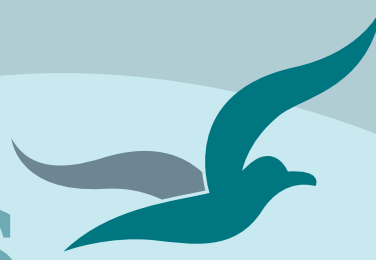


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Ocean outfall for disposal of treated wastewater a likely outcome of rapid growth in Ruakākā and One Tree Point areas

An ocean outfall to dispose of treated wastewater is a likely outcome of rapid residential growth in Ruakākā and One Tree Point.

The Whangārei District Council's Long Term Plan discussion document states:

"We are working with hapū partners on an integrated response to potential growth in Ruakākā, which includes a new wastewater treatment plant and disposal system and stormwater catchment management. The rate of growth in the area means that this investment is needed sooner than previously thought.

The Council already has a consent for the ocean outfall with one of the conditions that this will only be built when all land based disposal options have been exhausted.

Upgrading Ruakākā wastewater treatment and disposal is flagged as one of the big-ticket items of capital expenditure the 2024 -2034 plan. Between 2024 and 2030 the Council has budgeted a total of \$84.8 million for these projects.

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Getting into the spirit of the Waipu Easter Carnival



Riding the Merry-Go-Round with her flowing multi coloured pony tails four-year-old Ayla Thorburn of Whangārei really got into the spirit of the Waipu Primary School's Easter Carnival held in the Caledonian Park on Easter Saturday 30 March

More carnival photos on pages 8 and 9



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EDITORIAL

Happiness for children and their families at the Waipu Easter Carnival

Two subjects are top of mind for me this week – one joyful and full of colour the second dark and foreboding.

To start in the happy place – the Waipu Easter Carnival was wonderful. I wandered round looking for bright little faces to photograph on the pony cart, the Merry Go Round, the tractor ride and the dodgem cars. I spoke to many parents, aunts and uncles and grandparents and I was struck by how much all these children are loved and how proud their families are of them. There were children from Waipu, Ruakākā, Kamo, Onerahi and Auckland. Some of the families were expensively dressed and some were barefoot, long haired and tattooed. All these parents and grandparents had brought the children to the fair so they could have a happy time together. Grandparents sat in the sun and watched their grandsons perform dare devil feats on the bouncy castles, mothers leaned over the guide ropes with their phones to photograph the smiles on the faces of their little sons and daughter in the pony cart and aunties took joy in the happiness of little girls as they had their hair plated with coloured ribbons and painted with glitter.

To cross to the dark side - I have been reading through submissions on the Vaco Developments Waipu Gateway project and thinking about how complex this application is. Submitters are putting forward arguments that I had not thought of before. The New Zealand Transport Agency, for example, has a concern that stormwater from the new car park and roads into and around the proposed commercial site will overwhelm the swales on the edge of State Highway One flooding and compromising the road north.

The Coalition Government's Fast Track Approvals Bill will give three ministers: Shane Jones, Simeon Brown and Chris Bishop sweeping powers to approve developments. I just don't believe these three, none of whom appear to have a good understanding of environmental matters are capable of making wise decisions on our behalf.

Development for developments sake is not always a good thing. Lots can go wrong. We just need to look around. Cutting down all the kauri forest on those steep hillsides early last century was not a good idea. It led to erosion, flash flooding downstream on the flats and siltation of rivers and streams.

Clearing the totara forest from the sandy back dunes of Bream Bay didn't work out either. Grass didn't grow there very well. Sand, with no covering vegetation, blew everywhere and then weeds took over. Pampas, wild ginger, climbing asparagus, tobacco weed, you name it - it's growing there.

A spectacular example of a development idea that didn't work out is the Marsden oil fueled power stations dreamed up by the late Sir Robert Muldoon, which cost so much, took so much effort and toil and came to nothing when conditions changed and the price of oil went up.

The Marsden Cove Development bisected a beach so the developer could build canals inland for the purpose of creating ever more high priced water front sections.

The Marsden City developer had a plan for a new city with mega stores, schools, a railway station and even a university. Thousands of cubic metres of peat soil were dug up, carted away and stockpiled at our local quarries or spread over farm land. The site, previously a productive farm, sat vacant for over a decade, letters fell off the sign and the stormwater pipes corroded in the acid soils and had to be replaced at great expense.

