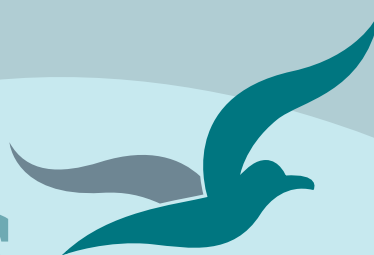


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\$29 million plus already spent on, now deferred, four lane highway sections

Close to \$29 million had already been spent to the proposed four lane highway between Te Hana and Whangarei when the Government made the decision to defer its build due to a lack of funding.

The figures below were obtained by the Bream Bay News in response to a request under the Official Information Act.

The figures listed exclude the alternative to the Brynderwyn section of the new highway as this section has not been deferred.

Establishing the business case - \$696,393

Design - \$13,811,683

Ground investigations (including geotechnical investigations - \$4,355,520

NZTA managed costs - \$260,940

NZTA managed costs are the costs incurred by NZTA to develop, procure, govern and manage a project. Depending on the project, these costs can include activities such as project management, procurement, commercial and legal support, planning and consenting, stakeholder and iwi engagement, property management, project controls, assurance activities, administration fees and other client-side delivery costs. They are generally separate from the direct physical construction costs of the project.

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A major expansion at the Bream Bay Community Trust



Sharon Russell, CEO of the Bream Bay Community Trust. The trust's buildings have undergone a major expansion, which Sharon says will enable more services to be provided locally.

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\$29 Million Wasted by this Government

The eventual OIA response to the Bream Bay News request for how much has been wasted on the proposed 4 Lane Expressway to Whangārei stating it was \$29,000,000 leads one to think: What else could NZTA have spent that money on. When I asked NZTA why they were not upgrading SH1 to Whangārei they replied: They have discounted that.

\$29 million would have helped the immediate start to The Brynderwyns upgrade that is the weak point on the road north.

With \$29 million the road from the bottom of The Brynderwyns to Whangārei could have been upgraded. There are areas of the road to Whangārei that could be widened and improved.

With \$29 million perhaps the long-awaited Rail link to North Port could have been started?

One can't even imagine the personal stress and emotional pressure caused by NZTA communicating with residents about their homes, land and farms begin compulsorily acquired to perhaps build a road which was not really needed or wanted.

Richard Cole
Waipu

The Waipu Fishing Club's Take a Kid fishing event - "a truly feel good community experience."

A huge thank you to the Waipu Fishing Club for a very enjoyable family Take A Kid Fishing event on Sunday, September 13, as part of Bream Bay's Have A Go Sports Festival.

Fifty-five children aged 12 and under (the youngest was two and a half) registered, and almost all caught at least one fish, which they proudly brought to the measuring table. Club members, led by Club Commodore Stephen Glibbery and Club Secretary Linda Glibbery, provided fishing rods, bait, instruction and assistance as needed, distributed drinks and ice blocks, cooked up a delicious sausage sizzle free to all, cheered on children who caught a fish, managed a colouring and 'fishy info' table, took photos and provided a warm welcome to the wonderfully diverse family groups of grandparents, mums and dads, primarily from Waipu and Ruakaka, who attended. The clubhouse even accommodated fans who also wanted to keep an eye open to cheer on the All Blacks.

Prizes donated by sponsors were awarded for the longest sprat and other species caught, and the most fish caught. A free entry raffle for two large chilly bins drew great interest and some envy of the lucky winners.

The Waipu Fishing Club has made a day for children to come with their families and fish an annual event, open to all, and it is a truly 'feel good' community experience.

Helen Marieskind
Waipu

EDITORIAL

Watch this space - There are many possibilities for what could happen in the newly expanded Bream Bay Community Trust Centre

I was shown around the newly expanded Bream Bay Community Thrust centre on Friday afternoon by Sharon Russell, the trust's Chief Executive Officer

There is a long corridor with rooms on either side - some set up as clinics for medical services and others for counseling or one to one meetings with social agencies. For family counseling there is a room with a table and chairs for the adults to sit around with an adjacent space with a sliding door and toys on the floor for the kids to play where they don't have to hear what is said by the adults.

Another public meeting space has been added with an expanded kitchen in the middle at the northern end of the building. The Marsden Bay Garden Club is due to hold its annual flower show here on Saturday 31 October.

The Alzheimer's day care service will be moving here from the Anglican Church Hall, which it has outgrown.

Sharon says repeatedly - we are here for the community - if someone has an idea for a new community support groups or a service they would like to offer come and talk to the trust staff.

