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Ambitious time frame for four lane highway

Construction work on the four-lane highway from Toetoe Road in Otaika to SH15 at the Ruakākā Roundabout is due to start some time in late 2023 or early 2024, Kelli Sullivan, a senior communications manager for Waka Kotahi, the New Zealand Transport Agency, told the people packed into the upstairs lounge of the Recreation Centre at the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11 May.

She said that geotechnical work is already underway with Waka Kotahi engineers anxious to get this completed before the ground gets too soft.

A preferred corridor for the highway had been established and would be confirmed later this year. The proposal as it stands is for the highway to follow the present road with some new alignments to straighten out corners.

Ms. Sullivan said she had been working on this project for seven years and the price had gone up considerably over those years. As a result of the election of the Labour, Green and NZ First Government in 2016 a walking and cycling path separated from the highway by a verge has been added to the design to give people "choices in the way they travel."

She said the highway would need to be raised in places to make it resilient to climate change.

Introducing "managed lanes" where a lane in each direction could be reserved for passenger and freight vehicles and private vehicles carrying more than one person is under consideration.

Ms. Sullivan said the new highway is likely to impact

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Waipū Rugby hosts junior teams



Flynn Valeli looks determined as he carries the ball forward for his Waipū under 10 side in a game against Onerahi played at Waipū on Saturday morning 22 May. Oliver McDonald in the white jersey trying hard to run him down is also a member of the Waipū team but as Onerahi arrived short of a full complement of ten four Waipū players turned their shirts inside out to play with them so that each team had an even number of players and subs. Flynn was named player of the day by coach Mike Reube.

The Waipū Rugby Club held a Club Day on Saturday 22 May hosting 16 junior teams from 8.30am - 11.00am, followed by an U16s game at 12noon, followed by home games for the premier reserves and premier teams at 12.30pm and 2.15pm

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EDITORIAL

A safe cycle and walking trail network around Ruakākā and One Tree Point should be the priority

I believe in the multiple benefits of providing cycling and walking alternatives to driving but I think the trail, which will be built alongside the four-lane highway from the roundabout at Ruakākā to Whangarei is a stupid idea.

The distance – 26 kilometres (add on another 8.5 kilometres if you live at One Tree Point) is just too far. There will be a few hardy souls who will spend three- plus hours a day commuting on their bikes to Whangarei and back and perhaps some of those cycling tourists who peddle up Northland's steep hills with all those saddle bags strapped to their machines will be grateful that they don't have to contend with highway traffic, but the expense involved in building this trail will not be justified by the numbers of people likely to use it.

A much better idea would be to build a cycle and walkway network around the Ruakākā/ One Tree Point peninsula linking the various communities and giving people safe options for exercise, visiting the towncentre and for riding or walking to work.

I suggest Waka Kotahi build a park and ride facility somewhere near the Ruakākā roundabout where people can secure their cars or bikes while they share a ride or catch one of the electric buses the Northland Regional Council is considering purchasing to jobs in Whangarei.

Janine Abernethy, acting chair of the Ruakākā Economic Development Group, put this idea to Kelli Sullivan of Waka Kotahi, the New Zealand Transport Agency, at a presentation Ms. Sullivan gave on the four-laning of State Highway One between Whangarei and the Ruakākā at the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers AGM on Tuesday 11 May.

Ms. Sullivan had explained the project had changed with the advent of the Labour/ Green Government in 2016 and now included a cycle and walking trail alongside and separated from the road by a grass verge. She said these trails, giving people alternate modes of travel, are now obligatory components of every new stretch of highway.

In reply to Mrs. Abernethy's query she said a cycle network around Ruakākā and One Tree Point was outside her brief.

Mrs. Abernethy later told the Bream Bay News she thought such a network would help encourage people to move to the area. It would also help businesses looking to establish here, as they would not need to provide car parking spaces for all of their employees.

"We could promote ourselves as a carbon neutral community", she said.

"The Greens are not stupid people. If they were to look at the unique circumstances of Ruakākā and One Tree Point they might accept that a cycle network around the peninsula would be better than building a trail alongside the highway."

Such a network might work better for cycle tourists as well who could ride out to One Tree Point and then cross the harbour on a water taxi. This would be a more scenic route and is likely to bring in additional tourist dollars, as the visitors might opt to stay overnight at a local bed and breakfast or motel and eat out at one of our restaurants.

Regardless of whether it is built by the Whangarei District Council, Waka Kotahi or a combination of both, the need for a safe cycling and walking trail network in Ruakākā and One Tree Point is urgent. In the past eight weeks there have been two accidents where cyclists have suffered serious injuries as a result of being hit by vehicles on two of Ruakākā's busiest roads.

Last week I received an email message from a woman who was still shaken after she nearly didn't see a jogger on the side of the road as she drove to work from One Tree Point in the early morning while it was still dark. She told me this was a common occurrence and urged everyone riding bikes, walking or cycling on the road to wear high visibility clothing.

Marilyn

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Salt and Pepper shaker collection up for auction. Proceeds will go to Bream Bay St. John



Lynda and Glenn with some of the favourites in their collection

Lynda Gibson and Glenn Burgess have sold their Salt and Pepper Café business at the corner of The Centre Waipū and South Rd. to George Goffin and Amber Woods of *Togs Togs Undies* who will be re-opening in the new location time in early July. Lynda and Glenn have taken over the Waipū Golf Club café and restaurant so will continue there as *Salt and Pepper by the Sea*.

