about the classic tractor Mr. Ramsay brings out each year to tow the Waipu Primary School Christmas Parade float.

Jack Boakes, a former pupil of the school, now at Bream Bay College spoke about how much it had meant to him as a five-year-old, when he was allowed to take a story he had written to show Mr. Ramsay.

Catherine said Mr. Ramsay had been a role model to students and staff alike. She had asked him what he thought his biggest achievement had been at the school and he had replied this had been "to develop and nurture such a strong team."

She said the new hall they were all assembled in that afternoon was would be a reminder to the Waipu school community of Paul and his commitment to the school."

The school's motto is "Quality is what we do around here" and Catherine said, "quality is what Paul has been doing for the last 18 years."

When it was his turn to speak, Mr. Ramsay said, "Schools are about people. In 18 years I have met a lot of people. I will miss the daily challenge and I will miss the people. I will miss the little groups of children coming to my office for principal's awards or maybe it was just the jellybeans they are looking for."

He told the assembled children "Everyone who has done well in life has had the same chances you are having now."

He said Waipu Primary enjoyed wonderful parent support. The school's Board members gave a lot of time to the school and the school had wonderful teaching and support staff.

"I like to see teachers grow in their roles and become problem solvers. Over the



Paul and Margaret Ramsay and their family are led into the school hall by piper Paul Moon. Paul's parents braved their first flight in many years to travel up from New Plymouth for the occasion.

years we all have worked together to help make Waipu one of the best schools in Northland."

Mr. Ramsay also paid tribute to his wife Margaret who retired as a teacher at the school at the end of last year.

As well as being one of the best teachers he knew, Margaret had supported him as Principal sometimes listening to what was keeping him awake at 3am in the morning.

On her retirement Margaret had been presented with an apple tree and now Paul was given a large sized plum tree.

In return Paul and Margaret presented the school with a park bench to go out by the school's front gate.

Paul has regularly patrolled the gate entrance to the school at closing time to make sure children crossed the road safely on their way home. He said there were often people waiting there, either for their children to come through the gate or children waiting for their parents to arrive to pick them up. Now they would have something to sit on.



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Lots of requests from Bream Bay people to the Whangarei District Council’s Long Term Plan

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land currently up for sale alongside the Waipu River on the Nova Scotia Estate. Peter Blanch and a number of others said the Council should honour the Waipu 20 year Structure Plan of 2003, which called for public reserves alongside the Waipu River. There are also requests that the Council help to fund the completion of the Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle and walkway. There are 14 letters from people living in McLean Rd. asking that the middle section of the road be sealed. The residents say there has been a huge increase in traffic on the road in recent years and clouds of dust are a safety hazard for them and their children. There is also a petition from residents of Helmsdale Rd. to have their road sealed, which they say they have been trying to achieve since 1995. And a number of Brooks Rd. residents have asked for seal on their road. Jill Mutch says provision needs to be made for more public parking in Waipu. Waipu also needs more

business-zoned land and stormwater drainage in and around the Caledonian Park needs to be upgraded. Coralee Betts said she would rather see a public swimming pool built in Bream Bay than the new Civic Centre in Whangarei. Roberta Jones said a heated pool was needed in Bream particularly to support the health and well being of the area’s older citizens. Margaret Hicks has likely created a whole new set of enemies, by asking that the rates on lifestyle blocks should double. She says these take up food producing land and are “a blot on the landscape, particularly near the coast”. She has also asked that more funding go to the Ruakaka Recreation Centre proposed new building as Ruakaka has twice the population of Waipu and Waipu has already received generous amounts of funding for its Celtic Barn The Patuharakeke Iwi Trust Board prepared a comprehensive submission asking (among other things) that Council establish a “marae development fund”. The Patuharakeke Board supports the Council’s pro-



