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Just one resignation expected at Bream Bay College as result of vaccination mandate

Everyone employed at Bream Bay College needs to have a vaccine pass.

This includes the tradespeople working on the school's new classrooms, teacher aids and volunteers.

Principal Wayne Buckland said he expected just one of the school's 67 strong staff team to not return to school at the start of year because of the vaccine mandate. He anticipated that this one resignation wouldn't cause too many problems.

The Ministry of Education hasn't mandated that students need to be vaccinated but with the announcement last Sunday that the Omicron variant of Covid 19 is now likely to be out in the community all students from Year 4 upwards are now required to wear masks.

Mr. Buckland said there is a possibility that Covid 19 vaccinations could be carried out at the school. He said this would be run along the same lines as other vaccinations programmes with parental consent required.

The school year is scheduled to begin on 2 February with a powhiri planned for 3 February. The powhiri is now in doubt as under red traffic light rules gatherings of more than 100 people indoors are not permitted.

Getting ready for this weekend's big Combined Arts exhibition and sale



Colin and Anne Coutts will be exhibiting and selling their felting work at this weekend's Bream Bay Arts Group Combined Exhibition and Sale this weekend 29 and 30 January in the Marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina.

Colin also makes sculptures and in his scow with the colourful felted sails he has combined both these art forms.

Anne's wall hanging uses a variety of techniques including wet felting and needling where a sharp needle with a barbed surface is used to punch fibres through the felt. She has also embroidered onto the piece and sewn on a little wooden fence.

More about the Combined Arts Group exhibition and sale on page 5.



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Getting the most from your sunscreen

Most of us aren't benefiting from the full SPF value of sunscreens. We either apply too little, too late, or don't reapply it often enough.

The Teaspoon Rule

To make sure you have enough sunscreen cover, use the teaspoon rule. Assuming your torso is covered up, you'll need a teaspoon for each of your arms and face, and two teaspoons for both your legs. On an average adult body, that's at least 7 teaspoons (approximately 35ml). If you are wearing swim wear, you'll need even more!

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To be fully protected by your sunscreen, you need to apply it 15 - 20 minutes before going out into the sun.

Re-apply

Re-apply sunscreens at least every two hours. Water resistant sunscreens may be removed by towel drying or sweating so re-apply after getting out of the water.

Cover up

Remember to cover up as well. Hats, shirts and sunglasses all help to increase your sun protection. And seek shade, especially between 10am and 4pm.

Tips for treating sunburn

It is best to prevent sunburn with good sun care protection but if you do get burnt:

- Act quickly.** As soon as you see a touch of pink or feel any stinging of a burn on yourself or a child, get out of the sun and start treatment.
- Cool down.** Apply a cold compress or immerse the affected area in cool water.
- Moisturize.** Gently apply a cream or lotion to soothe the skin.
- Hydrate.** Drink water, juice or sports drinks with electrolytes to replace body fluids.
- Shade.** Stay out of the sun until the burn fades.
- Get expert advice.** Talk to your Pharmacist if the blisters break, you are in severe pain or discomfort or the sunburn is accompanied by chills, fever, nausea or vomiting.
- Be smart and get checked.** If you are concerned about a mole or funny looking skin spot get it checked by a Doctor straight away.

EDITORIAL

"Tell me what will you do with your one wild and precious life?"

"Doesn't everything die at last and too soon?"

Tell me what will you do with your one wild and precious life. "

These lines by the American poet Mary Oliver have been floating around in my head lately after I learned of the untimely death of a former colleague and mentor, the journalist Jim Eagles.

I was a reporter for 12 years on Waiheke's Gulf News, which Jim and his wife Chris owned for many of those years. We sat opposite one another in the Gulf News office in Oneroa and I learned a lot about what a community newspaper can and should be from Jim.

We had many arguments but agreed about some fundamental things. We worked together on some great stories. He was confident enough in his experience and knowledge to take risks.

One of the most exciting things that happened was the purchase of a block of land on Waiheke's east coast and the establishment of the Whakanewha Regional Park. There are some strong rules about native vegetation clearance on Waiheke and the Hauraki Island's Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society put an abatement notice on a forest clearance that was being carried out there by the lands owners who wanted to subdivide. There was a standoff. Auckland Regional Councillor Mike Lee wanted the ARC to buy the land to add to its collection of regional parks. Mike and his wife Sandra were fierce conservationists. Jim being more open-minded didn't automatically cast the developers as the bad guys and was able to negotiate successfully with them.