My mind goes into overdrive and I have to remind myself - you are getting old, you already have far too much to do. But here are some ideas:

How about a community run food co-operative buying basic food items in bulk and distributing these amongst its members? I helped to run a group like this when I lived in Avondale in Auckland. It was a lot of fun. We would get up early and go to the Turners and Growers auctions, which were down on the Auckland waterfront. We got quite good at picking up bargains when say a big consignment of potatoes had been sold and there were just a few bags left with the big retailers couldn't be bothered with. When I walked into the new community trust expanded hall space. I pictured empty boxes around the perimeter and walking around putting in bunches of bananas, cabbages, apples, carrots, potatoes etc. in each. But that was from another long gone time when parents of young children didn't need to work to pay the rent and mortgage and we had time to organise these things.

Thinking about working parents I wonder if there could be an adaptable and affordable childcare service. School holidays and teacher only days are real problems for working parents. I know that many children are left unsupervised at these times because their parents have to work and have no other options. Childcare can be expensive but maybe there are some grandmothers out there who could help. This could be a mutually rewarding experience.

How about a few more adult education opportunities? It is good for us old people to learn new skills. I can remember an old friend who had been a cabinetmaker in his working life and then in his retirement went to night classes and took a class on opera. He sat in his armchair watching the changing sea view from his living room window and listened to Maria Callas. He was so happy.

Sharon tells me the trust is trying to secure some polytechnic courses to run from the building. We have an aging population and there is an ongoing and growing need for caregivers both in private homes and in the Ranburn Care Centre, which I am often told offers a very high standard of care and perhaps could advise on the establishment of such a course. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if Bream Bay were to become a reknown centre with a gold card standard for the training of caregivers and the care of our frail elderly.

Marilyn

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Open invitation fo dawn blessing for Community Trust extension

The Bream Bay Community Trust Board of Trustees, CEO and staff have issued an open invitation to the community to attend a dawn blessing ceremony facilitated by Patuharakeke Iwi for the newly completed building alterations and extension project at the Bream Bay Community Support Trust in Takutai Place, Ruakākā.

The ceremony will be held on Saturday 17 October 2026 from 6am.

Heketia Ahomiro, Phil Paikia and Bream Bay College will also participate in this event and Taonga o Te Moana Group will be performing Siva Afi.

The Trust's CEO Sharon Russell said, "The expansion represents an important milestone for the Trust and reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring that local people can access the services and support they need close to home. The project was undertaken in response to increasing demand for community services and the growing need for additional space to accommodate both existing and new services for the people of Bream Bay.

She said, "For many members of our community, travelling to Whangārei to access support can be challenging due to limited public transport options, financial pressures, and other barriers. As a result, we have increasingly seen the importance of bringing services directly into Bream Bay rather than expecting people to travel elsewhere.

"The new extension provides greater capacity for community support, whānau services, youth support, education initiatives, wellbeing services, and collaborative partnerships with other agencies. It also allows



The Bream Bay Community Trust extended building

us to create more welcoming and fit-for-purpose spaces where individuals, whānau and groups can access support in a safe, confidential and culturally responsive environment.

"Our vision has always been to strengthen the wellbeing of our community by creating opportunities, promoting independence, and working alongside whānau to achieve positive outcomes. This expansion ensures we are better positioned to continue fulfilling that mission for many years to come."

She extends thanks to Hilary Construction and all the contractors who have worked on the project and is

also grateful to the trust's staff and the many people who continued to access services while construction was underway.

"This project is much more than a building extension. It is an investment in the future well-being of our community.

"As we move forward, we look forward to welcoming the community into our enhanced premises and continuing to work together to ensure Bream Bay remains a place where individuals, whānau and communities can thrive."

Election meetings

The Ruakākā Meet the Candidates evening from 7pm on Tuesday 13 October in the Ruakākā Recreation Centre will be attended by candidates for both the Te Tai Tokerau and Whangārei electorates.

All five candidates nominated for the Whangārei Electorate to date have confirmed their attendance. These are: Vince Cocurullo (New Zealand First), Lloyd Budd (National), Gary Payinda (Labour), Doug Graham (ACT), Simon Della Barca (Opportunity Party).

For the Te Tai Tokerau Electorate: Mariameno Kapa-Kingi (Te Tai Tokerau), Huhana Lyndon (Greens) and Aperahama Edwards (Te Pati Māori) have indicated they will attend while Willow-Jean Prime (Labour has sent an apology).

The following evening at 7pm on Wednesday 14 October there will be a meet the candidates evening in the Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall at The Centre Waipu.

All five of the Whangārei electorate candidates have said they will attend. The final date for nominations to the General Election is 8 October and if there are any additional candidates they will also be invited to attend these two meetings.

