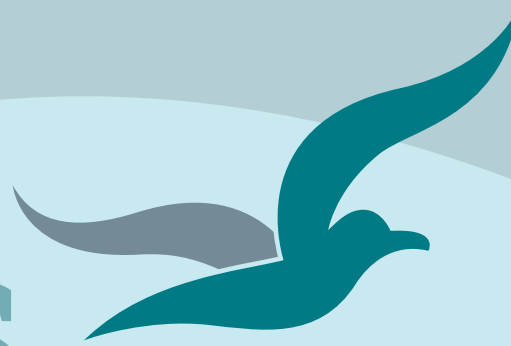


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Tornado also swept through Ruakākā



The roof of Ruakaka Motors blew off and landed in the Cowleys Hirepool yard next door

The tornado, which hit Mangawhi on Sunday night 26 January 2025 also swept through Ruakākā.

Trees were blown over, fences were flattened and the roof blew off the Ruakākā Motors building to land next door in the Cowleys Hirepool Centre.

Crews from both the Ruakākā and Waipu Fire Brigades joined with five other brigades in response to emergency calls in Mangawhai at around 3am.

The Ruakaka brigade was called to two jobs in Mangawhai – a tree falling on an apartment and a lifted roof but later that morning at 7.24am was clearing away a fallen tree blocking access to the Tamingi St. Ambulance Station.

The Waipu Brigade also attended call outs in Mangawhai before being called to an incident at Langs Beach where a shed had been blown into a caravan.

Protestors “Say No!” to sand mining in Bream Bay

Drone photo by Nigel Yellowlees



A crowd of several hundred people gathered on Ruakākā Beach on Sunday morning 26 January to give a strong message that the McCallum Brothers Ltd. sand mining dredge is not welcome in Bream Bay. McCallum Brothers Ltd, which operates out of Rosebank Rd., in Avondale Auckland has applied under the new Fast Track legislation for resource consent to mine eight million tons of sand from Bream Bay over 35 years. MTL is expected to have its application ready to go before a Fast Track assessment panel within the next few months.

More sand mining protest pictures on page 3



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EDITORIAL

Is being content with having just enough the key to a happy life?

Where do all those people and cars come from?

It's been a busy morning. First I went to Waipu to check out the big Anniversary Weekend market. Even that newly paved car park off The Braigh behind Saorsa was full and the market was humming.

Then it was off to the Sand Mining Protest on Ruakākā Beach. Again it was hard to find a park. There were at least 1,000 people gathered on the beach. I sensed an upbeat 'We can stop this' attitude but I am not sure our Government picks up on these kinds of messages. There was a 20 thousand plus on the March for Nature in Queen Street last year with placards warning "Fast Track to Hell" but we still have The Fast Track Bill.

McCallum Brothers Ltd. have engaged a number of consultants to look at the likely impact of their mining proposal on the health of the beach, marine mammals, but as the saying goes – "He who pays the piper calls the tune." Can we trust the result of these various investigations? This is the problem with The Fast Track Bill. The opposing view is not adequately canvassed. All the possible environmental outcomes are not properly considered. With our bay and our beaches at stake this is too much to risk.

McCallum Brothers Ltd. has asked to talk to the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust which I am a member of. Our trustees are unlikely to be persuaded that sand mining in Bream Bay is a good idea and we are wary this request is just to help McCallum Brothers Ltd. claim it has consulted with the community.

Last night I attended a celebration event for the completion of a section of shared path trail between Bream Tail and Langs Beach built by the Wairahi Tracks Trust. Having served on the Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle and Walkway Trust I know how complex and expensive trail building can be so it is quite remarkable that in the space of around 6 months this group has managed to build this 1.2km section and I intend to walk over it at the next opportunity. The long-term vision is a trail between Mangawhai and One Tree Point.

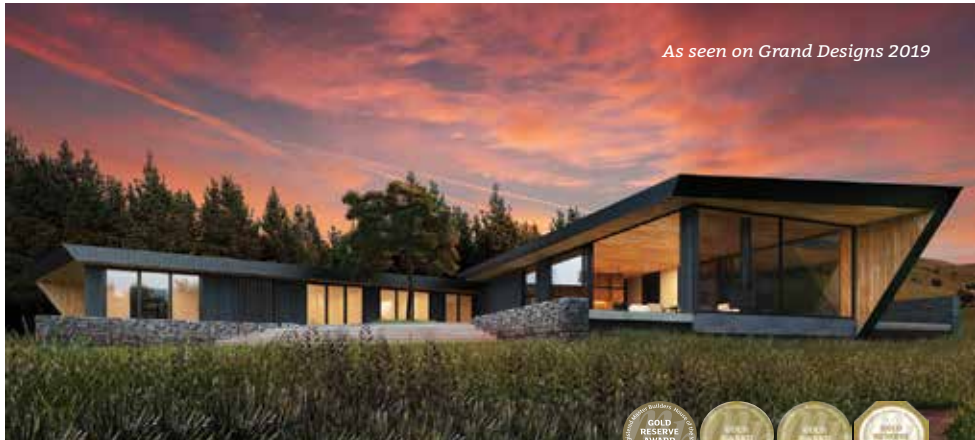
My most enjoyable assignment this fortnight was my visit to Ranburn Retirement Home to meet and talk to 100-year-old Lucy Galley. What a beautiful old lady. A comment Lucy made about her childhood will stay with me – "There wasn't a lot to go around but there was enough."