I phoned Chris to express my condolences and she told me Jim's death had been sudden and there had not been much time to prepare. He had been feeling ill for some time but had been misdiagnosed and when the cancer that killed him was discovered he was given just three more weeks to live.

Jim was a consummate journalist and kept writing up to the end. He was working on a history of the Devonport Rugby Club and had two regular magazine columns. "I think he would have liked to have done more," Chris said.

Jim was 76 years old and had crammed a lot into his life. He and Chris had two daughters and five grandchildren. He had been editor of the National Business Review, Deputy Editor of the Auckland Star and the Bay of Plenty Times and Business Editor and later Travel Editor at the New Zealand Herald. In this later role he went on many trips to interesting places overseas and around New Zealand. He had owned and run the Northern News in Kaikohe newspaper in the far north and then the Gulf News on Waiheke. In his later years he had been involved with the Miranda Shore Bird Centre and Chris told me how he had joined a predator-trapping group, which maintained traps on North Head in Devonport where they lived. "What will you do with your one wild and precious life?" is a question we all need to ask ourselves now and then.

There is a full tide due at Uretiti in about an hour. I think I will go down for a swim in the sea.

Marilyn

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Dr. Herbert Morrison retires after 30 years working in New Zealand, 23 of these in Waipu

Doctor Herbert Morrison has sold Waipu medical centre to Coast to Coast Healthcare and is retiring. He has worked as a doctor in New Zealand for the past 30 years and recently received a certificate and a letter of congratulations for his 30 years of commitment to the New Zealand Medical Association. Twenty three of those years have been in Waipu.

Dr. Morrison said he would now be taking things easy and retiring like other people do. His wife Lorle will still work as a nurse in the practice and Karla Connew will remain as Practice Manager.

Dr. Morrison was born in South Africa and is a nephew of Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu who died in South Africa this month. His mother was an elder sister of the Arch Bishop and played a big part in his upbringing. Although she herself later became a Seventh Day Adventist she was instrumental in persuading her brother to convert from the Methodist to the Anglican Church. Sylvia Morrison, who lived with her son in Waipu for a year, believed in the value of education and urged all her children to study and learn as much as they could.

As a youngster Dr. Morrison played with his uncle's children and it was Bishop Tutu who arranged for the young Herbert, who had wanted to be a doctor from a young age, to attend the Ibadan college of Medicine in Nigeria where he graduated in 1982.

Dr. Morrison said it was difficult to study in Nigeria away from his family and where he didn't speak the language but under South Africa's apartheid regime a non-white person couldn't attend medical school in that country.

He spent the first year of his internship in Nigeria and the second in Toronto, Canada. It was there he heard about a recruitment drive by the New Zealand Government. Junior doctors in New Zealand were threatening to go on strike due to their long working hours so the need here was urgent.

On arrival in New Zealand Dr. Morrison had to sit New Zealand qualification examinations. He passed these easily. He said the requirement was "just politics really". The Ibanan Medical School ran the same syllabus as medical schools in London and most of the teaching staff was from the UK as well.

While working in Auckland Doctor Morrison met his wife Lorle who was nursing in a rest home

"I saw this nice looking girl and the rest is history."

Lorle said it helped that Dr. Morrison's mother attended the same Seventh Day Adventist Church as she did.



Doctor Herbert Morrison and Lorle Morrison with Waipu Medical Centre practice manager Karla Connew (left) practice nurse Lucin Kaukau and receptionist Sandra Williams on the right.

On learning that there was a shortage of General Practitioners in Northland and that Waipu's previous GP had left abruptly Dr. Morrison and Lorle moved here in 1999.

To begin with they were given a space for their clinic alongside the local Pharmacy by Waipu pharmacist Tony Solomon who was delighted to welcome a new doctor to the town. They then purchased the old National Bank building to serve as both their home and practice rooms.

They had two children and consider Waipu a good place to bring up a family.

When Doctor Neville De Villiers retired in Ruakākā Dr. Morrison and Lorle purchased his practice and for several years worked between the two towns before consolidating the two practices in Waipu.

Last year, in order to separate their home from the practice, the Waipu Medical Centre moved into a building on the grounds of the Ranburn Ultimate Care

retirement complex.

Alongside working as a doctor Dr. Morrison has held teaching roles, taking in interns from Auckland Medical School and between 2011 and 2012 he held a position as an Honorary Clinical Lecturer in General Practice and Primary Healthcare at the University of Auckland. Some of the interns who worked in Waipu are now specialists at Whangārei Hospital and knowing these doctors has been useful when it came to referring patients. As a young student in Nigeria he tutored in mathematics and science.