In the meantime they are putting up their collection of over 200 novelty salt and pepper shakers for auction with all proceeds to go to Bream Bay St. John.

They began collecting the shakers around three years ago when they found a few interesting samples while on a road trip. Since then it has grown. People have bought sets in and swapped them for coffee. Many have been found while clearing out the homes of deceased relatives.

The novelty salt and peppershakers are displayed on the walls of the café and have helped to keep children amused while the adults talked.

Lynda's favourite is an elephant with two clowns counter balanced on its back. She is not sure if she will be selling that one. There are also ducks, cows, teddy bears, pigs, owls, kangaroos, three sets of ghosts, a Kombi van, a truck and lots of cats.

There are also the unmistakable faces of the comedy duo Laurel and Hardy. Lynda has been told this one is quite valuable so there might be some competitive bidding.

Carleen Still of Ray White Bream Bay has offered to be the auctioneer at no charge. The auction will take place at the Salt and Pepper Café on Sunday 20 June at 3.30pm.

But if someone has a particular favourite they have set their heart on displaying on their dining table, Lynda is open to them coming into the café and making a pre-auction offer.

Change of heart as WDC votes \$1million for new Ruakākā Recreation Centre car park

The Whangarei District Council has voted to allot the sum of \$1 million in the capital expenditure programme of its 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan towards providing a car park for the proposed new Ruakākā Recreation Centre building.

Councillor Shelley Deeming told the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers meeting at the Recreation Centre on 11 May that the council had resolved to make the change in its deliberations on the submissions it received to the draft LTP. Over 900 submissions, including a petition were sent to the Council asking for a contribution of \$1 million towards the new centre after the project was left out of the draft.

From the unconfirmed minutes of the Council's deliberations on submissions (held on Thursday 13 May) under a heading: Amendments to Capital expenditure – the Council resolved to "Include \$1m to construct a car park to serve the community led Ruakākā Recreation Centre - Wahitakaro and Northland Regional Volleyball Arena project and new sports fields."

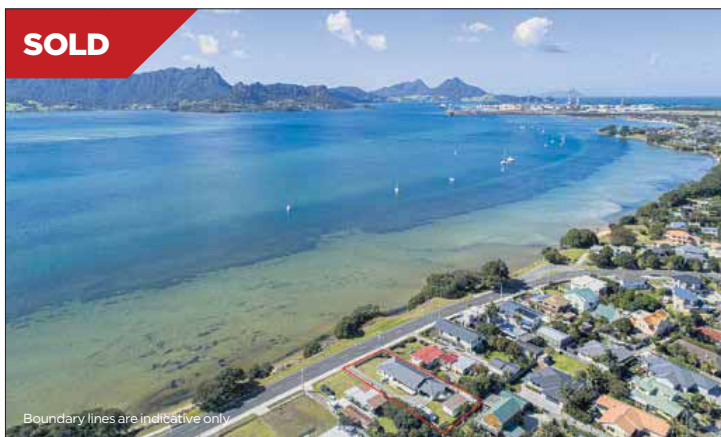
The \$1million allocation is not be a certainty however until the final adoption of the Long Term Plan due to take place on 24 June.

The Recreation Centre project, which has been named Wahikotahi (the place where we play), was allocated \$2.6 million from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment post Covid lockdown *Shovel Ready Fund* in 2020 but has a total predicted cost of \$7.5million.

Wahikotahi translates as the place where we play.

The funding for the Ruakākā recreation building is looking more likely after the Council decided against an allocation of \$23 million towards the proposed Okuru Landing hotel and conference centre complex on the Whangatei waterfront with Council Chief Executive Rob Forlong saying the conditions the Council needed to include this project in the Long Term Plan had not been met.

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Concern for homeless man living in a tent on Ruakākā Beach

We recently stayed for a holiday in Ruakaka for 10 days and had a look around in the area.

Every day we had relaxing walks on the beach and met many locals there who were very friendly and talkative. It was so refreshing. In Auckland it is different because everyone is in a hurry.

From day one we noticed that a person was staying in a gray tent on the beach, approximately half a kilometer south of the Surf Lifesaving building and we understood from the locals that this person was homeless. This of course is hearsay.

We have just gone back to Auckland but I thought I share this with you because it concerns us.

From the locals we hear that some of them have complained but whoever they complained to don't appear to care or don't have an interest in this person's well-being. As the days went by my wife and I discussed this and that it is not how we care for people in New Zealand. The Government is making motels available to assist people in need.

Whoever is responsible (Council, DOC, Police or other) has a great responsibility for their town folks, visitors and the environment.

We have seen this person but did not make contact. There doesn't appear to be running fresh water. There are definitely no toilet facilities for this person. If he falls ill at what point can you provide assistance? What does he do with his excrement and rubbish? How safe is he on his own at night in this isolated spot?

As you can see there are many health and safety issues here. Other questions arise as to how he cooks his meals and if a fire was to occur in his tent how would the local fire brigade get notified and, worse still, how do they get to this person living in isolation – far of the beaten track. If he was to break a leg how would he

get assistance? From the people we met on the beach it appears the Ruakaka Police have attended on several occasions and decided to do nothing. We know its hearsay again but worth investigating.