Being content with having enough could be the key to a happy, successful life


Marilyn

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Some of the faces in the protest



Soul Pene-Hita was amongst hundreds of protesters who gathered on Ruakākā Beach south of the Surf Club on Sunday morning 26 January



Representatives of local iwi showed their opposition to the McCallum Brothers Ltd bid to obtain a resource consent to sand mine in Bream Bay under the Fast Track bill. The group above includes: Green MP Hūhana Lyndon, Ngati Wai Trust Board Chairman Aperahama Edwards, Shilane Shirkey of the Patuharakeke Trust Board and Patuharakeke Kaumatua Heidi Pirihi who carried a framed photograph of her late husband Paraire Pirihi, chief of Patuharakeke until his death in July last year 2024 .



Alan Draffin, Paula Blindall and Alivia Carrington -Hall of Whangarei said they often visit Ruakākā beach and are very concerned about the possible effects of sand mining in Bream Bay.

Celebration of a new trail



The Mayors of Whangārei Vince Cocurullo and Kaipara Craig Jesop with the man with a vision John Tapper Chairman of the Wairahi Tracks Trust
A new section of walking and cycling track between Bream Tail and Langs Beach opened in early December and reportedly has been getting lots of use since then.

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Big crowd at the Waipu Anniversary Weekend market

Despite a wild Saturday night with thunder storms and tornadoes in Mangawhai, Langs Beach and Ruakākā there was a big crowd at the Waipu Street and Park Market Anniversary Weekend market on Sunday 26 January.

Along with stall holders selling goods, and a variety of food stalls local community organisations took advantage of the occasion to raise funds and promote their various causes.



Tadhg Stopford of West Auckland resplendent in a suit printed with a marijuana leaf pattern, was selling cannabis oil, speaking about its benefits to all who stopped by his stall with a religious fervour.

Below right: Members of both the women’s and mens Menzshed group has some of their products on sale including a painted hen house and predator trap boxes. Pictured from left: Neville Ruebe, Maggie Wistrand, Edwin Smith and Lenore Potier.

Below: Heather Madden and Juanita McGoldrick of the Waipu Fire Brigade used the occasion to gather support for their planned climb of the Sky Tower in May in the annual firefighter fundraiser for leukemia research. They will each be carrying 25 k of gear as they climb 1103 steps and 51 floors. Two other members of the Waipu Brigade: Lyndie Mullins and Rob Dawson will also take part in the challenge.



Eden Wapstra, aged 7 years, and her friend Taylor Ken, aged 10, check out the display of jibbitz at a popular market stall



Lines of stalls stretched well into the Caledonian Park



A suggestion to help local business benefit from cruise ship visits



The Azamara Pursuit, the first of four cruise ships to visit Northport this summer and the first to come her from the Azamara line, departing at dusk after a visit on Saturday 18 January.

The first of four scheduled Cruise ships to visit Northland this summer berthed at Northport on Saturday 18 January.

The Azamara Pursuit with 658 passengers, is the first in the Azamara line to visit Whangārei. Around 540 passengers opted to disembark to visit the Town Basin or the Marsden Cove Marina before the ship departed that evening.

As is traditional when a cruise ship visits a destination for the first time Whangārei Mayor Vince Cocurullo presented the ship’s captain with a commemorative plaque.

The Azamara cruise ship company is based in Miami in Florida. It specializes in ships that can call at smaller ports and visit places the larger liners can’t get to.

Another Azamara ship – Asamara Onward is due to call at Northport on 6 February .

Then on 10 February the Seven Seas Voyager with a capacity of 706 passengers will visit and on 24 March a fourth cruise ship – Nautica is due.

We asked Travel Agent Debbie Christian who specializes in Cruise travel and who was recently nominated as a Top 5 Cruise Specialist for the Cruise Lines International Association if she had any suggestions on how to improve the cruise passenger experience here.

Debbie said, “I think the Whangārei Council and Northport are doing a good job with the organisation and the opportunity for coaches to the wider area with visits to the Hundertwasser Centre, Dargaville, the Kauri Museum and Mangawhai.

However, that takes the passengers and the economic opportunity out of the local Bream Bay businesses. There is a definite opportunity at Marsden Cove Marina to host the monthly summer markets they have there on cruise days. It would only be three to four extra days a year, which I am sure they could co-ordinate well in advance. There are not enough local shops at the Marina at the moment but the market along with the Marsden Cove stores and the cafē could greatly benefit from these cruise ship visits.”

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Lucy Galley – “It’s good to have those memories”

Lucy Galley is beautiful . She has golden skin, eyes that sparkle with humour and an upright posture. She wears a lilac cardigan with an intricate pattern that she knitted herself. It’s remarkable to think that on 10 January she celebrated her 100th birthday.

Lucy grew up in Bowan St. in Thames . She had eight siblings older and seven younger. She says she is part Pakeha and part Māori. On her Māori side she belongs to the Ngāti Maru iwi.

She has memories of a happy childhood. Her father, Kira, who she refers to as “my darling dad” worked on the roads and in the bush.

“The men worked hard in those days.”

The children spent a lot of time outside.

“With that many in the house our mother used to tell us to go outside and play.”

“Of course we all had chores to do”

What were the chores?

“The usual things cleaning and feeding the animals.”

The family had cats, dogs and chickens.

“We used to get a bit upset when one of the chickens was needed for the pot.”

Asked about the games they played, she remembers hop-scotch and skipping rope.

One brother David or Rawiri was a talented musician who played the mandolin, bango, guitar and mouth organ, which contributed to many good family times.

Lucy also has a Maori name – Ruihi, which she spells out. She is commonly known as Lucy Ruihi Galley. When she was born her Maori name was Te Oranga Pakaurangi.

She has an aptitude for spelling, getting top marks in this subject at school and now at her great age still exceling at word games.

Lucy said of her childhood home “There wasn’t a lot but there was enough.”

At Christmas her father would put down a big hangi.

“We all looked forward to that.”

