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Three arrests after Police search home of Waipu School Principal

Police have made three arrests after carrying out a search warrant on what the Bream Bay News understands to be the home of Waipu Primary School Principal, Jo Brown in the Braigh, in central Waipu on Friday morning 25 January at around 8am.

Early morning commuters reported a number of police vehicles including a Police van, Police dogs and dog handlers outside the address.

Police arranged for the warrant after a series of burglaries in rural Waipu targeting jewellery and firearms.

A quantity of jewellery, electronics and firearms were recovered from the house along with a significant amount of methamphetamine and other drugs.

The three people arrested have been remanded in custody and police enquiries are continuing with further arrests possible.

One of those under arrest is Chris Ngarino, whom the Bream Bay News understands reside in the house with Ms. Brown. He has been charged with two counts of burglary, possession of cannabis, possession of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine for supply and possession of firearms. Mr. Ngarino has been remanded in Ngawha Prison. He has applied for bail and this request was due to be considered in the Whangarei District Court on 31 January.

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Bringing floral colour to the One Tree Point Art and Craft Fair



Christina Maaseen of Ruakaka wore a bright floral patterned dress to match her oil paintings. Christina was one of 40 Northland artists to showcase their work at the Anniversary weekend One Tree Point Art and Craft Fair held in the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina.

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EDITORIAL

The world would be a better place if grandmothers took charge

I am addicted to American politics. My favourite leisure activity at present is watching youtube news clips on the subject of the American government shutdown and the special investigation into Russian influence in the 2016 election as one after another of the associates of Donald Trump are hauled before the courts. Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader of the American House of Representatives, who stood firm against President Trump's threat of maintaining the government shutdown for years if necessary so that he could get funding for his border wall, is my new heroine. I was astounded to learn that that elegant, smart and forceful woman is 78-years-old. Finally here is someone who has the measure of Donald Trump. I have long held the view that the world would be a better place if grandmothers took charge.

Our own local government elections are coming up. Election date is set for Saturday 12 October 2019. So now is the time for anyone who might consider standing for a seat on the Whangarei District Council or the Northland Regional Council to firm up his or her plans.

I really need to turn my attention away from what is happening in America and look at the political scene closer to home. There are parallels and lessons to be learned though. The first is that people need to pay attention. A knowledgeable engaged community is likely to end up with better political representation than one that doesn't care and is looking the other way.

The second is that politics are much more important than game show entertainment. The politicians we elect will be making decisions in the real world and there will be consequences for real people. The Whangarei District Council spent approximately \$183 million of public money in the 2017/2018 year. How effectively this money is used can be seen in the state of our roads, the reliability of our waste water treatment, the safety and reliability of our freshwater supply and in community assets such as parks, libraries, footpaths, walkways and cycleways, which contribute to the health and well being of us all.

We need to be wary of meaningless slogans and people who shout a lot. "Build the Wall," and "Make America Great Again" appealed to a certain kind of conservative American but where were the realistic plans to make these things happen?

Don't be misled by conspiracy theorists. For the most part politicians are not evil geniuses hoodwinking the rest of the populous so they can manipulate the world

to their own ends. Most are hard working and trying their best to make things better for their fellow citizens. Political aspirants who run their campaigns on the underlying theory that all the sitting councilors are stupid and corrupt are not very credible in my eyes. I would place much more trust in someone who showed respect for the work our councilors do but who is asking for the opportunity to demonstrate they have the skills and personality to do better.

It's a tricky business getting re-elected every three years, especially when most voters don't have any idea about the conditions and constraints politicians work under.

Former President of the USA Barack Obama once described politics as being like a game of American football. Most of the time there are defenders blocking your progress "but every once in a while, you'll see a line. And then there's open field."

He said to make progress at all you have to take lots of punts. So perhaps we should be measuring the success or otherwise of our local government politicians in the number of punts they take on our behalf and not just on the number of times they make it to the goalpost.

Nancy Pelosi though is a different kind of politician. She is someone who has been around a long time, works hard, who knows the system and understands the democratic principles it is based on. Crucially she has a good understanding of human nature, even the very strange nature of President Donald Trump.

With our own local government elections in mind, can I ask: are there any savvy seventy-plus-year old women out there with energy to burn, ready for a new challenge?

Marilyn

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High levels of contamination in water at the Piroa Falls again this summer

Photo by Peter Blanch

Last week there was an orange *Caution Advised* bubble beside a photo of the Piroa Falls on the LAWA *Can I swim here?* website.

So far this summer the site has been given either a red - *Unsafe to Swim* or the orange – *Caution Advised* rating and, in consultation with the Northland District Health Board, the Kaipara District Council has put up a sign warning people against swimming in the pool under the waterfall.

This mirrors what happened last summer when Northland Regional Council weekly water tests consistently showed high levels of E.coli in water samples taken from the pool.