He said he comes from a family of teachers.

The team at the Waipu Medical Centre are very close knit. Doctor Morrison seems genuinely fond and proud of all his staff and he asks to be photographed with the Waipu Medical Centre team. Karla said they have all supported one another outside of work.

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Stacks of books and puzzles at the One Tree Point book sale



Book sale organisers: Kylie Hodges, Sandra Nink and Rachel Boyle and Nariah Hurihanganui, aged 8, holding a pile of puzzles in front.

At \$2 an item there were some good bargains to be had at the One Tree Point book and puzzle sale held on Saturday 22 January in the Marsden Yacht Club. The sale to raise money for Bream Bay St. John and Ruakākā Dog rescue was well supported with donations of books and puzzles from local people and had sponsorship from two local businesses: PK Tyres and GAS Bream Bay – the petrol station at the SH1 Roundabout.

Sandra Nink said people seemed to enjoy the event so they will think about holding another sale next year.

An immediate problem though is finding somewhere to store all the left over stock.

"We haven't thought that one through yet", said Rachel Boyle

Despite a good number of customers and lots of sales the tables set out around the Yacht Club lounge remained piled high when the doors closed at 2pm.

The Dog Rescue team held a stall outside the yacht club and raised a further \$100.

Restricted Fire Season

Most of Northland including Bream Bay is now in a Restricted Fire Season with the top of the island from Awauni to Cape Reinga and the Karikari Peninsula in a stricter Prohibited Fire Season.

Under a Restricted Fire Season no open fires can be

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Work underway on new classrooms at Bream Bay College

The central section of Bream Bay College, where the horticultural block once stood, is now a construction zone. Six new classrooms for Year 7 and 8 students and two new science laboratories are being built inside a fenced off enclosure there.

Last week an excavator was preparing the ground and truckloads of metal for the foundations of the new building were being brought in.

When the students return at the beginning of February construction should be underway.

Principal Wayne Buckland said to work in with all this activity the school will be running a construc-



Site preparation for the new classrooms

tion academy with students interested in a career in this area able to get some hands on experience working with the building companies at the school.

Wayne said he hopes the Year 7 and 8 block will be completed by the end of Term 2 in early July but with a current scarcity of building materials this date is not certain.

In the meantime 90 year seven students expected to enroll at Bream Bay College at the start of Term One will be having their lessons in the school library with three teachers assigned to the group.

Wayne said this is not ideal as it leaves the school without a library. However the large number of students to-

gether in one classroom was not a problem as Bream Bay College has been running its Year 7 and 8 programmes in big groups with a teams of teachers for a number of years and he says this system works well. Year 8 students will be using some prefabs near the swimming pool.

To help with roll growth while the new classrooms are under construction the school has been allocated two brand new relocatable classrooms, which will be used for learning support.

Horticulture classes are being held in some prefabs behind the whare.

Combined Arts exhibition and sale to go ahead under Red Light rules

This weekend's Bream Bay Combined Arts Group exhibition and sale in the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina has been planned with the possibility that Northland would be in red in the Covid 19 traffic light system so will go ahead this weekend. Maree Gutry said, "With a lot of consultation, we are assured we are following all Government regulations."

Large signage at the entrance will make it clear that masks must be worn; QR codes scanned and vaccination passes will be checked at the entrance. Fifty artists will be present with their work on sale. A wide variety of art forms will be represented including: painting, jewellery, woodwork, ceramics, fibre art, photography and sculpture.

Many of the artists will be working at making new pieces at their stalls and people will be able to talk to them and ask questions.

On Saturday there will be a live body painting exhibition and on Sunday an oil painting demonstration.

Guitarist Daniel Yorke will provide live music on both days and there will be food and beverages on sale with tables and chairs under shade.

The Bream Bay Combined Arts Group exhibition and Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday 29 and 30 January from 10am to 2pm each day.

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No grass yet on the Princes Rd. reserve

The Princes Rd. revetment wall and upgrade of the reserve area alongside was completed last spring but rye grass sown on the reserve failed to grow and the area has remained as bare earth.

Two new stairways have been installed and a port a loo has been placed there for this summer but the bare earth surface had not been conducive to picnics.

Princes Rd resident Simon Ellison said the peat based topsoil blows onto his house in windy weather and the popular picnic spot has been unusable.

The Whangarei District Council Parks Manager Sue Hodge said grass will be re-sown in the autumn but long term the hope is that kikuyu will reestablish as this is the "best hardwearing summer grass to have."