Some “very nice people” from a local church brought Christmas presents for all the children. “Its good to have those memories.”

Tragedy struck when a brother Fred was killed at Guadalcanal in World War 2.



Lucy Galley celebrated her 100th birthday on 10 January



The party in the Celtic barn Rob is sitting next to his mother in the dark blue shirt with his wife Karla in the green and their two children, Lucy’s grandchildren, Lara and Michael on either side.

Fred’s other name was Tangi and Lucy remembers her parents grief when this happened..

She can also remember the celebrations when victory in Europe was announced in May 1945 with people dancing in the street.

As a young woman she worked for a time as a house maid in a resort hotel at Waikaremoana and then as a machinist making shoes and boots in a factory in Auckland. She married Pat Galley in the late 1950s and they had one son Rob, who now lives in One Tree Point. Rob is a music teacher and musician. He has worked with some big names and has many musicals and movies to his credit.

When Rob was growing up Lucy worked on the assembly plant for Fisher and Paykel in Mt. Wellington where she became a team leader.

In 1975 Pat retired and he and Lucy left the city and went to live in Tuatawa on the Coromandel Peninsula, where they made a home around two skyline garages.

Rob said, “We are not rich people and it was pretty basic.”

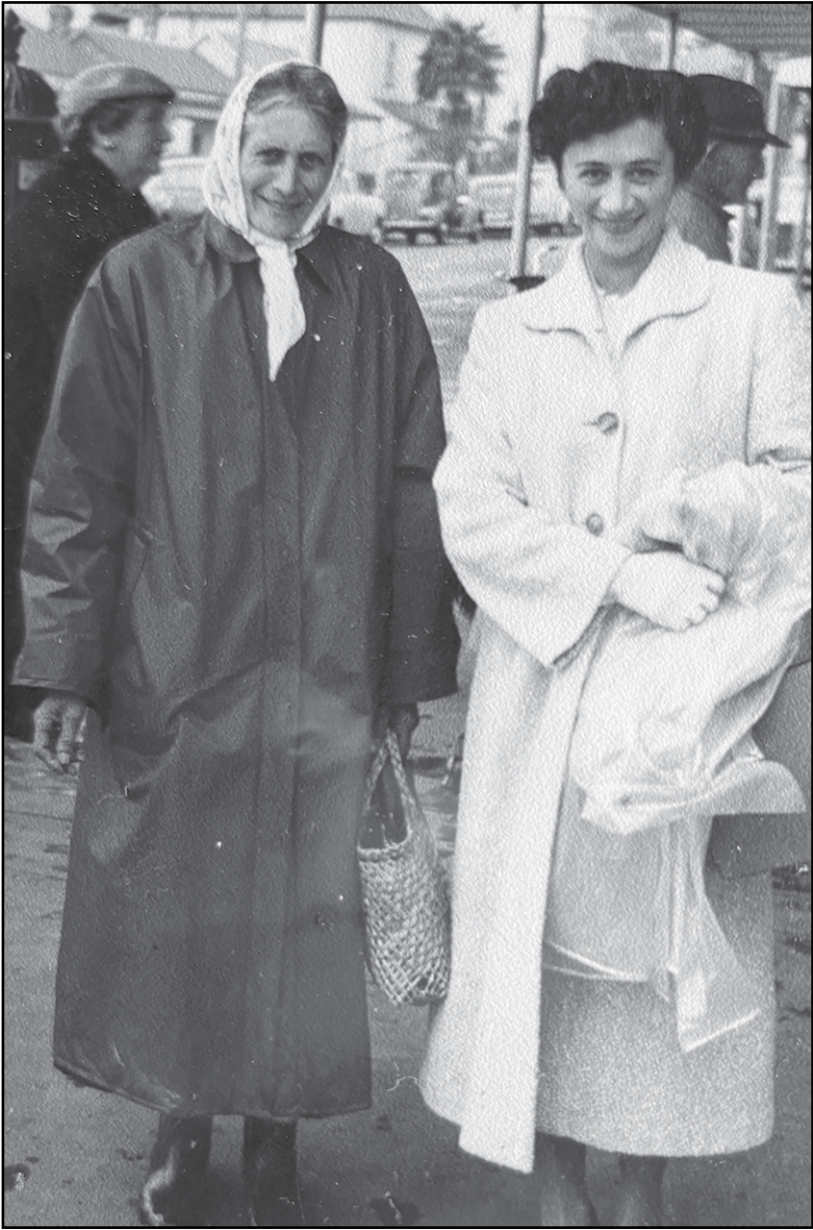
For the first five years there they had no electricity and they used candles for light and cooked on a coal range. They had a veg garden and lots of friends who would call in with fish.

Rob said, “Mum had a pretty good social life there.”

Pat died in 2001 and Lucy continued to live in the Coromandel for the next 12 with an old dog and two cats. She didn’t want to leave. Rob would go down in the weekends when he could, to help around the property.

Throughout all her years Lucy has remained close to her siblings and their families who would often come to visit.

The Coromandel house was supplied with tank water and, with bush all around, manuka leaves



Lucy Ruihi in the 1950s with her mother Kahu

would flavour the water. Rob wonders if these leaves helped to keep his mother healthy. Also she had a steep 300metre daily walk to collect mail from her letterbox, which kept her fit.

Lucy now lives in the Ranburn Retirement Home and the staff there held a party for her on her birthday. Then on Saturday 18 January just some of her many nieces and nephews, their children and grand children, 80 in total, the ones who have had the most to do with her, as well as Rob and his family gathered in the Waipu Celtic Barn to celebrate the 100 year milestone.

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Dead sheep in the Millbridge river



The ghostly sight of three sheep heads floating on the surface of the water with their skins suspended below and guts in a heap on the rivers edge could be seen from the bridge near the intersection of Millbridge and Millbrook Rd. recently.

