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“Patience does pay Poll result means skatepark will be built in the Waihoihoi Park this summer

The votes in favour of a youth activity zone at the western end of Waihoihoi River Park out numbered those against by about five to one in the poll conducted by the Whangarei District Council earlier this month.

As a result, construction of a small skatepark alongside the existing children’s playground is planned for this summer.

A total of 1043 Waipu, Waipu Cove and Langs Beach residents aged between five and 93 years old took part in the survey held on 6 and 8 August. Of these, 852 voted yes, 159 voted no and 32 votes could not be counted because names and addresses were not provided, the voters were under the age of five or no vote was marked on the voting form.

The Council’s senior landscape architect Tracey Moore said, space would be left a pump track and half court to be built at a later stage and that new picnic tables, seating and planting will also be included in this summer’s upgrade.

She said, “Plenty of space would be left for dog walking or quiet contemplation.”

Retaining spaces for quiet contemplation was the main argument put forward in opposition to the skatepark. The Bream Bay News invited several people who did not support a skatepark at this location to comment on

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Celebrations at Ruakaka School

By Julie Paton



Ruakaka students, staff and guests look on as the school’s SHINE students line up to take the first plunge into their new pool (from nearest to camera): Spencer Casey, Lucas Wilson, Nikau Harvey, Ryan Lange, Eloise Grieve, Kaila Bernsee, Waikohu Carrington and teacher Amber Porter.

Ruakākā School celebrated two milestones last week – a new swimming pool and a record number of enrolled students.

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EDITORIAL

Something special about the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walking Trail

If any further proof was needed of broad community support for the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway, the crowd of people who turned up to help plant trees and flax there this morning (Sunday 23 August) was a strong testament. There were close to a hundred workers and, with many hands making light work, the task of getting all those plants in the ground was over in the matter of a few hours.

There is still a way to go (almost four kilometres) to complete the trail and to join up the already built sections at each end, from Waipu to Riverview Place and from Waipu Cove to McLean Rd. There are difficulties to be overcome in finding safe road crossings and

a route where, in some places, the boundaries of private property stretch into the roadway. But the support shown at this morning's working bee along with the generosity of the Brown family, who have granted access for the trail across their land has given the project a strong impetus.

Up in Whangarei there are cycleways being built with Whangarei District Council and New Zealand Transport Authority funding with very little community input. The Council is supportive of the Waipu project and has taken care of the legal side of establishing easements but the projects initiation was by local people including some Waipu

Primary school children. The community has made a big fundraising effort and local contractors have been generous with their skills, machinery and time. The project continues to be run by a team of dedicated local people who serve on the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway Trust. It's taking a long time but all this effort and community goodwill makes the Waipu to Waipu Cove Walking and Cycling trail something very special.

It's getting well used too. This morning, driving along beside the Riverview Place section, I counted 20 people cycling, pushing little children in strollers, taking their dogs for a walk and walking on the trail. It's not just Waipu people either. I recently met a young couple who had driven over from Ruakaka for a morning walk and then a coffee in Waipu. A suggestion to Sue Forsyth, who in a Letter to the Editor on Page 4 complains, with some justification, about all the Council money that goes to Waipu projects in relation to what gets spent in Ruakaka: I think a walking trail in the back dunes from Mair Rd. at Marsden Point to Te One St. in the Ruakaka Village. might be a worthwhile project. Stop all those people dumping rubbish and wrecking the dunes with their trail bikes and turn it into something beautiful for the community to enjoy. Is anyone interested in forming a committee to get to work on this?

The global pandemic has made it more important than ever before to have strong, functioning communities. I heard a comment by a kuia up in the far north about how nice it was to be surrounded with so much aroha with her neighbours bringing her gifts of food and phoning to check on her well being. By way of contrast, in today's Herald there is a front page article about the luxury cruise ship, The World - Residences at Sea, on which some extremely wealthy people spend three to six months each year floating around the world in their \$14 million apartments. While the country was at Level 4 Lockdown in April, this ship was apparently denied entry to New Zealand after it was asked to

leave Freemantle by the Western Australian and Australian Governments. Having bucket loads of money just doesn't cut it in the situation we find ourselves in.

Marilyn

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Waipu Rugby - Northland champions for the second year

Waipu RSC President Stephen Cunis - "Players, sponsors, supporters and committee members have all gone through so much, so to see a great game of rugby between two stanch rugby clubs was just fantastic"

Waipu Rugby has the Northland premiership title for the second year in a row after beating Mid-Northern in a close fought match at the Caledonian Park on Saturday afternoon 22 August.

With both teams tied at 16 points the game ran into 20 minutes overtime with two ten minutes sessions played from either side. With just two minutes of extra time remaining Ben Macken nailed a penalty goal to give Waipu both the game and the championship title. Club President Stephen Cunis provided this rundown on the game.