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Fun family day at the Bream Bay College pool

CLM, the company which has been providing the lifeguards to open the Bream Bay College pool to the public this summer, is holding a Family Day to mark the end of the school holidays at the pool from 10am to 6pm on Sunday 29 January.

Samantha Page the company manager said, "We will have a sausage sizzle and will be bringing some tubes and inflatables from the Whangarei Aquatic Centre for the day."

The pool is open up to and including Sunday 30 January and then will open for the next two weekends: 5 and 6 and 12 and 23 February from 10am – 6pm on each of these days.

Samantha said it was good to see how well supported by the local community the initiative to keep the pool open with lifeguards in attendance over the summer holidays had been.

The Whangarei District Council contributed \$30,000 to this initiative with Bream Bay College covering the cost of pool maintenance.

College Principal Wayne Buckland said he hoped funding could be found to keep the pool open again next summer.

Eighty-four - year - old Ann Hines of Marsden Bay has been for two swims in the pool over the past two weeks and says it was lovely and it is absolutely brilliant that it is open to the public.

Ann was part of a fund raising team that raised money with bottle drives and book sales over 45 years ago to build the pool and she says it was always intended to be a community facility.

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Dr. Herbert Morrison retires after 23 years in Waipu

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"I looked after your husband", said Dr. Morrison. "And I looked after your dog," said Karla. Lorle said a friendly family atmosphere is important in a small practice. They have supported one another through some difficult times. Dr. Morrison "One thing you don't think about when you start out in this career is that people die and then you have sadness." But the years in Waipu have been happy ones and Dr. Morrison and Lorle will continue to live here. The doctor wants to thank the people of Waipu for their support. "It has made a big difference to be part of such a supportive community."



Dr. Morrison

Retailers face agro over mask wearing mandate

Waipu retailers are sometimes having to put up with abusive and or aggressive behaviour when they ask shoppers entering their premises to don masks. Volunteers working in the Waipu Hospice shop were verbally abused last Thursday by a maskless man who pointed out that there was another customer in the store without a mask. Volunteer team leader Jean Roberts said she believed a woman in the store at the time was not wearing a mask as she has an exemption from the Ministry of Health. Jean said the Hospice Shop is very small and if the one metre distancing rule is observed there is only space for six customers, so limiting the number of people in the store is another challenge for the volunteers. Jodie Ansell manager of Waipu Four Square said while over the past few years she and her staff have had to

deal with several customers angry and the Covid 19 rules they were not having any particular problem with the mask-wearing rule.

Jodie said she has signs up all around the store requesting that people wear masks and that they could be asked to produce an exemption card if they don't. She said there are quite a few people in Waipu with exemptions.

The Ministry of Health on its website recognizes that some people have disabilities or health conditions that makes wearing a face covering unsuitable. It suggests that if you are unable to wear a face covering you should be extra vigilant in keeping your distance from others when you are out and about and that you might want to consider having goods delivered or use click and collect services rather than entering retail stores.

Free coffee for motorcyclists and truck drivers

Truck drivers are being offered free coffee at the Oakleigh petrol station in a road safety initiative funded by the Northland Transportation Alliance. Free coffees are also being handed out to motorcyclists and drivers who have come long distance. Truck drivers need to either purchase over 150 litres of diesel or have been driving for some time to be eligible.

The free coffee has been available since the end of last year and replace the driver fatigue stops, which in the past have been run over busy weekends at the SH1 / Mountfield Rd. intersection. Fatigue stops, which were due to be held over the next two weekends have been cancelled due to the suspected outbreak of Omicron in Auckland.



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Brian Smith of Sustainable Solvents Ltd. - "I did try to find a solution."



It's a bit of a tangled web, if you are trying to sort out who was responsible for the \$3million of public money spent on the clean up of all that solvent left in duneland at Ruakākā.

Brian Smith who set up a solvent recycling plant there in 2009 proudly inviting the Bream Bay News down to photograph a state of the art still purchased from Germany is the most obvious culprit.

However, the story is a bit more complex than that.

The plant had resource consent from the Whangārei District Council to store up to 50,000 litres of solvents. 700,000 litres of solvents were reportedly removed in the clean up operation.

Simon Weston, the Council's General Manager of Infrastructure, said in response to this expensive disaster the Council has doubled the staff in its resource consent monitoring team from two to four and has undertaken an audit of all its existing consents and has established a regular inspection regime for those of high risk.

