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Four lane highway looks likely to run through some of our most productive dairy farms

The construction of the proposed four-lane highway between the Brynderwyn Hill and Whangārei looks set to destroy or severely impact many of the most productive dairy farms in Northland, some of which have been in the same families' ownership for generations.

Seven dairy farms in Waipu alone would be made unviable with others severely impacted and more farms would go in Ruakākā and Mata.

Ali McKay, with the biggest dairy farm operation in the district, said he is concerned about the loss of productive land.

"There is a limited amount of food producing land in New Zealand, with some already lost to pine trees.

He is also concerned the disappearance of so many farms and farm workers would have a big effect on Waipu's institutions and businesses. He thinks the loss of a significant number of local dairy farms would be likely to force the closure of at least one of the local dairy factories either at Maungaturoto or at Kauri.

He has not had any visits from NZTA staff yet and would like to meet planners and designers to have some input as to where on the farm it could go to minimise impact on infrastructure and allow the farm to keep operating.

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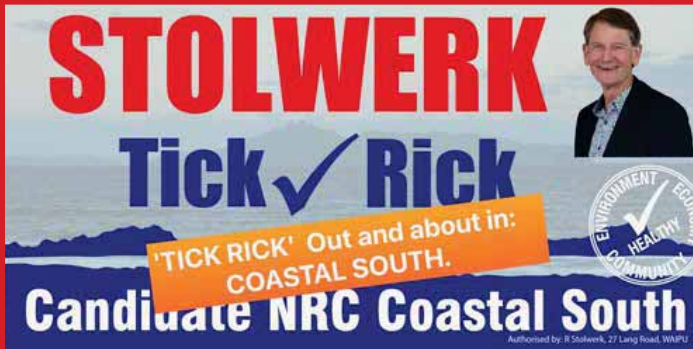
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EDITORIAL

Do we really need two parallel roads?

I have sent an email to the office of the Honorable Chris Bishop our current Minister of Transport asking him if the permanent loss of some of Northland's most fertile dairy farming land has been factored into the cost benefit analysis for the proposed four lane highway between Waipu and Whangārei.

I should have added in my email that the new four lane highway is also looking as though it would run through many millions of dollars of farm infrastructure and, as well as the physical assets – the land, buildings, fences, farm roads, bridges etc., we stand to lose the irreplaceable experience and expertise of the farmers and farm workers who manage that land and, in some cases, have done so for many generations.

Do we really need two parallel roads from the base of the Brynderwyn into Whangārei? Would this even stack up economically? Would people who commute weekdays to Whangārei from Bream Bay choose to drive on the new toll road when the existing road is already a pretty direct route. Couldn't the current road just get an upgrade and perhaps a few over bridges or underpasses to eliminate some of the most dangerous intersections?

Certainly we need a more secure road over or around the Brynderwyn. That in itself will cost a pretty packet but when Northland's base hospital is urgently in need of replacement, spending billions on a four-lane expressway from Waipu into Whangārei, when the existing road is not that bad, doesn't seem like a top priority. We don't have any certainty yet about where the expressway will go, which is in itself a problem, as the many farmers and small block holders who have been sent notices that some of their land may be required now live with uncertainty and are unable to plan and invest for their futures. They were all told when they first received those notices earlier in the year there would be more certainty by the end of September but when I asked the NZTA when people would get this information the reply from NZTA Media Manager Natasha Utting was, "We appreciate that this is an unsettling time for potentially affected landowners and will contact them to discuss next steps as soon as it's possible to do so."

However, there is already a drilling rig on one farm testing the soil and rock structure beneath and consultants have visited to check if there are native bats surviving in bush blocks, to establish if there is anything of archeological significance under the ground or anything of significance to iwi that needs to be taken into account.

Minister Bishop was asked by Jack Tame on TV1's Sunday morning programme Q and A if the Northland Corridor, which is estimated to cost more than \$10 billion and to take up 10% of New Zealand's infrastructure spend (including on hospitals, schools, defence, justice and the rest of the country's road network) for the next 25 years would provide sufficient benefit to justify this amount and he put his forefinger up into the air as if to say "it depend which way the wind blows."

Some have commented that the haste with which the super highway through Northland is being advanced is an attempt by the Coalition Government to get the project so far down the road that it cannot be halted by an incoming Labour led government.