If anything the contamination appears worse, as so far this summer there have been two instances when the level of E.coli found in 100mls of sample water reached 2,400. Water is deemed to be unsafe for swimming when the E.coli level is above 550 per 100mls.

Last summer (2017 -2018) was the first time Piroa Falls had been included in the NRC’s summer swimming spot water quality survey.

E.coli is a Faecal Indicator Bacteria (FIB) which points to the presence of faeces from warm blooded animals including humans and birds. The presence of E.coli in water indicates that harmful pathogens may also be present.

Last summer’s consistent high E.coli levels at this site triggered further investigations by the NRC and water samples from the pool were sent to a laboratory for testing to identify the likely source of faecal contamination. The tests found that the E.coli present in the water came from both avian (bird) and ruminant (cattle, sheep or goats). Seepage from septic tanks can be ruled out, as the E.coli identified are not from the intestines of humans.

NRC staff have visited the catchment to see if they can pinpoint the problem. A large free-range chicken farm has come under scrutiny and was visited by an NRC officer. There are also farms, which graze cattle in the catchment.

Colin Dall, the NRC Group Manager Regulatory Services, said additional sampling will be done further up the catchment in an attempt to pinpoint the source of the contamination.

Piroa Falls is located on the Ahuroa River in the Waipu Gorge, 7km west of State Highway One. It can be reached via a short track down from the road and is popular picnic spot. Swimmers enjoy diving under the waterfall. A photograph of the falls appears on the cover of the Bream Bay local directory phone book.

The falls are upstream of a Whangarei District Council public water supply intake and treatment plant on the Ahuroa River near Waipu.

Water taken from the river supplies the town of Waipu and sometimes also Ruakaka as there is a pipe connecting the two settlements.

Andrew Venmore, the WDC’s Water Services Manager, said about half the Ahuroa River water ends up in Ruakaka. Most goes to the Marsden Point Refinery because of the way the pipeline is configured but some also ends up in the Ruakaka town water supply.

Mr. Venmore gives assurances that there is a robust four-step water treatment process at the Ahuroa plant. First chemicals are added to bind with any particles; the water is filtered and then treated with both chlorine and ultra violet light.

“We know that sometimes we can have these problems so we have this belt and braces approach to treatment.”

Mr. Venmore said however that it is always better if the water taken for the public supply is of good quality and he will be raising the matter of the contamination at Piroa Falls at his next regular meeting with Mr. Dall.

Northland Regional Councillor Rick Stolwerk said he believes the problems with water contamination at Piroa falls may have existed for some time but only become apparent since the Northland Regional Council began testing the water there last summer.

He has looked at the free range chicken farm in the catchment and said at the time this didn’t appear to be the source of the problem but has agreed, due to public concern, to take another look.

He said the regional council is being pro-active in trying to solve water quality problems around the region with tree planting programmes to reduce erosion on steep hill country.



This image of the Piroa Falls features on the cover of the Bream Bay phone directory.

Three arrests after Police search home of Waipu School Principal

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Last Tuesday Ms. Brown sent an email out to Waipu Primary parents and guardians saying the police search did not have anything to do with her and that she has not been charged with any offences.

She said,” I was utterly shocked by the search and until that point, I had been completely in the dark.”

She said she has been supporting someone she considered to be a friend, with physical health issues, to find “his way in the world and starting a carving business.” This man had been using space in her house and had access to the shed and the house.

She had been away for several weeks over the summer holidays and during this time a number of people had been staying at or had access to the house. These people had been involved in criminal activity.

Mr. Brown’s email was followed by a message to parents from the Waipu School Board of Trustees, which read:

“In relation to the email you will have received earlier today from Jo Brown, the board of trustees (BOT) were advised by the NZ School Trustees Association (NZSTA) on Friday that there was no further action the board should take until we are contacted by a regional advisor from the NZSTA this week. Once the board has received further guidance from the NZSTA we will meet to consider the facts and recommendations and will inform you of any update to the situation at that time.”

“The board’s priority is to ensure that a safe environment exists for Waipu Primary’s students and its employees.”

The Board of Trustee email suggested people who had any questions regarding this matter should contact Ms. Brown or a member of the Board of Trustees.

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LETTERS

Stuff picked up on the beach

After reading the editorial in the latest publication I thought you may be interested in this.

We walk the beach in the morning and along the way pick up rubbish. We start from the Bream Bay Drive boardwalk to Uretiti Campsite beach entrance and back.

We are newcomers to Paradise Shores Ruakaka Beach with the beach being a major attraction for retiring here. Over the summer holiday period we were amazed at the amount of rubbish left behind by beach goers, dog walkers, fishing and crabbing people.

We are not the only people who pick up, which is a good thing.

Below is a list of 'stuff' we collected off the beach from 1st December to current day.