Jon Twyman, who stood for election for the Whangārei District Council Whangārei Heads seat in 2025 has now announced his candidacy as an independent in this election and has been invited to attend these meetings

\$29 million plus already spent on now deferred four lane highway

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Route protection - \$2,88,991

The subtotal of all the above - \$22,958,526

In addition approximately \$6 million has been spent on property acquisition.

The Bream Bay News had also asked for the cost incurred by the legal advice and property valuations taken by affected landowners, which can be charged to the Government but that information is not held by NZTA.

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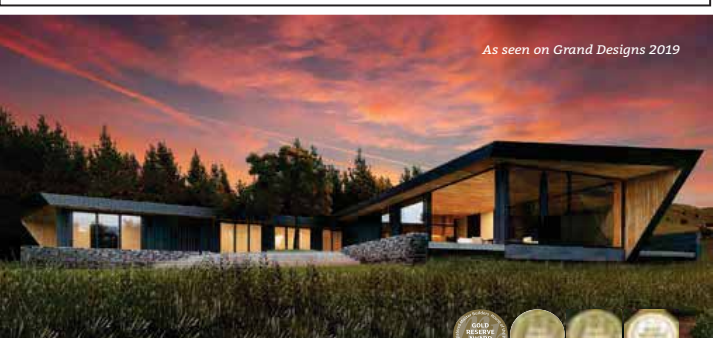
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Waipu Pharmacist Brenda Wells explained that people will be able to come to the pharmacy and use its equipment while receiving help if they need it.

“If the GP asks for a temperature reading, a blood pressure test or asks for the patient to be weighed we can help.”

The pharmacies will receive funding to provide this service, which Brenda says has allowed it to take on more staff so its two pharmacists have more time to engage with patients.

The telehealth consultations will need to be paid for but this system will allow people to see a doctor more promptly than they might otherwise be able to do.

Warren Greene Ruakākā Pharmacist said he thinks the new service will come into its own during the busy summer holiday season.

From Thursday 1 October all three pharmacies at Marsden Cove, Waipu and Ruakka has been able to provide an extended range of services including providing medical certificates, emergency contraception and a range of medications for children under the age of 14.

Unichem Orrs Pharmacy in Ruakākā has provided this chart in its advertisement which gives a full list of the services now available and the price for each.

Will tara iti return to Ruakākā to nest this summer?

Local bird watchers have their fingers crossed that this year will see the return of breeding fairy tern to Ruakākā.

Last summer was an exceptionally good breeding season for New Zealand’s most endangered nesting bird with eleven chicks successfully fledged.

This jump in population has placed some pressure on fairy tern nesting sites on the Mangawhai and Waipu sandspits and the Department of Conservation’s Fairy Tern team with help from the Patuharakeke Taiao group and volunteers has been creating some new some new prime fairy tern habitat on the northern side of the Waipu Estuary and south of the Ruakākā river mouth. Extensive trapping efforts are underway to rid these areas of predators and nesting sites have been prepared on dune areas alongside the water but with sand banks providing shelter from king tides. Shell has been spread over the sand as fairy tern protect their eggs from predation from above by larger birds such as black backed gulls and hawks by disguising them as shell.

A pair of young birds has been observed fishing in the estuary and landing on the prepared site at Ruakākā. The female is just two years old and from the captive breeding programme at Auckland Zoo. Given the age and inexperience of this pairing DOC rangers are unsure if they will produce any eggs but are keeping a close watch just in case. The last recorded tara iti nest at Ruakākā beach was in 1989.





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Police Report



Copper cabling stolen from solar farm installations

Bream Bay Police are concerned about the theft of copper cabling primarily from the solar farm installations but also from other commercial development sites in Ruakākā and One Tree Point.

There have been a significant number of burglaries from these sites where large quantities of copper cabling has been stolen and presumably sold as scrap metal. In some instances the offenders have been pulling the cable from ground installations. The offending has

been happening at night, mostly in the early hours of the morning. Sergeant Andrew Glendinning asks anyone who witnesses this activity to please report it via the 111 emergency services call centre. Secondly should anyone have information regarding suspects could they please report this via Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111 where the information can be given anonymously.

Please monitor the whereabouts of your children.

Nuisance behaviour, believed to be by young people, has been continuing in the Ruakākā Beach Road and One Tree Point areas with banging on doors and windows late at night causing alarm, particularly amongst

the elderly. Sergeant Glendinning asks parents to monitor the whereabouts of their children and young people at night to prevent this behaviour, which has the potential to lead to someone being harmed.

Large Police presence for gang affiliated fight night.

A gang affiliated fight event was held at an address on Takakwai Road over the weekend 26 -27 September. This was monitored with a large Police presence. Other

than three prosecutions for the display of gang insignia and some road policing enforcement the weekend event went without incident.

