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WDC water services manager gives assurances Waipu's water safe despite contamination found upstream at Piroa Falls

The water in the pool below Piroa Falls has been unsafe for swimming for most of this summer. Piroa Falls is on the Ahuroa River upstream of where water is taken to supply the town of Waipu. However, Andrew Venmore, the Whangarei District Council's water services manager, gives assurances that the treatment plant at the Ahuroa River uptake is capable of taking care of the pathogens that might come its way down the river.

"We know there is a lot of farming activity in that catchment so we have designed the plant accordingly. There's a clarification process, a filtration process a UV disinfection process and then the water is chlorinated. It's a belt and braces system," Mr. Venmore said.

Piroa Falls is situated on the Ahuroa River in the Waipu Gorge, 7km west of State Highway One and is a popular picnic and swimming spot as it is just a short walk down a formed track from the road down to the falls.

Northland Regional Council staff have conducted

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Raft Race winners



Digging in hard to be first over the finish line at the Waipu River Raft Race held on Sunday 4 March are: Korey Taylor, Simon Mansell, Matt Gajam and Nick Spring of Cogan's Heroes. They won \$1,000 in prize money for their efforts. In addition to determination and muscle power the winning formula included a raft crafted out of orange plastic road barriers.

More raft race pictures on page 14.



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EDITORIAL

Who is funding the maintenance of the Waipu Caves freedom camping area?

I heard someone arguing in favour of freedom campers on Radio NZ Morning Report on my car radio as I was driving to Ruakaka last week. He said the New Zealand tourism industry had surpassed the dairy industry and contributed \$14.7 billion GDP to the national economy last year; by comparison to the dairy industry - \$ 8 billion and the meat industry which was around \$4 billion. From the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment website, the average spend per tourist is \$3,180 and, given that the bigger spenders stay in hotels at \$200 plus a night, the amount spent in New Zealand by the average budget tourists must be pretty low. The tourism advocate on the radio, however, said these low spend visitors to our country contribute in other ways such as providing seasonal labour. But Hawkes Bay apple growers are short of pickers this season, which one commentator has said might be because all the young backpacking tourists are freedom camping in the South Island. Our permissive freedom camping laws don't seem to be helping in this regard. The tourism advocate also said that the environmental damage from the 3,734,000 tourists who came here last year would not be as great as that of the approximate 10 million cattle (beef and dairy combined). He said

the waste from most of these tourists would be going where it should go: into sewage systems for treatment and he argued that the untreated waste from a few freedom campers in no way equated to the waste from all those cattle. I have a feeling though (a gut feeling) that human waste is much more dangerous to my health then is the waste of grass eating animals. Us gardeners regard cattle, horse and sheep manure as a resource. I pick up barrow loads for my worm farm and grow strawberries and lettuces in the stuff, dried out, chewed up by worms and mixed with soil. I am not saying that we don't have a big problem with the intensity of dairy farming and the pollution of our waterways with animal waste and nitrogen run off, but this freedom camping culture is bringing a new set of problems. Close to home, a popular local freedom camping destination is the Waipu Caves. I drove up there to have a look last Friday afternoon and counted 13 vehicles in the car park there, including half a dozen camper vans. I wandered around and spoke to a few of the campers. They were mostly young people with a variety of accents and some startling hair colours and styles. There is a bit of scene going on here. The car park has been extended and there is a new toilet block with a cold, open air shower at one end. I was surprised to find the place was tidy. I am not sure how much effort the Department of Conservation and the Whangarei District Council are putting into maintaining this informal camping ground and how much of our rates and tax contributions they are spending in the process. The most expensive aspect of this must be maintaining the narrow, winding metal road all those camper vans have to travel on to get to the caves. As I drove back down the hill I passed three more campervans, two of them quite large and swaying dangerously as they maneuvered around the corners. I like the quiet road I live on and all that traffic heading up to the caves is a bit of an irritant. I think the horse has bolted on this freedom camping situation though. I can't imagine how we will ever shut that particular stable door again. Perhaps the best course of action is to make the most of it. I am thinking of setting up a produce stall at my gate to see if I can squeeze a bit more GDP contribution from some of these tight fisted tourists.

Marilyn

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Water unsafe for swimming at Piroa Falls

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Photo by Peter Blanch



16 tests at the falls since 1 November 2017. The test results are rated according to national standards set by Land and Water Aotearoa (LAWA) and posted on the LAWA *Can I Swim Here* website. Only two of those tests (both taken in early December) returned a *Safe for Swimming* result. For the rest of the time there were four “*Caution advised*” results and ten “*Unsuitable for swimming*” results.

The highest level of E.coli contamination was recorded on 5 February when there were 2,000 E.coli present in 100mls of water. Water is deemed to be unsafe for swimming in when the E.coli level is above 550 per 100 mls of water. Further testing on the 19 and 26 February found E.coli levels above 1500 per 100mls of water.

