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Flood of submissions on NRC plan to stop its funding of Northland emergency services

The Northland Regional Council received 2,275 submissions on its proposed Long Term Plan with 2,171 of these in response the NRC's proposal to discontinue its funding of Northland's emergency services. I full summary of the submissions is due out this week.

Linking Hands – a vision realised

Since it began in 2008, the Linking Hands shuttle service has extended into Ruakākā, One Tree Point, Waipu, Kaiwaka and Mangawhai. People who need a ride to a medical or health related appointment phone in and arrange for a driver to pick them up from their homes.

The service has eight vehicles, 60 volunteer drivers and helpers, an office in Maungaturoto run by one full time coordinator supported, at present, by several part time staff and a governing board, which makes financial decisions and sets direction.

Linking Hands cars are spread around these communities. Two are stored in Waipu in garages at the Ranburn retirement complex. There is one in Ruakākā, one in Mangawhai, one in Kaiwaka and three in Maungaturoto. These can be moved around depending on demand.

As the many people who use its service to get to and from medical and health appointments can testify – it's a system and a service that works.

Jayne King is one of Linking Hands founders. Her husband had an accident back in 1995 and left her struggling to care for him at home without much support.

District Health Nurse Mavis McCombie, who was aware there were other people in the area looking after family members who required care, saw the need for a support network.

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Waiting for the parade



Wearing ANZAC poppies, Charlie Palmer - aged seven, Penelope Meadow seven and Cherry Palmer - nine climbed the tree in front of the Waipu Cenotaph carpark to wait for the ANZAC parade. Below the tree and partly hidden is three - year - old Hendrix Palmer.

More pictures from the Waipu ANZAC ceremony on pages 8 and 9

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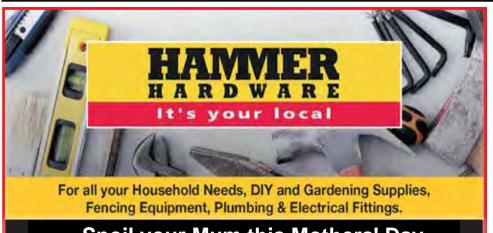
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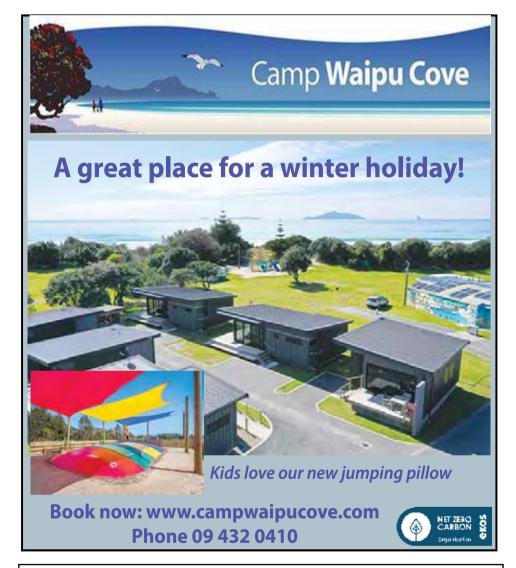
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Just build a viaduct

EDITORIAL



The April 30th slip on the Brynderwyn section of State Highway One

It's a cold drizzly wet Sunday morning and I am thinking how all this rain is not going to help the slip situation on the state highway over the Brynderwyn hill.

The delay in the highway re-opening is such a disappointment. Everyone had been anticipating the reopening on 13 May. Many of our local businesses are just holding on by the skin of their teeth. Transport companies and suppliers to Auckland had taken the attitude that a bit of pain for a few months while the road was repaired would result in a more secure route for the future but on 30 April there was another big slip and the opening has been delayed.

You can watch this slip as it happens on YouTube and hear the exclamations of the roading crews on site as the slip gets bigger and bigger and earth and trees give way and tumble down the steep slope. It's massive!

The New Zealand Roading Agency – Waka Kotahi is carrying out geotechnical surveys to work out how best to stabalise the slip, which according to the latest post on its website is still active. There is no word yet on when the opening will take place. We looked at those photographs issued by Waka Kotahi of the scale of the work underway and were hopeful that by widening the road into the base of the hill and carting away all those truckloads of clay the road would be good for at least another five years but it doesn't seem like this strategy has worked. Watching all that clay and all those trees come crashing down the hillside makes me thinks this road can never be made secure.

I can't see a bypass road being built in a hurry either. No one is going to welcome the State Highway bisecting their peaceful rural property. There could be years of legal hold ups. The proposed bypass routes are over some steep clay hills anyway. Predictions are with climate change and warmer temperatures there will continue to be more moisture in the atmosphere and more and heavier rain, which is not good news for Northland's roading network.

A beautiful big viaduct up the southern side of the mountain seems like the solution we need. Leave the steep clay hillside below for forest to grow and kiwi and Hochstetler frogs to live in peace.

The Government should get an investigation on this underway. What would it cost? How could it be built?

I wonder would the price be more or less than \$15 billion. Borrowing to build a secure, resilient route into Northland makes more sense to me than borrowing for \$15 billion of tax cuts. I would gladly forego \$20 a fortnight less tax to see a viaduct built.

Marilyn

CORRECTION.

In the 8 April edition of the Bream Bay News we published an article about the completed renovations of St. Peters Anglican Church in Waipu. A new altar, which had been constructed from demolition timber made available by the renovations, was wrongly referred to as a pulpit. Bishop Ross, Bay Anglican Bishop of Auckland, consecrated the new altar during a special communion service at St Peters on Thursday 11 April.