Burglaries in Ruakākā

There have been several burglaries in the Ruakākā area recently and home owners, particularly bach and holiday home owners, are urged to ensure their homes are secure when left vacant and perhaps to consider the installation of alarms and/or security cameras as a de-

terrent.

Sergeant Glendinning encourages people in the community to report suspicious behaviour at the earliest opportunity.

The Waihoihoi Park tsunami siren fails to fire up once again

The Waihoihoi Park tsunami siren is still not working. When sirens were tested last Sunday 27 September they were heard loud and clear all around Bream Bay but the siren in the Waihoihoi Park, for the benefit of the people of Waipu remained silent. Waipu's Civil Defence coordinator Maryann Huisman said this is the third time the Waihoihoi siren hasn't worked and she had reported the failure after each test to Northland Civil Defence.

In response to Maryann latest report about the failing siren and a reminder she had already reported this failure three times, Rongo Glassie, Emergency Management Specialist based in Whangārei for the Northland Regional Council's Civil Defence, emergency management has told her that, "the electrician has the parts for the Waipu siren in his

workshop" and will be making the repair "either next week or the following week".

The new tsunami warning sirens were purchased from Denmark and installed around Northland coastal communities several years ago at a price of \$7 million.

Tsunami evacuation zones have been updated and it now appears that most of central Waipu is not listed as vulnerable. However, sections of several residential roads including on Nova Scotia Drive and Cove Rd are still inside this danger zone so people living there need to get a warning of a possible tsunami.

You can type your address into the evacuation zones page on the website: getready.govt.nz to see if your home or place of work is listed.

Northern Rescue annual appeal

Northern Rescue's Annual Appeal is underway with Northland's dedicated air ambulance service asking for public generosity as it targets a fundraising total of over \$300,000.

The organisation is calling on Northlanders to come together and help keep the rescue choppers in the air through a vibrant programme of community fundrais-

ing initiatives in the lead-up to Christmas.

Northlanders are urged to look skyward as the bold new red and yellow Northern Rescue fleet of AW169 helicopters will soon be in action across Northland. Donations to the 2026 Annual Appeal can be made at: <https://donate.northernrescue.org.nz/northlandappeal>

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Mātaimai Reserve Public Consultation Meeting

By Glenn Clark

The public meeting held on September 24th at the Celtic Barn Waipu was helpful and informative. MPI did an amazing job of clearly explaining the technical aspects of the regulations and the processes governing both the application for a reserve and the establishment of any subsequent by-laws. The applicants also did a very good presentation of their case for the reserve, citing the range and depth of environmental work undertaken by their Ti Taiao Environment unit and highlighting their intentions to protect their customary fishing through a focus on sustainability of fishery resources that they advocate will benefit everyone.

Some salient points raised at the meeting are outlined below:

Applicant Rights

One early question asked what gave the applicants the right to have the reserve. MPI pointed out that it was simply an entitlement under law – originating from the 1992 Māori Fisheries Settlement (“The Sealord Deal”) which was enacted through the Treaty of Waitangi (Fisheries Claims) Settlement Act 1992. This in turn gave rise to the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998 which specifically cater for the protection of customary fishing rights and allows for mātaimai reserves. That being said, section 23 of the regulations lays out a set of criteria that must be satisfied before a reserve can be declared.

Size of Proposed Reserve

Several people commented on the size and extent of the reserve, which at 115km² would make it by far the largest mātaimai reserve ever established. It’s worthy to note that the Minister of Fisheries himself has also questioned the size of the proposed reserve and is quoted as saying “Mātaimai fishing reserves refer to discrete areas, and obviously we’ll take advice whether a discrete area is consistent with Oakleigh to Bream Tail” (RNZ News/Environment 29 July 2026, 8:58am)

The applicants responded that the proposed reserve area simply matches their existing rohe moana that was established in 2009 and would allow them flexibility in applying controls over several discrete areas along the coastline under the one authority. They highlighted that the claimed area could not be extended beyond the existing rohe moana and might potentially be reduced as a result of the consultation process.

Another question highlighted that the applicants’ website refers to a draft Rohe Moana Management Plan but that this remains unavailable to the public. This plan is an important missing element that would make a significant contribution the consultation process. Without it, the public’s ability to better understand the applicant’s intentions for managing the area that would become the reserve is compromised. It should be a pre-requisite for consultation.

On Bylaws

Several questions focused on the by-laws. MPI made it clear that both recreational and customary fishing were subject to the same rules, including by-laws, with one exception: “the Tangata Kaitiaki/Tiaki for a mātaimai reserve may authorise the taking of fisheries resources to continue for the purpose of sustaining the functions of a marae, despite any bylaws applying under these regulations.” (Regulations Sec 30: Power to authorise fishing for functions of a marae).