Marilyn



Rick Stolwerk
Coastal South Councillor for Northland Regional Council

If you have any general questions on environmental issues, pest management control, maritime safety concerns or specific questions in relation to my role as Chair of the Northland Regional Council's Sub Committee - Investment and Property, and as the NRC representative on the Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee

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Deferred in the draft Long Term Plan

Two areas of work deferred in the Whangārei District Council's 2024 – 2034 Long Term Plan that might be of concern to Bream Bay residents are:

- There will be no new road sealing apart from roads the Council has already committed to sealing. McLean Rd. in Waipu, which was due for sealing this summer when funds needed to be diverted to road repairs after Cyclone Gabrielle is on this list.
- There is no funding allocated in the ten year plan for walking and cycle trails which might draw some submissions from Waipu residents keen to see the final two and a half kilometres of the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway completed as well as the many Ruakākā and One Tree Point cyclists who desperately need a safe route between Marsden Cove and the Ruakākā Towncentre.

Funds for new cemetery

The sum of \$970,000 has been allocated in the WDC's Parks budget for development of the Ruakaka Cemetery. This money will be spent over the years 2024 - 2031

Drop in session on the WDC 10 year plan

The Whangārei District Council's Long Term Plan is proposing a general rates rise of 17.2%. The draft plan consultation document says this larger than usual rise is necessary because the Council's income is not keeping up with its expenditure, costs are escalating, there is a large repair bill as a result Cyclone Gabrielle and the Government is placing increasing demands on local councils without helping with additional funding.

This is not the highest rate rise of any Council in NZ this year. The Hamilton City Council is asking for a 19.9% rise and the Buller District Council for a massive 31% rise. Its higher than most though. The Auckland Council is proposing a 7.5% rates increase. A News Hub report in mid March found the average proposed Council rate rise was 15%.

The rates increase is on the flat rate charged on the land value of each property and not on any targeted rates such as water rates. Water rates however are due to go up by 20% for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 financial years, in large part, to help pay for the upgrade of the Ruakākā wastewater treatment and disposal systems. A graph in the LTP consultation document shows that the current Whangārei District rates are below the national average.

Council staff will be present at a drop in session at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre (Takutai Place, Ruakākā).

Another 270 metres of the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway



Paul Cowpland at work on the new section of the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway. The section takes the trail crossing away from the McLean Rd. corner

Another 270 metres of the Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle trail is under construction. The new section moves the crossing from the McLean Rd intersection to a safer spot further along Cove Rd.

The work is being carried out by Paul Cowpland at a discounted rate. Trust Chairman Tim Manning said Paul has done a great job on the new section and the many cycle and walkway users will be grateful.

Traffic control was provided free of charge by Waka Kotahi and Fulton Hogan who agreed that the Traffic Control staff stationed at the McLean Rd./ Cove Rd. corner while Cove Rd. was part of the Brynderwyn bypass route

options could take care of traffic safety for the cycleway construction as well. Paul Jenkins is providing cartage and Mountfield Quarry is supplying the metal.

While the trust has funding in hand to build this section, further money will be required to finish the cycleway to the cemetery so the fundraising efforts continue. Donations can be made through the Waipu Cycle and Walkway website.

The Whangārei District Council had undertaken to build the section between the cemetery and Riverside Place to complete the trail. However, the Council currently has many competing demands and in fact in its draft long Term Plan the Council proposes to defer all its cycling and walking projects. It will take a demonstration of strong public support for this project in Long Term Plan submissions to keep it on the agenda.

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Ruakākā Village family grateful for help received after losing everything in a house fire

Lena Pumipi who lost her family home and all their belongings in a fire in the Ruakākā Village a month ago, said she is grateful from the bottom of her heart for all the help and support she and her family have received.

She wants to thank the Police and Fire Brigade who helped on the night of the blaze and her sister Ani Ahomiho who took the family in and had beds waiting for them when they all arrived at her home.

Lena, Joe, their daughter Levi, a son Naptali and three grandchildren were all living in the house.

They are grateful to have been given temporary accommodation in the Bream Bay Lodge by owner Scotty Smith

A company Naptali works with at Channel Infrastructure brought the family a fridge and a washing machine from Taranaki where the company is based.

The same company is also offering a freezer and clothes drier.

The landlady of the now destroyed home drove up from Auckland with her car boot full of groceries including Easter Eggs for the children.

Constable Dean Gillingham of the Bream Bay Police brought around a box of groceries.

They have been given beds and mattresses, enough for when extra whanau members come to visit as well as sheets, towels, blankets and clothes.

“We haven’t had to do anything”, Lena said.

People have given them koha in the form of money or vouchers to spend at Fresh Choice. Even people who Lena knows don’t have much for themselves visited with gifts.

We are so blessed”, she said.