"The team showed real guts, perseverance and determination to win on Saturday. With Waipu's usual captain, Sam McNamara, on the sideline due to concussion protocols and various other players being unavailable through injuries and/or COVID restrictions, it was really stacked against us, right from the start.

"We had some stand out performers; Pisi Leilua at fullback, was rock solid in defence and always dangerous on attack; Phillip Manako carried hard in the midfield and made great yards each time, and was also very strong on defence; Wiseguy Faiane took on the role of second five eighth and defended stoutly, and, of course, the ever-reliable Ben Macken, who played with heart and slotted the crucial penalty with two minutes of extra time remaining.

"For me, however, the three players that epitomised what the squad is about were Luatangi Li, Sean McCully and Ben Tou – the front row. These men played 100 minutes of rugby and at every scrum, dominated the Mid Northern pack. They carried hard, they defended with absolute commitment and they well-and-truly were the three most influential players on the park.

"Without a doubt though, it was a true team, squad and club effort – not just on the day, but also during the entire season. It can't be underestimated how difficult things have been due to COVID, but our community stood up and showed real pride in the club. Players got in behind the club during the season, whether it was for the B's or for the A's, and that's the reason we won on Saturday – it was because of club spirit."

Mr. Cunis also wanted to comment on the club's coaches and managers; Marley McKay (Premier Coach), Phil Halse (Premier Assistant Coach), Matt Abraham (Reserves Coach), Leon Clyde (Reserves Assistant Coach), Duncan Rhind (Manager), Truman MacCarthy (Assistant Manager) and Neil Holmes



Phillip Manako carries the ball forward for Waipu with Wiseguy Faiane in support.

(medical).

"Their commitment and efforts cannot be understated. And finally, our supporters and sponsors – they make our club and without them, we'd be a fraction of the club we are."

He said the Covid 19 situation had impacted the season "hugely".

"It's been really tough on our community, on all communities, but people have found a way of getting through things. The club has got through this because of our community support. Players, sponsors, supporters and committee members have all gone through so much, so to see a great game of rugby between two stanch rugby clubs was just fantastic – to be honest, winning was just a massive bonus.

Mr. Cunis commended the Mid Northern, opposition. "Led by Jordan Olsen; their community has also faced a lot of challenges due to Covid and to come from from 9th last season, to beaten finalists this season, is a reflection of how they have are rising to the challenges

within their rugby community."

Asked about the difficulties of hosting a live final under Level 2 Covid 19 response conditions, Mr. Cunis said, there were a lot of protocols to follow and it was a lot of work setting the day up.

"We needed to have security fencing around the field to ensure the 'field bubble' only had 100 people, including players. We needed the 'clubrooms bubble' to be separate from the 'field bubble' – again no more than 100 people. We had to have contact tracing for each bubble. We couldn't sell from the bar or kitchen because of hospitality protocols. We needed security and management for each 'bubble' We had to establish plans for live streaming and Grassroots TV. We had to establish plans for speeches and presentations."

The expense for all this had to be met by the Waipu club but Mr. Cunis said, "But we don't need to worry about that – we said we'd host the final so with that comes costs."



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Concern over poultry dumped at Uretiti weigh station

I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding the hens and roosters that get dumped on SH1 Uretiti rest area, at the truck weigh station.

Three years ago I started noticing stray chickens and roosters at the road side in this spot on my daily drive to work, and feeling concerned during the height of summer with absolutely no water available I started leaving water out for them. The numbers have decreased and increased, there have been clutches of tiny chicks hatch to beautiful protective mother hens only to last a couple of days succumbing to aggressive predators in the area, (of concern to native wild life right?) A few weeks ago there were just three hens, then two more young roosters arrived, a few days ago two new hens.

Prior to our first lockdown in March I witnessed a man with young kids in his car dumping three large roosters out at this area, I was absolutely gob smacked. It was all a bit of a joke to him when I asked him a couple of questions. What a fine example to set to these young kids! Funnily enough these second two roosters exactly resemble the first lot dumped.

I have taken a number of these birds and rehomed them to some very kind local citizens, some just disappear - I am guessing predators (of all kinds,) kill the large adults as well.

At present there are five hens and two very virile roosters, soon again there will be countless baby chicks running around the road etc. Some say I'm too soft hearted, 'let them be,' this way of thinking doesn't sit well with me and I don't apologise for it.

SPCA and all animal shelters/rescues are overwhelmed with super serious animal welfare issues and do not have the resources to deal with this.

Come on people - take care of your own back yard and the creatures within, why make it someone else's problem? No matter how great or small.

Jan Lee
Waipu

Ruakaka, short changed by WDC

Have you ever wondered why Ruakaka is often left out of any money that comes from Whangarei District Council? I sure have.

There never seems to be any shortage in Waipu! Waipu

LETTERS

always seems to get the monies required for any fund-raising activity.

It's not as if the Marsden Oil Refinery or other large businesses have donated freely over the years.