The dead sheep were noticed around two weeks ago. If whoever threw them there was thinking they would be eaten by eels this hasn't happened.

Colin Dall, the Northland Regional Council's Manager of Regulatory Services, said, "Dumping of animal carcasses into a water body is not a permitted activity in the Proposed Regional Plan and therefore would require consent to be lawful. As far as I'm aware, the Northland Regional Council has never received a consent application for this purpose, which is not surprising because it would be unlikely that such an application would be granted.

"Like any unlawful activity, the person undertaking the activity would face a range of enforcement action being taken against them, from being issued an abatement notice to cease the activity and/or issued an infringement notice which carries a fine of \$750, or prosecution.

Mr. Dall said, "Dumping carcasses into water bodies can impact water quality and adversely

affect drinking water supplies. Fortunately, in this case, according to our records, there are no drinking water supplies taking from the river downstream of the bridge."

However downstream the river supplies water to cattle troughs in nearby farmland.

He said, "The matter has been logged as an environmental incident and council staff will check if the carcasses are still present and, if so, assess whether they can be removed easily and safely."

Ruakākā South water main damage due to earth movement

The problem with the watermain serving Ruakaka South was due to the earth moving around the bridge, which happens seasonally and not to any structural issue with the bridge itself.

Households and businesses in the Ruakaka South area had their water cut off for the best part of the day on Wednesday January 8 and traffic control was in place on the bridge while a repair on the pipe, which runs under the bridge was made.

The Whangarei District Council's Senior Communications Advisor Ann Midson said, "The land around the bridge has moved a bit (it's a seasonal thing). The bridge is fine, but the land movement made the watermain leak so it has now been repaired."

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Looking good for this year's Waipu Lions Car and Bike Show

Preparations are going well for Waipu's next big event, - the Waipu Lions Car and Bike Show on Sunday 9 February from 10am to 2pm in the Caledonian Park.

Chief organizer and Chevrolet Corvette enthusiast Ron Cave said he is getting lots of enquiries.

He is particularly excited about the likelihood of a Ford Falcon Phase 3 GTHO showing up.

The Mini Club is coming as well as the Austin Healey Club.

There will be others Ron expects. He doesn't take reservations. "That would be too much work" but just relies on the cars and bikes turning up on the day.

So far this has worked out. Last year a record 850 cars and 250 bikes arrived.

Ron said "We like to get all the vehicles in between 8am -9pm before we open the gates for the spectators at 10am."

The entry price is \$10. Children under the age of 12 get in for free. The main beneficiary this year will be the Northland Emergency Trust (NEST), which operates the Northland Rescue Helicopters, and a helicopter will be landing in a vacant paddock alongside the park at some time on the morning.

Main sponsors for the 2025 show are: BBS Timbers, Full Noise Auto Restorations, Mike Whittaker Mortgages and local radio station More FM.



A birds eye view of the Caledonian Park at last year's show



Police Report

Celebration of a new shared user path between Bream Tail and Langs Beach

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The track was built by the Wairahi Tracks Trust, whose Chairman John Tapper has a vision for an iconic trail between Mangawhai and One Tree Point, to compare favourably with other great New Zealand trails.

A celebration of the new track with a lamb on a spit was held on Saturday afternoon at the property of Bruce and Janine Copeland high on a hill off Cove Rd. with a view over Bream Bay. Around 100 people attended including Bream Bay Ward Councillor Ken Couper and the mayors of both Kaipara and Whangārei: Craig Jepson and Vince Cocurullo as the finished trail would run through both of their districts.

Mr. Tapper told how after lengthy discussion with the Whangārei District Council and adjacent land-owners the trust embarked on a fundraising campaign to come up with the \$150,000 needed to build the 1.2 kilometre section of trail. A contract was let in September and the trail was completed in early December.

Have you seen this trailer?

This large flat deck trailer was stolen (without the Porter Access trolley) from a property on Port Marsden Highway on Friday 10 January at around 10pm. Police warn that trailers are being targeted by thieves who re-register them to sell them on.



Drink Drivers

- A 53-year-old Waipu man will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court after he returned a reading of 667 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath when he was stopped by Police on Cove Rd., Waipu on 22 January.
- A 29-year-old Whangārei man was issued with an infringement notice when he was stopped by Police at Mata on 18 January and returned a breath test reading of 317 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath

Lucky escape after crash with oil tanker

A motorist who attempted a U-turn without noticing an approaching oil tanker on State Highway One at Waipu on 22 January was lucky to escape without injury. The driver of the tanker took evasive action and the tanker overturned into a roadside ditch. The driver of the tanker received moderate injuries and was taken to hospital by ambulance. Senior Sergeant Simon Craig said Police arriving at the scene expected the worst and were surprised to see everyone walking around.

Lots of nose to tails on the highway

There have been a number of minor nose to tail accidents on State Highway One but none resulting in injuries

Uretiti home burgled while owners on holiday

A substantial amount of alcohol and homeware was stolen from a house in Uretiti Rd, Waipu some time over the first two weeks of January while the owners were on holiday. Police are following up on some strong forensic leads.

Thirteen family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police attended 13 family harm incidents over the fortnight Monday 13 January to Monday 27 January.





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Joan Lang

A tribute by Joan's daughter, Christine Birss

10 July 1933 to 28 December 2024



Our warrior woman ; Mum / Nana , finally free from the pain and for that we must be thankful – but death is so final. No more twinkle in her eyes, although she was still cracking jokes until the day before she died (even though she had been on an oxygen pump and morphine since early on Christmas Day)

After a long life with many challenges, each of which was met with the same response. “If something needs doing/fixing, then roll up your sleeves and get on with it. Don’t wait for someone else to do it – that someone else is You”.