Jean – Charles Perquin, the Northland Regional Council’s Environmental Monitoring Manager, said this summer is the first time Piroa Falls was included

in the testing programme and it was a surprise to find it so contaminated as the area is surrounded by native bush.

The poor water quality result had triggered further investigations by the NRC and samples from the site have been sent to a laboratory for analysis, which should help NRC staff to work out what the source of the contamination is. The results from the laboratory tests are expected to be known before the end of this month. Mr. Perquin said once the results were known NRC staff would be checking the catchment to see if they could pinpoint the problem.

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 other harmful pathogens may also be present.

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“I love to see the club buzzing like that. All those boats out on the water. I just love it,” said Marsden Yacht and Boat Club Rear Commodore Dianne Prentice of the club’s Snake Bank Challenge day held on Saturday February 24.

The initial date set for the Snake Bank Challenge paddle and sailing races was February 10 but this was postponed because of an approaching cyclone Dianne said numbers were down a bit because of this, as some people who had pre-registered couldn’t make the later date.

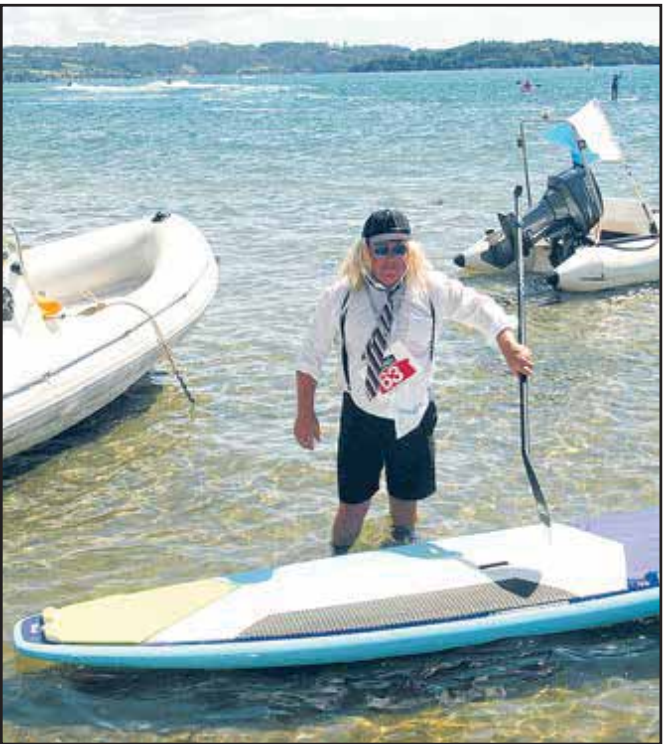
However there were still 70 entries in the paddle-board race and 35 in the afternoon yacht race.

Dianne said a team of young sailors headed off in the complete wrong direction, up harbour when they were supposed to be going down harbour.

“Of course we had lots of rescue boats out there to head after them and turn them around.”

Club Commodore Alan Alcock said, despite the postponment and a clash with other events on the 24th the day was successful.

There were lots of spot prizes including a paddle board worth around \$2,500. A cruiser or beach bicycle raffle had helped to boost funds and while a final tally hadn’t been arrived at when the Bream Bay News went to print he was confident each of



Brad McKegg looks to be in a bit of disarray before the paddle race start.



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the four charities funds raised would be shared amongst would get a good donation. The four are: St John Ambulance, Surf Life Saving, coast Guard and the club’s learn to sail for programme for young people.

Right: Race support crew members Marc Sands and Grant Crombie help mother and daughter team Miranda and Nyree Pol, of Whangarei, get organised for the paddle race.



Hold up with building consent for new classroom at Ruakaka Primary leaves teachers without a proper staff room

Teachers at Ruakaka Primary are having to spend their morning tea and lunch breaks in a rather uncomfortable port-a-com as the school's staffroom is being used as a classroom.

A new classroom was due to be built this term but there has been a hold up with gaining a building consent from the Whangarei District Council.

An application for the consent was filed with the Council on 7 January during the Christmas - New Year break. Councils have a statutory obligation to process building consent applications within 20 working days but just before this period was up the classrooms designer and the Ministry of Education were sent a list of questions by the Council.

The WDC's senior communications adviser Ann Midson said this effectively "stopped the clock" and the Council was still within the 20 day time frame. She said there were quite a few points in the application that needed clarification. When the new information is received the application would go back in the queue. As the Council is receiving a large number of building consent applications at present it is unlikely that processing the Ruakaka Primary classroom application would be achieved within the 20 days.

"We do our best to meet our statutory obligations but we do have to make sure that anything that does get approval is of the necessary standard", Ms Midson said.

The new classroom will be the 12th at Ruakaka Primary. With expected future roll growth there are another two

classrooms in the pipeline.

The school's former library and multi/purpose room is also being used for classroom space and construction on a new multi purpose/library is due to start early next term.

Principal Marilyn Dunn said, "We will have been without a school library for two years by the time it is finished."