Is this a responsible way for a government to act? New Zealand does need more long term infrastructure planning rather than the stop/start situation we get after every change of government where projects, which have already cost considerable time, expertise and money are abandoned. However, rushing to lock things in place without proper consideration of possible wider implications is just perpetuating this problem.

Marilyn

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The 100 hectare Bryham Farm on Shoemaker Rd., just outside Waipu, would be destroyed by the new four lane expressway

His family provided land for the Waipu bypass in the 1970s and now is being asked to provide for another road.

He thinks widening the current road would be better value for money and he wonders if there is already enough road reserve width in some sections to allow for this without having to purchase additional land.

He would like to see some cost benefit analysis of the different route options, if these exist, to be able to understand the Government's rationale.

Ninety year old Jeanette Bryham is having sleepless nights since she learned the expressway would be running through her farm taking out four houses and making continuing to operate a dairy unit there impossible.

She has lived on the farm for the past 60 years, has invested heavily in the land and infrastructure and says she has had a very satisfactory life there. The Bryham Farm is now one of the most productive dairy farms in the district.

Jeanette's granddaughter, who has completed her qualifications at agriculture college, now manages the operation and Jeanette worries about her future as she does for all her children and grandchildren when their homes and source of income is taken away.

NZTA has indicated the sites where it will be carrying out geotechnical explorations and NZTA staff have held meetings with Jeanette in her home. She asked them why they can't just widen and improve the current highway and was told they want to build an expressway with a minimum of on and off ramps. She understands bridges would be build over Shoemaker and Millbrook Roads.

Mutch Urlich said the NZTA plans as he understands them would destroy his farm. He said it is impossible to get anyone from NZTA to come out to talk about the plans but he has had an indication of where drilling would take place and it looks as though the proposal is to run the highway through his best flat pasture land destroying most of his farm infrastructure and his three

farm houses in the process.

One of his sons was thinking he would come back to work on the farm when he completes his university study but now this plan is up in the air. While the highway construction hangs over his head he cannot plan with any certainty and investments in the farm are on hold.

Exploration work is already underway on Craig Robert's farm alongside SH1 just south of Waipu.

Craig said there is a drilling rig outside the main farm house now testing the land's suitability for a bridge to take the new highway from the east side of the current road to the west. The farm has also been visited by entomologists, archeologists, someone looking for bats in a bush block that will be impacted as well as iwi representatives.

He believes the Coalition Government is trying to get the project so far down the track that it won't be reversible when the next Labour led government takes office.

He said the new highway would destroy all the farm's infrastructure and make it unviable. He and all the family members who live and work on the farm would be displaced.

However, he is not proposing to put up any opposition and said he won't be another NIMBY.

"We all want the four lane highway and its got to go somewhere. Everyone wants it but no one wants it on their land. That's progress. That's life. It's no use having a heart attack over it."

Craig said he has dealt with NZTA before when land was acquired to build passing lanes. If you put up opposition it just reduces the amount of money NZTA has to pay you out in compensation.

But further north at Ruakākā Bruce Paton wonders about the need for the new highway. highway.

"Sort out the Brynderwyns for sure" and he thinks there could be some improvements with the road surface.

He regularly makes the drive between Ruakākā and Whangārei and is able to travel at speeds of 90 to

100kmh and rarely faces any hold ups

He said the permanent loss of productive land should be taken into account in the NZTA calculations.

Also he wonders if spending billions of dollars to build this particular stretch of new highway should be a priority when Whangārei needs a new hospital and health services, in general, need to be better funded.

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The carcass has been reported to the Northland Regional Council, which took action to remove the three sheep.

Dumping of animal carcasses into a water body is not a permitted activity under the Northland Regional Plan and any person doing this is subject to a fine of up to \$750. Carcasses in water bodies can impact water quality and adversely affect drinking water supplies for farm animals further down stream.

Letters to the Editor are very welcome

Email them to: breambaynews@xtra.co.nz or drop them off at the Waipu or Ruakākā Lotto shops

Apologies to Malcolm Norton whose letter describing numerous hurdles he says were put up against his subdivision by the Whangārei District Council will have to wait until the next issue when the Council has had time to consider and respond. I promise to run your letter response or not in the next issue.