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posals to purchase land for a Ruakaka cemetery saying, “Our urupa at Takahiwai is almost at capacity now and we regularly receive requests for locals (non hapū) to be buried there. We have consistently raised this issue, and consider this provision will relieve some of the pressure on our urupa.” And it strongly opposes the proposed Ruakaka ocean outfall saying, “The disposal of human waste whether treated or not is culturally inappropriate. WDC needs to invest more in the investigation of alternative options for wastewater disposal in our rohe.” The Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association has told the Council “the Proposed LTCCP is very city-centric.” “We do not feel that the proposed Whangarei District Council’s 2018-28 Long Term Plan adequately caters for the current, and forecast, rapid growth and urban development that has, and is occurring in Ruakaka.” The submission says, “As in most documents, the ‘devil lies in the detail’. Despite being supplied with the list of Transportation Capital Works, Major Capital Expenditure, and Ruakaka/Waipu Project Lists, we are still unable to decipher the details involved in such lists. For instance, Ruakaka Beach Road is due to be upgraded in Year 7-10. It is not stated in what manner this Road is to be upgraded – does it include the widening of the bridge to two lanes and/or provision of an emergency alternative access to the Ruakaka South Beach Suburban residential area. The two laning of Ruakaka Beach Road was at the top of a list of proposed capital works for Ruakaka earlier supplied to the Council by the association. The Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association asked for

- More WDC support is for the extension of the Waipu cycle way further down Cove Road.
- an extension of the opening hours for Uretiti transfer station as has been proposed, costed and justified.

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Major shut-down at the refinery

The Marsden Point Refinery is gearing up for a major shut down next month.

For the first time in 14 years the Utilities Systems will be shut for a 10-day period allowing for work on critical piping and equipment.

Another major focus is the hydrogen-manufacturing unit; with work to “re-life” it for the next 20 or so years.

The shutdown is budgeted to cost \$85 million. Typically, a major shutdown takes place at the refinery every three-to-four years.

Refining NZ employs 350 permanent staff and generally a further 250 people work on site each day through contractor companies.

The total number of staff on site has increased to 800 plus in preparation for the shut down. Another 400 people will be needed for the duration, taking the total to approximately 1,200 people working on the site daily. These include: 400 mechanical tradespeople, 110 labourers, 80 riggers, 50 water blasters, 85 safety watches, 80 inspection staff, 60 crane drivers, 80



supervisors and administrators. The major engineering work involved in the shutdown is scheduled to begin on 7 May.

Giant crane on its way for shut-down

A giant crane weighing 600 tonnes is due to be trucked to the Marsden Point Refinery overnight on Friday 26 April.

Tim Smith, managing director of Smiths Crane and Construction said the crane would be used in a big shut down scheduled at the refinery and would be one of 23 cranes his company is sending to the site. It would take 30 trucks to transport the crane.

Asked about how the trucks would make it over the Brynderwyn Hill, Mr. Smith said, “With difficulty” but added that the big crane had been transported to Northland in the past so he didn’t envisage the trip being impossible. He also didn’t think the safety fencing put in place a few years ago on the southern side of the hill would cause any problems.

Lots of requests from Bream Bay people to the Whangarei District Council’s Long Term Plan

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- An upgrade to the carriageway on St Marys Road between The Braigh and Argyle Street due to increased truck and bus traffic and extensive sub-divisions creating more traffic.
- That the Council develop a contingency plan for building a barrage across the Lower Hatea River in case Sea Level Rise is more rapid than expected.
- WDC support for the acquisition of land for a recreational area in Waipu on flood prone land that is unsuitable for housing, particularly in view of impending Sea Level Rise.
- Sealing of rural roads whether there has been extensive subdivision for housing and suggested this might be funded by a levy on the logging companies.
- Provision of additional car parking in Waipu township in view of most people who use Waipu township on a daily basis living a car ride out of town.
- Recognition that the rate of growth of Waipu is much greater than general growth rate in the district.
- And that consideration be given for a Community Board to look after community-led infrastructure development.

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Marsden Point High Tides				
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Fri 27 April	5.05	2.6	5.38	2.6
Sat 28 April	6.00	2.7	6.33	2.6
Sun 29 April	6.51	2.7	7.23	2.7
Mon 30 April	7.39	2.7	8.10	2.7
Tue 1 May	8.24	2.7	8.54	2.7
Wed 2 May	9.07	2.5	9.36	2.7
Thu 3 May	9.48	2.6	10.16	2.6
Fri 4 May	10.28	2.5	10.57	2.6
Sat 5 May	11.08	2.4	11.38	2.5
Sun 6 May	11.50	2.4	~	~
Mon 7 May	12.22	2.4	12.35	2.3
Tues 8 May	1.09	2.4	1.23	2.3
Wed 9 May	2.00	2.4	2.16	2.2
Thu 10 May	2.52	2.3	3.12	2.2
Fri 11 May	3.45	2.4	4.09	2.3

T Shirts to raise awareness of autism



From left, Gaylene Chambers with son Rikki, daughter Monique and husband Richard, all wearing their autism awareness T shirts.