The majority of rubbish is nearest the Uretiti beach entrance with the remaining collected anywhere along the beach.

Dog poo is seen along the beach. (we don't pick that up or any paper including tissues).

Personal attire: hats, sunglasses, jandals (adult and children), hair bands, shirts, mens underwear

Body Board. It was damaged so left on sand dunes

Toys: plastic buckets, shovels, rakes

Food wrapping: confectionery, chuppa pops, straws

Plastic: drink bottles, coffee cups & lids, bags

Glass: beer bottles

Cans: RTD cans, beer

Firework: pile of remains of fireworks

Fire remains: burnt off cuts of timber pallets with nails protruding

Fishing: braided line, nylon line, nylon rope, hooks, sinkers, net, crab pots

Miscellaneous: small plastic bag of cannabis

No matter what, we'll continue to walk the beach and pickup as we appreciate what a great asset the beach is to our environment.

*Glynnis Paton
Ruakaka*

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A suggestion for the Museum Board

Re: the recent letter to the Bream Bay News about the dearth of volunteers in the museum over busy holidays, ponder this – the village of Waipu would collapse in an ungainly heap if all the volunteers disappeared. Imagine – no library, hall duties, Meals on Wheels, New Years Day at the Caledonian Park, no Easter Carnival, Community Patrols, Ambulance, Fire Brigade, street rubbish removal, op shops, Toy Library, charity collections ANZAC ceremony, pipe band, school boards, parent help, surf club, sports clubs, Linking Hands and many, many more.

Take into account that a number of these volunteers are heading towards, or already at senior citizen status and some problems become clearer.

Perhaps the Museum Board could look at developing a scheme to recruit students to learn about the particular heritage and culture of this special place, with tutoring help from those who have the knowledge before moving on to an internship over the holidays. Follow up with opportunity to participate with exchange scholarships to a college in Nova Scotia or Scotland perhaps.

If you can get the younger citizens through the doors to practice traditional arts/crafts, research skills such as recording family stories, poems and songs etc., then some will come back to volunteer in the future because they had a positive experience and it made them aware of how very special the migration of the ancestors from Scotland and Nova Scotia is to Waipu history.

Just a thought.

*Yvonne Oldham
Waipu*

Thanks for the knitting

The Zonta Club of Hatea in Whangarei wishes to publicly thank the knitting ladies from Waipu and surrounding areas for their sterling efforts in so kindly donating huge quantities of baby knitting, hats, slippers, blankets and quilts, to us. These items have been given to Women's Refuge, hospitals and schools as far north as Rawene. We know that there is a great need in Northland to keep our children dry and warm during the cold months to prevent illness. The knitting has been hugely appreciated by all those organisations and their recipients.

We thank them sincerely.

*Anne Richards
Zonta Club of Hatea-Whangarei.*



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Just two fairy tern chicks this summer

There are just two surviving tara-iti or fairy tern chicks this season.

This is the lowest breeding success rate for New Zealand's rarest breeding bird for 27 years and severely impacts on the species chances of survival.

In the 2008/2009 season the fairy tern recovery programme reached a high point



A fairy tern in flight.

with 12 successful fledgings but since then the most chicks to fledge in a summer has been six.

A female bird, half of a breeding pair went missing from the Waipu sandspit last summer after she was photographed by Department of Conservation ranger Ayla Wyles with a mysterious blue substance on the top of her head and holding a blue dyed fish in her beak. The photograph was sent to the Northland Regional Council, which investigated but found nothing. Investigating officers wondered if the blue colouring may have been a trick of the light. However, the blue-headed bird hasn't been seen since this incident and her two chicks left without a mother, subsequently died.

There remains just one infertile pair of fairy tern nesting on the Waipu sandspit. This pair is used as foster parents and successfully hatched a chick taken from a nest with two eggs on the Mangawhai sandspit this summer.

A chick also hatched from the single egg left in the Mangawhai nest but has since disappeared, which illustrates the important role the Waipu fostering pair play. The second remaining chick is at Pakiri beach.

Another female half of a breeding pair recently died at Papakanui and a second pair, which has historically nested there has disappeared. So with the loss of three breeding pairs, just five pairs remain.

The Department of Conservation employs fairy tern rangers to manage nesting sites on the Waipu and Mangawhai sandspits each summer and the Fairy Tern Trust pays for trapping programmes and provides volunteers to monitor nests.

Fairy tern were once widespread along the east coast of the upper North Island but largely but are very vulnerable to predators that sniff out their nests disguised amongst shells on the sand and to disturbance by humans and dogs.

Auckland Zoo has helped the Department of Conservation with incubation of eggs from time to time but as tfairy tern rely on fishing in an estuary they cannot be cared for in a captive envionment.