Most people will have no idea how much our Mum did for so many people, as she always embraced “self-praise is no recommendation” and didn’t need publicity.

Joan was born at Titoki eldest child to Zoe and Tom. While her Dad called her “little Joanie”, Mum actually grew quite tall. An advantage on the netball courts, where her friends said she was a very good goal attack – shooting goals accurately from anywhere within goal circle.

Due to the big flood events of 1938, Joan started school in Whangārei living with her grandparents. After a few months she was able to go home and to Titoki Primary. Joan started secondary in 1947 at St Mary’s in Auckland, where she especially loved learning music from Dame Sister Mary Leo. Mum’s love of music continued all her life. Unfortunately, late in 1947 Polio epidemic hit NZ and the country went into ‘lock down’. By the time NZ opened up again it was decided that Joan should help her parents on the farm, as her father was very ill.

Joan was always conscious that she had limited schooling, but it didn’t stop her from holding a raft of positions (Treasurer, President, Secretary) in various community organisations including the Caledonian Society, The Waipu Bowling Club, The Country Women’s Institute, Country Girls and Girl Guides (as a Leader).

The financial crisis of the 1970’s meant the mortgage on the farm was very hard to meet, so Joan got her school bus drivers licence. Drivers had to wash their own buses and some drivers didn’t want to do that – so Joan was paid to wash their buses too. She also became a driver trainer. Another of her jobs (additional to help-

ing on farm and being Mum to 4 kids) was working for a Wedding caterer, a skill she also used to help at various community events. Joan also became the Avon lady, although it was often joked that this wasn’t really income producing as Mum was always coming home to make casseroles and baking for some of her many customers (or one of the customers neighbours) when she learnt that they needed help.

Joan organised the Church Bazaar every year. All year she sewed, knitted, collected and then close to time made sweets and baking, as this was the Church’s biggest fundraiser. Family all pitched in to help, as Mum was thorough and wanted to be sure of success.

Joan organised the Great Waipu Craft Fair in 1990. NZ had been asked to create events to commemorate 150 years since the Treaty of Waitangi was signed. Joan knew who all the talented artisans in the district were (Mum had ‘connections’ everywhere) and the Fair held on a weekend was a huge success – possibly the earliest of Waipu’s Market Days

The Pedestrian crossing is in Waipu as when Ranburn was changing from Single Men’s accommodation to a Resthome, Joan was worried that some of the elderly would struggle across the road. SH 1 came through Waipu in those days. Joan organised petitions and lobbied local MPs, until they took the petition to Wellington. She didn’t stop, until she got a Yes for the crossing. Lobbying for the tar sealing from Waipu Cove to Langs Beach (as it was a dangerous situation) and getting potholes fixed were all on her radar. Inviting councillors to lunch and providing hot scones etc were all part of her strategy.

Melanoma and then a few years later bowel cancer tried to slow her down, but they were no match for a lady on a mission. Mum was born during the Depression Years of early 1930’s and this shaped her life, by making her resourceful not wasteful, and definitely resilient.

Even a retinal haemorrhage took the majority of her sight in 2012) she didn’t stop helping others. While she was then legally blind and could no longer drive (), she could still cook meals for those who needed help. Cutting up the veggies and meat would mean her face was right down about 10cms off the chopping board, so she could see what she was doing. I would get the call “I’ve just made a casserole in the slow cooker for xxx, as they are going through a tough time. Can you please come and help me put it into tinfoil trays, so they can eat some now and maybe freeze some for later? Then can you please deliver it?”

And as for the thousands of beanies Mum knitted over the years... production of those didn’t slow down just because she could no longer see properly. Mum knitted (and sewed) some amazing creations over her lifetime. She started knitting beanies for babies in Starship Hospital and adult beanies for whoever needed them (grandkids sports teams, foreign sailors who found it cold in NZ and everyone else who wanted one). She would regularly give one of us a list of the colours of wool she needed, to keep her supplies up. She could knit without looking. So many people are still enjoying wearing ‘Nana Joans’ beanies.

Hard working, talented, prankster extraordinaire Mum was a carer, a friend and she always put others before herself.

Mum loved her family, her friends and her community and she tried to do her best for everyone.

The world has been richer for having you in it; Mum/ Nana Joan/ Joan.



Have a go!