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Northport gains consents for container facility expansion

A significant item of news last week was the Environment Court decision to grant consents enabling Northport to build a dedicated container handling, storage and logistics facility.

Planning for the expansion has taken over a decade of design consultation and negotiation.

Northport Chief Executive Jon Moore said the timing of construction would be a

matter for the Northport Group Limited's Board to consider once the business case stacks up.

The consents have a 35-year term and a 20-year lapse period.

After 19 years in the role Mr. Moore will retire in June 2026. He said, "granting of the consent was the ideal end-point for a maritime and port operations career that has spanned 50 years."

No certainty yet on preferred highway route

Neil McLeod who lives near the top of Doctors Hill Rd. on Mountfield Rd. is one of the many landowners who received a letter from NZTA earlier this year advising that his property might be needed to build the proposed new four-lane stretch of highway between Waipu and Port Marsden Highway.

The letter stated, "We expect to confirm the preferred route by August or September this year."

However no confirmation of the preferred route has arrived and when the Bream Bay News sent a question about this to NZTA the reply from Media Manager Natasha Utting was, "No update yet I'm sorry."

"We appreciate that this is an unsettling time for potentially affected landowners and will contact them to discuss next steps as soon as it's possible to do so."

"The Government and NZTA will be releasing further details on the outcomes and recommendations of each investment case in due course over the coming weeks and months."

"The Roads of National Significance represent a substantial investment in key roading corridors around New Zealand, and it is critical that the projects are staged and delivered in an affordable and pragmatic way, alongside other critical investment in our land transport network."

"Why put that in the letter if you are not going to follow through", Mr. McLeod asks.

"While they wait for certainty people put their lives on hold."

State Highway over the Brynderwyn to close for road resurfacing

State Highway One over the Brynderwyns will be closed for a total of eight days next month while the road is resurfaced. The closures will occur from Thursday to Monday on the 13 – 16 November and then on the 20 – 23 November. Detours will be in place via SH12 and the Paparoa Oakleigh Rd for heavy vehicles and the general public with light vehicles also able to use the Mangawhai – Waipu route.

Following on from the Brynderwyn upgrade, the highway through Waipu and Uretiti is also to get some attention, in this case a resealing. There will be stop/go restrictions here for two weeks in November and then for one week in December. The exact timing of this work is dependent on the weather.

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LETTERS

Domestic growers haven't adapted to meet competition from imports

I read your editorial 'Keep eating those Wattie's canned peaches' with considerable interest and agree with the sentiment you expressed that New Zealand entrepreneurs like Sir James Wattie should be celebrated and used as an example to encourage and inspire future generations.

Whilst those "big golden Hawkes Bay peaches are beautiful" and have considerable consumer appeal this is not a quality that makes them ideal for canning. Small fruit of a regular size is far better for portion control. This leads me on to the main thrust of my point and that is that James Wattie first began using ripe fruit to make jam and from this expanded his business to encompass canned fruit and then many other products. Sir James was a man of his time – he recognized an opportunity and seized upon it.

South African canned fruit has been imported into New Zealand since 1985 with this process being interrupted during the sanctions period 1988-1993. Once Trade Sanctions against South Africa were lifted in 1993, imports of South African canned fruits recommenced but even then they were subjected to Import License and Tariff controls so no free pass. Import License controls were eventually dropped on all food products but tariff barriers remained. In 1996 Heinz Wattie complained to the Ministry of Commerce (now the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment) that South African canned peaches were being dumped into New Zealand and the Ministry began an investigation into the imports of South African canned peach. As a consequence anti-dumping controls were applied and these are still being implemented today.

Many times over the past 29 years Heinz Wattie has found itself short of peach and so has imported South African canned peach under its' own labels. When this has occurred reference to Hawkes Bay is removed from the label and 'Product of South Africa' is added.

Incidentally under the World Trade Organisation rules anti-dumping controls can remain in place for 5 years after which period they are removed unless the domestic industry objects in which case a fresh investigation/review is undertaken. The thinking behind the 5 year rule (known as the Sunset Clause) is to provide the domestic industry with a lengthy period in which it can get its house in order to meet the foreign competition. However in the case of Heinz Wattie, it has invoked the Sunset Clause every 5 years since 2001 and it has done so again this year so consequently there is a Sunset Clause Review currently underway. Meanwhile the domestic industry doesn't appear to have made any significant changes over the past 29 years that would enable it to compete with foreign producers of canned peach.