The roll at Ruakaka Primary has risen rapidly over the past few years from 147 in 2013 to 227 at the start of term one of 2018.

Bream Bay College Whare building back on track after "issues between architects"

Work on the new whare building at the entrance to Bream Bay College has stalled since the concrete floor for the building was poured last November. However this delay has nothing to do with the Whangarei District Council. Principal Wayne Buckland said, "We were held up with the portals manufacturing due to issues between architects but this is sorted now and the portals are back in production."

"The Whangarei District Council has been fine."

Presentation to help friends and family who know or suspect a loved one is a meth user

What is meth and what does it do? How to tell if someone is using it? What are the different ways whanau can respond to someone using meth? These are questions that will be addressed at a presentation at the Bream Bay Community Trust on Friday 16 March from 11am to 12.30pm.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. Jackson August of the BBC Trust said this presentation is not for meth users and dealers but for family members and friends who want the skills and some tools to deal with loved ones who they know or suspect are meth users.

Jackson said family members are the people who suffer the most impact from meths use.

The presentation is a project by *Te Ara Oranga – The Path to Well Being*.

Te Ara Oranga is a pilot programme set up in Northland last year when the Ministry of Health gave \$3 million to the Northland District Health Board and the NZ Police to fund a Methamphetamine Demand Reduction Strategy to reduce the number of Northlander harmed by methamphetamine. The money was made available under the Criminal Proceeds Recovery Act.

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Police Report



Police anxious to catch Karawai St. prowler

Police are anxious to catch a prowler who continues to be active late at night in the Karawai St. area of Ruakaka village and ask householders who hear someone trying to break into their homes to phone 111 straight away rather than wait until the morning to make a complaint.

Another trailer theft

Another trailer has been stolen from Marsden Point Rd. This time it was a standard grey garden trailer which, at the time of the theft, had the registration number: M649G. The theft took place on 20 February

Motorbike rider heading to court for speeding on

On 20 February Police stopped a motorcyclist who was clocked at 155 kmph on State Highway One at Waipu. A 52-year-old local man will be appearing on a driving charge in the Whangarei District Court.

Graffiti attacks in One Tree Point and Ruakaka

There have been a number of reports of graffiti in Ruakaka Village and One Tree Point.

Twice the legal limit

At 10pm on 23 February Police stopped a 63-year-old local woman while driving on Marsden Point Rd. She was asked to undergo a breath alcohol test and recorded an alleged 501 micrograms of alcohol to a litre of breath. The legal limit is 250mg. The woman will be appearing in the Whangarei District Court to face a drink driving charge.

Median barrier prevents serious injury

On 24 February at 3.45pm a car crashed into the median barrier on State Highway One over the Brynderwyns. The barrier is credited with saving the occupant of the car from serious injury.

Break in attempt on Mangapai rural property

Someone attempted to jimmy open a shed in a rural property in Mangapai but didn't manage to gain entry.

An inappropriate way to commemorate lives lost in a car crash

Ruakaka village residents were upset when a group of young men decided to mark the funeral of Porsche Nepia and his stepson eleven-year-old Tyrhys Hita with a burn-out display in the village in Kupu Rd and Peter Snell Rd. on Monday night 5 February and then on the following Tuesday afternoon, just before the two bodies left Ruakaka for the funeral service. Porsche and Tyrhys were both killed in a car accident at the intersection of Rama Rd. and Marsden Point Rd. on Friday 2 February.

Village residents described how the air was thick with the smoke of burning tyres with some kuia angrily telling the young men involved to take this kind of behaviour elsewhere.

Senior Sergeant Simon Craig, Officer in Charge at the Bream Bay Police said driving stupidly was a "very inappropriate way to commemorate two lives, which were lost in a car crash."



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New playground for Peter Snell Rd. park



What the new play equipment will look like

The children's playground in Peter Snell Rd is being dismantled to make way for some new play equipment. Spencer Jellyman of the Whangarei District Council's Parks Department said the current playground is about 15 years - old.

"It has been so well used that it is very worn, past its 'use by date', due for replacement and would not be safe to reuse elsewhere."

The new design was selected following consultation with more than 60 pupils from Bream Bay College across the road from the playground.

The new \$105,000 playground will include play equipment, shade sails, new edging and new safety surfacing.

The playground was supplied by the commercial playground equipment supplier *Playco* and is being installed by Northland Park Care. It is expected to be completed by mid March.

In addition, over the next few months a new set of swings is being installed at the Shearwater Reserve.

Second Doctors Hill Rd. bridge gets upgraded to cope with heavier trucks

A second one-lane bridge on Doctors Hill Rd. in Waipu is being upgraded in order to meet new weight allowances for trucks.

The first bridge was rebuilt last year at a total cost to the Whangarei District Council of \$250,000 after it was discovered that rot damage in the bridge platform timber was worse than expected. The second bridge is expected to cost the Council \$160,000 with the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) providing a subsidy covering 53% of this cost.