If the improvements that the Ruakaka Recreation Centre requires are not done in the space of a year the centre could be forced to close its doors. So the many activities that the Rec centre hosts for all ages from children to older citizens won't be held.

I feel this is a disgrace on the part of Whangarei District Council. We the citizens have duly paid our rates and what do we get in return? I feel very let down by our present WDC.

The Recreation Centre is the hub of Ruakaka, where we meet the Constituents when local body elections are coming up. This tells me we need a new Committee and Mayor on WDC!

Very disappointed

Sue Forsyth
Ruakaka

We should base our votes on the cannabis referendum on research and science

Your editorial headline last issue was a great sledge way into the legalization of Cannabis referendum.

The unfortunate thing is that many people will read your head-line and be unable to go passed the connection you allude to, that legalizing the use of marijuana will cause more accidents.

This is untrue of course.

But you have opened up the discussion on the subject. The sensible and intelligent way for undecided voters (I assume like yourself?) is to look at the research and base the law-making on science.

Just as NZ'ers have done with the Covid crisis we trust our Health officials and let the science be the guide, as so with NZ Drug Foundation, when it comes to knowledge and education on the use of legal Cannabis within society. I would recommend their website - www.drugfoundation.org.nz

I would like to see Cannabis made legal.

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New Four Square supermarket under construction at Marsden Cove

A new Four Square supermarket is under construction at Marsden Cove.

Felix Richter, the Chief Executive Officer of Marsden Maritime Holdings Ltd. said the supermarket would be open by January if not before.

Mr. Richter said there had been a lot of community feedback from people living at Marsden Cove and One Tree Point and many are asking for more retail outlets and more amenities.

"A supermarket was something we had been looking at for quite a while and we were delighted when Foodstuffs came back to us to say they would come on board."

The new supermarket will have a 900 – square – metre shop floor on the ground level of a two-story building, with offices above. The concrete tower in the photograph above is the lift shaft.



The new supermarket is being built by Trigg Construction Ltd.

Covid 19 testing at Northport

A Covid 19 testing station was set up in the visitor centre at the Marsden Point Refinery on Saturday 15, Sunday 16 and Monday 17 August.

Following an order from the Ministry of Health all people who work at the port who might come into contact with ship's crews were tested.

Media Spokesperson for Northport Peter Heath, said the Northland District Health Board had already planned to set up a testing station there on Tuesday 18 August but this was brought forward to the weekend.

Mr. Heath said, there is very limited interaction with ships' crews but that Northport frontline staff, North Tugz, stevedores and other port users have been or are being tested.

He said at a later point in time, and on the advice of Northland DHB, the mandatory testing may be expanded to include all port workers, or all port workers with possible symptoms.

"With respect to contact tracing, COVID-19 QR Codes are displayed at every entrance to the port, all staff have been asked to upload the App, and Northport's entry system records all people entering and leaving the facility."

Mr. Heath stressed, "Northport has a thorough and well-observed protocol in place to cover operations at different Public Health Alert levels. This includes distancing requirements, self-isolation requirements and other measures designed to prevent the spread of infection. This protocol includes at all levels the requirement for personnel to stay home and be tested for COVID-19 if exhibiting any symptoms. Therefore, although this was the first time we've had access to a dedicated Marsden Point-based testing station, many port workers have been tested and delivered negative results over several months."

Change of dates for election meetings

In line with the change of date for the New Zealand General Election, which will now take place on Saturday 17 October, the two pre-election meet-the-candidates events scheduled in Bream Bay have also had changes of dates.

The Waipu meeting at which all six candidates standing the Whangarei electorate have agreed to attend will now be held on Tuesday 22 September in the Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall, starting at 6pm.

This meeting is being organised by the Waipu Business and Community group.

The Ruakaka meeting will now be held on Friday 25 September at 7pm in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre upstairs lounge. The Ruakaka Parish Residents and Ratepayers who are organizing this meeting have invited candidates standing in both the Whangarei and Te Tai Tokerau seats to attend.

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**POLICE REPORT****Family harm incidents**

In the fortnight 10 August to 24 August Bream Bay Police dealt with 18 family harm incidents, which is an unusually high number

Five motor vehicle crashes

There was also more than the usual number of motor vehicle crashes. Police were called out to five separate minor crashes. Mostly these were vehicles running off the road in the wet weather. There were no serious injuries.

Stolen vehicle

A vehicle was reported stolen from One Tree Point at 7pm on 14 August and was found at 11pm on the same night crashed on its side in a ditch on One Tree Point Rd. Enquiries are ongoing as to the identity of the driver.

Drink driver

A 37-year-old Ruakaka man will be appearing in the Whangarei District Court after he underwent a breath alcohol test which recorded a level of 970 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. This is more than three times over the legal limit, which is 250 micrograms.

Vehicle clocked at 154 kmph

A vehicle travelling on State Highway One at Ruakaka was stopped by Police on 21 August at 6pm after it was clocked travelling at 154km per hour. A 47-year-old Whangarei man will be appearing in the Whangarei District Court charged with speeding offences.