SPORTS FESTIVAL

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FEBRUARY

SAT	MON	EVERY WED
Waipu Croquet Club 15 years and older from 9:15am Equipment provided. Wear soft sole shoes/sneakers Kerry - 021 170 7211 39 The Centre, Waipu	Waipu Bowling Club 16 - 90 year olds 10:30am - 12:30pm Basic rules and games. Wear flat soled shoes (Jandals OK) Shelley - 021 115 0726 4A South Road, Waipu	Bream Bay Hockey Club Anyone wanting to try hockey 5:30pm - 7:00pm Little hockey games, basic hockey skills Charleen - 021 116 3424 Bream Bay College turf
THU	SUN	TUES
Hold Down Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and MMA Ages 4 - 7 3:30pm Ages 8 + 4:15pm Adults 5:30pm Warm up, specifics, technique and rolling (wrestling) Rebecca - 027 779 9564 3 Princes St, Ruakākā	Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club 4 - 14 year olds 10:00am - 12:00pm Junior Surf Session, water safety education, beach and water games Kath - 021 554 401 901 Cove Road, Waipu Cove	Marsden Yacht and Boat Club All ages welcome 9:00am - 1:00pm Have a go and learn to sail Children to seniors Grant - 027 226 2599 One Tree Point Rd. Adjacent to the One Tree Point Boat Ramp
WED	FRI	SAT
Bream Bay Cricket Club Ages 5 - 10 year olds 4:15pm - 5:15pm Throwing, catching and batting drills, games. Dean - 021 191 5769 Bream Bay College field (behind gym)	Waipu Pickleball Club All ages welcome 1:00pm - 3:00pm Introduction to Pickleball and games. Equipment provided Gill - 021 623 811 Celtic Barn, Waipu	Waipu Senior Netball Club Females. 14+ to seniors 6:00pm - 8:00pm 4 weeks of twilight netball games (12, 19, 26 Feb, 5 March) Sunny - 021 231 3894 Celtic Barn, Waipu
WED	SAT	TUES
Bream Bay United Football Ages 5 - 10 year olds. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome. 10:00am - 12:00pm Small sided games and skills Hayden - 021 266 4884 Ruakākā Recreation Reserve football fields	Te Kauika o Patuharakeke Tamariki 5 years to Kaumatua 10:00am - 2:00pm Open day showing two Waka Ama. Water safety info Shilane - 022 093 8784 Te Koutu (Ralph Trimmer Drive, Marsden Pt Refinery)	Ruakaka Indoor Bowls All ages welcome 10:00am - 12:00pm How to bowl and games. Equipment provided. Must wear flat shoes. Sue - 021 850 286 St Pauls Church Hall, 25 Karawai St, Ruakākā

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Fri 31 Jan	9.53	2.7	10.09	2.6
Sat 1 Feb	10.38	2.8	10.57	2.7
Sun 2 Feb	11.24	2.8	11.45	2.7
Mon 3 Feb	~	~	12.11	2.8
Tue 4 Feb	12.34	2.7	12.59	2.8
Wed 5 Feb	1.26	2.6	1.50	2.7
Thu 6 Feb	2.21	2.5	2.43	2.5
Fri 7 Feb	3.22	2.5	3.41	2.5
Sat 8 Feb	4.27	2.5	4.44	2.4
Sun 9 Feb	5.33	2.5	5.50	2.4
Mon 10 Feb	6.35	2.5	6.53	2.4
Tue 11 Feb	7.32	2.5	7.50	2.4
Wed 12 Feb	8.23	2.6	8.42	2.5
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Toy Library - Julie Malone - 432 0388
Church Hall Hire - Cally James 432 0534
Family Welfare & Foodbank:
Co-ordinator - Helen Matheson - 432 0239
Budgeting Advice - Bruce Matheson - 432 0239
The Crossroads Trust (financial support)
Lyn Jones - stevolyn@gmail.com

Sunday Services
Ruakaka - Camellia Ave - 8.45am
Waipu - 50 The Centre - 10.15am

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Sail GP Here we come

Eight budding sailors participate in the Marsden Yacht and Boat Club’s annual Learn to Sail Course



Grant Crombie and Kevan Walker of the Marsden Yacht and Boat Club with Learn to Sail course participants: Leroy Davies, Ollie Cogan, Billie Gordon, Henry Dally, Sophia Millett, Carter Ross, Chloe Ross, Delilah Davies and Coach Holly Patterson

Eight budding new sailors worked hard during the school holidays from 13 to 17 January to gain their yachting NZ Level 1 Certificates at the Learn to Sail Course put on by Marsden Yacht and Boat Club. They learnt many basic skills including sailing their boats, learning knots, boating rules, safety, but just as importantly, had lots of fun, both on and off the water. The tuition was provided by YNZ Qualified Coach, Holly Patterson, with assistance from Club members (especially Grant Crombie and Kevan Walker) and parents.

The weather covered all sorts of conditions from zero wind to too much on the final day. However, the conditions were ideal for 4 days, and the young sailors quickly picked up the basic sailing skills in their boats. On the final day, the new skippers underwent tests and were presented with their certificates. They also competed in a tug of war contest. Level 1 Certificates were awarded to Leroy Davies, Ollie Cogan, Billie Gordon, Henry Dally, Carter Ross and Chloe Ross. Sophia Millett and Delilah Davies were awarded Participation Certificates.



Chloe Ross under full sail

Benefit Concert for Northhaven Hospice

Tahamoana Farm is hosting a benefit concert for Northhaven Hospice on 1 February from 12.30pm to 7pm.

Summer Sounds” is billed as “a family friendly music festival”. The line up of live music includes: Black Fern Groove, Caged, Cake and Eat it, and Kurfew, Charmaine Soljak of NZME’s The Hits is MC and an assortment of food truck will be on site.

Lyn Cheyne, Northhaven's Director of Marketing and Fundraising said, "This is the first time we have held the event and no decision has yet been made about making it an annual event - it is through the generosity of the owners of Tahamoana Angora Goat Farm and the bands that we are able to have the event this year."

The Waipu Lions are helping with parking and Creative Northland is providing equipment.

North Haven Hospice will retain the funds from the ticket sales however the food trucks are able to keep the proceeds of their individual sales on the day.

Lyn said, "Ticket sales are currently going well and the weather forecast at this stage is good."

Asked about gate sales she said, “ Our preference is to sell tickets in advance as that allows us greater certainty in our planning and helps the food trucks with catering. We also would like to let the bands playing know of potential audience numbers. A decision regarding ticket sales will be made a few days before the event and we could encourage people to buy tickets in advance.”

Tahamoana farm is located at 566 Cove Road, Waipu. Ticket sales are from <https://events.humanitix.com/summer-sounds>.

General admission is \$45. Under 12-year-olds get in for free.

Parking is available but please contact: fundraising@northhavenhospice.org.nz for accessibility information

The 2024 activities of THE MARSDEN LIONS CLUB

Here is an ‘overview’ of what we are about, which may hopefully encourage you to join us.