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Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club takes the water safety message to unpatrolled beaches around the North



Waipu Surf Lifeguard Clare Peabody talking to a group of interested people at Cable Bay about how to administer first aid to a choking baby



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Members of the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club having been touring Northland beaches helping to spread the work about water safety. They visited un-patrolled beaches in the Far North where there were drownings last year.

The trip was funded by an AMI community grant which Emma Baker, the Junior Club Captain won in a competition and was also supported by BP and the Northland Regional Council. Subway, Dargaville also provided them with lunch.

Eleven lifeguards and four junior surf members spent four days visiting the Kai Iwi Lakes, Matai Bay, Cable Bay, Taupo Bay and Matapouri Bay.

They demonstrated different rescue techniques using rescue tubes, boards and the Inflatable Rescue Boat as well as CPR, how to help someone who is choking and how to spot a rip. They also ran some water safety

games and obstacle courses for children.

They educated groups on how to keep their children and themselves safe by knowing their limits and spread the message: "If in doubt, stay out."

They told their audiences to always keep young children within arms reach in the water and to check the conditions first for hazards such as boats launching, surfers, river outlets and weather.

"No one is stronger than a rip," and if you do get caught in one remember the three Rs: Relax and float, Raise your arm, Ride the rip.

Club Captain Kath Manning said, "The tour was rewarding in many ways. It was great to help those rural communities that don't have a surf life saving presence, educating holiday makers about potential risks and how to stay safe, as well as being great development and team building for our lifeguards."

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Bream Bay St. John annual trophy awards

Bream Bay st. John presented its annual award trophies at its Chirstmas party held in December.



Tom Manihera - received the highest award, the St John Bream Bay Officer of the Year 2018, and also the award for Most Training Attendances in 2018.



Dennaye Wright - received the Barb Lock Recognition of Leadership 2018.



Kathleen Forsythe - received the Most Improved Officer in 2018 award.

Bream Bay St. John urgently needs more volunteers

Bream Bay St. John needs more volunteers. Station manager Barbara Lock said she has lots six volunteers in the last six months through people moving or just becoming too busy with other aspects of their lives. “We are finding it quite difficult to find new volunteers for some reason. Maybe lives are just getting busier and people have no time to volunteer for anything. Meanwhile the ambulance station is also getting busier. Bream Bay St. John attended 1,324 incidents last year, and this month has already attended 88 jobs. “We are definitely getting busier,” Barbara said. During the days ideally a paid staff member works alongside a volunteer. At night double crews of volunteers keep the ambulance on the road.

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Police Report

Located at a residential address after fleeing Police

On Monday 14 January at 8am, a vehicle was driven away at speed when Police attempted to stop it in One Tree Point Rd. Ruakaka. The driver and vehicle were located some time later at a residential address in One Tree Point. As a result a 38-year-old One Tree Point man has been arrested and charged with driving while disqualified, dangerous driving and failing to stop for the Police. He is next due to appear in the Whangarei District Court on 4 February.

Fourteen family harm incidents

Police attended 14 family harm incidents in the period from 14 January to 28 January.

Trailer comes lose on Brynderwyn hill

At 5am on 22 January a trailer came lose from a truck while climbing up the Brynderwyn hill. The trailer was fitted with electric brakes and came to stop but not before the vehicle travelling behind crashed into it. The driver however was unhurt and there was only minor damage to his car.

No serious crashes despite high volumes of traffic on highway

Sergeant Simon Craig said it is pleasing that there have been no fatalities and very few vehicle accidents in the Bream Bay area over the summer, despite large volumes of traffic on the highway. He attributes this to a strong Police presence and good driver behaviour.

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Waipu piper to get a repaint

The piper at the entrance to Waipu is about to be taken down for a repaint. He will be taken to the Waipu Celtic Barn and an initial working bee for the repaint is due to be held the following day on Friday 1 February. The piper has stood fixed to poles concreted into the ground on Hector Ewen's farm at the northern entrance to Waipu for the past 20 years. He was commissioned by the Waipu Business



The Piper advertises the annual Waipu Highland Games

Promotions group and initially stood tied to a tree on the Roberts farm nearby. Hector volunteered the spot on his land because it affords a clear view for some distance to approaching traffic from the south. The Piper was the subject of controversy a few years back, when NZTA requested that it be taken down in line with its policy that there should be minimal signs along side the highway and that these should strictly relate to the business premises they advertise. However the Waipu Promotions Group successfully put forward the case for this well loved Waipu icon to remain.