Gaylene Chambers has an eleven-year-old son with severe autism. She says autism is an invisible handicap and sometimes people don't understand when an autistic child has a meltdown out in the community. The child looks normal and people think he or she is just being naughty. Gaylene says her boy gets into difficulties in situations where there is too much going on, too much noise, too much action or sometimes just an aroma in the air. "I don't always know what it is that has caused him to have a meltdown. I just take a breath and give him some time." Autistic people often see a lot of things and hear a lot of sounds all at one which makes it hard to focus

on any one sound or thought. That is why they often take a little more time to answer when they are asked questions and sometimes everything becomes overwhelming. Gaylene and her husband Richard have created a line in T Shirts to help with autism awareness. The T Shirts have slogans such as: "I love my autistic child," "Keep calm. I'm autistic, I'm just being myself" and "I support someone with autism". They have distributed leaflets advertising the T shirts around Ruakaka where the family has a holiday home. For every T Shirt sold they donates \$1 to Autism NZ or to The Children's Autism Foundation. The T Shirts can be purchased from the website: www.chambersco.co.nz

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No designs yet for Saorsa flag

No one has come forward yet with a design for a new flag for the Saorsa Retirement Village. The Saorsa Trust is offering a \$100 voucher to the Waipu Pizza Barn as a prize for the best design but so far there have been no takers.

Designs need to be of a conventional flag shape and should reflect the Saorsa Village mission statement, which is "Freedom to enjoy retirement in the heart of Waipu. Designs should be submitted at an A4 size and sent to saorsavillage@xtra.co.nz by 31 May.

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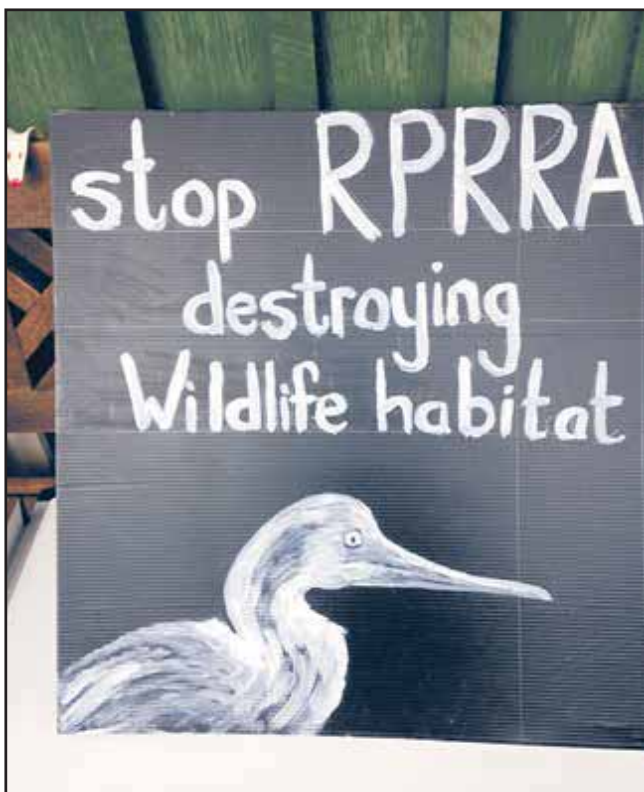


The mangrove clearing operation at Princes Rd.

When people turned up to assist the Ruakaka Residents at Ratepayers Association with its annual mangrove clearance operation from Ruakaka estuary (between Princes Rd. and the Ruakaka Beach Holiday Park), they were met by two women with a placard.

The Ruakaka Association has Northland Regional Council consent to clear mangrove from the area. Secretary Warren Daniels argues that mangroves never grew here in the past, are spreading rapidly and are taking over a salt marsh area that provides habitat to specialised species.