It is worth noting that whilst South Africa is a large producer of canned peach it is only one of many. Another very large producer of canned peach is China which enjoys duty free access into the New Zealand market. Currently South Africa's largest canner of peach is penalized with 5% general tariff and 16.4% dumping duty (possibly soon to rise to 24.5%) whereas Chinese canned peach, which is considerably lower priced than South African canned peach has no general tariff (FTA) and no dumping duty. Imports of Chinese canned peach are substantial and it is this that will be causing Heinz Wattie the most difficulty and not South Africa canned peach, which has been here for 40 years.

As I said at the beginning of this letter, Sir James Wattie was a man of his time. However times change and generally jam consumption has declined as has the consumption of canned fruit. Heinz Wattie is simply experiencing a worldwide phenomena and its decision to wind down its' canned peach production is a pragmatic business decision. To expect the New Zealand tax payer and consumer to subsidize a failing market would be unreasonable.

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An building expansion project is currently underway at the Bream Bay Community Trust in Takutai Place, Ruakākā. Sharon Russell, Chief Executive of the Trust said this is “a two-stage expansion of our facilities to better meet the growing needs of our community.”

She said, “As new contracts have commenced, our staffing numbers have increased. We are also proud to host a large number of external agencies from Whangārei who work from our space to help reduce their waitlists and eliminate DNA (Did Not Attend) rates for essential health and social services. “This collaborative approach is making a real difference, but we continue to face a major barrier: the lack of public transport options for our community to access services in town. Many individuals are unable to attend appointments or access essential support

simply because they cannot get there. This issue is particularly pressing for vulnerable members of our community who rely on these services the most.” Sharon said a strategic goal of BBCST is increase access for Bram Bay residents to a range of essential services, and extending the facility footprint so more services can come directly to our community will help meet this goal.

She said, “The BBCST Board of Trustees remains dedicated to its genuine commitment to making a difference in our area” and I am blessed to have a fabulous team of staff who work together with me to bring these goals to fruition.” Stage one of the trust building expansion is due to be completed by the end of this year, and stage two will be completed by April 2026.

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Waipu cross country runner returns from Australian championships with a gold relay medal



Denika in the centre with her winning relay team

Waipu runner Denika Clooney is back home after representing New Zealand at the Australia All Schools Cross Country Championships.

Denika ran in the 16-17-year-old girls 4km race on 8 September. She placed 8th overall, and was 5th in the 17-year-old girls category. She was the 4th New Zealander to finish, helping the New Zealand team to take second place overall in this race.

Two days later, on 10 September, Denika was put up

a grade so New Zealand could have a complete 18-19 year-old-girls team for the 5x2km relay. Denika ran the second leg of this race, which was won by her New Zealand team.

Denika is now awaiting possible selection for the World Cross Country Championships in January 2026 in Florida. If selected she will need to raise around \$6,500 so would be looking for sponsorship.

Waipu Tennis Report

By Paul Ramsay

New lights for the club are just around the corner after a long wait. Around 30 years ago, under the presidency of Michael Leech, the first set of lights were installed at Waipu Tennis Club using fittings sourced from the Ruakaka refinery. They've served us incredibly well — but the time has come for a much-needed upgrade to improve player safety, lighting efficiency, and overall use of the courts. We're excited to say that the upgrade is officially underway through the company Lumosa. We've paid the deposit, and installation is set to begin in October. This is a significant project for our club and to keep costs down we're refurbishing the existing poles.

The new LED lights are expected to be 3-4 times brighter so there will be no excuses or blaming the lights anymore. We have applied for funding from a variety of sources but are still around \$30,000 short of the funding needed. Funding is hard to get these days! Gary Coutts is leading a drive to get donations for this shortfall and would be pleased to hear from anyone in the community able to donate to this — especially ex tennis players. Donations will be permanently acknowledged on a specially designed donations board.

Give Gary (0274322861) a call and he can expand on what is happening.