Bream Bay St. John urgently needs more volunteers

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“We have been having to stand the ambulance down over some nights of late, just through lack of volunteers.”
Volunteers need to commit to one 12-hour shift per week, to attend fortnightly training and to taking on a long-term role with the service. They must have a full driver's license, a clean police record, an ability to multi task, a good fitness level, be able to work in a team and have a caring attitude. Those interested in becoming Bream Bay St. John volunteers can phone the station 09 432 7311 or Email: station54@stjohn.org.nz

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Waipu Premiers' Rugby Coach Graham Dewes staying on for another season

After taking his team to the Northland finals last year Waipu Premiers' rugby coach Graham Dewes has agreed to stay on for another season. The team reached the semi finals in 2017, so working on past results, this year should be an exciting one. "I have a good bunch to work with. The majority of the boys I worked with for the last few years are still around", he said.

Three players: Taniela Koroi, Michel Lea and Ropate Rinekama have picked up overseas contracts. They have landed places in a Singapore, Asia Pacific Barbarians team, which will compete in the new Global Rapid Rugby series sponsored by the Australian billionaire Andrew Forrest. Graham is pleased for them. He says they have demonstrated that through playing good rugby for Waipu there is a pathway to becoming professional.

Another source of pride for him is that last year through having a good season with Waipu, four of his players made it into the Northland Taniwha team. Graham said, "I get a kick out of watching them grow and reaching their goals."

Some of the players just want to come along and play rugby and that's fine with me as well.

Two years ago he selected Sam McNamara, who grew up in One Tree Point and was just 19 at the time, as captain of the Waipu Premiers. Asked what he saw in Sam to choose him for this role, Graham said Sam is very humble.

"I like that about him. He works hard and he doesn't say a lot but when he does talk he is worth listening to."

Graham was born in Fiji but moved to Auckland when he was eight-years-old. His father is a kiwi and his mother's family is from the island of Rotuma, which is a dependency of Fiji.

He was a member of the Fiji team, which reached the quarter- finals in The Rugby World Cup of 2007. In fact, he scored the winning try in the 38 – 34 win against Wales and became an overnight hero in Fiji. Before moving to Waipu in 2015 he played for Counties Manukau in Auckland.

Graham made the move because he wanted to advance his career in the building industry. The Waipu Rugby Club helped him into a job with Oliver Tuck Construction. He said his partner Tilila has kept him grounded and encouraged him to think about his future once his rugby playing days are over.

Graham played for Waipu for that first year and then became a player/coach. Now he concentrates on the coaching.

He found the culture here very different to that of Counties/Manukau where players have to fight for a spot in the team. When he went to his first pre-season training in Waipu only four players turned up.

"That evening in bed I was wondering what I had come to but I reminded myself that what I was

here for was the job as a builder."

One of the conditions Graham negotiated when he took on the coaching role was that the Waipu Rugby Club would assist him to bring promising young players form Fiji to Waipu. It is important to him to give these young men opportunities they would not otherwise have. He maintains links with rugby coaches in Fiji who help him choose the best candidates. He has three selection criteria. The first is that they must be good rugby players; the second that they have clear goals and the third is that they have good morals and are honest.

"I am bringing them into my home and into my family so I need to be able to trust them", Graham said.

He also brings players up from Auckland, spreading the message that Northland is a great place to play rugby offering many opportunities.

The Fijian players board with Tilila and Graham. The Waipu Rugby Club helps out with food donations such as parcels of farm-killed meat. Tilila is grateful as those towering young men "can eat up a storm". She keeps a pot of stew on the go through most of the season.

She works part time as a flight attendant and has young children to care for but doesn't mind the extra cooking and the permanent houseguests.

"It's his hobby. It's what he is happy doing."

Tilila and Graham say their home is a bit like a marae with people constantly coming and going.

Graham has set up a gym in his garage, which many of his players call around to work out in.

Living at One Tree Point he is well aware of the Takahiwai League Club just down the road and has an idea he hopes to pull off this pre-rugby season.

He came up with this at last year's Bream Bay Sports Awards.

"We have these two proud clubs here in Bream Bay. Takahiwai League Club is one of the best league clubs in Northland and Waipu is one of the better rugby



Waipu Rugby Premiers' coach Graham Dewes hopes to stage a pre season match between his team an the Takahiwai Warriors seniors.

clubs."

Graham has approached Takahiwai about a pre-season match between the two clubs with 20 minutes played in each of the codes. Keep an eye on the Bream Bay News for details of this exciting upcoming event.

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Coastal Care volunteer features large on NRC vehicle



Ruakaka woman Sue Jolly has a larger than life image of herself printed on both sides of an Northland Regional Council vehicle.

Sue is a member of the Bream Bay Coastal Care group and the photograph used on the sides of the vehicle was taken when she participated in a pingao and spinifex planting working be to repair the damaged sand dune alongside Peter Snell Rd. en route to the Ruakaka Racecourse.

What was formerly an illegal but frequently used vehicle beach access was closed off in 2017 and the eroded dune rebuilt and planted with sand binding native plants.

A number of vehicles in the Northland Regional Council fleet have been adorned with images of community volunteers assisting with different aspects of the NRC's work.