No burglaries

No burglaries were recorded in the Bream Bay area over the period 10 -24 August.

"Patience does pay" Poll result means skatepark will be built in the Waihoihoi Park this summer

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the poll result but both declined to do so, with one saying they "had had enough personal flack from some very rude people," over the issue.

Peter Blanch, a long time campaigner for a youth activity zone in Waipu, said, "It's taken a long time for the Activity Zone to be accepted in the Waihoihoi. The first plan was drawn in the mid 80's, but stalled through lack of funds. Our children fundraised in the 1990's, by holding a disco in the Coronation Hall. My hope is that now our community can come together and share the Waihoihoi no matter what your age is."

Another youth activity zone supporter Malcolm Norton said, "The result is a great outcome and having been involved since 2002, I am still coming to terms with the fact that the Activity Zone is now going to be a reality. Patience does pay off."

Trapping workshop to encourage more people to help protect Brynderwyn kiwi

A trapping workshop to be held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on 6 September aims to encourage more local people to join in the effort to protect kiwi and other native birds in and around the Brynderwyn hills.

"It's a great way to build fitness, meet some new people and feel like you're making a difference" says Graeme Giles, who co-ordinates the trapping-group.

"Our rosters mean that we only need to go out on the traplines for about four hours, one day a month or fortnight, depending on availability and weather. We've been going out for over two years now and it's rewarding to know the number of kiwi are increasing"

Locals are also reporting more frequent sightings of kereru, kaka and bell-bird in the Mangawhai and Waipu areas.

Landowners are also getting in on the act running trap lines on their land.

In the last 12 months an estimated 5,000 stoats, weasels, possums, rats and other pest animals have been removed due to their combined efforts.

The group is supported with funding by the Northland Regional Council which recognises the area as having high conservation values.

The workshop will run from 1.30pm to 4pm with trapping specialist Todd Hamilton from Kiwi Coast covering the essential on how and where to set traps for mustelids and possum. Graeme and other Waipu Kiwis volunteers will be on hand to discuss how to join an existing roster or to form a new group

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**Worms**

Worms are one of the most common conditions that children catch, occasionally from pets, but usually from themselves, or other infected people. There are several types of worms that can affect humans, but in New Zealand the usual culprit is the threadworm.

You catch worms by eating the worm's eggs which hatch in the intestines to produce the worm. This worm will then travel out the intestines and lay further eggs around the anus, causing itching. If the area is scratched the eggs may lodge under the fingernails. They are then spread by touching food or other people, infecting either themselves again or others.

You can detect if your child has worms if they have the thread-like worms in their poo or suffer from an itching bottom, particularly at night, where the small eggs may be seen.

Treating worms is generally simple. Most people are treated successfully by preparations available from your community pharmacist. However, not all worm preparations are safe for all, so you need to seek advice about whether worm treatments are suitable for everyone in your family. It is usual to treat all family members, in case the infection has spread beyond the affected person. If you cannot be treated for any reason, then you should be careful to practice good hygiene, keeping fingernails short and well-scrubbed, especially after touching an infected person or their belongings. Affected skin, particularly around the bottom, can be soothed by protective creams used for nappy rash.

If you believe that you or anyone in your family may have worms, consult your community pharmacist for treatments and advice on how to prevent reinfection.

A special gift for One Tree Point School



Graeme Allen of Whangarei Coastguard accepts a donation from OTP School Principal Shirley Winters, on the right in the photograph, and Board of Trustee Chairwoman, Sandra Currie, on the left. The man who carved the new taonga, Len Webb is second from the right.

One Tree Point Primary School has a new wood carving which will go display at the foyer entrance to the school alongside the office reception area.

Len Webb carved the image of a whale's tail out of puriri. School Principal Julie Winters explained how consulting with local iwi she had learned that the One Tree Point School is located on land known as Te Ara Kahika or Pathway of Chiefs being the route Nga Puhi chiefs took when they journeyed south.

She also learned that a name of Whangarei Harbour is Te Renga Paraoa, resting place of whales and that whales are synonymous with chieftainship.

The whale carving is therefore an appropriate symbol for the school and the koru patterns carved into it represent the schools four values, which are: confidence, respect, aroha and encouragement to form the acronym - CARE.

The carving was blessed by kaumatua Paraire Pirihii.

Mr Webb would not take any payment for the carving so the school made a donation to the Whangarei Coastguard of which he is a member. Initially the presentation was to have taken place at a full school assembly but under Covid 19 Level 2 restrictions the ceremony took place in the staff room on Wednesday 19 August.

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Celebrations at Ruakaka School

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Ruakaka School principal Marilyn Dunn looks on as the school's eldest student Kyra Adlington and youngest student Ivy Hamilton cut the cake to celebrate the school reaching a roll of 300

When Marilyn Dunn took on the principal's job at the school in July 2005, just 78 students attended the school. "By August we were up to 100 and on 3 November 2015 we got to 200," she says. Five years on, the school hit the 300 mark in mid-August.