A big thankyou to all our whanau, friends and our community for what they have given to us.”

Meridian lodges consent applications for Ruakākā Solar Farm

Meridian Energy has lodged resource consent applications with the Northland Regional and Whangārei District Councils to build and operate a 200-hectare solar energy farm at Ruakākā.

The solar farm would be stretched across three sites alongside Rama Rd. and Marsden Point next to the under construction BESS Battery storage plant, opposite the Ruakākā Towncentre – bordering Marsden Point Rd. and along Port Marsden Highway, opposite the Marsden Town Centre development.

The application to the NRC seeks permission for earthworks, vegetation clearance, and stormwater diversion during the earthworks, and discharge of stormwater to land during earthworks. It seeks land use consents from the Whangārei District Council. The three sites are currently zoned as: Heavy Industrial, Light Industrial, and Rural Production.

Around 200,000 photovoltaic solar panels would be spread over the three sites. The solar farm would generate 150-200GWh of electricity per year and would be capable of providing over half of Northland’s average annual energy consumption. The solar energy would be conveyed to the (currently under construction) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on the corner of SH15 and Rama Road via several inverter stations and a 33kV connection prior to injection into the grid.

The full application can be viewed on the NRC and WDC websites. Submissions are open until Tuesday 23 April 2024

Tsunami siren testing next Sunday 7 April

Northland’s six-monthly tsunami siren test will take place at the end of daylight saving on Sunday, 7 April.

The network of more than 200 outdoor tsunami sirens in Northland coastal communities, is checked twice a year, coinciding with the start and finish of daylight saving.

The sirens sound twice: firstly at 10am for 10 minutes and then again at 10.30am for 30 seconds, and will be monitored for any faults.

Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group spokesperson Zach Woods said . “Everyone who spends time on the coast needs to know the natural warning signs of tsunami - a strong earthquake that is hard to stand up in or one that lasts longer than a minute, or out-of-the ordinary sea behaviour, such as sudden rise or fall and/or unusual noise.”

He said Northlanders can check out whether they live, work or play in a tsunami evacuation zone, and plan the quickest route to safety, using the interactive maps at: www.nrc.govt.nz/evacuationzones

Northland’s outdoor tsunami sirens are funded and owned by the region’s three district councils (Far North, Whangarei and Kaipara) and operated in a partnership which also includes the two electricity networks Northpower and Top Energy.

New sirens, which will cover a wider area, have multi tone siren sounds and in addition, give a pre programmed voice warning are currently being installed. . They will be independent of the power grid and installed on their own poles. The first of these new sirens will be installed in Whangārei this year but to avoid confusion won’t be used until all the old sirens have been replaced.

To hear Northland’s current outdoor and indoor tsunami sirens online visit: www.nrc.govt.nz/tsunamisirens

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Litter clean up while the road was closed

Paul Shipman wants to give a shout out to Fulton Hogan after he noticed workers cleaning up all the litter dropped on the roadside outside Brooks Rd and along to the Braigh while the highway over the Brynderwyns was closed.

Paul said it was “good to see the road closure taken advantage of so usefully! Good job.”

Three days of hearings set down for Vaco Developments Waipu Gateway Service Centre proposal

An independent hearing panel of two has been appointed and a date set for the hearing on the Vaco Investments Waipu Project Ltd. application for resource consents to the Northland Regional Council and the Whangārei District Council to build a service and commercial centre at the intersection of Millbrook Rd. and State Highway One.

The hearing commissioners are: David Hill (Chair) and Dr. Lee Beattie.

The hearing is set down for Monday 22 April 2024 through to Wednesday 24 April at the Whangārei District Council, 9 Rust Avenue commencing at 9am on each day.

The Whangārei District Council received 52 submissions, 43 of these in opposition and nine in support to the Waipu Gateway Service Centre when submissions closed on 5 February.

Another fuel service station application

There is currently a resource consent application before the Whangārei District Council for an unmanned fuel stop facility at 4 Mountfield Rd. alongside State Highway One just opposite the entrance to the Department of Conservation's Uretiti campground

The application is by Vishal Arora of NZ Venture Properties Ltd.

The new facility would include a light vehicle fuel service station, electric vehicle charging, truck refueling and truck parking. No food or drink retail outlets are proposed in this application.

Submissions are due with the WDC by 11.59pm on Tuesday 16 April.

NZTA opposes Waipu Gateway development

The New Zealand Transport Agency NZTA submission on the Vaco Development Waipu Project for a service centre and commercial development at 47 Millbrook Rd. requests that the application be declined.