It appears this person has been in that location since early January 2021 and also taking into account "Freedom Camping" you must be aware of the issues it causes in New Zealand not to mention the cost.

Turning a blind eye is also saying to other visitors that it is fine to camp on the beach. Others may be telling their friends and advise them that you can camp on the beach for free and just do what you want.

I have learned that you can stay one night on Ruakaka Beach, but if I am misinformed please advise.

The least one can do is to transfer or encourage him to the Ruakaka Camp ground where all facilities are available and help at hand if required.

We leave it with you but we do hope you will take action to improve this person's situation and start sending the right message to everyone.

In the last 15 or so months our central Government has borrowed billions to solve many major issues for the New Zealand people here and overseas, for businesses, for people helping them with incomes, on health and safety for NZers etc. caring for one more won't break the bank.

Please note that I expect an acknowledgement to this e-mail from you to ensure that this man's situation is looked in to in an effort to make sure he is in a safe and healthy environment and will be cared for properly.

If we are wrong – we stand to be corrected. As our Prime Minister has constantly said: "Be Kind"

*Peter and Anja de Vries
Auckland.*

Thanks for the explanation

Tena koe e Kyle,

Thank you for your concise and coherent explanation of the proposed Maori Health Authority; as well as the services provided those who require treatment for an ailment or an injury by Kia Ira Ngati Wai.

Na Mete.

*Dr. Mere. Kepa
Takahiwai*

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many local people. There will be no T intersections and if you are turning out of a driveway onto the highway you will only be able to turn left.

Roundabouts will be installed at some intersections but not at all of them, as this would slow traffic down too much. Options such as slipways and flyovers are being investigated.

She said the Mata Hall would remain but when asked about how many houses will be lost she said she could only comment about public buildings not private homes as negotiations with homeowners and landowners are on going.

She said lessons have been learned in the long delays in the construction of the Loop Rd. roundabout "but it was always going to be difficult to have two state highways both carrying lots of heavy freight intersecting in a limited construction area."

She gave the assurance, "We can't cut off a whole community" so will need to find a way of keeping the road open and traffic flowing without too many delays while construction is underway.

She said her own idea was that two lanes could be built to the four-lane highway standard and traffic could be moved onto these lanes while the other two lanes are built.

The project will cost an estimated \$692 million and the finish date is December 2028.

Ms. Sullivan said this was an "ambitious" time frame

Spectacular surf at Langs



A deep low pressure to the north east of New Zealand drove some strong South East winds, whipping up some big waves along the east coast of the north island. This photograph of some brave surfers at at Langs Beach was taken on Sunday 23 May by Christine Birss

Comment invited on highway speed limit review

The split speed limits where trucks are only allowed to travel at 90kmph while other vehicles can travel at 100kmph is a problem long time truck driver Keith Newey told John Hildyard of Waka Kotahi who spoke about a current Whangarei to Te Hana State Highway One speed limit review at the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11 May.

Mr. Newey said, "We see it all the time. We get to a passing lane and everyone, even the little old ladies have to get past.

He said cars don't have any where near the safety features as most big trucks which have braking on

each of their axles. It doesn't matter if its 90kmph or 100kmph but there should just be one speed for everyone."

Grant Pirihi, a former school bus driver, said he had been driving heavy vehicles for a long time. He had recently travelled around the South Island in a camper van and found the wide medium strip in the middle of the road to be "better than the fences up on the Brynderwyns."

And Jules Flight commented that the speed limits should be better enforced.

Mr. said the objective was to reduce death and serious injury on the road and reducing speeds is

just one way this could be achieved. He said even good drivers sometimes make mistakes and the agency is trying to ensure that mistakes don't have serious or fatal consequences.

"We don't have the ability to look at every section of road so we are wanting to hear what the people who live alongside and use the roads think."

Feedback on the Whangarei to Te Hana State Highway One Speed Review is open until 11pm on Monday 14 June. You can visit the Northland Speed Reviews page on the Waka Kotahi website and email your comments to: northland.speed.reviews@nzta.govt.nz

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Big Waves



Wow, we had the biggest swells in years yesterday (23 May). I don't think I have ever seen such swells breaking way offshore off the Marsden Point side of Ruakaka Beach in the last 30 years.

I would not like to be in any boat out in these dangerous conditions, especially near the harbour entrance!

*Kevin Wigmore
 Ruakaka*

The whole health system is under funded

I refer to your editorial of 29 April 2021 "Does our health system need a complete overhaul?"

My opinion is unequivocally, "yes". The fundamental issue is that medical technology has advanced well beyond our ability to fund it. This is a universal problem, not just in NZ. Hence the health system must be as efficient as practicable to get the best bang for our bucks. That is why I don't view a Maori health entity as separatist providing that entity produces better outcomes without spending more than present.

The whole of the health system is under-funded. This

applies not only to hospitals but also to ambulance, rescue helicopter, Hospice etc etc. All these essential services should be properly funded by Government and not rely on public donations. It is probably asking too much that the overhaul address every aspect of our health services but the reforms announced by Andrew Little at least allow a conversation to take place. Are we prepared to pay for our brave new world?