After months of building delays due to the Covid-19 lockdown, the school's new pool has also just been completed. Mrs Dunn decided to combine the pool opening and roll growth celebrations in one event. Students voted to wear pyjamas for their celebration day and all classes made hats. The school's garden to table group, under the supervision of teacher Jennifer Hay, produced 300 cupcakes.

The new pool, funded by the board of trustees, is three times larger than the old 30,000 litre pool and is also heated – no doubt to the envy of all former Ruakaka students who suffered through swimming lessons in the school's tiny and frigid old pool built in 1957.

"We were going to make the old pool better, but it was ugly and would cost too much," she told students at the opening. "So we brought in a bulldozer and started again – every part of it is new."

Many schools no longer have pools, she says, but she

feels it is important for Ruakaka children to learn to swim, especially because they live near the beach. "If you can learn to swim in this pool, hopefully you will be safer when you swim in the sea."

The pool is just the latest in a series of development and improvements Mrs Dunn and the school's board have initiated since her arrival and will not be the last.

Next on the agenda is a shade sail over the netball court and a new outdoor learning area and the school is waiting on two temporary classrooms which Mrs Dunn hopes will arrive in the next school holidays. With the roll predicted to continue rising, a large two-stage Ministry of Education-funded redevelopment of the school is in the final planning stages.

Stage one, due to start towards the end of next year, will see a new nine-classroom block and administration block added, while the old office area and a classroom block will be gutted, for a net gain of four new classrooms.

In stage two, within five years, the school will gain another classroom block plus a large hall and library space.

Weekly bus service to continue

The weekly passenger bus service between Kaiwaka and Whangarei with pick ups and drop offs in Mangawhai, Mangawhai Heads, Largs Beach, Waipu Cove, Waipu and Ruakaka will run for another year. The Northland Regional Council has contracted Leabourn Passenger Services for another 12 months to run the service.

Anita Child, the NRC's Transport Project Officer said the service had proven successful with an average of 15 passengers on the bus for each journey. Lyndon Leabourn said he is really pleased and surprised at how well the service is going. He said if not for the Covid 19 lockdown when passenger numbers dropped the average number of passengers per trip

would be 20 or more.

He said the service is very well supported in Kaiwaka, Waipu and Ruakaka but for some reason not so much in Mangawhai. However, the NRC had wanted to keep including Mangawhai in the route for another year's trial.

Mr. Leabourn said some used the return service to Whangarei and back every week and, surprisingly, these regulars included young people as well as retirees.

The New Zealand Transport Authority and the Northland Regional Council subsidize the service. A return trip to Whangarei from Largs Beach costs \$10, from Waipu - \$8 and from Ruakaka - \$7.

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Four Square footpath blockade causing problems for elderly



Cones and tape blocking the footpath outside the Waipu Four Square

The pedestrian footpath, which runs along the front of the Waipu Four Square has once again been blocked forcing pedestrians to walk behind vehicles angle parked in front of the supermarket.

Beryl Wilcox, a resident of Saorsa Village said she complained about this arrangement to the store manager.

Beryl said, "An elderly person with or without a walker is forced behind the parked cars" when they exit the store. She pointed out that many elderly people, some of whom are deaf, shop at the Four Square and regularly walk along the footpath to get to the rest of the Waipu Shops.

Beryl put in the complaint around 1.30pm on Thursday 20 August to the day manager. She went back at 3.30pm but "nothing was altered."

She said, "I wonder if that manager would have any concerns if some one is hit by a backing car. Just a little more thought has to be put into this and why it is blocked to start with I have know idea as our response level with Covid 19 has not changed very much."

Waipu Four Square owner Jodie Ansell said the blockade would remain as long as we are under Covid 19 Response Level 2. She said that under this level only ten people are allowed in the store at a time and the cones and tape are in place to narrow the store entrance so numbers can be controlled.

Asked if it is legal for a business to block off a public footpath she suggested the issue be taken up with the Prime Minister who she said put in place the rule about how many people could be in the store under the Level 2 response.

Jodie said, "Our entrance is an automatic door. If four people converge on it at once, which happens all the time with people coming in all directions then we are not achieving our physical distancing"

She said, "The cones are not ideal. I have a mother in a mobility scooter myself but it is the only option we can do to keep following the protocol and to keep our shop as safe as possible."

"We need to restrict numbers in our store by Law. This is not negotiable and only when we reach Level 1 again will people be free to come and go as they please."

The store also has lines painted on the footpath and spots for people to stand at the checkout to preserve the required two square metres distances between customers.

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Have the godwits arrived early this year?



The photos above and below were emailed to the Bream Bay News by Kevin Wigmore of Ruakaka on Thursday 20 August.