The agency has questioned the applicants assessment of peak traffic volumes. It has concerns about the proposed roundabout on the state highway to give access to the development as this would be less than 500 metres (the desired standard between intersections) from the Braigh/SH1 intersection. The roundabout would also reduce the length of a passing lane on the highway.

Another concern is that the development's stormwater flows appear to discharge directly into the roadside swale which raises concerns about the depth of water in the swales exceeding recommended levels and posing a risk to vehicle safety.

The NZTA submission says "The applicant should undertake a detailed hydrological assessment to evaluate the impact of development flows on State Highway infrastructure and safety.

Vaco's engineer has responded saying, "We understand that it was the NZTA's original suggestion in May 2022 that "a roundabout south of Millbrook Road – The Braigh intersection is the best option and should be investigated."

This suggested site for a roundabout was opposed by Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association and Promote Waipu in favour of a roundabout at Nova Scotia Rd. as it would deflect traffic through the centre of Waipu Township.

Vaco Development's engineer Frances Deamer Phillips of CKL has replied that stormwater ponds would be provided to attenuate the flow of stormwater into the swales "as per the existing scenario"

While the proposed development raises the site significantly, swales around the site are provided to

convey upstream flow to the existing roadside swale along SH1, to replicate the current situation.



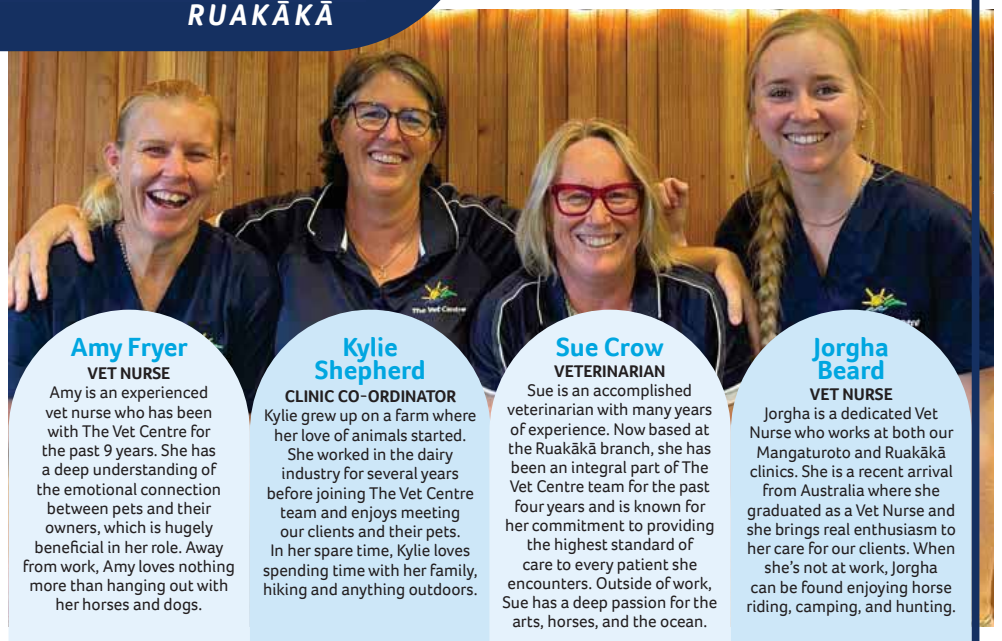
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Kylie Shepherd
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Kylie grew up on a farm where her love of animals started. She worked in the dairy industry for several years before joining The Vet Centre team and enjoys meeting our clients and their pets. In her spare time, Kylie loves spending time with her family, hiking and anything outdoors.

Sue Crow
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Sue is an accomplished veterinarian with many years of experience. Now based at the Ruakākā branch, she has been an integral part of The Vet Centre team for the past four years and is known for her commitment to providing the highest standard of care to every patient she encounters. Outside of work, Sue has a deep passion for the arts, horses, and the ocean.

Jorgha Beard
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Keeping the bypass roads open



Des Ashton, foreman, and Te Whata James work for Traffic Management NZ and are part of the crew stationed at the McLean Rd. / Cove Rd intersection making sure no trucks too big to get around the hairpin bends on the road between Langs Beach and Mangawhai get past.

In the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle when State Highway One over the Brynderwyns was closed truck and trailer units frequently go stuck on that section of road with some requiring a crane to lift them free. As a result traffic on this remaining route into Northland got help up for hours .

This time The New Zealand Transport Agency is taking no chances with check points and traffic management crews at every intersection and bridge, six stop points in total, between between Waipu and Mangawhai. While the highway over the Brynderwyns is closed the check points are in place 24 hours, seven days a week.