Ladies Night is under way on Wednesday evenings starting 15 October at 6pm. Leave the kids at home with your partner and come along for some exercise and socialising

McLeods pre-Christmas club nights have started with 9 teams on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm. While teams are made up there are always spaces for extras due to injuries and unavailability

Waipu had teams in the A and B grade finals last season and will be keen to emulate that and hopefully go one better this season. The club is fielding an A grade team — Waipu Raiders and 2 B grade teams — Waipu Black and Waipu Yellow. Interclub has already started but again reserves are often needed.

Love Tennis was a busy day well organised by Hayley Pyle. Lots of people tried out our great game.

Juniors and Intermediates have started after school on Tuesdays. It's never too late to join. Our professional coach spends time with all our players as part of their subscription so get along and make the most of this advice.

NRC panel overturns kite board ban in wildlife refuges

Shore bird advocates are concerned that kite boarders will once again be permitted to operate in the Waipu and Ruakākā estuaries, both of which have Wild Life Reserve status and are nesting, roosting and feeding sites for shore birds including: the critically endangered New Zealand Fairy tern, variable oyster catchers, dotterels, wrybills, knots and bar tailed godwits recently arrived after their epic seven day flight from Alaska.

A Northland Regional Council review of its Navigational Safety Bylaw has concluded that it has the authority to make an exemption to allow wind surfers to exceed a five-knot speed restriction within 200 metres of the shore, which since 2017 has kept kiteboarders, which cannot operate under around 12 knots, out of these areas.

The NRC panel, which undertook the review, has said it will work with the Department of Conservation "on education and awareness" and apply the kite board

exemption once again effectively allowing this sport back into the two Bream Bay estuaries.

Robbie Jones of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust said that Coastal Care members spend their summers at the Ruakākā spit educating the public and trying to protect nesting roosting and breeding shore birds.

"What on earth is the NRC thinking to allow such disturbance and destruction in such a fragile and protected area."

Another Bream Bay Coastal Care member David Lourie said, "While the Waipu and Ruakākā Estuaries might be ideal locations for learner kiteboarders to practice their skills, this is not compatible where it is unlawful to disturb the wildlife.

"These are important high tide feeding area for the most endangered of the shorebirds."

The review will not take effect until it has been approved by the Ministry of Transport so in the meantime kite boarding is still not permitted inside the two estuaries.

More Have a Go Opportunities

The Have a Go Sports Festival run by the Bream Bay Sports Trust continues this month with:

- Athletics on the Bream Bay College Field on Monday afternoons from 4pm to 5.30pm for ages 3-18 and 5.30- 6.30pm for those over the age of 18
- Cirfit Health and Wellbeing: a stretch class suitable for all ages with Sandra Lucas in the Shred Gym on Thursdays through October from 8.30 to 9.15am.
- Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club at 11am on Sunday 19 October. Practice CPR skills, try different water

sports and see what it takes to be a lifeguard.

- Waipu Golf Club on Sunday 19 October. Beginners welcome to try the club's practice range with tips from experts.

- Bream Bay Ocean Swimmers. Att 9am on 19 and 26 October, weather dependent. Meet at the Waipu Cove Surf Club. Swim along the beach with a group for anyone with confidence and ability to swim a reasonable distance.

Calling all youth ambassadors for Bream Bay

A Bream Bay Youth Ambassadors day is planned for Ruakākā Beach, alongside the surf club, on Saturday 25 October (Labour Weekend) from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

The event is being organised by Bream Bay Guardians, one of the groups leading the charge against the McCallum Brothers proposed application to mine sand from the bay.

Mary Sinclair, of the guardians group, said she hopes the children and young people who attend will be able to think about what the beach, ocean floor and sand dunes mean to them and be ambassadors for Bream Bay.

Participants will be invited to create beach art and sand sculpture and there will be free ice blocks and spot prizes - donated by Promote Waipu.

A new waiata has been composed for the occasion.

The event will be compered by Toast from the Northland radio station More FM.

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The creative talent behind those clever Despicable Me characters on Marsden Point Road

People driving by take guesses about who will be appearing next amongst the family of Minions and Despicable Me characters alongside Marsden Point Rd.

The cartoon characters were built by Ross Johnson and sit outside the home of Ross and his wife Grace. They are made entirely of recycled materials.