Kevin said, "I was just enjoying breakfast this morning when we noticed a large flock of birds over the Ruakaka beach and estuary area in from of the Hen. I quickly took some long range photos from where we are and then took off down to the beach to get closer and see what birds they were because they were not the normal gulls or gannets and so on. Once I got down to the beach and river mouth I was delighted to see large numbers of godwits and was able to get a bit closer than normal. Usually you cannot get within cooee of them. I think it may have been because they were still exhausted from their huge migration flight. This was exciting and I took some photos with my big lenses."

Bev McCracken also sent in a photo of a flock of godwits at Marsden Cove.

However Simon Ellison, a long time observer of the shorebirds at the Ruakaka estuary, said the godwits migrating from Alaska don't usually arrive here until mid-September and he thinks the birds seen at the Ruakaka estuary on 20 Thursday may have been juveniles, which overwinter here, gathering in Ruakaka due to an extreme high tide which forces them off their usual roosting sites.

We sent Kevin's photos to the Miranda Shorebird Centre and Keith Woodley from the centre backed up Simon's theory but also allowed the possibility that these could be early arrivals of the migration flock.

He said, "On an initial assessment, many of the birds may have been pushed off other roosts by high tides. This is supported by some of the birds seen in flight being in wing moult i.e. replacing their flight feathers. This would indicate birds that have been here through the winter (mainly immatures - We had over 500 godwits in the Firth over winter.) Arriving birds do not begin their wing moult until they have been here for a few days.

"On the other hand, two observers did see newly arrived birds on the Manukau Harbour at the weekend. So there may well be new birds up your way as well."

Kevin has sent through a high resolution photo of the Ruakaka godwits for the experts at Miranda to examine. Around 3,000 bar tailed godwits (of the approximate 90,000 which migrate annually to New Zealand) return from Alaska to the Whangarei Harbour each spring. They arrive here having completed a 11,000 kilometre, eight to nine day journey across the central Pacific Ocean from their breeding ground in western Alaska. This is the longest non-stop journey recorded for any bird.

They spend the summer feeding on molluscs, crabs and worms in the intertidal zone, storing up body fat in preparation for their return journey in the autumn.

Kevin calls the Godwits the "Pinocchio" birds because of their very long beaks in relation to the rest of their body.



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Many hands make light work on the newest section of the Waipu cycle and walking trail



Jilleen Perry and Chris Gordon were two of the 80 people who turned up with their spades on Sunday morning 23 August at the farm of Dave and Debbie Brown to help plant 2,00 native trees and shrubs around the newest section of the Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle and walking trail. The Brown family has donated an easement over their land enabling the trail to be extended from Cullen Rd. to McLean Rd.

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What's On in Bream Bay

• RACING AT THE RUAKAKA TRACK

The only two race meeting scheduled for the Ruakaka track this year on Saturday 15 August and Wednesday 26 August were both cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

• MARKET AT RUAKAKA MEMORIAL HALL.

Sunday 30 August 9am to 1pm. For space inquire to Sue 021 530 153 or PH 09 432 8112. Fundraising for children's ward Whangarei Hospital

• THE SPRING SYMPHONY YOUTH VARIETY SHOW

in the Waipu Coronation Hall on Saturday 5 September at 3.30pm. Entry by koha.

• **THE WAIPU SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 13 September. 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall

• **THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 20 September from 9am - 1pm. In the big marquee at Marsden Cove

• **TAKE A KID FISHING** At the Waipu Boat & Fishing Club Sunday 2 October 10am -1pm. \$2 entry fee. Prizes, sausage sizzle For children under 13 years

• **EXHIBITION WITH 12 CONTRIBUTING ARTISTS** at the Red Door Gallery. 7 The Braigh, Waipu. Open from 10am - 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday

• **TAKAHIAI PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL EXHIBITION AT KIWI NORTH** to 26 October. Kiwi North, 500 SH 14 in Maunu is open every day from 10am - 2pm.

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Fri 28 August	2.42	2.4	3.28	2.5
Sat 29 August	3.45	2.4	4.31	2.5
Sun 30 Augsut	4.48	2.4	5.30	2.5
Mon 31 August	5.47	2.4	6.23	2.5
Tue 1 Sept	6.42	2.4	7.11	2.6
Wed 2 Sept	7.30	2.5	7.56	2.6
Thu 3 Sept	8.14	2.5	8.37	2.6
Fri 4 Sept	8.55	2.5	9.15	2.5
Sat 5 Sept	9.33	2.5	9.52	2.6
Sun 6 Sept	10.10	2.5	10.27	2.5
Mon 7 Sept	10.47	2.4	11.04	2.5
Tue 8 Sept	11.26	2.4	11.42	2.4
Wed 9 Sept	~	~	12.07	2.3
Thu 10 Sept	12.24	2.3	12.53	2.3
Fri 11 Sept	1.10	2.3	1.44	2.3

The Outrageous Waipu Bridge Club

Photo by Peter Grant



Roz Bee Banbury, Isabelle Hippy Moon, Jan Sage Haraldsson, Philippa get a leg up Ross, Lorna hiding Murray, Keye Miss Covid 19 John, Healthier Cowgirl Harnes, Ellen Elf Parker, Jennifer Racey Stacey, Alison Groovy Worthy. All dressed up for the Outrageous Social Bridge day.