The crews have been instructed to flag through empty log trucks with trailers loaded onto the truck tray but to stop truck and trailer units and big 12 wheel mega freight carriers.

Mr. James said while the traffic management crew stopped three in the first few weeks the truck drivers have become aware of the situation and are no longer attempting to get through.

As well as the two Traffic Management staff there was a security guard present at the McLean Rd stop point last week in case drivers who get turned around get aggressive.



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Police Report

Police investigating Ruakākā fires

Police are investigating a number of recent fires in the Ruakākā area, some of which they believe have been deliberately lit.

There have been two significant recent fires near the old Marsden Power Station which caused a large amount of damage to vegetation.

Sergeant Matt Nicholas said, "With the dry conditions we are currently experiencing this has made a perfect environment for these types of fires to flourish and

Police are concerned with the danger this poses to the nearby communities.

"We believe there will be someone out there with information or will know or suspect someone who is responsible.

"If you have any information about these or any fires, please call us on now on 105 quoting the file number 240318/9677 or alternately contact us via Crimestoppers website."

More crashes on Brynderwyn by pass routes

There has continued to be a number of vehicle crashes on the alternate pass routes while State Highway One over the Brynderwyns was closed to traffic.

• On 22 March a vehicle crashed on the one lane bridge leading into Waipu. The driver misjudged the side barrier leading up to the bridge and damaged his left front wheel. He was issued with an infringement notice.

On 17 March a vehicle failed to take a left hand bend at the top of the hill descending into Langs Beach. The vehicle slid on loose metal then hit a power pole before coming to a halt across a driveway. No one was injured.

Ten family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police have also been kept busy with a large number of family harm incidents.

Over the fortnight Saturday 16 March to Saturday 30 March they dealt 10 incidents, eight in Ruakaka and one each in Maungaturoto and Waipu.

On 16 March—A vehicle located down bank on Waipu Gorge Road. The side of the road gave way and the Ute slid down a bank. There were no injuries.

On 21 March there was a two-vehicle collision on Waipu Gorge Rd. The two cars hit each other side to side on the narrow road.

Three mental health crises call outs

Over the same period they were called out to three mental health crises events; two in Ruakākā and one in Waipu.

Co-operative action by Waipu retailers leads to arrest of repeat shop lifter

Some co-operative action by Waipu retailers has led to the arrest of a shoplifter who has targeted the Waipu Liquor Store the Four Square and the Waipu Pharmacy.

Lovepreet Singh, manager of the Four Square, said a woman had shoplifted from the store for the third time on Thursday morning when she walked out the front door without paying for a shopping bag full of groceries. On earlier occasions she had walked out with a loaded red bucket trolley.

The woman's image was captured on the store's security camera and, while staff were aware of her shoplifting history, they were very busy on Thursday morning just prior to Easter so she was able to fill her shopping bag. However once she was outside the store owners

managed block her exit from the parking space outside with their own vehicles and called the Police.

The same woman had also stolen from the Waipu Pharmacy taking around \$300 worth of goods on two occasions and from the Waipu Liquor Store from where she stole two bottles of spirits and a box of RTDs on two separate occasions.

Last Tuesday the retailers learned that the woman was staying at the Uretiti campground and had alerted the Police. She was visited there and charged with the various thefts but despite this was back in Waipu shoplifting again on Thursday

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The Waipu Easter Carnival

“Amazing what a bunch of mums and dads can do”

“I always say it never rains on Easter Saturday!” said a relieved Dee Fields one of the chief organisers of the Waipu Easter Carnival .

“We had the best day, best weather, lots of happy children and parents, it was our most successful Carnival to date”, she said.

She continued, “Record number of visitors and our most fun filled event with new activities for older kids including a dunk tank which was busy the entire day. There’s nothing like getting the opportunity to dunk your principal!

“I think the community appreciated the fact we had lots of free activities including art zone, main stage entertainment all day and Waipu Volunteer Fire Brigade rocked up with the most epic Kids Fire Challenge.

“It’s amazing what a bunch of mums and dads can do when we put our minds to it. We really want to thank our sponsors, the wider community and all our amazing volunteers who gave up their Easter to make this happen. We know it’s a sacrifice and we appreciate every single one of them!

“This event really takes the whole of Waipu to happen”



Kyra Bobbette, aged 10, paints glitter on the hair of five-year-old Neaveh Takerei.



Kate Biggins and Harper Davey came to the fair from Onerahi and had a ride in a pony cart. Bella Hansen spend the day leading the little pony around..