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Fire and Emergency NZ says the hot dry conditions make lighting fires extremely risky and it will only grant permits on the rare occasions that a fire is necessary to reduce risk in a serious emergency.

It is an offence to knowingly light or allow someone else to light a fire in the open are without a permit or not in accordance with the conditions of a permit in a prohibited fire season.

Bream Bay Sports Awards

Nominations are flowing in for the Bream Bay Sports Awards, which will be held on 1 March in the Waipu Celtic Barn with guest speaker Stacey Michelsen captain of the Black Sticks hockey women’s team along with one other member of the team.

The nomination period has been extended to the end of this week – Friday 1 February. The Sports Awards organising team would like to see nominations come from as many as possible of the diverse sporting codes in Bream Bay and sees this as an opportunity to bring people with different sporting interests together for a night of celebration.

The awards are for sporting achievement in 2018. There are categories for junior, masters, senior men and senior women sportspeople as well as junior and senior teams, coaches and sports administrators. A supreme winner is chosen from the winners of all the categories.

Three local sports enthusiasts make up the judging panel.

A full list of categories can be found on the Bream Bay Sports Awards website and nominations can be made on the website or by emailing breambaynews@xtra.co.nz

From next week a list of all nominees will be posted on the website so members of the public can vote for a People’s Choice Award.

Some of the trophies presented at the last award ceremony have still not been handed in and the award organisers request that this be done as soon as possible. These can be dropped off at the Waipu Pharmacy or Orrs Pharmacy, Ruakaka.



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No shorebird chicks at Ruakaka but mixed success at the Waipu Estuary

Shorebirds have had a disastrous season at the Ruakaka estuary.

Lucina Cummings, who looks after nests on the south side of the rivermouth is watching over five oyster catcher and one dotterel nest but says, despite two of nests being in place before Christmas, she still hasn't seen any chicks. She wonders if due to the high number of people on the beach the parent birds have been disturbed and left their eggs to overheat in the sun.



A varialbe oystercatcher

There have been no successful shorebird nests at the Ruakaka estuary for the past two summers

David Lourie, who has been keeping a watch at the Waipu Estuary reports a better outcome there.

Since the beginning of the shorebird-breeding season around September, David has been fencing off shorebird nesting sites and putting up signs to stop vehicles entering the shorebird breeding area on the northern side of the river mouth.

David said, "On the inner beach opposite Hamon Road nine oyster catcher chicks hatched of which six survived.

He found two dotterel nests as well as two more pairs of dotterel exhibiting nesting behaviour and saw two dotterel chicks close to fledging.

On the ocean spit on the north side of Waipu River, two dotterel nests each had two eggs, one was predated although it had a protective steel mesh cage placed over it that allowed the parents to enter and leave but keep out cats, dogs and possums. Two of these steel cages have been stolen. The second dotterel nest appears to have been washed away in the seasonal high tides. There was also an oystercatcher nest on the landward side of the spit but David is unsure of the outcome for this nest.

He said, "This year has seen some improvements. The reduction of disturbances has seen more nests put down on the spit. We need to maintain monitoring and persist with fencing and signage to see the nests produce fledged chicks in the coming seasons."



The New Zealand dotterel

David said a combination of fencing and security patrols saw a decline in the number of dog incursions evidenced by pawprints. Vehicle incursions have much reduced although there is a persistent hard core who place their individual freedoms above the rule of law and don't recognise the threat their vehicles pose to wildlife or simply don't care. Although the fencing that protects nesting areas has generally been respected.

He thanks the trappers and locals and visitors who have repaired damaged fencing and all of the people who have helped him care for the refuge.

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Big crowd at the Waipu Anniversary weekend Saturday market



Three-year-old Benjamin Cox of Silverdale cooled down under the shade of a tree with an icecream.



Lynn Camavan of Mangawhai did a roaring trade in sweetcorn.



Paula Weir made use of the time been sales by crocheting more stock. Here she holds up a collection of colourful woollen crocheted unicorns.



Cousins Keedeyn Stevens aged seven and Mason Bell, aged six, had some scary smiles painted on their faces by a face paint artist who gave her name as Spiffy.

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Ari Carrington and 10-year old Eilsa had a trailer full of watermelon to sell. The melons were grown at Poroti by Ari’s aunty.



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- *Diana* ETA 29 January at 10.30pm. ETD 2 February at 11.30pm. Loading logs.
- *Alcyone* ETA 31 January at 11pm. ETD 4 February at 7pm. Loading logs.
- *Kokako* ETA 1 February at 5.30am. ETD 2 February at 7.30pm. Loading refined oil products for Tauranga.
- *Melanesian Chief* ETA 2 February at 5am. ETD 3 February at 7pm. Loading LVL
- *Shansi* ETA 2 February at 9pm. ETD 6 February at 12 noon. Loading LVL and Veneer.
- *Soochow* ETA 3 February at 12 noon ETD 7 February at 2pm. Loading Triboard.
- *King Canola* ETA 3 February at 2pm. ETD 5 February at 12 noon, Loading logs.
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Emphasis is on fun at the Marsden Yacht and Boat Club's Snake Bank Challenge



The start of the paddle race at last year's Snake Bank Challenge.