In 2015 Mr. Smith employed Myles Bruce to manage the plant. The pair had a falling out and Mr. Bruce told The Bream Bay News that there were problems operating the still and untreated solvents were being dumped in the Ruakākā dunes. An ensuing NRC inspection found that indeed there were contaminants including a range of heavy metals and compounds found in solvents in soil samples taken from around the site. Mr. Smith pleaded guilty to charges of intermittently discharging solvents and other contaminants onto and into land brought against him and his companies by the Northland Regional Council under the Resource Management Act.

Mr. Smith says that Mr. Bruce was managing the plant

at the time but admits that he was the consent holder.

So why wasn't he overseeing what was going on?

He said he Mr. Bruce had a degree in chemistry and business management so he left the running of the plant to him.

When he realized he had a problem Mr. Smith said he began negotiating to sell the business to the company Solvents NZ with directors Manus Pretorius and Alan Baldwin.

He told the BB News this company had undertaken to clean up the site but instead had transported still more untreated solvents to store there. Mr. Smith said Solvents NZ was responsible for dump-

ing an additional 500,000 litres of solvents at the site. Mr. Pretorius has a different story. He told the Bream Bay News that the contract to purchase the plant from Mr. Smith had been dependent on Mr. Smith cleaning up the site, which he had failed to do.

Both companies appear to have been very lax in keeping records as to where various hazardous substances were stored which made the clean up job so much more long winded and expensive as the contents of each container had to be examined in a laboratory before it could be appropriately disposed of.

To get some idea about the motivation for stockpiling all these solvents the Bream Bay News asked its printer Horton Media NZ how much it paid for disposal of waste materials left over from the printing process. General Manager Mike Horler said prices shift around but current costs are 90 cents per litre in 200 litre drums for water based liquid waste and around \$2 a kg for printing inks in 200kg drums.

To back up his claim that he had attempted to do something about the stockpile problem Mr. Smith showed the Bream Bay News a copy of an agreement stuck in September 2018 after a two day mediation between his company Sustainable Solvents Ltd., Solvent Services NZ Ltd, John Keith, who holds a mortgage over the land the plant is situated on and Alan Hill of the company Intergroup.

The regulators WorkSafe NZ, The Environmental Protection Society, the Northland Regional Council and the Whangārei District Council were all involved in the mediation.

Mr. Smith said an agreement was struck that Alan Hill would take over the plant if Solvents NZ removed the

500,000 litres of solvents it had brought to the site.

He said this didn't happen so the deal fell through.

Reading through the agreement document other requirements were that Mr. Smith's company Sustainable Solvents Ltd remove 600,000 litres of solvent it was responsible for and return the Still to the site.

Did this happen? Mr. Smith said he did return the still to the site but when it was clear Solvents NZ weren't doing anything to clean up the solvents they were responsible for he removed it for a second time and attempted to sell it on Trade Me. He didn't find a buyer but has recently sold it to someone in Ruakākā.

What about the 600,000 litres of solvent he had agreed to dispose of? Mr. Smith said when the deal fell through with Alan Hill he didn't have the means to meet this side of the bargain.

The clean up cost \$3 million and was a collaboration between the Ministry for the Environment (Mfe), the Environmental Protection Authority, Whangārei District Council, Worksafe and the Northland Regional Council

Contacted by the Bream Bay News last week Mr. Smith said he was unsure about what would happen to the land, which he still owns. He was unsure of its value or of how much contamination remained in the ground.

Environment Minister David Parker has said, "It is regrettable that central and local government bore the cost of the clean-up rather than those who caused the problem."

He said, "This was partly caused by the short limitation period on lodging proceedings under the current Resource Management Act."

Under the current Act, proceedings need to be lodged within 12 months of the offence coming to the attention of the local authority.

However, Mr. Smith doesn't think he is off the hook.

He said it cost him over \$230,000 to plead guilty in the NRC dumping case. This along with the collapse of his business means he has lost whatever savings he had.

Last week the Whangārei District Council began proceedings at the Environment Court to recover its \$1 million contribution to the clean up.

With all the publicity over the abandoned stock pile of solvents, living in Bream Bay has become a bit difficult for Brian Smith.

"People sometimes turn away when they see me coming."

He said while he takes responsibility for part of the \$3 million mess he wants to point out that he did try to find a solution and he wasn't entirely responsible for the problem.

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POLICE REPORT

Fatal accident at Nova Scotia Drive / Uretiti Rd. intersection

A young woman died in a collision between her vehicle and a truck at the intersection of Nova Scotia Drive and Uretiti Rd. at 8am on Monday morning 24 January. No further details about the accident were available as the Bream Bay News went to press that afternoon.