*Steve Scott
 Ruakaka*

Some things to consider before we all buy electric cars

Electric cars sound like a great idea, as have so many other inventions and technological "advances". Before we do that huge change, instead of finding the major problems afterwards, as has happened so often in the past, should we not be looking to where the future problems lie with electric power supply to all areas?

A number of years ago in Germany a beekeeper put beehives close to high-tension power lines. The bees gathered propolis (the bees version of putty) and sealed themselves inside their hives, indicating a radiated electric field around their hive had caused a huge change to their behaviour.

Could electricity taking over from petrol cause a major shortage of lubricating oil? How do you lubricate the bearings and chain on your bike?

With the closing of petrol production, where would tar come from, which is a major part of the sealing on our roads? Would we find ourselves reverting to dirt

and metal roads? People who live along our current metalled roads will understand what I am saying. I can remember when the Desert Road (Waiuru to Taupo) was a metal road. Apart from pot holes there were huge clouds of dust coming up with the passage of vehicles. In dry weather and mud and slush in wet weather. This would result (for the sake of safety) in a reduction of speed limits and an increase in the cost of maintenance as well as an increase in the time it took to get from A to B. I think the hybrid car would be a better and more practical bet or option.

Maybe what I have stated here has been investigated and these problems sorted but when I look back on history, I would be surprised.

*Don Gibbons
 Waipā*

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New speed signs await change to Council Bylaw



The new speed signs have arrived from China and are in the process of being installed around our local roads. The Bream Bay News asked Jeff Devine of the Northland Transport Alliance why the new signs all have black plastic covers over them.

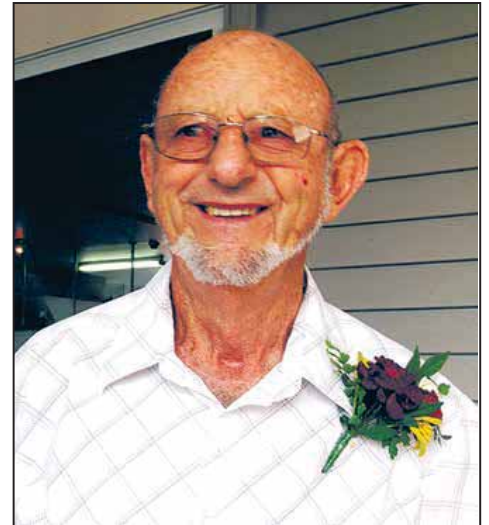
He explained, "It takes time for all of the signage to be installed - and they will be uncovered when the new speed limits become legally enforceable." He said the Whangarei District Council still needs to formally make the changes to the bylaw, which it is expected to do at its June meeting) and then set an operative date for the new speed limits to become legally enforceable.

Life Time Membership bestowed on Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers long serving secretary

At its AGM held in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre on Tuesday evening 11 May the Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association passed an amendment to its constitution allowing it to bestow life membership on any of its members who have given outstanding service. Hot on the heels of the acceptance of this new clause the Chairman Jules Flight moved that long serving association secretary Warren Daniel be made a Life Member. Mr. Daniel has served 39 years on the association and has been extremely active in his advocacy for the Ruakaka people and district. Mr. Flight said when the associations new secretary Russell Morris visited Mr. Daniel to take over the association records he was astounded at just how voluminous those records are.

Councillor Ken Couper said Mr. Daniel is someone "who has the wellbeing of his community at his heart, that's for sure" and Councillor Shelley Deeming said that in 2018 Mr. Daniel had been given a Civic Honour by the Whangarei District Council in recognition of his long years of service to his community.

Regional Councillor Rick Stolwerk told how Mr. Daniel had objected when the NRC stopped



Warren Daniel at the 2018 Civic Award Ceremony

handing out paper copies of all its reports and draft plans instead publishing these online. Mr. Daniel had insisted on receiving a paper copy and had refused to pay for these.

Mr. Daniel has been unwell and, for the first time in many years, was not present at the AGM.

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Cyclists, joggers and walkers urged to wear high visibility clothing

A woman who lives in One Tree Point and works in Ruakaka has sent a plea to the Bream Bay News urging cyclists, joggers and walkers to wear high visibility clothing with florescent patches when they are exercising on the roadside.

The woman, who did not want to be named said, "There are a lot of motorists like myself who drive in the dark whether it be in the morning or at night. I was on route to work this morning, focusing on the road and any random animal, which may run out in front of me. On the approach to work I barely missed a jogger, I managed to see her socks a metre or so in front of my car. Had it not been for that portion of fluorescent pink, accompanied by her attire being a black jacket, black shorts, and black shoes, I may not have seen her at all. By the time my brain registered this person was beside my car. I got to work and sat there for a bit trying to collect myself, just thinking 'I'm so glad I was way under the speed limit and that she had those socks on'".

The woman emailed back to say she had been talking to other people that morning who had had near misses and in all these cases the person walking, running or cycling on the roadside had not been wearing high visibility gear. There have been two incidents of cyclists suffering serious injuries after being hit by vehicles on Ruakaka roads in just the past eight weeks. A cyclist was seriously injured and taken to Auckland Hospital when he was hit by a car on Port Marsden Highway On 25 April at 6.46am. The cyclist had lights on his bike.