Dave Fields and Rory McLean took turns taking people for rides in a tractor trailer.



Above: The graceful dancers and frantic drum beats of the Fale Pasifika Academy drew a crowd to the centre stage.

Eight-year-old Elijah Laurent had exceptionally good balancing skills on the surf board simulator.



Three-year-old Madden Stride of Auckland concentrates hard on painting a rock at the free art activities tent



Seven-year-old Te Ariki Hauraki , of Whangarei had everyone looking around in the trees for the noisy bird when he blew on his new whistle

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Clubs keen to see Have a go Sports Festival become an annual event

Ruakākā Indoor Bowls was the last local sports club to run a Have a Go session. The club, which normally doesn't start until April began two weeks early to get into the programme and ran open days on the last two Tuesday mornings of March.

Ruakaka Indoor Bowls has been in existence for decades but has been running a bit low in numbers in recent years with stalwarts like Gail and Rex Roberts have moved away.

The Have a Go sessions have given the club a boost with some new members. Elizabeth McCabe, of Waipu, was a first timer at the Tuesday 19 March session and enjoyed the experience saying she had met some lovely people.

Elizabeth is a keen bridge player and thought bowls involving a little more physical activity would bring a bit of balance to her leisure activities.

The Ruakaka Indoor Bowling Club meets at 10am each Tuesday morning in the Tamingi St., Anglican Church Hall. New members are always welcome.

The y Have a Go Sports Festival is organised by the Bream Bay Sports Trust whic invites local sports clubs to choose a spot on a month long calendar to hold an introductory session for people interested in trying a new sport.

The Trust's co-ordinator Lisa Jones reported at its March meeting that the festival had been a fantastic success, with clubs requesting that it become an annual event.



Elizabeth McCabe of Waipu *Having a Go* at the Ruakākā Indoor Bowling Club's Tuesday morning session on 19 March

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The Waipu ANZAC Parade will go ahead on 25 April. Assembly point will be in South Rd. to avoid bypass traffic

The Waipu ANZAC Parade on Thursday 25 April will be assembling in South Rd. this year so as not to impede the traffic along the Mangawahai – Waipu Cove bypass route while State Highway One over the Brynderwyns remains closed. Assembly time is 10.40am. The parade will begin at 10.50 and the service and wreath laying ceremony at the cenotaph will begin at 11am.

The Whangārei District Council is paying for the professional traffic management, which is now a mandatory requirement for the parade to proceed. This year's guest speaker will be Commander Roger Saynor from the Royal New Zealand Navy and the parade will be led by Commander Paul Gilkison ONZM, also from the RNZ Navy.

RUAKAKA INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Looking for a new challenge? We are a small friendly group meeting at the Ruakākā Anglican Hall, Karawai St. Ruakākā on Tuesday mornings at 10am All welcome

Softball legacy reborn in the Ruakākā Village

After close to 35 years, softball returned to Ruakākā this past summer. The Ruakākā Softball Club was restarted after a gap of around 35 years by Hera and Mau Cotton Briggs. The club is named The Hornets, which all those years ago was the name of the Ruakākā women’s representative team, which competed against Whangārei teams. As well as both a men’s and women’s team the club fielded two mixed junior teams: Under 9s and Under 13s.

Te Atawhai Ahomiro remembered how big the sport was in the Ruakākā Village when she was young

“Back then we had our own tournament. Every street had a team: the Tiki (Crabs), Tamingi, Peter Snell, Moki Place (The Wanderers), Uta and many others.

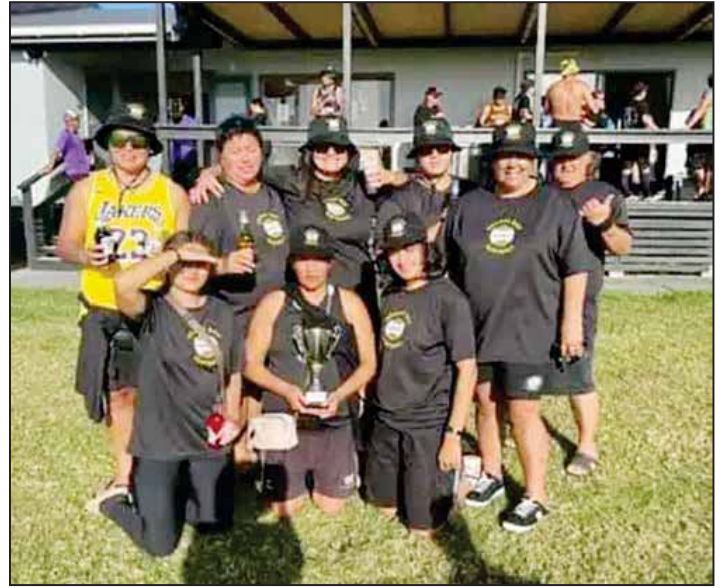
“It used to be the number one sport. We lived and breathed it like a passion. Ruakākā has a softball legacy.”