Our Business Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and we have Business Dinner Meetings the 1st Tuesday of every month.

2024 was another busy year for The Lion's Club of Marsden

Our Year began with The Trigg Family day at the Races on January 5th. We continued to cover Race Meeting through the season

On January. 31 we held our Book Fair.

On February 2024, two of our members, were part of the contingent welcoming M S Regatta to Marsden Point.

On May 10t we held the Marsden Lion's Charity Golf Tournament. (Our biggest fundraiser, for the year)

On July 2024 along with the Waipu Lions we cooked for Camp Quality for the Child Cancer, at The Christian Camp, One Tree Point.

In July and August Delivered Telephone Books to all households and business's in Ruakaka, O.T.P. & Marsden Cove.

Sadly the Pukapuka party was cancelled in September but the Bream Bay Learning Community continued its work within the Schools and Early childhood Centres.

On October 24 we held the Junior Citizens Awards. at Bream Bay College

October 31 Halloween Night at OTP School.

October 20 we held another Book Fair

On November 13 we helped at the Marsden Fishing Club Quiz Night. .

Also in November we presented a prize at the Bream Bay College Prize Giving and we were at the

Villy Day Out on 23 November.

In December we helped with the Hospice Memory Tree. (outside 2 Birds Cafe) and sold Lions Christmas Cakes.

On December 13 we helped at the "World Festival Of magic" show in Forum North. and on 14 December we held the Ruakaka Christmas Parade and Fun Day.

We also do ongoing work such as collecting old newspapers, wine bottle tops & can tabs funds from which go the the charity "Kidney Kids".and we collect usedspectacles to send to , the Pacific Islands.

We organise working bees and assistance whenever we are called upon. .

In 2024 we made \$22,175 in donations to the following organisations:

Whangārei Coastguard - \$2,000.00, Ruakākā School - \$ 620, Bream Bay College Hockey - \$1,000, BB College Senior Prizegiving- \$600., Ruakākā School - \$405, Waipu Pipe Band - \$300, Kids Can- \$300, Ruakaka Scouts - \$200. OTP School - \$250, BB College - Spirit of Adventure- \$ 500., Youthline- \$200., Bream Bay the Learning Community- \$ 2,000, NEST (Rescue Helicopters)- \$ 5,000, Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving - \$ 2,000, Ruakākā Volunteer fire Brigade \$ 2,000, St. John Bream Bay - \$ 2,000, Whangarei Coastguard - \$ 1,800.

BB College/ Hockey- \$ 1,000.00

We are always looking for new members. (Come and join us)

Ring Maree Gutry 027 3226385. Or Craig Nisbit. 0275732495

Monthly Resident and Ratepayer group meetings

THE RUA KĀKĀ RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The Ruakāka Parish Residents and Ratepayers Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the nes Ruakāka Recreation Centre building in Peter Snell Rd

THE WAIPU RIDING RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association meets at 7pm on the last Wednesday of each month in St Peters Church, Nova Scotia Rd. Waipu.

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EVERY THURSDAY

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MORNING

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	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus

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AFTERNOON

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

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Waipu Cove	\$6.00	\$8.00
Waipu	\$6.00	\$8.00
Ruakākā	\$5.00	\$7.00

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Sports awards nominations due in by the end of February

Nominations to the Bream Bay Sports Awards celebrating sporting achievements in 2023 and 2024 need to be in by 12 noon on Sunday 22 February 2025. There are 33 nominations so far across eight categories:

- Junior sportsperson of the year – under 18 years of age.
- Junior team of the year
- Sports man of the year
- Sports woman of the year
- Masters Sports person of the year
- Senior team
- Coach of the year
- Match Official of the year
- Services to sport and community impact

A Peoples’ Choice award will be given after on-line voting and a Supreme Award winner will be chosen by three anonymous judges.

To date the Services to Sport and Community Impact award has received the most nominations with some pretty inspiring accounts of the contributions to the local sporting scene by the eight nominees. The Match Official award has just one nominee, so if you know someone who regularly takes on that most difficult of jobs as a referee, judge judge or perhaps as a linesman put their name forward. Nominations can be made on an official form on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website where there is also information about eligibility criteria. Awards night will be held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Friday 21 March. Tickets will go on sale on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website on 1 February.

Lots of exciting opportunities in this year’s Have a Go Sports festival

Check out the calendar on page 10 of this issue for the line up of free sporting opportunities in the latest Bream Bay Sports Trust *Have a Go festival*.

The festival kicks off on Saturday 8 February with croquet and lawn bowls, both in Waipu. These two clubs are located next door to one another off South Rd. Croquet starts at 9.13 and the bowls at 10.30, so you could try both in a morning. You need to be 15 years or over for the croquet and over 16 years for the bowls but there are a range of sports available to all ages.

The Bream Bay Swim Club offers children interested in swimming a coaching session, the Marsden Yacht and Boat Club invites people of all ages to “Have a Go and learn to sail” and Te Kaukia o Patuharakeke invites Tamariki of five years up through to Kaumatua to come and see their two Waka Ama craft and to learn about water safety.

There is also Waipu Senior Netball (from 14 years to seniors), the Cove Walking Group (a weekly hour long beach walk followed by coffee), an introduction to golf, Pickleball for all ages and indoor bowls in St. Pauls Church Hall in Ruakākā with all equipment provided.

Bream Bay United Football, Takahiwai Rugby League, Bream Bay Hockey, Bream Bay Cricket, the Waipu Surf Life Saving Club and Hold Down Brazilian Jiu Jitsu invite children to come and try out their codes. – so a good way for parents to gauge what sports their kids would enjoy.