On 31 March a 22-year-old cyclist was airlifted to Auckland Hospital in a critical condition after being hit by a vehicle on Marsden Point Rd while cycling to work on Marsden Point Rd.

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POLICE REPORT

No reported burglaries

There were no reported burglaries in the Bream Bay area over the fortnight 7 -21 May

Ten family harm incidents

There were ten family harm incidents over the same period.

Police kept busy with incidents on State Highway

Police have been kept busy, however, with a number of crashes and drink driving incidents on State Highway One. Sergeant Simon Craig Officer. in Charge with the Bream Bay Police, warns drivers to take extra care and slow down when the roads are wet and slippery and adding alcohol into the mix just made things worse.

Drink driving

- On Tuesday 20 May at 3.30pm Police stopped a 56-year-old Whangarei man while driving on State Highway One at Ruakaka. He was breath tested for excess alcohol and returned a reading of 557micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath, more than twice the legal limit of 250 micrograms.
- On 12 May at 2.45pm a vehicle was stopped by Police on State Highway One at Waipū. The driver a 20-year-old Whangarei woman returned an excess breath alcohol result of 473.
- On 9 May at 4.30am a vehicle crashed into a ditch alongside State Highway One at Mata. The driver a 27-year-old Auckland man underwent a breath alcohol test and returned a reading of 364 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath and was issued with an infringement notice.

Drivers lose control on wet roads

- On 9 May at 9am the driver of a north bound vehicle lost control on the wet road and struck the safety barrier on State Highway One on the Brynderwyns. No-one was injured.
- At midnight on 11 May a driver lost control of his vehicle and rolled into a ditch at Mata. No one was injured

Horse loose on the highway

On 9 May at 6.20pm a vehicle struck a horse, which was running loose on the highway on State Highway One at Yovich Rd. The driver was able to avoid a serious collision and only grazed the horse with the side mirror of her car.

Charged with failing to stop for Police

On 17 May at 11.40am Police attempted to stop a vehicle on State Highway one at Waipū. The driver, a 23-year-old Auckland woman, initially failed to stop but was apprehended and charged with dangerous driving, failing to stop for Police and possession of cannabis

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Unclear why tuatua are dying

Photo by Ari Carrington



Just when tuatua was starting to be plentiful along our shores again, something has come along to kill them off. Empty tuatua shells and dying shellfish can be seen washed up by the tide on the shores of Bream Bay. Back in April Patuharakeke Resource Coordinator Ari Carrington and his team collected samples of dead and dying tuatua as well as a separate sample of healthy tuatua from another section of beach and sent them to the Ministry of Primary Industries for analysis. MPI Animal Health Laboratory tests found a high level of "large, plump, rod shaped bacteria" known as *Vibrio* spp, in both the healthy and unhealthy samples. Rissa Williams, a Senior Inclusion Investigator of Aquatic and Environmental Health, said it is unlikely

that this bacteria is the primary cause of the shellfish deaths and environmental stresses such as water temperature, food depletion or toxins in the water might be weakening the shellfish enabling the bacteria to proliferate. She said *Vibrio* spp is often found in seawater and there was no evidence of any imported pathogen in the samples. Asked if the red seaweed washing up along the bay and collecting at Waipū Cove might be the problem, she thought this was unlikely. She said people should avoid eating the diseased and dying tuatua which wash up.

Consultation due to start on safety improvements for SH1 between Ruakākā and Wellsford

Public consultation on safety improvements to the section of State Highway One between the Ruakākā Roundabout and Wellsford, including improvements to key intersections, is expected to get underway in the next few months.

At the recent Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers AGM, guest speaker Kelli Sullivan of Waka Kotahi, the New Zealand Transport Agency said, as it would take some time before this section of road is upgraded

to four lanes, in the interim some safety improvements are proposed.

Kate King, Media Manager for Waka Kotahi in Auckland and Northland said these include: side and median flexible safety barriers, wide centerlines, shoulder widening, better signs and road markings and safer speeds.

She said, "We are also looking at safety improvements at key intersections."

Banana cake and bacon and egg pie for Downers crew working on Brooks Rd. seal

One of the crew of the Downers team which has been working on the tar sealing of the first three kilometres of Brooks Rd. in Waipū phoned the Bream Bay News last week to express his gratitude. for the hospitality the people living in the road have shown the road workers. He did not want to give his name but said his crew had been treated with home made fudge, chocolate and banana cake, bacon and egg pie and "one lovely lady" had kept up a supply of cold water at her gate for them to drink.

He said the residents all seemed very grateful for the upgrade of their road. One woman who had stopped to

allow some work on the last day of the roadworks. Was visibly shaking and told him this was because she was "so excited."

The caller said people are often grateful for the work his team does to improve their rural roads but "we have never struck it like this."

The residents are planning a street party to celebrate their three kilometres of new seal and the Downers crew had all been invited.

Weather permitting the crew will now move on to Massey Rd.

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Hochstetter's Frogs at the Waipū Caves



This tiny Hochstetter's Frog was found near the entrance to the Waipū Caves by sharp-eyed caver and Cove Rd. land owner Ian Fox just over two weeks ago. It's the second Hochstetter he has found in the vicinity. The previous find was around two years ago and 300 metres inside the cave.

Department of Conservation records have the last sighting of a Hochstetter near this location way back in 1994. Senior DoC ranger Nigel Miller said the Waipū Caves is thought to be the northernmost extremity of their distribution so "this is an important location for them."