Ross said it all began when he had a conversation with the owner of a caravan importing business in Waiwarawara Drive, Ruakākā. The gas bottles in the caravans were not compliant with New Zealand standards and all needed to be replaced. In Ross's creative mind the gas bottles took on the shape of minions and when he takes the hairpiece off number one minion – underneath is the gas bottle tap.

The Despicable Me family is also made up from an old trampoline cover, scraps of building paper, discarded pieces of corrugated iron and anything else that comes Ross's way. The minion's eyes are lids from jars of peanut butter.

Ross a former Church Minister believes God wants us to be creative.

Ross has seen all four Despicable Me movies and says they tell a great moral story about a grumpy old man who takes on the care and protection of three orphan children.

Inside the garden gate there are many more examples of his art. There is a tui made from old ice cream containers and paua shells, paintings on old sheets of plywood nestle amongst the garden shrubbery. There is tiger leaping out of some bushes and a set of stairs leading into a

Ross has more pieces underway in his workshop behind the house. All this creativity benefits the local Hospice Shop where Ross takes many of his creations. Minions and paua-feathered tui are in demand.

There is a whimsical side to Ross's work as well. He has fashioned a kiwi eating kiwifruit and there is a wringer from an old washing machine with a sign asking, "Been through the wringer?"

Of topsy turvey shed made out old sheets of roofing iron Ross says, "It cost a lot less than the Hundertwasser Art Centre in Whangārei.



Ross says the little shed above built with discarded roofing iron "cost a lot less than the Hundertwasser"

Ross' workshop is crammed full with many more creative projects underway



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Some of Ross's garden art takes a whimsical turn like this piece featuring a couple of old frying pan

A blessing for Alex the Siberian Husky



Bream Bay's Anglican Vicar Mark Henricson gives a blessing to nine year old Siberian Husky, Alex

A special service for the Feast of Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, was held at St Pauls Anglican Church in Karawai St. Ruakaka on Sunday morning 5 October with an invitation for pet owners to bring their animals along to receive a blessing. Brenda Leeuwenberg, a leader in the local opposition to the McCallum Borthers Bream Bay Sand mining proposal was invited to the service as a guest speaker.

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Sienna Mewett: Leading by example

Interview by Lisa Jones, Bream Bay Sports Trust

Sienna Mewett may have only been playing football for six years, but she's already cemented her place at Northland FC and has her sights firmly set on a professional career. At just 12 years old, she's proving to be an exceptional mentor and role model for aspiring young footballers.

Sienna said, "Football is in my DNA – and I'm not planning to stop anytime soon."

Getting Started

• When did you first start playing football? What's your earliest memory of football?

I've been playing football for 6 years, since I was 7 years old. I started playing for Bream Bay United AFC and for the past 2 years I've been playing solely for Northland FC.

• Why did you choose football over other sports?

I've always found football to be more interesting. I love watching the English Premier League games and critiquing the play.

• Did someone encourage or inspire you to play?

Not directly, but football is in my blood. My great grandfather, Terry Hines, was involved with Bream Bay United AFC when it was formed back in 1974, and my grandad and uncle both played for Bream Bay United.

• How do you balance school, sport, and other activities?

My main commitment is to the Under-13 mixed team; however, I am also selected to participate with both the Under-13 girls' and Under-15 girls' teams as needed. I train 3 times a week in Whangarei and some weekends we have 2 games in Auckland.

I like learning so I'm able to complete most of my work at school which frees up my afternoons and weekends (Mum and Dad are both nodding their heads in agreement). My favourite subject is Social Studies.

On the Field

• What's your favorite position or role to play?

I used to play midfield, but this season my Coach has put me in as left back (defender) and I'm really enjoying it.

My favourite players are Virgil van Dijk, he plays center back (defender) for Liverpool, and Mohamed Salah who's a winger for Liverpool. Sienna is a die-hard Liverpool fan!

• What's been your biggest game or moment so far?

Earlier this year I played in a tournament down in Hamilton for my Northland mixed team. We were in the final against Tauranga - and we won! It was a one-day tournament, and we played 6 30-minute games. It was a full-on day - we were exhausted - but it was a lot of fun!

• How do you handle nerves before a competition?