The bridges needed strengthening after a law change in 2016 which allowed for *High Productivity Motor Vehicles*: i.e: trucks weighing more than 44,000kg to operate on New Zealand roads. Doctors Hill Rd. is sometimes used as a bypass when there is an accident on State Highway One.

The road has been closed to traffic since mid February for the bridge upgrade and is expected to re - open in mid March.

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Sat 10 March	2.36	2.4	2.48	2.3
Sun 11 March	3.30	2.3	3.40	2.3
Mon 12 March	4.27	2.3	4.37	2.2
Tue 13 March	5.25	2.3	5.35	2.2
Wed 14 March	6.18	2.3	6.30	2.3
Thu 15 March	7.06	2.4	7.20	2.3
Fri 16 March	7.50	2.5	8.06	2.4
Sat 17 March	8.31	2.5	8.49	2.5
Sun 18 March	9.12	2.6	9.31	2.6
Mon 19 March	9.53	2.7	10.13	2.6
Tue 20 March	10.34	2.7	10.57	2.7
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Surf Life Saving Championships - a big weekend at Ruakaka Beach

Photos by Mike Swords



Dan Welsh, Rick Stolwerk, Martin Geddes, Gordon French of the Waipu Surf Life Saving Club competing in the men's open division in the canoe event at the Northern Region Surf Life Saving Championships held at Ruakaka beach on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 February. In total there were around 400 competitors and 800 spectators over the two days at the championships. The Waipu Cove Masters crew competed in the Open Mens' division, as the team was looking for some good competition in preparation for the National Champs in Gisborne later this month. In Saturday's short course, even though the team had a 1st and a 3rd in the heats, it ended up 4th overall. In Sunday's long course race the Waipi team came away with a 3rd place overall and the bronze medal. A fifth team member (not in this photo) is Ivan McCabe. The team won a gold medal at the World Masters Games in Auckland last summer.



Andrew Wright (centre - in pink top) from Ruakaka Surf Life Saving Club competing in the Masters knee board at the Northern Region Championships at Ruakaka Beach.

Makeshift boat ramp removed from Ruakaka River wildlife refuge



Department of Conservation staff removing the concrete rubble from the shores of the Ruakaka River at the Waikohua Place esplanade reserve

A Department of Conservation work team with a tractor and a trailer removed a quantity of concrete rubble from the edge of the Ruakaka River on Friday morning 23 February. The rubble had been placed to form a boat ramp into the river from the Esplanade Reserve in front of residential houses in Waikohua Place, Ruakaka. On the morning of the removal an irate local resident approached the DOC workers and several members of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust who had turned up to help. He said that DOC was removing a facility that was used by children to swim in the river.

However members of the Coastal Care Trust believe this private boat ramp is inappropriate in the wild life refuge and have been lobbying the Department of Conservation for over a year to have it removed. Large sections of riparian planting which was part of the subdivision requirements have been removed, presumably to give residents a better view of the water. Robyn Hembry of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trusts hopes that further remedial work can be carried out to replace the native trees which were removed from the water’s edge.



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Surf patrols end for the summer

Surf Life Saving Patrols at Waipu Cove and Ruakaka ended at 4pm last Sunday 4 March. The Northern Regional Council funds 90% of regional lifeguards, who patrol beaches Monday to Friday at six locations over the summer holidays. Weekend patrols are by volunteers from the local clubs.



Pukapuka Party 2018

Saturday March 17th 10.30am – 1.30pm, Ruakaka Village Green (behind Fresh Choice).

For the 3rd year running the Pukapuka Party will be a fun day full of FREE activities for Bream Bay children aged 0 – 13 years. As with previous years, the schools of Bream Bay, local Early Childhood Education centres, community groups and businesses will be participating to provide local families with a great day out centred around literacy and education. All participating children will receive a FREE sausage sizzle, FREE water and go home with a bag of goodies once they complete their Passport.

Summer Learning Passport

Bream Bay: The Learning Community would like to thank local businesses, Learn2Surf Waipu, Gordon’s Mowing and Northland Equestrian and the Whangarei Aquatic Centre and Adventure Forest for getting behind the Summer Learning Passport held over the summer school holiday period. 23 lucky Bream Bay children went home with fantastic prizes after completing various activities over the summer holiday period and entering the prize draw. Popular activities included collecting rubbish off the beach, baking something at home, completing the Waipu Museum Quiz. Participation included children aged 3 – 11 years from all 3 local primary schools, Bream Bay College, Kids 1st, Small Poppies, Bream Bay Kindergarten and Tauraroa School.

Reading Angels

Would you like to assist with reading in one of Bream Bay’s local schools? Bream Bay: The Learning Community is looking for local people who are available at least 1 day a week for up to 2 hours to assist with reading in schools. Currently there are a number of Reading Angels at Waipu Primary, One Tree Point School and Ruakaka Primary. If you are interested please call Jeannie on 0220573825. Each Reading Angel receives training and guidance from the school they are volunteering at. As with all helpers at schools you would be required to undergo Police vetting.