Hochstetter's frogs are one of four remaining species of frog endemic to New Zealand. They were once widely distributed throughout the northern North Island but are now listed as a vulnerable species, under threat through loss of habitat, degradation of streams, predation by cats, rats, possums, hedgehogs and stoats, a chytrid fungus which is killing frogs around the world and the use of pesticides.

They hide under stones in damp ground near streams. They have no ears or voice but rely on scent to communicate with one another. They are a very ancient species thought to have changed very little since New Zealand broke away from Gondwana Land around 65 million years ago.

The species was named after the German geologist Christian Gottlieb Ferdi-

nand von Hochstetter who carried out geological surveys at the invitation of NZ provincial governments in 1858 – 1860. While in the field he also identified and listed New Zealand flora and fauna and had this and several other species, Takahe (porphyria hochstetteri) and a species of land snail named in honour of his work.

Ian is concerned about how the water quality of the stream that flows through the cave will affect this remnant population. The photograph below shows the state of the water due to run off from the gravel road after a short shower. The photo was taken around 80metres from where the frog was found.



Run off from the gravel road is affecting the water quality of a nearby stream and could impact on the species survival here.

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Waipū Surf Life Saving Club's Emergency Call Out Squad wins top award



Dan Welch, Jaime Curran and Gordon French of the Waipū Cove Surf Lifesaving Club's Emergency Callout Squad with the award and certificate naming their team as the top performing emergency squad in the Northern Region.

The Waipū Cove Surf Life Saving Club's Emergency Call Out Squad has been named as the top ECO squad of the year for the Northern Surf Lifesaving Region. The squad attended two major callouts last year.

The first was a rescue of a kayaker in late August 2020 during the second Covid-19 lockdown. A member of the public reported to Police that there was a kayaker in distress about a kilometre off the Waipū river mouth. When the squad arrived the kayak was vertical, likely due to a missing bung. They pulled the man into their rescue boat and transported him back to the surf club where he was given First Aid and treated for hypothermia.

The second incident was in October, when a man who had fallen down a rock face was spotted face down and unconscious in the Waipū Estuary. The squad reached the man within 10 minutes of being given the alert. The man had been pulled to shore and was conscious when the rescue squad arrived, however due to the patient's head injury he required transport by IRB to a waiting ambulance.

The award's judges said both these rescues were "executed like clock-work and provided those in need with a quick and skilled response."

The Waipū team has taken some big steps to improve their response. They have added the staff at Camp Waipū Cove to their emergency support team and trained them to open up the surf club and prepare their gear. They estimate this has shaved 10-15 minutes from their response time for callouts. In addition, the club has set up a spotters network along Bream Bay. A WhatsApp chat has been created where incident notifications can be posted e.g. Kayaker sinking off Waipū river mouth. Those residents in the spotters network are able to keep eyes on the patient and provide updates until rescuers arrive on the scene.

The Northern Region is the largest of New Zealand's surf lifesaving regions, extending from the far north, includes Auckland and extends south to Raglan.

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Waipū Rugby home day



From Left to right, Lachlan Scown (22) backs, under 10 teammate Jed Green (8) dodging an Onerahi tackle, while Cruze Anderson and Drew Groombridge prepare to offer support.



Waipū Under 11 players from left: Niko Ullisala, Dakota Jamieson, Jordan Davis, Silvana Adams, Asher Harrington and Riley McKay in a game against Hora Hora which Waipū won 75 -15. Team manager Kate Davis said she was "Really happy to see the kids putting the skills from training into the game."

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Bream Bay Hockey's collegiate team starts its season

By Julie Paton

Bream Bay Hockey Club's collegiate team have started their season in Northland's top collegiate grade, with coach Bruce Paton saying the team is in a rebuilding phase.

"We lost six of our senior players who were Year 13s last year," he says. "This is a much younger team, with no year 13s. Our focus this year will be on improving their skills and getting a good game plan, which we can then carry on into the next season."

The club has two mixed teams playing collegiate this year, with the second XI coached by Gavin Carroll and Nick Pirihi playing in the third collegiate division. "It's good to see we've got a good amount of players coming through for next season," Bruce says.

Building up towards playing in tournaments is another focus this season. This year's North Island mixed tournament is in Whangarei and Bruce says it will not just be the players from the top team taking part in this – he and the second XI coaches will pick the best players from both teams to make up a tournament team.



Kortez Hita Duval races an opposition player to the ball



Liam Thornhill reaches for the ball as other Bream Bay defenders stand ready to support (from left): Annelise Rickey (obscured), Max Whitehead (goalie), Ciarán Kay and Amy Swanson



Amy Swanson with the ball



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Lots of kids but not too many fish

The Waipū Boat and Fishing Club held its annual Take a Kid Fishing event on Sunday 16 May.

Club secretary Kath Barber said, "It was a beautiful day and plenty of kids - the only thing missing was the fish!"

The top boy's prize went to Rico Keepa (with two fish, one being a 175g kahawai, and first girl was Autumn-Rose Edwards with an 80g kahawai. Second boy was Finlay Beaton and second girl was Freya Beaton.

Every child who entered in the competition received a prize pack with the support of sponsor, Saltwater Connection.