I don't really get nervous before games. If we've played the team before I run through previous games in my mind to remember how they played for tactics etc. But I'm mostly just thinking positive thoughts. The girls in my team are like me and fairly relaxed, but the boys are all over the place!

• What do you love most about being part of your team?

I really like the challenges of the game. As a team we have great chemistry, and we all get along really well.

Challenges & Growth

• What's the hardest part about football? The training/travell/competition?

The travelling. It's expected because we live in Northland but it's still hard. A couple of my teammates live in Taipa so it's considerably harder for them. Northland FC do run a van down to Auckland for games so they're able to pick me up on their way through. But I mostly go with Dad down to Auckland because he really enjoys watching me play, and on the trip home we like to break the game down and talk about different aspects of it.

• Have you ever had a setback or injury? How did you deal with it?

I had an Achilles injury back in June. It wasn't ideal, but it helped me realise I have physical limits. I'm working with Northland FC's Sports Osteo, The Holmes Clinic, here in Waipu.

• What's something that you've improved in, that you're particularly proud of?

My ability to read the game. Knowing where my teammates are going to position themselves, as well as the opposition. All our Northland games are recorded so we're able to watch them with our Coach and break down our play, which has really helped me to read the game when I'm playing.

This year I'm helping to coach the 10th grade Bream Bay Servals, which is one of two all-girl teams. I'm really enjoying the experience, and it's nice to be able to give something back to my club, it's really fulfilling.

• How do you stay focused when things get tough?

I've learned to say, "I'm tired" and take a step back to rest.



Sienna in blue in action on the football field

Off the Field

• What do you like to do when you're not training or competing?

I like going to the beach, surfing and hanging out with my mates.

• Who's your biggest supporter or role model?

Mum and Dad, Jacqui and Milton Mewett. Dad started coaching my 9th grade football team despite having never played and coached for 3 years. Last year Mum and Dad had to drive me into town for all my training sessions, but this year, we carpool with other whanau which is a huge relief for everyone.

• Do you have any pre-game rituals or hype songs?

I just focus on how the opposition plays and what I need to watch out for. One of my teammate's blasts 'Zombie' by The Cranberries on his ear pods to hype him up before a game.

• What's something fun or unexpected about your team?

There are 24 in my mixed team and we're quite a diverse mix.

Looking Ahead

• What are your goals for the next season or year?

I would love to continue to play for Northland next season, and I really hope the girls program continues.

• Would you like to play your sport after high school?

I have no intention to stop playing football and I hope one day to be playing for the Football Ferns.

• How has sport helped you grow as a person?

I'm mentally and physically stronger, and I'm more independent now.

• What advice would you give to younger players just starting out?

Keep going, it will be tough, but you have to keep going!

Next week, Sienna - along with fellow Bream Bay athlete Hayley Pirihi and six others - will travel with Northland FC to Wellington for training with the Wellington Phoenix Academy. It's a chance for Sienna to be fully immersed in a professional football environment, and she intends to soak up every moment. Wishing you all the best, Sienna!

Free holiday fun organised by Bream Bay Learning Community volunteers



Volunteers Lisa Kenny (left), and Debra Showler, of House of Travel (on a community service day) .with holiday programme organiser Sharon Booth (centre).



Taika Martin, (aged 7) with his grandfather Reg Fleming about to go on a ride in the cab of Keith Newey's Big Mack cement truck



Photo by Alison Davie

Members of the Whangārei Coastguard help children into lifejackets prior to a boat ride around the marina



A long line of children waiting to get their faces painted at the Ruakākā Library and Bream Bay Learning Community's morning of free holiday fun activities in the Ruakākā Peter Snell Rd. Reserve on Thursday 25 September

The Bream Bay Learning Community, in conjunction with the Ruakākā Library, held a very successful school holiday activity morning in Ruakākā on Thursday 25 September with 140 children turning up to try their hand at kite making, angel wing decorating, origami, jiu jitsu or to have their faces painted. "We could have had seven face painting artists", said Sharon Booth of the BBLC. "The two we did have started at 10am and were still going after everyone else had packed up and gone at 1pm."

There was a sausage sizzle and bottles of water and handed out books to take home.

Face painter Lisa Kenny said she believed part of the popularity was because everything was free and many families are feeling the pinch and can't afford trips up to Whangārei to the movies and McDonalds.