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Fit for life Ruakaka class	Monday 10am to 11am	new centre	\$5	AnnMarie 0211693115
Music club	1st Monday of month 7pm to 10pm	new centre	\$5	Fulco 0274718428
Zumba Gold	Tuesday 9 am to 10 am	new centre	\$9	Roz rozhzumba@gmail.com
Yoga	Tuesday 6pm to 7pm start December	old centre	\$20 per session	Facebook:Shantishalayoga
Tulsi Parenting Hub	Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm	old centre		Cassie 0212343527
Fit for life Ruakaka class	Wednesday 11am to 12pm	new centre	\$5	AnnMarie 0211693115
petanque or indoor bowling	Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	new centre		Sue 021850286
fun rec gymnastics classes	Wednesday 2pm to 6pm	old centre		Fran breambaygym@gmail.com
Zumba	Wednesday 5.45pm to 6.45pm	new centre	\$10	Janine 021437840
Zumba Gold	Thursday 9am to 10am	new centre	\$9	Roz rozhzumba@gmail.com
Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm	new centre	\$5	Lu 0226541979
fun rec gymnastics classes	Thursday 3pm to 5pm	old centre		Fran breambaygym@gmail.com
Yoga	Thursday 6pm to 7pm	old centre	\$20 per session	Facebook:Shantishalayoga
Yoga	Friday 8am to 9am	old centre	\$20 per session	Facebook:Shantishalayoga
Zumba	4th Friday of month 8am to 9am	new centre	\$10	Janine 021437840
Zumba	all other Fridays 9.15am to 10.15am	new centre	\$10	Janine 021437840
60's up	4th Friday of month 10am to 4pm	new centre	\$12 annually fee	Joy 021491887
Casual gym	Mon to Fri 8am to 2pm, Thur to 6pm	new centre	\$2	RRC 4327962
Unisex & Ladies gym	24/7 gym	new centre	\$10 per week	RRC 4327962
New centre address	3 Peter Snell Road Ruakaka	Old centre address	9 Takutai Place Ruakaka	

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

WAIPU TENNIS CLUB REPORT

By Paul Ramsay

There has been plenty of top class tennis action on television over the last few weeks with the ASB tournament and the Australian Open. If you have been watching and are keen to try some of the things you have seen come along on Tuesday nights at 6pm for some mixed social tennis. We have already started but there’s always room for more. Mixed social tennis will continue until the end of the season in April.

The Sawmill Competition kicks off on Thursday February 13. This is limited to 8 teams at \$200 a team so get your entry in quickly to Sean at the club. In the Sawmill Competition you pick your own team of four. It’s also time to think about club champs so keep an eye on the club notice board for an entry list.

Juniors, and Intermediates will be back in Term 1, 2025 every Tuesday evening. Ladies night is Wednesday at 6pm starting early February.

Interclub hits off on February 10 with a full round to play before the season ends. Our teams will be keen to improve their positions

Waipu One Set Wonder tournament is set down for Saturday 15 February with a 10am start. This is a graded tournament meaning you will play people around your ability, met new people, enjoy some exercise and competitive play. Several keen pairings have already entered.

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

Celtic musician Rennie Pearson to perform in Waipu



Rennie Pearson

Multi instrumentalist and Celtic musician Rennie Pearson will give a performance in the Waipu Presbyterian Church on Thursday 6 February from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Tickets Cost \$25pp and are available on the website www.renniepearsonmusic.com.

Mr Pearson specialises in songs and stories from Ireland, Scotland and maritime Canada.

His instruments include a wooden flute, guitar, Irish tin whistles, bodhrán (a single headed frame drum used in Irish music), and a fiddle.

He said, "This performance is about celebrating the magic of Celtic music and connecting with Waipu's vibrant community."

The Waipu concert is part of Rennie's North Island tour, which includes stops in Tauranga, Rotorua, Gisborne, a house concert in Whangārei Heads, Kerikeri and Dargaville.

Phone the BREAM BAY NEWS 09 432 0209
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WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

• EVENTS AT TAHAMOANA FARM:

- Summer Sounds, Hospice Fundraiser, February 1, 12.30 to 7pm.
- Jazz on a Summers Day, February 2, 2-4pm
- February's Funky Folk evening, February 8, 7-10pm.
- Opera in the Garden. March 22, 3-6pm.

566 Cove Rd. Tickets from Eventfinda, Hammer Hardware or at the gate.

• RENNIE PEARSON AT THE WAIPU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thursday 6 February 7.30pm - 9.30pm . Tickets \$25pp from the website www.renniepearsonmusic.com.

• RAY WOOLF AT THE MARSDEN YACHT AND BOAT CLUB.

Saturday 8 February at 2pm. Tickets \$35 - includes finger food. Bookings with prepayment needed. Ph. 027 235 9623 or email: peter@bassbass.co.nz

• WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET Next on Sunday 9 February. From 9am to 1pm in the Coronation Hall

• **THE WAIPU BBS TIMBERS CAR AND BIKE SHOW** Organised by the Waipu Lions. Sunday 9 February 10am - 2pm. Caledonian Park , Waipu. With live entertainment by Elvis impersonator. Entry \$10. Children under 12 free. All proceeds to Northland Rescue Helicopter and local projects

• **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 16 February 9am - 1pm. One Tree Point School quadrant and field. Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward.

• **MARSDEN COVE MARINA MARKET.** Next on Sunday 23 February 9.30am - 2pm

• **TOP OF THE ROCK FUN RUN AND WALK** Sunday 9 March. 9am start. 5km and 10km options. Pakeho Rd., Kaiwaka. \$25 entry. Registration forms from Kaiwaka 4 Square or on line at www.kaiwakasports.co.nz Fundraiser for the Kaiwaka Sports Association. Kids bike race at the Sports Association at 11.30am.

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