However, Roberta Jones says the mangrove clearance is more about protecting property values with views of clear water and that mangroves are native trees that provide many benefits including: capturing sediment that would otherwise enter the sea and buffeting the land from the effects of sea level rise.



The placard made for the occasion by Roberta Jones

New to Waipu? Want to get involved?

If you have moved to Waipu over the last 12 months or so and want to learn something of what is happening in the community and to consider where you might like to and get involved and meet some new people, the Waipu Presbyterian Church has organised an event to help you out.

On Sunday afternoon, 29 April at 4pm the Church will hold an afternoon tea in the new Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall, at 50 the Centre, Waipu. Refreshments will be served, and representatives from different groups will talk a little about themselves, and be available to chat with you. This event is open to anyone in the Bream Bay district.

If you are a part of a community group, and would like the opportunity to introduce your group's activity please get in touch with Tom Waight 432 0534

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Coastguard volunteers collect 17 bags of rubbish from the beach at Papich Rd.



Some of the volunteers from the Whangarei Coastguard Unit (now permanently based at Marsden Cove Marina) joined the Seaweeek activities earlier this month and spent a Sunday morning cleaning up rubbish along the beach at the end of Papich Rd. around Black Smiths Creek.

They collected 17 bags of rubbish, a tyre and two tarpaulins. They also came across the shell and skeleton of a decomposed sea turtle.

Bronwyn Hedgecock said, “We were unable to remove two trailers, what appears to be a commercial scallop dredge and two large chunks of wood but have let the Northland Regional Council know about these in the hope they can remove them.”

Laura Shaft of the NRC said she has passed the information about the trailers and the scallop dredge on to the Department of Conservation as these items are on Conservation Land. She commented that the site is difficult to access by land so was not sure how easy they would be to remove.

Pipes to be removed



This pile of old refinery pipes on the shoreline near the Marama Place entrance to the beach is soon to be removed.

The Whangarei District Council has sought a quote from a contractor for the removal of this pile of old pipes on the shoreline at Marsden Bay just north of the Marama Rd, public walkway to the beach.

Sue Hodge, the Council’s parks manager said she was unsure if the contract had yet been let but gave an assurance, “We do plan to remove them.”

The pipes: steel tubes with an aluminum coating, are thought to have come from the Marsden Point refinery after a refurbishment there, which made them surplus to requirements and to have been placed at the base of the cliff as an erosion control measure. They have been in place for at least 25 years.

Mrs. Hodge said the first council briefing was due this week on a Coastal Protection report for the coastline from Pyle Rd. West to Marsden Cove. She said the consultants report should be completed in June and information it provided would be shared with the public.

The report is intended as a guide for both the Council and private landowners when existing coastal protection walls are replaced and new ones built. Walking access along the foreshore is envisaged as part of the design.

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Bream Bay College wins the Adam Blair Northland secondary schools rugby league competition



Bream Bay College's victorious rugby league team with coach Murray Smart

The Bream Bay College Rugby League team has won this year's Adam Blair Trophy in a thrilling final against Whangarei Boys High School on 4 April, which Bream Bay won by 18-16. The game played on the Whangarei Boys High School grounds was down to the wire with one team taking the lead and then the other. The final winning try was scored by Brigham Jackson and converted by Klies Kaiarake. The other try scorers were Davrn

Bodman and TJ Smart with Klies converting their two tries as well. Seven schools participated in the competition held over the first term of the school year. Bream Bay beat two other teams in the southern pool to play against Whangarei Boys in the final. In the tournament's six-year history this is the first time Bream Bay College has won the trophy. The team was coached by Murray Smart, managed by Junie Sheldford and supported by Shane Hool.

SPORTS RESULTS

Ruakaka Indoor Bowling Club

3 April - 1st G. Puckett, A. Finlayson. 2nd P. Ivory, S. Smith. 3rd R. Robert's, P. Finlayson. Cons M. Bennett, D. Puckett, R. Finlayson.
17 April 1st B. Worrell, I. Bellamy. 2nd G. Puckett, R. Ivory. 3rd is P. Ivory, D. Puckett. Cons P. Finlayson, A. Finlayson.

Waipu Ladies Golf

Here are the results from the Waipu Ladies Golf Net Scramble competition held on 27 March 2018:
1st Hannah Carrington 71 nett, 2nd Suzanne Hansen 72 nett 3rd Catherine Jenkins - 74 nett, 4th Margaret Pennington 74 nett.