Members of The Marsden Yacht and Boat club are currently hard at work organising the annual charity fund raising event which this year has been named the "Westmoreland Homes Snake Bank Regatta"

This regatta is scheduled for Saturday 16 February. Profits made will be distributed to Coastguard, St Johns, Surf Lifesaving, the Northland Sailing Trust and the club's youth sailing program.

The event comprises a paddle race in the morning open to anything that can be paddled: i.e: paddle board, kayak, surf board etc followed in the afternoon by a sailing race open to anything that can be sailed from kiteboards, centreboard yachts through to keelers.

Entry in the paddle race costs \$5 for those under the age of 18 and \$25 for people 18 years and over. An entry form is available on the club's website.

Alan Alcock said, "The emphasis is on having fun and the races are open to all ages. There are fabulous prizes, the majority of which are distributed as spot prizes drawn on the day"

What's On in Bream Bay

- **STORIES AT THE RUAKAKA LIBRARY** Story sessions for children 8 years and under. From 10.30am on Friday 1 February.
- **MARSDEN MATERIAL GIRLS** Annual challenge *Zip It* exhibition. Quilt work incorporating zips. In the foyer of the Ruakaka Library and Whangarei District Council Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET.** In the Waipu Coronation Hall. Next on Sunday 9 February from 9am - 1pm.
- **WAITANGI CEILIDH - A SUMMER BARN DANCE** Kaiwaka War Memorial Hall. Wednesday 6th February 10-12.30 followed by a shared lunch. \$5 per person or \$10 for a family (no unaccompanied children)
- **WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW.** 10 February in the Caledonian Park. From 10am - 2pm. \$5 entry. Under 10 years-old free. Fundraising event for the Waipu Lions.
- **VALENTINES NIGHT AT THE ROSE AND THISTLE** Thursday 14 February From 6pm Set menu dinner for couples and families in the Restaurant. Singles night in the bar area for adult games and activities and a chance to mingle.
- **SNAKE BANK CHALLENGE** Saturday 16 February. Based at the Marsden Bay Yacht and Boat Club. Paddle race starts 11.30am. Sail race from 1.45pm.
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 17 February from 9am - 1pm. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina

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The Waipu Vikings under 19 years team won the single rescue and was second in both the mass rescue and the tube rescue. The Waipu Dinoco team (also under 19 men) won the assembly rescue was second in the tube rescue and third in the single rescue. Waipu also came second in the open mens race.

The Waipu teams were competing against some of the big Auckland clubs including: Red Beach, Mairangi Bay and Piha.