Te Atawhai said, “With everything that’s happened in our community in the past year, it’s a positive and safe environment for the whole family to have fun.”

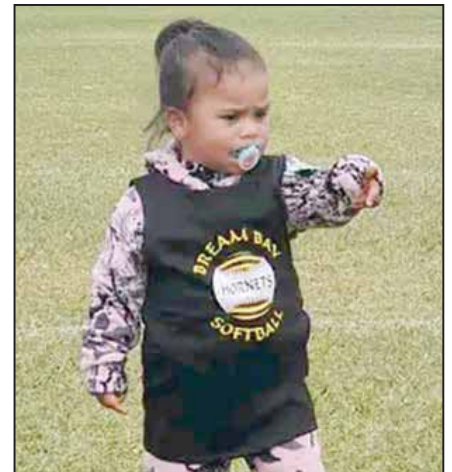
She said, “We encourage everyone who might be interested whether kids or adults “to come and have a jack”.

Being a summer sport, the season will restart in October/November. Training is at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre fields.

Right: The Ruakākā Hornets Women’s team won the Whangārei softball tournament making them Whangārei Champions for 2023/24. The team also took out some of the top individual prizes. Cory Collins was named Most Valuable Player of the Year, Te Atawhai Ahomiro was Best Female Pitcher of the Year and Ariana Renata was named Best Infielder of the Year.



The men’s team which came third in the Whangārei tournament



Future softball star: Maya-Skye Morunga at a game supporting her older siblings.



The Under 9s team



The Under 13s. Five members of this team made it into the Whangārei representative team which early this year competed in the North Harbour softball tournament.

After Easter reprieve highway over Brynderwyns is closed for another five weeks

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Pictures speak louder than words about the massive road recovery work underway on State Highway One over the Brynderwyn Hill.

Over 520 staff are working day and night on the project, excavating, hydroseeding, installing retaining walls and cutting over 127,000 m³ of soil.

When the work is completed, traffic lanes will be moved closer to the hill and a shoulder created allowing more room to clear slips and debris, minimising the need for lengthy, major closures in future adverse weather events.

After six days with the road open to give some reprieve to Northland businesses over Easter it was closed again at 12:01am on Wednesday 3 April and will remain closed until 11:59pm on Sunday 12 May to complete the remaining work that can't be undertaken alongside traffic. Recovery work that can be done with the road open is expected to continue for the rest of 2024.

Over the next five weeks while the highway remains closed the three detour routes will remain available, including SH12/SH14, Paparoa Oakleigh Road and Cove Road.

Steve Mutton, Director of Regional Relationships with the New Zealand Transport Agency said contractor teams will continue to "proactively inspecting the routes every day to address any issues and ensure that the roads are as high quality as possible including clear signage and way finding."



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With 14 holes viewable from the club house and the stunning backdrop of Bream Bay the Waipu Golf Club was an outstanding venue for North Island Speed Golf Tournament



Men's open winner and world champion speed golfer Jamie Reid



The 18th hole at the Waipu Golf Course

The North Island Speed Golf Open Tournament was held at the Waipu Golf Course on Saturday and Sunday 23 and 24 March.

Craig Russell and Gary Younger of Speedgolf Northland report, "With the course in outstanding condition and the weather conditions near perfect for players on both days, the event was another great success."

They said for the players, the volunteers, and spectators "the Waipu Golf Club was an outstanding spot to take in the event, with 14 holes viewable from the clubhouse, great facilities, and the stunning backdrop of Bream Bay, Bream Head and the Hen and Chicken Islands.

A total of 34 competitors of all ages, from across the North Island, competed in four categories including children as young as 11 years in a

nine-hole competition. At the end of day two there were some exciting close finishes with current world champion Jamie Reid edging in front of NZ Speedgolf representative and 2022 World Cup teams champion Robin Smith from Fitzroy Golf Club by just 1 minute and 42 seconds in the Open Mens category. Waipu's own Craig Russell finished in fourth place.

The Masters division (50 plus) was won by Pete Sharlott of Whenuapai who came in with just a 2m.1s margin ahead of Damian Mills of Sherwood Park.

In the women's division, Amy Linton from Carterton played consistent solid golf on both days to take the title.