Introducing the Bream Bay Kāhui Ako – Community of Learning

Early in 2017 Bream Bay educational institutions including: Bream Bay College, Ruakaka, Waipu and One Tree Point Primary Schools. Local early childhood centres, local iwi Patuharakeke and the Bream Bay Learning Community group signed up to being part of the Bream Bay Kahui Ako or Community of Learning.

Marilyn Dunn, Principal of Ruakaka Primary, who last year travelled overseas on a scholarship to learn how these groupings worked in other parts of the world, has been appointed Lead Principal for the group.

She said members of the Bream Bay Kāhui Ako now need to come up with an agreed achievement challenge to work on together.

Mrs. Dunn will be introducing herself and some of the stewardship group at the Pukapuka Party in the Ruakaka Village Green on Saturday March

17 from 10.30am – 1.30pm where she would explain a little more about what the plans are.

Local people will be invited to answer several questions, presumably to help the group decide on what its challenge will be.

- What are the great things that are happening for learners here in the Bream Bay area?
 - What aspirations do you have for your tamariki and all learners in the Bream Bay area?
- There will be a prize draw for those who contribute to the Bream Bay celebration board.

School Communities of Learning was an initiative of the previous National Party Government while Hekia Parata was Minister of Education. Chris Hipkins, the current Minister, has wasted no time in scrapping another National Government initiative: National Standards in primary schools, he seems to be in favour of keeping the Communities of Learning although perhaps in a modified form.

In a cabinet paper released at the end of last month he said, “I have asked the Ministry to undertake collaborative work with the Investing in Educational Success advisory group during 2018 to make the current Kāhui Ako model more collaborative, more responsive to the needs of local communities and more empowering for educationalists.”



Marilyn Dunn has been appointed Lead Principal for the Bream Bay Community of Learning

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Refinery dredging hearings to continue

The hearing on the Refining NZ applications to deepen and realign the approach to Whangarei Harbour will be reconvened on 13 March.

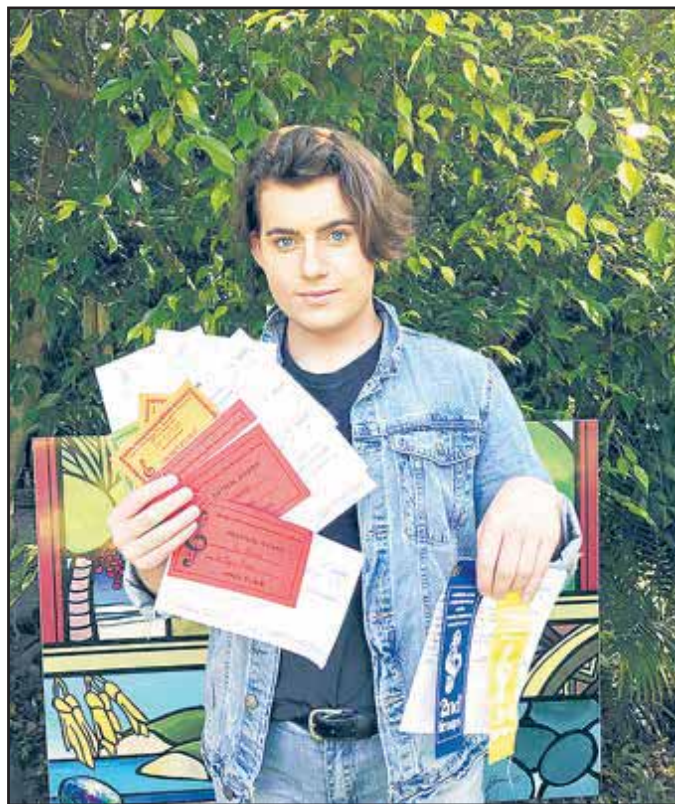
Chairwoman Sharon McGarry and commissioners Dr. Robert Lieferring and Sheena Tepania sat listening to submissions all last week from 26 February to 2 March but did not finish hearing the long list of submissions.

Public meetings on the Whangarei District Council’s Long Term Plan

The Whangarei District Council is holding a series of public meetings on its Long Term Plan. Two of these are scheduled for Bream Bay.

- The first will be at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre on Tuesday 13 March at 7.30pm.
- The second will be held in St. Peters Anglican Church at 10 Nova Scotia Drive in Waipu on Wednesday 28 March at 7.30pm.

Classics at the Cove profits to help young music students



Sam Birchall of Ruakaka

Debi and Dave Brown of Cove Rd., Waipu are once again hosting a Classics at the Cove concert at their property Tahamoana at 566 Cove Road,

The event will be held on 1 April with the gates opening at 1.30pm and performances from 2.30pm to 5pm.

Performers this year include: tenor Ridge Ponini, Emma Couper of Waipu, 2015 Lexus Song Quest Scholarship winner Kawiti Waetford, Maia Mila Amosa and Joel Amosa. Kawiti will also run a master singing class in the morning before the show.