The following week on Tuesday 30 September the Learning Community organised another holiday treat for local kids – a ride in a truck or a classic car and then in a boat from the Marsden Cove Marina



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Bream Bay Combined Arts group exhibition to celebrate “Beautiful Bream Bay”



This oil painting by Mary Stevens will feature in the exhibition.

Celebrating Beautiful Bream Bay is the theme of the next exhibition of the Bream Bay Combined Arts Group on November 2.

The theme will be carried through the artworks and pottery created at the Art Cottage in Lakeside Park Road, Ruakākā.

The exhibition is being held on Sunday, November 2 from 10am to 3pm, with the public welcome to come along to view and purchase items.

The exhibition is one of two fundraising events held by the group each year.

The group recently received funding from the Whangārei District Council to buy a new kiln, which has greatly enhanced the pottery group. The exhibition aims to raise money to offset the cost of installation of the new kiln.

People are welcome to check out the activities at the Art Cottage and new members are welcome.

Extra days and evenings are now available for potters and artists with helpful encouragement from other artists.

For more information, contact secretary Donna Russell, bbcombinedartsgroup@gmail.com or phone 0211302028.



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Music club	1st Monday of month 7pm to 10pm	new centre	\$5	Fulco 0274718428
Yoga	Tuesday 9 am to 10.15 am	old centre	\$15 or 10 for \$130	Nicola 021 177 5461
Zumba Gold	Tuesday 9 am to 10 am	new centre	\$9	Roz rozhzumba@gmail.com
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Zumba Gold	Thursday 9am to 10am	new centre	\$9	Roz rozhzumba@gmail.com
Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm	new centre	\$5	Lu 0226541979
Bream Bay United Soccer Club	Thursday 3.30pm to 6pm	old centre		Ken 021 361 375
Sit Fit	Friday 10.15am to 11.15am	old centre	\$6	Christine 027 573 6346
Zumba	4th Friday of month 4.45pm-5.45pm	new centre	\$10	Ali 021592228
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- **WAIPU PRIMARY CALF CLUB** Saturday 18 October 9am - 2pm . Fun family day. All welcome
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Third Sunday of each month. Next on Sunday 19 October. 9am to 2pm. One Tree Point School. Fundraiser for children's ward at Whangārei Hospital.
- **FLEA MARKET**, Carboot style. Sunday 19 October 10am to 2pm. at the Razza, Waipu. Bookings via Razza Kitchen
- **WAIPU LABOUR WEEKEND MARKET**. Saturday 25 October 9am - 2pm in the Waipu Claedonian Park. and Celtic Barn
- **JAM SESSION** At the RAZZA. Sunday 26 October from 2.30pm. Kitchen and bar open.
- **WAIPU ART IN MOTION (WAM)** Wearable Art and short video show, which will be held in the Waipu Coronation Hall on October 31 at 7pm as well as on 1 November at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets cost \$45 and are available from www.trybooking.com/nz. The show is a fundraiser for NEST The Northland Emergency Services Trust, which operates the Rescue Helicopter.
- **BEAUTIFUL BREAM BAY ART AND POTTERY EXHIBITION**. Sunday 2 November 10am to 3pm. The Art Cottage, Lakeside Rd., Ruakākā.
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- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** Fridays 10.30 -12noon, Bream Bay Community Trust Hall, Takutai Place, Ruakākā
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A Coronation Hall sub-committee has visited Wellsford to see the improvements made to that hall, with a view to redecorating the Waipu hall, luckily in sound condition. Please note only lack of finance is holding up this necessary work.

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Waipu (Vet Centre Bus Stop)	9:50
Ruakākā (Peter Snell Road - opposite Takutai Place)	10:10
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Whangārei to Bream Bay (Afternoon - PM)

THURSDAY ONLY

Depart Whangārei (Rose Street Bus Terminus)	3:00
Ruakākā (Peter Snell Road - opposite Takutai Place)	3:40
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
Mangawhai Heads (The Club)	4:30
Mangawhai Village (Village Shops Bus Stop Opposite Bennetts)	4:35
Arrive Kaiwaka (Bus stop below St Paul's Church)	4:50

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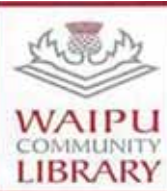
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