Bream Bay Bridge Club members enjoyed an Outrageous Social Club day last weekend after their annual club tournament with an Royale Epsom club was cancelled due to the lockdown. The Bream Bay club has over 60 members and plays on Tuesday nights and practises every Thursday afternoon in the Coronation Hall. New members are always welcome, contact club President Philippa Ross for details. info@philippaross.com

Some new JPs

Three new Justices of the Peace were sworn at Whangarei District Court by Judge de Ridder on Friday 14 August. All three were appointed some weeks ago but were unable to act as Justices until they had taken their oaths of office. Two of the new Justices - Angela Stolwerk and Debbie Fong have local connections. Angela is from Langs Beach and works at Ranburn. Debbie is a former resident of Ruakaka now living in Morningside. The third, Josie Scott, lives at Baylys Beach where there has been no JP service available. Jules Flight, Registrar of the Northland Justices of the Peace Association, welcomed the new Justices. He said this was the first swearing in ceremony that his association has been able to hold this year.

"We have a shortage of JPs, particularly those available to work on service desks, and it is vital that we have new members coming through. It is quite strategic to have someone like Angela available to serve clients in an aged care facility. Debbie has not severed her ties with Ruakaka and as a volunteer travels back to serve on the roster at the Ruakaka



New JPs Angela Stolwerk, on the left and Debbie Fong right with Josie Scott of Bayleys Beach at their swearing in ceremony at the Whangarei District Court with Judge de Ridder

Library, where she can double up on the Saturday JP service desk.

JP services have been interrupted by the various alert levels. Under Level 3 virtually all services were withdrawn. Under Level Two most services are available, although a number of older members, and those with an existing medical condition, may have withdrawn their availability.

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The Spring Symphony Youth Variety Show

This year's Spring Symphony Youth Variety Show will live up to its title with a wide diversity of acts in the line up.

The Waipu School Kapahaka group will be there, as will Bream Bay Ballet. The Making a Scene Drama Academy will be using some vintage puppets to tell a familiar tale with a twist.

Hopefully, the Youth Orchestra Sinfonietta from Auckland will be able to travel north for the show.

A recital by gifted young pianist Mirabella Uphof, who has been working as an accompanist for Opera North will be a highlight and Ruben Grant, a Circool Circus graduate, now living in Wellington will be flying up to take part.

Ruben recently won a story telling competition run by Auckland based circus training academy Circability.

One of the event organisers, Achmed Abman said, "The Spring Symphony Variety Show gives young people an opportunity to engage, participate and enhance their artistic values and cultural traditions and share them with an audience."

The show begins at 3.30pm on Saturday 5 September in the Waipu Coronation Hall. Entry is by koha.



A recital by gifted young pianist Mirabella Uphof will be a highlight of this year's .

College ball postponed

The Bream Bay College Ball, which was due to be held on 29 August has been postponed for two weeks until 11 September, due to uncertainty around how long Covid 19 Level 2 restrictions which don't allow gatherings of more than 100 people, would be in place.

The change in date for the general election to Saturday 17 October has made the new date possible. The college auditorium is used as a voting centre for the election and would have been in use for early voting if the election date had not been postponed. Te Tuinga music night at Bream Bay College scheduled for Wednesday evening 19 August has become a casualty of the Covid 19 level 3 lockdown. There will be no public performance night with students having their acts filmed for assessment purposes.

Sports tournaments normally played out at the end of the winter sports season have also been called off.

Under Level 2 classes continued as normal with students encouraged to practice physical distancing and frequent hand washing.

Waipu Cycleway Planting

A huge thanks to everyone who turned last Sunday out to help with planting on the newest section between McLean and Cullen Roads.

Over 2,000 natives were



planted in just over an hour due to the taskforce of over 80 locals.

Many wanted to show their thanks to the generosity of Dave and Debbie Brown for the easement over their farm. To those who gifted their time, plants, baking and donations thanks again.

If anyone missed this year's planting there will be another one next Autumn.

Donations to finish this section are welcome to : <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/waipu-cycle-walkway-waipu-cove-to-mclean-road> Waipu Cycleway and Walkway Trust.