Sergeant Simon Craig said there had been a series of accidents throughout the mid northland district that morning as is often the case when there is rain after an extended dry period. Another serious crash had occurred in Dargaville and there had been a string of minor crashes in Whangārei. He urges people to take extra care on the roads and to be mindful of the extra dangers wet road conditions present.

Search for missing camper called off after he was seen in Waipu

On 11 January Police launched a search for a camper who was reported missing from the Uretiti campground. Volunteers also took part in the search until Police received information that the man had been seen in Waipu and then were able to locate him when he returned to the camp on 14 June.

Driver stopped by Police on Peter Snell Rd.

A 26-year-old Ruakākā man was stopped by Police on Peter Snell Rd. on Saturday 22 January at 6pm. When breath tested he was found to be over the legal alcohol limit of 250 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. He will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on a drink driving as well as other driving charges.

Waipu man jumped in the river to escape Police custody

A 28 – year - old Waipu man will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on 25 February on a number of charges after he was apprehended by Police in his car near the Waipu Boat Club on 13 January. He attempted to escape Police custody by jumping into the river. A significant amount of cannabis packaged up ready for sale and instruments used for smoking methamphetamine were found in his vehicle.

Strange behaviour of Pizza Barn burglar caught on CCTV

A man is shown on CCTV camera slashing the clear curtains surrounding the outside eating area of the Waipu Pizza Barn in the early hours of the morning on Friday 21 January. He then removed his clothes and wandering around for a while before leaving.

No headlights at midnight alert Police

A 20-year-old Waipu woman will be appearing in court on a drink driving charge after Police noticed her driving with no headlights at midnight in The Centre, Waipu on 6 January. When breath tested she returned a reading of 897 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath –three and a half times over the legal limit.

Nine family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police dealt with nine family harm incidents in the fortnight Monday 10 January to 24 January.

More than three times over the legal alcohol limit

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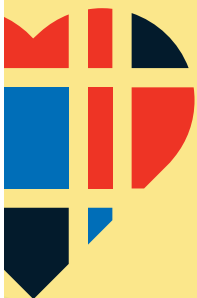


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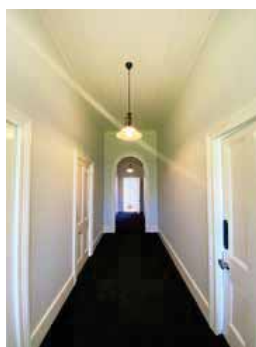
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Hanna Carrington began weaving flax when she was just eight years old

Flax weaver Hanna Carrington said she never gets sick and hasn't had a flu or cold for years. She attributes her good health to the rongoā (medicinal benefits) of harakeke and she says many of her fellow weavers experience the same effect.

Hanna learned to weave when she was just eight years old. Her mother Matire (Tilly) Pirihi taught her the basics. Over the years Hanna has taken courses in weaving but it all began with her mother.

"She would always be saying to me 'Why aren't you weaving.'"

I would say 'Mum I have got to go to school.'

Sometimes when she is out gathering flax Hanna feels a breath of warm wind go past her face and she senses her mother is close.

Hanna doesn't believe in sitting around and depending on a benefit.

Alongside her weaving she runs a food truck – Hanabucks Kai Kart.

Hanabucks was the name her family called her by when she was a child.

She also has a boat and regularly goes out fishing.

Some years ago Hanna, along with a few friends, opened Nga Taonga Maori, a shop selling work by local Maori artists and craftspeople, in the Lakeside Industrial Park. There just weren't enough people around at that time to make the business a success but with the rapid population growth in Bream Bay Hanna thinks a venture like this might be more viable today.

As it is she has no problems finding customers.

"During the Covid lockdown all us weavers were really busy. People didn't want to travel to the city to shop so they ordered their Christmas presents from us."

Flax weaving is a portable occupation and sometimes Hanna might take a potae or a kete she is working on with her on a trip to the beach with her grandchildren. As she sits on the sand weaving and watching the kids people come up and ask if she can make something for them. She finds Waipu Cove is a good place to find customers and says it is usually pakeha people who make the requests.

At present Hanna is making lots of potae or hats.

"As soon as the summer arrives all of us weavers know this is what people are going to want"

Its highly skilled work. She uses a broad weave for the hat rim and then splits the leaves and weaves in more strands so they fan out to form the brim. It all fits together so neatly. The patterning is so perfect. A Hanna hat is a work of art.



Weaver Hanna Carrington finds there is a big demand for potae in the summer

She has a big catalogue of products. Some finely woven kete with coloured patterns are on sale exclusively in the Waipu museum shop.