The small fish was too small to register on the scales.



This one was too small to register on the scales

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Isabelle Moon - a life playing and teaching music

Long time Bream Bay music teacher Isabelle Moon is leaving Waipū and agreed to an interview before her departure. She invited Marilyn Cox around for a cup of tea and they sat in her lounge and talked about her long career as a musician and music teacher.

Before Isabelle was born her mother visited a fortune-teller who told her that she would give birth to a little girl who would "dance, sing and play music throughout her whole life."

Isabelle says this was the story her mother told her as she was growing up and, although the family wasn't wealthy, no expense was spared in making sure she had every opportunity to live this pre-ordained life.

Isabelle has three older brothers and a sister but, as the youngest by some years, she enjoyed the privileges of an only child. She had dancing, elocution and music lessons from around the age of six years.

"If I needed a new music book or anything at all my mother made sure I had it.

Mind you I had to work hard spending an hour at practice before school, half an hour at lunchtime and then another hour after school. The up side was I was excused from doing the dishes."

From the age of around six years Isabelle began piano lessons at St. Mary's College and when she was ten, began taking lessons with the celebrated music teacher Dame Sister Mary Leo.

Isabelle remembers her as "a wonderful and gentle teacher". She would practice in a small room adjacent to the Sister's music room. Sister Mary Leo would be listening to her play and would sometimes ask her to go over a bar 20 times putting more emphasis on certain notes.

"If I got it right I could go on but if not I would have to go over the same bar another 20 times. She wasn't mean about it. She would just explain quietly what I needed to do", Isabelle remembers.

When Kiri Te Kanawa auditioned to enter the famous music school, Isabelle provided her piano accompaniment.

"I can even remember what she sang. It was Ave Maria."

Dame Malvina Major, another famous student of Sister Mary Leo, would stay overnight at Isabelle's parents' home when she came up to Auckland from Hamilton for her weekly singing lessons.

As well as providing accompaniment for singing students Isabelle accompanied the school's acclaimed choir when it gave concerts in the Auckland Town Hall.

Alongside the piano she learned to play the violin. In her early teens she went with her parents, who both came from Scotland, on a visit to the United Kingdom. Sister Mary Leo suggested that they should go to Hills

Music Shop in London and purchase a violin bow. The bow was bought for the sum of 12 pounds, along with a 100-year-old violin.

Isabelle has been too busy teaching to keep up her violin playing and recently sold the bow to Michael Hill (the jeweler also a gifted violinist) for the grand sum of \$6,000. She used the money to purchase a baby grand piano. The piano sits in a corner of her lounge and playing it gives her many hours of enjoyment.

By the age of 22 Isabelle had attained a music degree. In her 30's she gained a second teachers degree in modern jazz and blues music. She moved to Whangarei with

her husband Ron in the 1980s and took on the job of managing the Auckland School of Music in Northland. This involved spending a day at various schools including the Dargaville High School and various Whangarei schools, giving children private music lessons. When she and Ron moved to Waipū in the 1990s Isabelle gave up her work with the Auckland school and concentrated on teaching Bream Bay children. She gave lessons in keyboard, piano, guitar and ukulele and held an annual concert for her pupils to show what they could do in the One Tree Point School hall. Until last year she continued to give music lessons in the Waipū Presbyterian Church Hall. She found it very rewarding to watch children gain an understanding of the musical principles she was teaching and still gets visits from some of her students.

Ron died of cancer nine years ago and Isabelle's children have been urging her to move closer to where they live either in Auckland or Hastings. She has sold the home, which was designed for them both by Ron, but hasn't made her mind up yet where she will move. As well as teaching music, Isabelle has been involved in the Waipū Bridge and Croquet clubs and a local book club.

She says it has been a pleasure to be part of the Waipū Community and that she has enjoyed teaching children and adults here for the past 20 years.



Isabelle with her baby grand piano

WDC tree handout next month

From 8 June the Whangarei District Council will once again be providing free native trees and plants to residents throughout the district. Demand is high so this year the number of trees available has been increased to 4280.

The plants are grown by Tawapou Coastal Nurseries in Tutukaka and include: pohutukawa, kowhai, puriri, renga renga lily, kohekohe, flax, karo, titoki, cabbage trees, hebe, kaka beak, griselinia and pseudopanax.

There is a limit of two plants per household. If you have more than one property or are picking

up plants for someone else you will need to bring along a rates statement as proof of multiple properties. A maximum of 10 plants, across five properties) will be handed out to an individual. Knowledgeable and helpful people from the Whangarei District Council Parks and Recreation Department and the Northern Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Society will be helping with the distribution. Their names and addresses will be available from 7 June on the Council's website: www.wdc.govt.nz or Facebook page www.facebook.com/WhangareiDC