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Light Circuit Fitness class	Monday 10am to 11am	\$2	AnnMarie 0211693115
Light Circuit Fitness class	Wednesday 11am to 12pm	\$2	AnnMarie 0211693115
Tai Chi	Monday 11am to 12pm	\$2	Annette 4327897
Chi Kung	Wednesday 9am to 10am	\$8	Alice 0210480509
Aerial Yoga	Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm booking essential	\$10	Barbara 0212998940
Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm	\$2	Lu 4328941
Karate	Thursdays 4pm to 7.00pm	\$5	Pam 4320760
60's up	4th Friday of month 10am to 4pm	\$12 annually fee	Joy 021491887
Music club	1st Monday of month 7pm to 10pm	\$2	Holly 021 843 060
Squash casual	Weekdays booking essential 8am to 1pm	\$5 p/h	Rec Centre 4327962
Pilates	Tuesday 5.15pm to 6.15pm booking essential	\$12 (concession 10x)	Barbara 0212998940
Pilates	Thursday 8am to 9am booking essential	\$12 (concession 10x)	Barbara 0212998940
Zumba	Monday 8.45am to 9.45am	\$6	Janine 021437840
Zumba	Wednesday 5.45pm to 6.45pm	\$6	Janine 021437840
Zumba	Friday 4.30pm to 5.30pm	\$6	Janine 021437840
Cardio Drumming	Friday 5pm-6pm	\$10	Nadya 0278660334

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Tomascio Paul, the first graduate of the Bream Bay driver mentor programme with volunteer driving mentor Trevor Robson and Katie Hirst of the Carter Holt Harvey LVL plant who has been administering the programme. The bright yellow Suzuki Swift was donated to the programme by Ray White Bream Bay.

A special morning tea was held at Land and Sea restaurant and Café at Marsden Cove last week to celebrate the first success in the Bream Bay driver mentor programme and to thank Katie Hirst and Alison Rodgers of the Carter Holt Harvey LVL plant who have been operating the programme from the Rama Rd. plant. Tomascio Paul, who works at the plant, recently passed his restricted driver's license test on his first attempt after receiving instruction from volunteer driver mentor Trevor Robson. Tomascio said it took him 20 years to get his learner's license and then another 20 years to pass his restricted. With the

help of the driver mentor programme it might not take quite so long to gain his full license.

Gillian Archer of the Northland Road safety Trust said she had tried for many years to get the programme, which assists people through the stages of achieving their full driver's licenses and had kept running into brick walls. But last year at the Bream Bay Jobs Expo held at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre things had begun to fall into place when she met Katie who offered to help. At a meeting shortly afterwards of Ray Whites Bream Bay had offered to provide a vehicle

John Williamson the chairman of the Northland Road Safety Trust said this was the fifth community driver mentor programme to be set up in Northland and he thanked Gillian for her work. He said when young people are stopped by the Police and receive fines for not having a driver's license this could start their whole lives to spiral downwards.

Katie and Alison will both be leaving their employment at the LVL plant at the end of this month as production is being cut back to around a quarter of its former output. The driver mentor programme will be transferred to the Bream Bay Community Trust.

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MORNING

Time	Departs	Arrives
9.00am	Departs Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall	
9.15am	Departs Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)	
9.20am	Departs Mangawhai Heads I-Site	
9.35am	Departs Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads	
9.40am	Departs Waipu Cove Beach Car park	
9.50am	Departs Waipu Monument Bus stop	
10.10am	Departs Ruakaka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)	
10.50am	Arrives Whangarei Rose Street Bus Terminus	

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AFTERNOON

Time	Departs	Arrives
3.00pm	Departs Whangarei Rose Street Bus Terminus	
3.40pm	Departs Ruakaka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)	
4.00pm	Departs Waipu Monument Bus stop	
4.10pm	Departs Waipu Cove Beach Car park	
4.15pm	Departs Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads	
4.30pm	Departs Mangawhai Heads I-Site	
4.35pm	Departs Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)	
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- *Xing Ru Hai*. ETA 24 August at 7.30pm. ETD 27 August at 6am. Loading logs.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 25 August at 9.30pm. ETA 28 August at 3am. Loading cement at Portland for Auckland.
- *Puma* ETA 26 August at 10pm. ETD 28 August at 6am. Delivering crude oil.
- *Mega Maggie* ETA 26 August at 11pm. ETD 29 August at 2am. Delivering fertiliser.
- *Marsden Bay* ETA 28 August at 7am. ETD 29 August at 10am. Loading cement at Portland for Auckland.
- *Matuku* ETA 29 August at 4pm. ETD 31 August at 3pm. Loading refined oil products for Tauranga.
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- *Alcyone* ETA 31 August at 8am. ETD 1 September at 11.59pm. Loading logs.
- *MSC Banu*. ETA 31 August at 2pm. ETD 1 September. Loading containers.
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- *Marsden Bay*. ETA 1 September at 7am. ETD 2 September at 10am. Loading cement for Auckland.
- *Olomana* ETA 3 September at 5am. ETD 4 September. Loading cement for Auckland.
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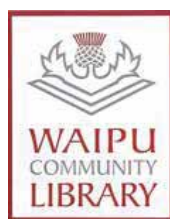
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At the clubhouse

Sunday 30 August

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