She makes Rastafarian hats for music festivals with strips of flax dyed the Rasta colours: red for blood, yellow for the sun, green for the trees and black for the people.

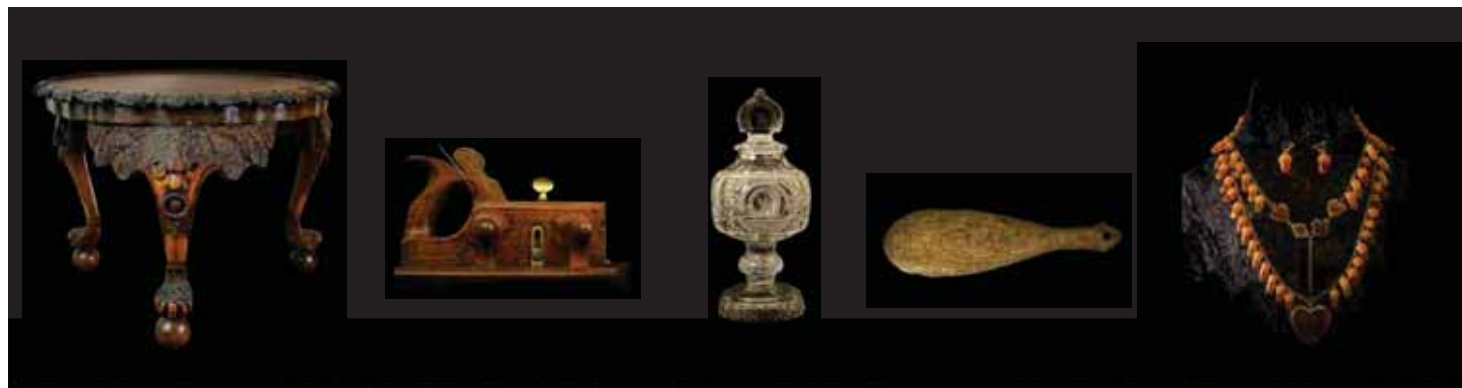
By contrast, her little versatile plain flax pipi kete with strong handles and wide openings are popular with locals.

On a visit to a Ponsonby bar she pulled out a flax bottle holder she had made to wrap around her drink. The business owner asked where she had got the holder and ordered some for his customers to use. She receives ongoing orders from this business on condition she only supply the holders to it. They are a point of difference amongst Auckland's myriad of bars and cafes.

She made some backpacks in bright coloured dyed flax



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decorated with feathers and shells for her two little granddaughters to use as school bags. The teachers at Ruakākā School all exclaimed at how beautiful they were and asked the children where they had got them from. The little girls were proud to explain that their Nanny had made them.

Sometimes she gets an order from Bream Bay College to make 200 or 300 hangi baskets.

"Its then I call in the troupes."

There are around 10 local weavers and they often work co-operatively.

In April they will be starting work on some new whariki (woven mats) for the whare nui at Takahiwai Marae. They will work together at the marae weaving a whariki for the coffin to rest on at tangi which will remain in place at the front of the room as well as mats which can be rolled up to run

down the centre and the sides of the space. These large mats will require some long flax leaves of the kind that grow in the middle of wetlands where there is sufficient water and nutrients to grow particularly long, strong leaves. They will take many days for the



Little Porshe Anne Carrington modelling some of her nan's flax weaving

team to weave. Hanna is looking forward to this co-operative work and has invited the Bream Bay News to come to the marae to take some photographs of the mahi in progress.

Winners of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Christmas raffle

Pictured: Little Pipa Murray was the lucky winner of the shorebird quilt made by master quilter Ngaire Fleming, which was first prize in the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust's end of 2021 raffle. Her ticket had been purchased for her by her nan Gina Murray who said she had just set up a bed for Pipa to stay overnight at her home so it would come in useful. Second prize, a basket of donated Christmas and summer holiday goodies, went to Joyce Efford of Ranburn Village, third prize, two brightly coloured quilted shopping bags made by Yvonne Jackson went to Clare Stevens of Ruakākā and fourth prize, a Christmas cake, to Rod Humpage of the Anchorage Village in Marsden Cove



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Sun 30 Jan	6.27	2.6	6.40	2.5
Mon 31 Jan	7.27	2.7	7.43	2.6
Tue 1 Feb	8.24	2.8	8.41	2.7
Wed 2 Feb	9.17	2.8	9.36	2.7
Thu 3 Feb	10.08	2.9	10.28	2.7
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Tue 8 Feb	1.37	2.5	1.57	2.5
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Waipu market to go ahead on Sunday

The Waipu Summer Street and Park Market will still go ahead this Sunday January 30th.