Maura and Peter Flower of Maungaturoto will be showcasing some of their top young singing students including Sam Birchall of Ruakaka.

General picnic seating tickets will be available at the gate and cost \$25. Tickets are also available on eventfinda.co.nz or at Waipu Hammer Hardware. School age children are free.

All profits go towards Opera North study scholarships for young music students.

Te Reo Café at the Pizza Barn

Anyone who wants some practice with Te Reo Maori is welcome to come along to the Waipu Pizza Barn from 6pm to 8pm on the fourth Thursday of the month to the Te Reo Café.

Mary Love, who is helping to organise this initiative said there has been a regular Te Reo Café at the Butter Factory in Whangarei for about a year and recently one has been running at Wahi Restaurant and Bar in Ngaunguru. The organization behind the initiative is Te Puna o Te Ao Marama Trust in Whangarei, but local people organise and run the cafés in their own areas with support from the trust.

The idea is to get Te Reo Maori out into communities and to normalise it by having it spoken and heard in an everyday contest.

Mary says the cafés are “fun and a great way to learn some easy everyday Maori words in a friendly relaxed environment.”

Cards are supplied with simple conversation based questions for those who have little or no or limited Te Reo Maori. Those who have some Te Reo or are fluent can please themselves whether they use the cards or not.

The first Te Reo Café in Waipu is scheduled for Thursday 22 March from 6pm to 8pm.

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What are Headlice and Nits?

Headlice are small, wingless insects that feed on blood from the scalp. Nits is the name commonly used for their eggs. They are found worldwide and have been around for thousands of years.

Spotting Headlice or Nits

Check your child's hair weekly for headlice or nits.

Nits (eggs) are usually easier to see than headlice. Use a bright light or torch and look at the hairs behind the ears, at the nape of the neck, or at the base of a pony tail. New eggs are usually found close to the scalp. They are small and hard - like a grain of salt - and are usually yellow white to brown in colour. Unlike dandruff, they are firmly attached to the hair and hard to remove. Older, hatched eggs are usually transparent and found further from the scalp.

Headlice are brown or grey in colour and approximately 2-4 mm long. If you part the hairs on the scalp you may see them quickly crawl away to a more hidden area. It may be easier to see headlice if you apply conditioner to dry hair, wait ten minutes, then comb through with a nit comb, wiping the excess on a tissue. The dark lice are easily visible against the white tissue. This technique is called “wet combing”.

Treatment

Headlice treatments are either chemical or non-chemical and available as shampoos, lotions, mousses or sprays. What treatment you select really comes down to your personal preference, time available and previous treatment success. Speak to your Pharmacist about which product best suits you.

Chemical treatments.

These contain pesticides deemed safe for human use. They kill lice directly, without harming the person being treated.

Non-chemical treatments.

These include products that contain benzyl alcohol, herbal ingredients, or essential oils. Most work by suffocating the headlice, preventing it from breathing properly and can be as effective as chemical treatments.

Both chemical and non-chemical treatments are more effective at killing headlice than nits. This means the majority of products need repeating in seven days time. Always apply the treatment strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Treat ONLY those members of the household who appear to be hosting headlice. Talk to your Pharmacist about treatment options if somebody is pregnant or breastfeeding before using any of these products.

Helpful hints for treatment

If using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair. For shampoos, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible. Apply the product to all areas of the scalp and coat all the hair from root to tip. Use a nit comb to comb the product through the hair.

Leave the product on the hair for 20 minutes or the time specified on the packet. If the treatment has worked, lice will be dead within 20 minutes.

Recomb the hair with a nit comb, removing as many dead or live headlice and eggs as possible. Wipe the comb with a tissue each time. Repeat this until the whole head has been combed at least twice.

Most products are more effective at killing headlice than nits. This means almost all cases require a second treatment seven days later.

If no lice are found at the second treatment, no further treatment is required. If lice are found at the second treatment, in seven days time, either treat a third time, use the wet comb technique, or see your Pharmacist.

Remember to check all members of the household daily for a period of three weeks.

Prevention

- Avoid head-to-head contact.
- Brush hair daily.
- Check the hair of everyone in your family at least once a week.
- Discourage children from playing with each other's hair.
- Don't share brushes, combs, hats or other items that come into contact with hair.
- Take action if a child is scratching a lot - check their head carefully.
- Tie long hair back or plait it.

Failed treatment

Headlice are fairly resilient and sometimes difficult to treat. Reasons for treatment not working include:

- not applying the product correctly or not leaving it on long enough
- lice that are resistant to treatment
- not re-treating hair after seven days
- re-infection from people who have not treated their hair for headlice.

Further Advice

- Use a close-toothed metal nit comb (not plastic).
- If one treatment hasn't worked it may be best to switch to a different treatment. Ask your Pharmacist for advice and how many days to leave between treatments.
- One person left unchecked in a household, may be the source of further infestation.
- Check that the school has been notified and children in the class checked.
- Use extra precautions such as washing bed linen and towels.
- If using a chemical treatment DO NOT use conditioner or 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner for at least 24 hours after treating.
- DO NOT use a hairdryer on chemically treated hair. The heat breaks down the active chemical.