Waipu Mens Wednesday Golf

28 March. 19 men played net and putts. 1st Frank Jackson 64, 2nd David Hopkins 67, Mark Draper 67 and Andrew Baker 67, 5th Napo Henare 69, 6th Alan Bluett 70, 7th Alister McFadzean. Putts – Bruce Larmer.
11 April. 14 men played stableford. 1st Alan McIntosh 44, 2nd Mark Draper 40, 3rd Gary Meyer 38, 4th Alister McFadzean 32.
18 April 16 men played stableford. 1st George Meyer 40, 2nd Liam Henderson 39 and Alister McFadzean 39, 4th Mark Draper 38.



After losing the first two games of the season (22-20 against Moerewa and 32-30 vs Otangarei), the Takahiwai Warriors picked up their first win of the Premiership last Saturday by beating Northern Wairoa Bulls 60-18 in Dargaville. We're on the scoreboard!

This Saturday, 28 April, we have a home game versus the Portland Panthers. Kick off is at 2:30pm.

The Pitman Cup, which is currently held by Takahiwai, will be up for grabs and is played for every time Takahiwai and Portland play at their home venues.

We would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to our major sponsor, Northpine, whose generous support has allowed us to erect new large signage at the entrance to the ground on McEwen Road, and a new scoreboard. Looking good!

COMING UP:

- Sat 5 May vs HORAHOA (A)
- Sat 12 May vs OTANGAREI (H)
- Sat 19 May vs MOEREWA (A)
- Sat 26 May vs NTHN WAIROA (H)



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Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm		\$3 Lu 4328414
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Bream Bay Walking club	Wednesday 10am to 10.30am	enquire now	Jeanette 4327971
Pilates	Tuesday 5pm to 7pm	\$12,concession(10x)	Barbara 021299840
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Yoga	Mon 5.45pm-6.45pm		\$10 Mirella 0211643572
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Cardio Drumming	Friday 9am-10am		\$10 Nadya 0278660334
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Literacy Whangarei	Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm	free	438 2511

We are also home to Bream Bay Squash club and Bream Bay United Association Football club

Fundraising dance for a new roof for the Waipu Coronation Hall

The Waipu Coronation Hall and Library Committee is holding a fundraising big band dance on 30 June.

The dance is to be the start of a campaign to raise money (approximately \$30,000) to replace the hall’s roof, which a Whangarei District Council 2016 report recommended be done by 2021. Louise Sims, the hall committee’s secretary, said “Through our hire income we generally break-even, but we are conscious of keeping access affordable for the community groups who use the hall.”

The committee also receives an annual \$5,000 grant for maintenance from the Whangarei District Council, which generally needs to be spent the year it is granted.

The Waipu Coronation Hall is owned by the Waipu Community with an elected hall committee administering the building on its behalf.

Louise said, “The Whangarei Basin City Big Band will be playing a range of terrific music and it will be a highly enjoyable evening. However, we need feet on the floor.”

Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$25 per person.

Young entrepreneurs invited to hold stalls at Waipu kids market

Young entrepreneurs aged from 7 to 12 years are invited to hold stalls at a Kids Market in the Waipu Celtic Barn flyer on Sunday 3 June from 9am – 1pm, as part of the Waipu Business and Promotions Group Queen’s Birthday weekend street market.

This market, within the market is intended for kids to sell their pre-loved toys, hand made items and home baked goodies at pocket money prices to other kids. Stalls cost \$10 to book and there will be free entry to all buyers.

All kid sellers will need to have an adult (someone over 18-years-old) with them to help look after the stall. Spaces are limited so kids need to get their adults to book them a spot by emailing: streetmarket@waipu.kiwi as soon as possible.