But organizers say that due to the government putting the entire country into the Red Zone they have had to make a few changes. All visitors who wish to enter the Celtic barn for the café and

indoor section of the market will need to show their vaccination certificates.

This will allow 100 people, not including stall holders in each area at any one time.

Without certificates only 25 people would be allowed at any one time.

Organizer Judy Boulton says it's going to be a great day, the weather is forecast to be great so come and enjoy our last market of the Summer.

Waipu Jazz picnic to proceed with limited audience

Here's an event that is going ahead albeit with a limited number of tickets on sale. The Waipu January Jazz Picnic on Sunday 30th January at Tahamoana Farm is restricted to an audience of just 40 people.

Debi Walters Brown said under the Red Traffic light setting only 100 people are permitted at an event. The members of the seven performing bands as well as the stage crew accounted for sixty people so that left just forty more spaces.

Debi said, "Our bands understand there will be a limit on the number of ticket sales but are wanting

to perform for the limited, committed and appreciative audience that we will have."

Performances will begin at 12.45pm continuing through until 6.30pm. Members of the audience are encouraged to bring a picnic. There will be a coffee truck on site with proceeds donated to the Sistema Youth Jazz band. A covered seating area will be provided and there is shade from trees on a tiered grass area.

Bands will be on stage in the following order: The Red Arrows, Sistema Jazz group, Joe Carbery Trio, Tauraroa Area School, Ben Fernandez and Friends with Verity Burgess on vocals, finishing with the Basin City Big Band from 4.45-6.30. Tickets are on sale from Eventfinda. You will need a Covid passport to purchase one. The price is \$35 per person and children are free.

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- **WAIPU STREET AND PARK MARKET** The Centre and the Celtic Barn & Caledonian Park Waipu. Sunday January 30th. 9am - 2 pm. Vaccination passes needed for indoor parts of the market.
- **ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION AND SALE.** Combined Bream Bay Arts group, 29 and 30 January 10am - 2pm both days. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina. Vaccination passes needed. Masks must be worn.
- **WAIPU JANUARY JAZZ PICNIC** on Sunday 30th January at Tahamoana Farm. Seven bands on stage from 12.45pm to 6.30pm. Tickets \$35 pp f from Eventfinda. Children free. Covid passports needed.
- **THE NEXT ROVING RURAL MARKET**, with local growers selling their produce, will be held on Friday 4 February from 3pm to 6pm at Left Fields market garden at 580 Mountfield Rd. in Waipu. Mask wearing is mandatory and you will need to sign in with a QR code or manually. Bring cash as not all stall holders have eftpos. Christmas hamper raffle tickets on sale
- **THE WAIPU SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 13 February, 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET.** Next on Sunday 20 February in the marquee at Marsden Cove. 9am - 1pm.
- **OTP MARKET.** At OTP Primary school Sunday February 27 from 9am - 1pm. Call Sue 021 530 153 to book a stall. Profits donated to Whangarei Hospital children's ward.
- **BREAM BAY SPORTS AWARDS** With guest speaker Elisa McCartney. In the Waipu Celtic Barn on Friday 11 March.
- **WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW** Waipu Caledonian Park - Postponed until 3 April. Vaccination passes will be needed.
- **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.
- **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am - 4pm. New Tangata Whenua exhibition.
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A successful weekend away for the Waipu Croquet Club



Waipu winners; from left Gael Donnelly, Neville Pomana and on the right Brian White with Northland Croquet President and Kaitia Club Captain Shirley Reed in blue.

The Waipu Croquet Club had a good weekend over 15 and 16 January when they traveled to Kaitia to play in a tournament.

Brian White had a particularly successful time winning the Junior Singles and with Neville Pomana – the Newbies Pairs. Neville was Runner up in the Junior Singles and Gael Donnelly was Senior Singles Winner.

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

AFTERNOON

Time	Departs	Arrives
3.00pm	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus	
3.40pm	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)	
4.00pm	Waipū Monument Bus stop	
4.10pm	Waipū Cove Beach Car park	
4.15pm	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads	
4.30pm	Mangawhai Heads I-Site	
4.35pm	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)	
4.50pm	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall	

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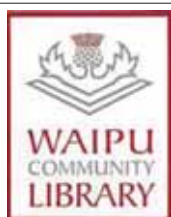
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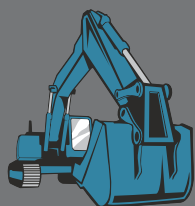
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