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WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT** Willie Benderover's Big Bash by Jill Mutch In the Waipū Celtic Barn on Saturday 29 May, 7.30pm. Tickets cost \$35 and can be purchased at Waipū Real Estate or by phoning Grace – 021 152 3585. This is an adults only show. The ticket price includes supper. The show is a fundraiser for the North Cal Pipe Band.
- **WAIPU STREET AND PARK MARKET** Sunday 6 June 9am - 2 pm. The Centre and the Coronation Hall & Caledonian Park Waipū. Over 150 Stalls Live Music - Food Trucks. Koha entry
- **THE WAIPŪ SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 13 June . 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 20 June from 9am - 1pm. In the big marquee at Marsden Cove
- **AUCTION** of salt and pepper shaker collection. At Salt and pepper Cafe at the corner of South Rd. & The Centre, Waipū. On Sunday 20 June from 3.30pm. Proceeds to Bream Bay St. John.
- **OTP ARTISAN MARKET** One Tree Point School and Hall. Sunday 27 June 9am - 1pm. Proceeds to the Whangarei Hospital Children's Ward.
- **BREAM BAY COLLEGE YEAR 10 ABSTRACT LOCAL LANDSCAPES. RED DOOR GALLERY** 7 The Braigh, Waipū. Open from Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm.
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Fri 28 May	8.40	2.8	9.17	3.0
Sat 29 May	9.34	2.8	10.09	2.9
Sun 30 May	10.28	2.7	11.02	2.9
Mon 31 May	11.22	2.6	11.55	2.8
Tue 1 June	~	~	12.16	2.5
Wed 2 June	12.50	2.7	1.12	2.4
Thu 3 June	1.45	2.6	2.09	2.4
Fri 4 June	2.40	2.5	3.08	2.3
Sat 5 June	3.34	2.5	4.06	2.3
Sun 6 June	4.25	2.4	5.01	2.4
Mon 7 June	5.14	2.4	5.51	2.4
Tue 8 June	5.59	2.4	6.36	2.5
Wed 9 June	6.43	2.4	7.18	2.5
Thu 10 June	7.24	2.4	7.58	2.5
Fri 11 June	8.05	2.4	9.14	2.6

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Bream Bay Swimmers at the National Division 2 Championships

By Julie Paton

Bream Bay Swimming Club coach Richard Dunkerton is delighted with his swimmers' performances at the recent Division II National Age Group Championships held in Dunedin.

Thirteen Bream Bay swimmers swam at the competition which is held for swimmers aged between 13 and 18 years in events which they did not qualify in for the national age group championships, held last month in Wellington.

"Samantha Dutton had a great meet," Dunkerton says. "Izaiahs Linton also, he made finals and swam huge personal best times."

Kiera Carroll, he says,

swam the best she has for years. "And even the old lady Rebecca Reade got a pb."

"Lawrence Reade had a fantastic meet, he swam some very good pbs back to back and did lots of 'Ironman' swims. Ryan Andrews also, I have to give him a big plus. And Emilia Finer, well her 1500m was a great swim, even the guy at the announcer's table was very complimentary and she scored well over 600 senior points for it. It was a great meet."

Bream Bay results were:

Ryan Andrews (16): 2nd 100m breast, 50m breast, 3rd, 100m IM, 5th 100m fly, 200m IM, 200m fly. 6th 200m back 7th 50m fly



Samantha Dutton (centre) with one of four gold medals she won at the championships

Kiera Carroll (16): 2nd 100m back, 4th 100m breast, 5th 200m IM, 6th 50m back, 8th 50m breast

Samantha Dutton (17): 1st 100m fly, 400m IM, 100m breast, 50m breast, 5th 50m fly, 7th 200m IM, 10th 50m free

Emilia Finer (16): 1st 1500m free

Izaiahs Linton (14): 5th 50m back; 8th 100m back

Fidel Poulson (15): 2nd 50m fly

Lawrence Reade (15): 2nd 400m free, 3rd 800m free, 200m free, 1500m free, 5th 400m IM, 7th 200m IM

Rebecca Reade (18): 1st 50m back, 2nd 200m free, 8th 50m fly

Abby Wright (17): 7th 100m breast, 12th 50m free



Bream Bay swimmers underwater during a warm up session

Gymnastics in Waipū

Nadine Clement is the founder of Waipū Gymnastics and runs classes for children in the big black barn named The Shred in South Rd., Waipū.

Nadine grew up in Massey Rd. and is grateful that her father drove her three times a week to Whangarei for gymnastics lessons. Her own young daughter at just eight-years of age, is also a competitive gymnast and Nadine drives her up to town twice a week to the Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics.

Nadine is a part time coach there and has recently qualified as an elementary gymnastics judge.

"I realized that many of our local tamariki couldn't get to try out this wonderful sport because of the distance to the gym. So Waipū gymnastics was born."

She says gymnastics develops flexibility, strength, coordination, courage and resilience and is a good foundation for other sports.

"I am living and breathing gymnastics and really enjoying myself", said Nadine.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays she works at the Whangarei academy and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays she runs the Waipū classes.

She has on board a team of coaches with a range of expertise such as rhythmic gymnastics, tumbling, aerobics, cheerleading and theatre. Most have competed at a national or international level.

Nadine and the other Waipū coaches hold a variety of classes from preschoolers, advanced preschoolers, fun gymnastics for primary school children and pre competition classes by invitation only. Twice a week there are also classes for home-schooled children and, for the really keen, private classes are available.

Classes can be booked on the Waipū Gymnastics website.



Nadine Clement the founder of Waipū Gymnastics

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9.35am	Departs	Lings 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
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Sunday 27th June 2021
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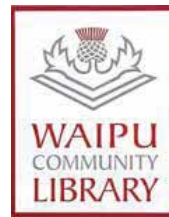
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