MPI also highlighted the public consultation process

around the introduction of by-laws, and it was reassuring to hear that despite it not being clear from the regulations, MPI does have an active role, reviewing public submissions and advising the Minister accordingly before any bylaws are approved.

Most recreational fishing concerns are probably focused on finfish, and the potential impact of any by-laws, and there are precedents for restrictions on finfish in some existing mātaimai reserves. Without explicitly excluding the prospect of controls over finfish, the applicants are quoted as saying “We’re not actually interested at this point in time in finfish. Not that we think they’re necessarily in a healthy state, but Fisheries NZ is managing sustainability measures in that space. Shellfish are our priority.” (RNZ News/Environment 29 July 2026, 8:58am)

On Traditional Connections

The applicants are required to demonstrate their traditional connection with the proposed reserve area. Their application references evidence they presented in the 2024 High Court hearing for their separate claim over the same area for a Customary Marine Title under the Marine and Coastal Area (MACA) Act (the successor to the Foreshore and Seabed Act). What’s significant here is that no decision has been delivered from that hearing, and hence their evidence has been neither accepted nor validated by that judicial process.

Also of relevance is that while all four of the co-applicants are listed as guardians of the existing rohe moana, two of those have rohe that sit entirely outside of the proposed reserve area.

Given the powers that go with a mātaimai reserve, it’s crucial that the applicants clearly satisfy the criteria and are justified in wielding an authority that has the potential to impact the general public’s enjoyment of fishing in the harbour and bay. Statistics Dept figures indicate 8030 residents live in the communities along the coastline adjacent to the proposed reserve, and it’s reasonable to expect weekenders and holiday makers would considerably swell the number of people regularly enjoying this coastline, with recreational fishing being a big part of community life.

On Perpetuity

In response to a question about whether the reserve or the guardian powers could ever be revoked, MPI said there was no precedent for that and no allowance in the regulations to do so. It’s a significant aspect of the reserve that it would become permanent, that by-laws are a dynamic element, and that the powers available to the guardians will pass to future generations of the applicant hapu. The wider community can only trust that the future holders of these powers will execute them in a fashion that maintains an equitable balance between customary and recreational fishing interests.

On Submissions

One last highlight from the meeting was a question about submissions being invited only from the “local community”, which is defined as being limited to people to own a property or reside within “proximity” to the proposed reserve. On the face of it, this could exclude parties with relevant fishing interests such as holidaymakers and visitors from outside the area who regularly come to fish from the beaches or within the inshore area. This potentially excludes many interested parties from the consultation process, most of whom will be completely unaware of the proposed reserve. MPI accepted the definition was vague and that it was

unlikely it would be used to preclude any submissions from being taken into consideration.

In Conclusion

This is a significant process that essentially converts the applicant's existing Rohe Moana into a Mātaitai reserve, expanding their powers beyond the management of customary fishing alone to include powers over commercial and recreational fishing as well.

A more equitable process for a reserve of this extent would allow for community involvement on an ongoing basis; have the applicants publish their Rohe Moana Management Plan so it can be reviewed by the public;

and extend the consultation period to next year to allow time for the summer holiday makers to be made aware of the proposed reserve and given the opportunity to participate.

Anybody who enjoys catching and/or eating fresh locally caught fish should consider making a submission. No specific format is required, simply email your submission to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

The deadline for submissions is 5pm Friday October 16.

Statement of Position Proposed Mātaitai Reserves Whangārei Harbour and Bream Bay

Te Parawhau Hapū Incorporation for Kōwhai Te Awhina Hapū

Te Parawhau Hapū Incorporation supports the protection and sustainable management of the customary fisheries of Whangārei Harbour and Bream Bay. We are not opposed to the establishing māitaitai reserves.

Our concern is with the proposed naming, the historical customary authority being asserted by Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board over Whangārei Harbour and the Bream Bay coastline.

Te Parawhau Hapū Incorporation's position, based on our whakapapa and historical record, is that the claim to an ancient Patuharakeke territorial connection encompassing these lands and waters is incorrect.