More information about headlice is available from:
Health Navigator
www.healthnavigator.org.nz/health-topics/head-lice



The only 100 percent solar powered radio station in New Zealand

The Bream Bay radio station has a new owner and has been rebranded as Smooth 105.6 FM.

Ash Worthy sold his Radio Waves station to David Gray last year and the station base has been moved up into Dave's home high in the hills off Glenmohr Rd.

"It's the only radio station in New Zealand which is run 100 percent on solar power, he says.

Both the transmitter and the station itself are feed electricity from an array of solar panels. Going solar was pretty expensive but slightly cheaper than connection the property to the national grid.

The station itself is housed in a bright white Euro cabin, which Dave said he got for free from a friend in Auckland. The transmitter on the roof sends out signals to Waipu, Waipu Cove, Ruakaka, One Tree Point, Marsden Point and over the harbour to Parua Bay and parts of Whangarei.

Dave is originally from Auckland and has a lot of experience in radio. He was a co-founder of George FM – a dance and electronic music station. He has been in management positions and has been an announcer including for a time on More FM in Whangarei.

He says he has looked at the demography of Bream Bay and has decided this station will target women in the 30 – 54 age bracket with what in the industry is known as AC (adult contemporary) music. Artists such as Celine Dion, Adele, Lionel Ritchie and Phil Collins will feature on the play list.

Starting from the end of March Dave will also be running a Monday to Friday 6am to 10am live breakfast show talking about local events.



Dave Gray in his Smooth 105.6 FM radio station high in the hills of southern Waipu

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Volunteers needed for Waipu Primary Easter Carnival

Easter is early this year, so the organisers of the Waipu Easter Carnival are under pressure to get everything in place for the big day.

The carnival, a fundraiser for Waipu Primary will be held on Easter Saturday 31 March from 9am – 2pm.

Danielle knightly said, "This year's Carnival is made up of basically the same recipe, with some exciting new attractions and food options thrown in the mix. Planning is fast coming together, with a large number of volunteers taking part and, as always, local businesses have been extremely supportive.

More volunteers are needed though. The Carnival Team say helping t the carnival "will be a fun way to meet new people and get involved in the community."

If you can help, please phone Michele Jorna - 021 149 4456.

A party to congratulate our Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit

Friends of local cyclist Fiona Southorn have organized a celebration of Fiona being named a *Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit* in the 2018 New Year Honours List

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Bream Bay College team success at Kai Iwi Lakes triathlon competition

Photos by Mike Swords

On Friday 23 February 38 students from Bream Bay College participated in the a Northland secondary schools triathlon event, which was run by Sport Northland at the Kai Iwi Lakes. The students could choose to enter as part of a team or to complete the full triathlon on their own. Bream Bay College teams achieved some good results. Nina Matenga, Abby Wright, Kayla Carter won the Intermediate Girls Team race, Jack Paton, Corey Paterson, Sam Castillo came second in the Senior Boys Team race, Rose Linton, Grace Van Cingel, Rochelle Goodmon were 2nd Senior Girls Team, Lily Matenga, Kiera Carroll and Amy Swanson were second Junior Girls Team and Fidel Poulsen, Noah Porter and Harris Lymburn were third Year 7 and 8 Boys Team.

Right: Kiera Carroll finishing the bike leg for her Junior Girl's Team at the Kai Iwi Lakes Northland Secondary Schools triathlon competition

Below: Bream Bay College students at the Kai Iwi Lakes triathlon competition.



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WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

• **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET.** In the Waipu Coronation Hall. Next on Sunday 11 March from 9am - 1pm

• **PARTY FOR FIONA SOUTHERN MNZM** at Pipers Restaurant, Waipu. On Sunday 11 March from 4pm - 7pm. Music by tammy D'Ath.

• **PUKAPUKA PARTY** On Saturday March 17 from 10.30am to 1.30pm. At the Ruakaka Village Green, behind Fresh Choice. Free activities for children aged 0 -13 years.

• **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday March 18 from 9am - 1pm. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina

• **TAKE A KID FISHING DAY** at the Waipu Boat and Fishing Club in Nova Scotia Drive, Waipu. Starts at 10am.

• **WAIPU PRIMARY EASTER CARNIVAL** In the Waipu Caledonian Park on Saturday 31 March

• **WAIPU STREET MARKET.** The Centre Waipu. Easter Saturday March 31 9am -1pm Local and New Zealand craft - Fashion - Art and Bric a Brac -

• **THE GREAT WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW.** Sunday 1 April in the Waipu Caledonian Park from 10am - 2pm. Entry \$5 for everyone over 10 years. Fundraiser for Northland Rescue Helicopter and the Waipu Lions.