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- Every Monday Starts 4 Feb from 10am. Mums and Bubs social group.
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- Every Tuesday from 2nd Feb Happy Hour from 4 - 6.
- Every Tuesday from 2nd Feb, choice of homemade pot pie and house beer or wine for \$15 (main menu still available).
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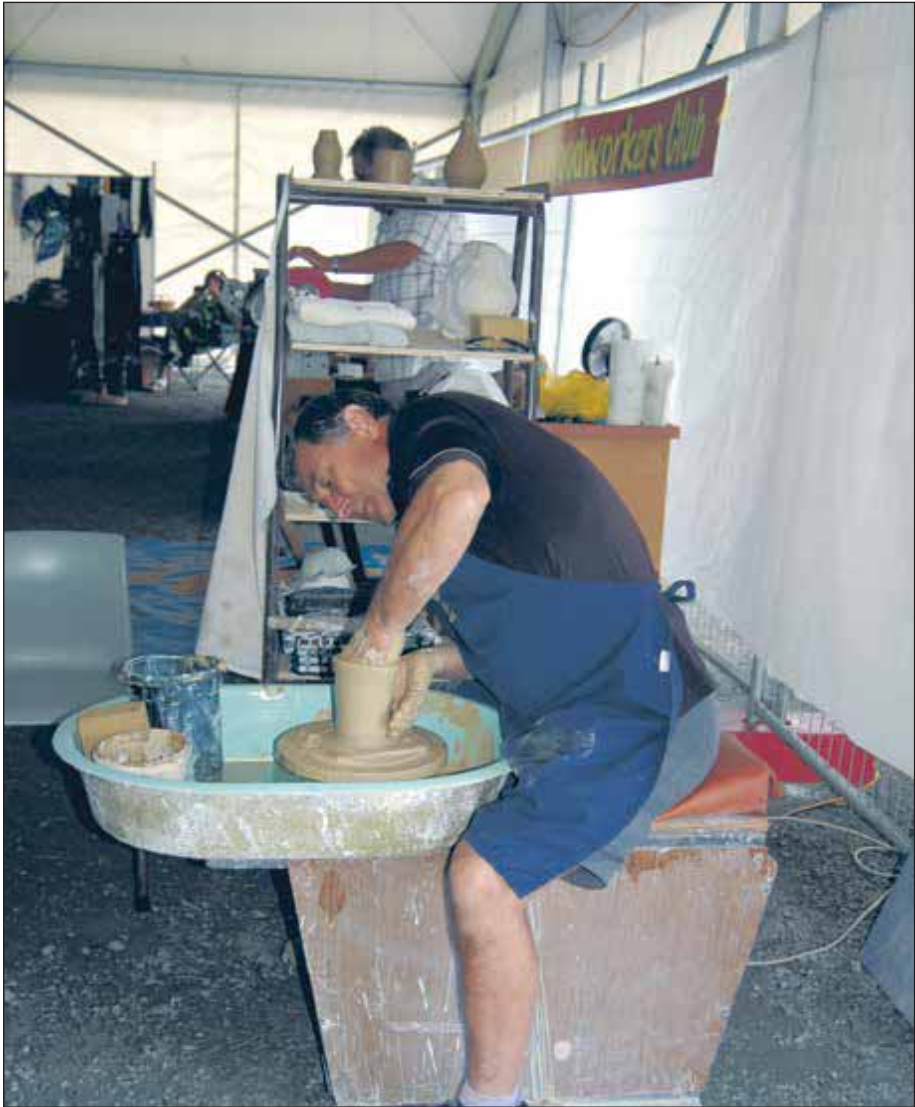
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It is with feelings of sadness that we farewell Dr Sue Hancock. She is retiring and we are grateful for her time here at BBMC. Thank you, Sue, for all your hard work and do enjoy your "Semi-Retirement" – a "Heads Up" we will see her here from time to time covering leave.

We also have Dr Christian Wieser leaving for distant shores (well to Whangarei) – he is going to be specialising in "Skin Cancer" treatment.

We wish him well and he does tell me he could be persuaded in covering some leave as well – so watch this space.

Dr Ryan Perkins has decided to head back to locuming work and so we Thank him for his time here as well.

All is not lost we do get to Welcome our new Doctors to the area - Dr Maree Park, Dr Ciara Drummond, Dr Katie Griggs and Dr Rebecca Jongkind is also working with us.

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 Overlooking the Waipu River with access to launch your kayaks, this unique property offers amazing privacy with 4000m2 of land. A paradise for kids to grow up in. There's a boat ramp and fishing jetty across the road. The low maintenance home is only 10 years old and features open plan living, 3 double bedrooms, an office or 4th bedroom, 2 bathrooms, double garage plus large double carport and storage sheds.
\$865,000 - www.bbrealty.co.nz #3920
ALAN SHEDDAN AREINZ ph 021 810 319
 Licensed Real Estate Agent (REAA 2008)

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WAIPU—WALK TO TOWN
 If being a part of a great community is for you then this could be your perfect home. Located on the fringe of Caledonian Park & Waipu Township. This is a very private 4 bedroom family home. Recently re-vamped giving this property a fresh look with new carpet & paint throughout. The living area leads out to the rear yard which is fully fenced. Perfect for pets & children.
\$729,000 - www.bbrealty.co.nz #3913
FIONA SOUTHOORN MNZM ph 021 317 775
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WALK TO THE SURF BEACH
 This is not your typical home in a subdivision. Check out this cedar plus board & batten dwelling nestled amongst mature trees and gardens on approx. 700m2 section. Convenient one level living with massive kitchen & deck as the hub of the home with spacious wings either side. SPACE to use as bedrooms or extra lounges—mold it to suit your lifestyle. Many extra's include pizza oven, hot tub & high end lighting system.
POA - www.bbrealty.co.nz #3921
FRANCIE STOKES ph 022 656 0165
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LOCATION AND LIFESTYLE



- 4ha (10 acres) of prime land.
- Large barn with mezzanine floor.
- Approx. 10 paddocks with post & wire fencing.
- 3 Bedroom home (currently rented for \$400pw).
- Brilliant location close to Ruakaka & SH1.

\$795,000 - www.bbrealty.co.nz #3909
LYNN PARKER ph 021 795 546
 Licensed Real Estate Salesperson (REAA 2008)

New home being built in Marsden Cove expected to be completed Aug 2019.
 - Brick & Linear
 - Top quality fit out
 - Granite kitchen with walk-in pantry
 - 4 bedrooms (or 3 plus family room)
\$839,000
www.bbrealty.co.nz #3910
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