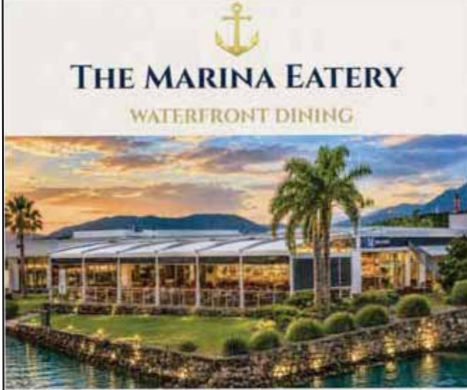
The historical rohe of Tirirau Kukupa, paramount chief of Te Parawhau (signatory to He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tirani 1835 and Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840), encompassed the whenua and rohe moana from Dargaville across to Whangārei Heads, south to Mangawhai, across to Kaipara North and back to Dargaville, including Whangārei Te Rerenga Parāoa, Ruakākā and Waipu. His descendants continue to exercise ahi kā, kai-

tiakitanga, and gather kai within these ancestral lands and waters today.

Tirirau's lands included areas involved in the settlement of the Nova Scotians in Waipu and Ruakākā. He also owned a 41-ton vessel used to transport people, cargo and trade between Whangārei Te Rerenga Parāoa and Auckland.

Contemporary fisheries management and a gazetted rohe moana do not, in themselves, establish an ancient territorial rohe. Concerns about the proposed coastal area and naming were again raised by Tāngata Kaitiaki at the recent public meeting. These matters are of considerable significance and remain unresolved.

Te Parawhau Hapū Incorporation is participating in the consultation process while maintaining that, where consultation alone is insufficient, matters of whakapapa, customary authority and representation require negotiation with the relevant Hapū authority. We have requested from Fisheries New Zealand the underlying records concerning the earlier rohe moana processes and the basis upon which Te Parawhau has been represented.



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A very persistent duck



The duck makes himself comfortable in a banana box at the back entrance to the Waipu Four Square store

A very friendly and incorrigible duck has been making regular morning visits to the Waipu Four Square store where he hops into a banana box behind the store and waits for some attention and perhaps some food.

Store owner Lisa Amini has been taking him back to the Waihoihoi Park but the following morning he is back.

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Store owner Lisa Amini taking the duck back to the Waihoihoi Park.

Decision on Vehicles on Beaches Bylaw expected in November

Whangarei District Councillors listened to a range of views at the public hearing on the Council's proposed changes to its Control of Vehicles on Beaches Bylaw held on Monday 21 September.

Adam Bristowe spoke against the proposed bylaw saying, "Families should be able to enjoy the beach and make memories."

Adam Karl, President of Whangarei Four-Wheel Drive Club. Supported enforcing the current rules rather than banning vehicles. Noted that the club teaches its members to respect beaches.

Bella Ria Thompson – Requested a compromise that allows limited and safe vehicle access to the beach without disturbing wildlife or the beach ecosystem.

However Pete Mitchell – Supports vehicles being banned from all beaches, with community clubs able to apply for access. He said this would allow access to be monitored.

Cheryl Laurie – Supports no vehicles on beaches. She said The proposed bylaw amendment is a significant step and beaches need protection to help wildlife recover. Just because vehicle access has happened in the past does not mean it should continue. Beaches should be protected for future generations.

Bruce Bird – Supports the bylaw and no vehicles on the beach. He said driving causes damage to birdlife, shellfish and dunes. Healthy dunes help protect what is beyond them from storm damage.

To a proposal in the Council's draft to exempt vehicles displaying valid mobility parking permits and powered mobility devices from the Bylaw's vehicle restrictions, Robin Lieferring of Whangārei District Council's Accessibility Advisory Group said she has decided that special access by driving along the beach is not needed. She asks instead access mats be placed at the beach for wheelchairs to use.

Councillors were due to consider a range of issues and options presented in a report by Council staff at a meeting on 7 October 2026 at 9am. A final decision on the bylaw amendments is expected in November.



The Tip Rd vehicle entrance onto the beach at Uretiti. The Whangārei District Council proposal is to ban vehicles turning right from this point.

From our ED to your **next MP**

Dr Gary Payinda for Whangārei

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Photos from the Waipu Rugby and Squash Club 150th anniversary celebrations

By Peter Davies



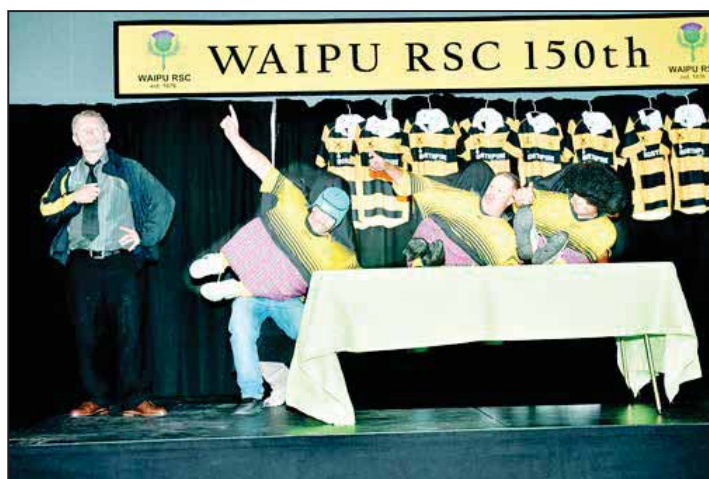
Waipu Primary School's kapa haka group opened the evening with a waiata



Auctioneers Steve Jones and James Alexander in action - the prize - a Gallagher Shield Jersey autographed by the Northland Rugby Team. A total of \$36,000 was raised from the night's auctions



Guest Speaker Josh Kronfeld, with the night's MC Scotty Stevenson.