Not much time left to get Art’n Tartan entries in

Entries for this year’s Waipu Museum Art’nTartan Wearable Art Awards close on Friday 27 April. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Museum website or a copy picked up from the front desk. Fees this year are \$25 per artwork for adults, \$15 for students and \$10 for childrens’ entries in the Masks in Wonderland section. Forms can be emailed to art’ntartan@gmail or left for Mo Pettit, Contestant Manager at the museum. Tickets for the show go on sale on 21 May



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- **CRAZY HAT PARTY** Saturday 28 April from 7pm - 12 midnight. Prizes, live music, cash bar. \$25 includes supper. Phone 432 7962. or email ruakakarec@xtra.co.nz. A Ruakaka Recreation Centre fundraiser.
- **WAIPU GOLF CLUB BUBBLES AND BASH PARTEE**. Sunday 29 April 10am - 2pm. A fun golf taster for women. \$10 per person. Book and pay at the Golf Shop.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET**. In the Waipu Coronation Hall. Next on Sunday 13 May from 9am - 1pm
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 20 May from 9am - 1pm. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina
- **MARSDEN LIONS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**. Friday 25 May. 9am tee off. \$75 per player. Includes a meal, course fees and prizes. Entries to Gladys Rowsell 09 432 8601 or 027 293 8938. Email: marsdenlionscharitygolf@gmail.com
- **WAIPU STREET AND PARK MARKET**. Queen’s Birthday Sunday June 3rd 2018 9am -1pm Local and New Zealand Craft, Fashion, Art / Bric a Brac Jewellery, Food, Entertainment Plus a special Kid’s Market - stalls for 7 to 12 year olds. Enquiries to streetmarket@waipu.kiwi
- **FUNDRAISING DANCE IN THE WAIPU CORONATION HALL**. On Saturday 30 June. with the Whangarei Basin Big Band. Tickets \$25 will be available at the door. Fundraiser for a new roof for the hall.

Ships expected at Marsden Point

Photo by Peter Grant



The coastal tanker Kakariki loading refined oil products on Jetty 2 at the Marsden Point Oil refinery.

- *Van Imbari* ETA 24 April at 9.30am. ETD 28 April at 7am. Loading logs.
- *La Loirais* ETA 25 April at 6am. ETD 29 April at 3am. Loading logs.

- *Kokako* ETA 25 April at 6am. ETD 26 April at 6am. Coastal tanker loading with refined oil products for Napier
- *Viyada Naree* ETA 25 April at 10pm. ETD 27 April at 6am. Delivering project cargo.
- *African Goshawk* ETA 26 April at 1pm. 29 April at 7am. Loading logs.
- *Torm Ingeborg* ETA 26 April at 2.45am. ETD 27 April at 4pm. Delivering crude oil to the refinery.
- *Bunun Ace* ETA 27 April at 11pm. ETD 1 May at 7pm. Loading logs.
- *Melanesian Chief* ETA 29 April at 5.30pm. ETD 1 May at 8am. Loading LVL.

- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 30 April at 2am. ETD 2 May at 10am. Loading cement at Portland for Auckland.
- *DL Marigold* ETA 2 May at 8am. ETD 4 April at 11am. Loading logs.

- *Kokako* ETA 3 May at 10am. ETD 4 May at 4pm. Loading refined oil products for Lyttleton.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 3 May at 6pm. ETD 5 May at 11.59pm. Loading cement at Portland for Tauranga.
- *Crimson Saturn* ETA 4 May at 6am. ETD 6 May at 1am. Loading woodchip for Japan.
- *IVS Kingbird* ETA 4 May at 5pm. ETD 8 May at 11pm. Loading logs for India.
- *Oriental Peony* ETA 6 May at 12.01am. ETD 8 May at 2am. Loading kiwifruit.
- *Twinluck SW* ETA 7 May at 12.01am. ETD 9 May at 11.59pm. Delivering gypsum.
- *Milky Way 11*. ETA 7 May at 12 noon. ETD 9 May at 11am. Loading woodchip for Japan.
- *Aotearoa Chief*. ETA 9 May at 4am. ETD 11 May at 5pm. Loading cement at Portland for Tauranga.

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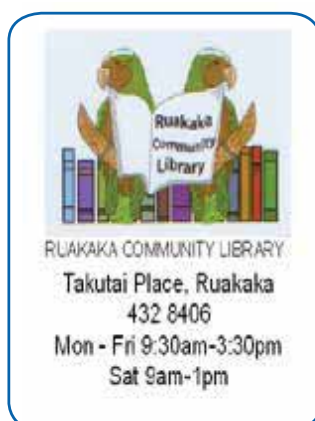
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