Kelsy Smith won the 9-hole competition.

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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
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Anglican Church renovations complete



Reverend Dr. Mark Henrickson back in St Peter's Church at the new pulpit

Waipu's Anglican congregation was able to move back into St Peter's Church for Easter celebrations with renovations which began last November complete. The upgrades include some fire safety compliant stairs up onto the balcony, new carpet throughout, a refurbishment of the toilets with a wheel chair accessible cubicle added and a new pulpit made by a parisoner from recycled timber taken from the old stairway. The congregation returned on Palm Sunday, 24 March which was celebrated with the Waipu and Kaiwaka Choir and palm fronds decorating the church entrance. While the work was being carried out all Anglican Church services had been held at St. Pauls Church in Karawai St., Ruakākā



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The Waipu River Walk Committee advises that part of the river walk track will be closed for four weeks from 29 April. The closure is so that track improvements can be made, including stormwater drainage and a gravel pathway built from the cattle yards northwards to the bend in the river known as Mingimingi Corner. The Committee wishes to thank Mountfield Quarry, which is supplying materials at cost price for the work.



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SOCIAL SERVICES



Safeman Safe family Men's Centre

Safeman Safefamily offers a safe place for men to talk privately without judgement and with complete confidentiality. We are peer led and professionally supported and offer a range of services and support for men and their families.

The services we provide are as follows:

- Advocacy Navigator
- Court support
- FGC Support
- Probation Community Service Provider
- Legal Advice
- Marriage Celebrant
- House and property blessing
- One to one counselling
- Drug and Alcohol support
- Anger management group sessions
- Supervisor for court ordered access
- Work brokers/ help with employment opportunities.

No appointments are necessary, we have an open door policeu - if you need help or know someone that does just come on down to: **9 Takutai Place, Ruakāka**. We are right next door to Jimmy's Barber Shop or I can be reached by phone 021 121 0763 - Phil Paikea

Bream Bay Community Support Trust



Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone: 09 432 7197

Services we provide:

- Registered Social Workers
- Family Support Workers
- Youth Workers
- Youth Hangout Space (watch this space...)
- Community Connectors (Connecting community to various services)
- Free Whanau Ora Medical Clinic with Ki A Ora Ngatiwai. Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon, by appointment only phone 09 435 4586
- Free Budgeting Service – Tuesdays 10am-12pm by appointment
- Mana Wahine Ki Wahine Toa, women's group
- Ha Tane – men's group
- Listening Ear – need to talk? Mon-Fri 9am-4pm no appointments necessary, cuppa and a listening ear available

Waitata Sessions 12:30pm every Wednesday, in our hall, come along for a sing along. . Last Session for 2023 Wednesday 20th December

Community Connections 10:30am-12pm every Friday in our hall. Hot soup and cuppa available. The purpose of these sessions is for the community to get together and partake in different activities together, getting to know one another, sharing talents/hobbies/passions creating connections in the community, building friendships. The session topics are driven by interests of participants.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 18 April

The deadline for all copy is 4pm on Friday 12 April



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Ruakākā
RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS

Special General Meeting
7pm Tuesday 9 April Ruakaka Rec Centre

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 requires changes to our existing constitution. The new constitution will be put to a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

All paid-up members are eligible to attend, debate and vote on this item.

If you wish to see a copy of the proposed constitution, wish to join the Ruakaka Residents & Ratepayers Assn (\$10 annual fee for the 2024/25 year) or want further information please contact the Secretary, Richard Morris, at richardmorris01@xtra.co.nz or 027 6427886

BREAM BAY SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian Camellia Ave, Ruakaka: 8.45am. The Centre, Waipu: 10.15am. Prayer Service: 7pm

Encounter 223 Marsden Pt. Rd, Ruakaka, 10am.

Anglican - ST PAUL'S Church, 25 Karawai St, Ruakaka 1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30am
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, 8 Nova Scotia Dr., Waipu 2nd and 4th Sundays, 09.30am

Catholic Holy Family Church, Ruakaka, 10.30am. Mass or Liturgy of the Word

Lifepoint. 300 OTP Rd, 10.30am.

NORTHPINE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

This committee meets periodically to review the environmental performance of the Northpine timber manufacturing plant in Waipu, in consultation with representatives of the local councils. Any Waipu resident with concerns about the environmental effects of the Northpine plant should notify the Northpine office (432 1155). Concerns will be recorded, considered and subsequently reviewed by the liaison committee. The Independent chairperson of the liaison committee is Steve Goldthorpe 0274 849 764.



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9 Takutai Place

WHEN: the 4th Friday of the month
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