A skit by Neil Troost



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“A stone takes you on a journey”



Sculptor Mark Collins at work on his carving at the Waipu Caves Farm Park

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Hato Hone St John

Sculptor Mark Collins is working on a limestone carving that, when it is finished, will for several years at least, be part of the art trail around the Waipu River Walk. He is wearing full mask gear but when he takes it off his face is still covered in fine white dust.

Cindy and Ian Fox of the Waipu Caves Farm Park gave the limestone to him and Mark is working on site there, whenever he can afford some time.

“A stone takes you on a journey” he says. To date he has spent around 20 days from January to get it to the stage it is at now. There is more work to do.

He wanted to make something intrinsically about Waipu for the trail and for this reason he is using Waipu limestone.

It's a lot harder than the Oamaru stone he has worked with a lot in the past and he needs to use diamond-cutting tools.

The limestone rock is somewhere between 20 and 30 million years old. He is working on what he calls a “wild stone”, that is a piece that has been shaped in the landscape rather than taken from a quarry. His stone has been weathered with a rough surface of around 25mm, stained brown with cracks formed by water. Underneath the stone is a very light grey – almost white.

He has carved a dappled surface down one side perhaps reminiscent of water.

He acknowledges that the natural world influences his work.

Asked how such a big heavy piece will get transported and installed along the river walk?

“That's a problem we still have to solve”, said Mark.

Ian and Cindy are confident they can find a way.

“Life is all about finding solutions to problems”, said Cindy.

Meanwhile they have presented him with another limestone rock to work on. Visitors to the farm park no doubt are intrigued to see a form taking shape from the rough stone.

Mark receives no funding and takes days away from his business-advising architects on building functional commercial kitchens. He has worked on a few notably the Christchurch Convention Centre and upgrades to some state prison kitchens.

However, he enjoys his time working away on his own with the big rock.

Asked what his sculpture is about Mark says, “I won't know until its finished.”

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Do you want to take part in a BioBlitz?

From 2–6 November, the community is being invited to take part in the first landscape-scale BioBlitz across the Piroa–Brynderwyn area, from the hills behind Mangawhai north towards Langs Beach and the Bream Tail coast. If the weather turns, the BioBlitz moves to 16 to 20 November. Piroa Conservation Trust is coordinating the BioBlitz in partnership with Patuharakeke, Te Uri o Hau, Northland Regional Council and the Department of Conservation. Local landowners, landcare groups, schools,



A puriri moth

volunteers and species specialists will also play a part.

Over five days, teams will survey forests, streams, wetlands and other connected habitats throughout this landscape, working together to find, identify and record as many living species as possible.

An information evening was held at the Mangawhai Golf Club on Tuesday but there will also be bird call identification workshops in Waipū on 19 October and Mangawhai on 20 October. The Trust's Conservation Co-ordinator Katie Gibb said, "You don't need to be a wildlife expert to take part in the BioBlitz; curiosity is the only qualification. People can join one of the species teams and head out with experienced guides to explore the landscape, look for plants and animals, and record what they find.

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**Vince Cocurullo -
NZ First Candidate for Whangārei**

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- **WAIPU VILLAGE MARKET.** In The Waipu Coronation Hall, 9am to 1pm Second Sunday each month. Next on Sunday 11 October
- **CLASSIC TRUCK TOUR** in Ruakākā on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 October. Trucks will be parked up in Sime Rd. on Tuesday morning through to lunchtime
- **MARSDEN BAY FLOWER SHOW.** Saturday 31 October. 9am -3pm at the Bream Bay Community Trust, Takutai Place, Ruakākā. Entry by Gold coin donation
- **ACCESS TO ADVENTURE QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER** 31 October from 6pm in the Waipu Coronation Hall. Tickets 40pp or \$280 per table. Phone Sharon 027 265 3227 or email : infoaccess2adventure@gmail.com.
- **CAVE CONCERT** 1st in series Saturday October 31, 6pm to 10pm. At the Waipu Caves Farm Park. Carina and Sam de Velter, Albi and the Wolves plus emerging talent. Tickets \$150 from the Waipu Caves Farm Park website.
- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** Fridays 10.30 -12noon, Bream Bay Community Trust Hall, Takutai Place, Ruakākā
- **COMMUNITY BINGO** Last Wednesday each month (except December) Every one welcome. Raffles, restaurant and Bar open from 5 pm. Calling starts at 7pm 15 games and 2 jackpots open to the public. At the Waipu Citizens and Services Club - The RAZZA
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Open day at the Marsden Bay Yacht and Boat Club