• **CLASSICS AT THE COVE** On Sunday 1 April. Gates open 1.30pm. Performances from 2.30pm - 5pm. At Tahamoana, 566 Cove Road, Waipu. With Ridge Ponini, Emma Couper, Maia Mila Amosa, Joel Amosa, Kawiti Waetford and top young students of Maura and Peter Flower including Sam Birchall of Ruakaka. Tickets \$25, available at the gare, on eventfinda and Waipu Hammer Hardware. School age children free.

• **CRAZY HAT PARTY** Saturday 28 April from 7pm - 12 midnight. Prizes, live music, cash bar. \$25 includes supper. Phone 432 7962. or email ruakakarec@xtra.co.nz. A Ruakaka Recreation Centre fundraiser.

Future of Waipu Raft Race undecided



A raft named Skull Duckery with crew members: Fleur Clare, Colin Worthy, Arnie Bernon and Kathy Worthy blowing a quacker was one of the more colourful entries.



The Waipu Mermaids: Robyn Moffitt, Christine Muir, Marlene Rauner and Ngaire Knightly won vouchers for sessions at Chrissy's hair salon because mermaids need to look after their hair.

There were nine entries in the main race at this year's Waipu Boat and Fishing Club's raft race, three entries in a paddle board race, and seven in the junior raft section, three of these sponsored by the boat and fishing club and using rafts built for the main race. The paddleboard race was won by Ben Morton-Jones and the junior race by a team called Tekashi made up of Saequan Boyd, Joshua Polward, Jacob A'court and Braden Brooks - Lee. The four boys won \$500 to share out between them.

The \$1,000 first prize in the open raft race went to a team called Cogan's Heroes, which strapped together orange, plastic road barriers to use as floats.

Organiser Graeme Giles said it is a bit early to know if this year's event made a profit for the club but having sponsors for each event and the BBQ raffle prize donated by Waipu Hammer Hardware would have made a big difference.

Whether another Waipu raft race will be held next year is still in question.

Graeme said, "After the inaugural race last year with all spectators and participants wanting to do it annually we thought it would be easy to repeat, but this year has been extremely difficult, a lack of entries in good time almost led to us cancelling the event. Luckily the weather caused a postponement which somehow inspired the populace to become involved thereby saving it for this year. We have a meeting this week where we will discuss the results and decide the event's future."

Graeme said, "Apparently the same lack of participation was the reason for the demise of the event way back in 1995."

Ships expected at Marsden Point

Photo by Peter Grant



The coastal tanker Kakariki loading refined oil products on Jetty 2 at the Marsden Point Oil refinery.

- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 5 March at 11pm. ETD 8 March at 1am. Loading cement at Portland for Picton.

- *Hupeh* ETA 6 March at 1pm. ETD 10 March at 7pm. Loading logs.
- *Kopapo Chief* ETA 6 March at 11pm. ETD 9 March at 4pm. Loading LVL.
- *Erradale* ETA 8 March at 9am. ETD 10 March at 7am. Loading logs.
- *Matuku* ETA 8 March at 12.01am ETD 8 March at 9pm. Coastal tanker loading with refined oil products at the Marsden Point refinery.
- *Sendai Spirit* ETA 8 March at 6am. ETD 12 March at 4am. Loading woodchip for Japan.
- *Aicyone* ETA 8 March at 1pm. ETD 13 March at 11pm. Loading logs.
- *Max Schulte* ETA 8 March at 2pm. ETD 10 March at 11pm Loading LVL and Veneer.
- *IVS Sunbird* ETA 9 March at 5pm. ETD 13 March at 11am. Loading logs.

- *Kokako* ETA 12 March at 5am. ETD 13 March at 9am. Coastal tanker loading with refined oil products.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 14 March at 11pm. ETD 17 March at 8am. Loading cement at Portland for Auckland.
- *Key West* ETA 17 March at 7pm. ETD 19 March at 11pm. Loading logs.
- *Matuku* ETA 18 March at 7am. ETD 19 March at 7am. Coastal tanker loading with refined oil products for Lyttelton.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 18 March at 11pm. ETD 21 March at 2am. Loading cement at Portland for Tauranga.
- *Spring Breeze* ETA 19 March at 8am. ETD 21 March at 11am. Loading logs.

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Nga mihi kia koutou katoa

Jack Panaho

BERT AARTS 24.01.43 to 5.01.18

Kay and family wish to acknowledge, with heartfelt thanks, the many expressions of sympathy, love and support, since the passing of Bert. Thanks also to all those who came to share in celebrating Bert's life.

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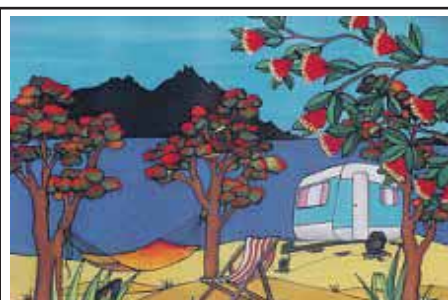
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