Participants in the club's 2025 Level 1 and 2 learn to sail programme

The Marsden Bay Yacht and Boat Club is holding its annual open day on Saturday the 31st October from 10am to 2pm. Anyone interested in learning to sail or who already has sailing experience and wants to join the family friendly club is welcome. The MBYBC is located next to the One Tree Point public ramp. For further enquiries contact a club member on 029 020 36109

Touch season about to begin

Waipu Touch is about to get underway for its 12th season with the first games due to be played in the Caledonian Park on Thursday 15 October and then each Thursday afternoon until 3 December.

Grades run from junior teams starting at year 1 and 2 children through to years 9 and 10. In the senior grades there is a mixed social grade (men and women), a mixed competitive grade and a Men's Open Grade.

A second Touch season will be held in Term 1 of 2027 running from 26 January to 4 March

Athletics Club moves to the Ruakākā Sports park

Athletics Bream Bay has been growing at pace since it was first established in 2024 and will now move across to what has become The Ruakākā Sports Hub formerly the Ruakākā football fields.

Kirsty Halliday, the athletics club's founder said athletics, cricket, Softball and football are now sharing the grounds 'creating a real hub for community sport.'

Whangārei District Council has supported the development through field maintenance and the expansion of the fields in 2024, while local business such as Complete Concrete have also come on board.

Bream Bay will now have a shot put circle and long jump pit alongside a 400m grass track.

Club nights kick off on 12 October when Kirsty said she expects to see the hub buzzing with activity. The new athletic club facilities will also be available for the wider community to use throughout the year.

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Mud running

Photo by Ina Stewart



What a way to begin the school holidays! Seven-year-old Kaden Head was had a fun time at the Waipu Caves Farm Park mud run on Sunday 27 September .

Ian Fox, developer and owner of the park said, over 300 people from all around Northland and Auckland turned up to two sessions held through the day. . He said, the course has also been designed for spectators so the events were fun to watch as well. Scout and school groups are now booking in for their own events.

Ian said, "Having people turn up to these fun events is great. We will be running more each year."

Next up on 18 October is Hill Climb Challenge where participants are invited to run as many times as they can around a hilly one kilometre circuit. Registration is at 9.15am and start time is 10am.

On 31 October the first of this seasons Cave Concerts which will be held monthly through to 10 April 2027. Tickets cost \$150 pp and are only available on the Waipu Caves farm Park website.

Fright Fight night in the Waipu Celtic Barn

A fight event featuring: boxing, kick boxing and Muay Thai will be held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Saturday 31 October – 4.30 to 9.30pm.

Billed on Eventfinda as a *Fright Night* with patrons invited to dress in Halloween costumes, tickets are on sale from \$54.44 for general admission, \$167.85 for a ringside corporate seat and \$1,576 for a corporate table.

The event is being run by CTP Boxing, which is describes itself on Instagram as "NZ's leading

boxing promotions and fighter management," providing "opportunities for NZ's extensive natural boxing talent."

The main event in Waipu will be a fight between young boxer Talia Waaka Smith and, a still to be confirmed, opponent.

Muay Thai is sometimes referred to as: "The Art of Eight Limbs" as fists, elbows, knees and shins can be used.

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Waipu (Vet Centre Bus Stop)	9:50
Ruakākā (Peter Snell Road - opposite Takatā Place)	10:10
Arrive Whangārei (Rose Street Bus Terminus)	10:50

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Waipu (Vet Centre Bus Stop)	4:00
Waipu Cove (Opposite Beach Car park)	4:10
Langs Beach (Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads)	4:15
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Persons and organisations are invited to forward comments and suggestions for consideration in the preparation of a Reserve Management Plan for the Recreation Reserve.

To view the current 2020 Reserve Management Plan please see the link below:

<https://www.campwaipucove.com/media/1649/waipu-cmp-plan-2017-2023-final-v18-03022021.pdf>

Comments with full contact details (including phone and email) should be addressed to:

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For more information please contact:

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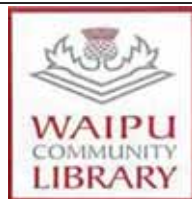


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