Linking Hands – a vision realised

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Jayne King is happu to see Linking Hands has become a brand on its own.

The late Maureen Davies, who worked for an organization called Home Builders, was instrumental in setting up the Linking Hands Resource centre in Maungaturoto in 2003.

"Without her it wouldn't have got off the ground", said Jayne.

In 2008 Jayne was approached by the Dargaville health shuttle service and asked if the Maungaturoto Home Builders support centre would like to take over the running of the shuttle in that area.

Jayne consulted with Maureen as to whether she felt this would fit with the vision and Maureen said it would.

They were provided with their first vehicle for a nominal amount.

"I think we paid a \$1 or something like that', Jayne remembers.

"We opened a bank account with \$30."

Such is the demand for the service in rural communities and the dedication and management skills of the people who provide it that Linking Hands has seen phenomenal growth.

Appointments are mostly in Whangārei but sometimes in smaller local settlements where health providers run clinics. Linking Hands doesn't usually take people south of Warkworth but can drive those with appointments at Auckland Hospital to pick up points for the Whangārei to Auckland Health shuttle. In Bream Bay this is usually the car park alongside the Ruakākā State Highway One roundabout.

The service is strictly for medical appointments although these can be for counseling, well being classes and a wide variety of allied health services.

"We don't take people to the supermarket though, we

have to draw a ring around what we do somewhere', said Jayne.

If they can afford to the people taking the rides (clients) make a donation but are not asked to do so. Surprisingly Jayne said, most years, donations made by clients get pretty close to covering the cost of petrol. Purchasing new vehicles is another issue though and Linking Hands needs to constantly apply for funding. Most of the vehicles are small Toyota but there is also a van with a wheel chair lift. Two of the cars are getting to the stage where they will need to be replaced. "There are four main funding agencies that are very good to us," said Jayne. These are: Foundation North, Lattering Foundation North,

Lotteries Grants NZ, The Catholic Caring Foundation and the Community Organisations Grants Scheme (COGS).

"They keep us anchored."

Fiona Brljevich is Linking Hands co-ordinator. Last Thursday 1 May, she did a quick add up on how many trips Linking Hands vehicles did in the past week - 35 in total. Some of these carried more than one client. Twice a week four people are picked up from their

homes in Mangawhai and Waipu and taken to an Alzheimer's day care in Ruakākā.

A group of elderly people from the Maungaturoto area each week get a ride to a social gathering for elderly people run by the Selwyn Foundation in Paparoa.

Already there were 25 bookings for this week. Fiona said it helps if people can book their rides well in advance.

Fiona says Jayne does a tremendous amount of work to keep Linking Hands going. But Jayne worries about this perception. She was pleased when someone made the comment – "Linking Hands is a brand of its own" as this implies it can carry on without her.

"It's a community service and if enough people want it to continue it will. I keep praying for the finances to come in and they do. We have a great team of volunteers, a great board and a great crew in the office." With all of this in place the Linking Hands brand is

With all of this in place the Linking Hands brand is looking pretty solid.

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Dog rules under review

The consultation period has begun for Whangārei District Council proposed new Dog Management Bylaw and amendments to its Dog Management Policy. If you have something to say about the proposed new bylaw and/or policy you need to get your feedback in by 3 June 2024. More information can be found on the Council's website Have your say page.

The bylaw will introduce a new requirement that owners of menacing dogs will be required to have them neutered and face infringement if they don't comply.

The proposed bylaw does "recognize dog owners are legitimate users of public places and that dog access to these places is essential for dog welfare"

But also seeks to "ensure dogs do not injure, endanger, intimidate or otherwise cause distress to people, particularly children and vulnerable people and to "manage conflict between dogs and protected wildlife, native flora, livestock, poultry, domestic animals and property."

The bylaw sets out where dogs are prohibited, public spaces where they can be taken on lease as well as a list of the places where they can be let off the lease. As it stands in Bream Bay dogs are prohibited:

• from Tip Rd. south to the Waipu Rivermouth and from the south side of the rivermouth to the northern entrance of Camp Waipu Cove.

• In the vicinity of the Ruakākā Wildlife Refuge

• On the Blacksmith's Creek walkway including all wetland areas.

• At Marsden Bay beach and foreshore area including wetlands from the groyne at Marsden Bay Beach eastward to Northport and southward to Papich Rd.

They are also prohibited on all sports fields, playgrounds and skate parks and must be on a lease in the vicinity of all these places.

Places where dogs are permitted off lease in Bream Bay area include • a section of the Blacksmith's Creek Walkway: the open grass area from the beginning of the walkway eastward to the second bridge.

• Shearwater reserve in One Tree Point.

• Tamingi Street Reserve

And on the beach from • Mair Rd southward to the Te Kamo St access.

• From the boardwalk at 117 – 119 Bream Bay Drive southward to the pedestrian beach access at the Uretiti campground.

• Along the foreshore from Marsden Yacht Club southeast to the carpark and foreshore access opposite 189 OTP Rd.

Dogs can also be off lease north of Tip Rd except for during the busy holiday season from 20 December to 31 January when they must not be on the beach between 9am and 5pm.

Dogs must remain under control in all the above places.



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Massive crane an unusual sight in Ruakākā street



Francis Wrigley of Waikohua Place, Ruakākā was surprised last month to see this huge crane turn up in her street to lift a cabin onto a nearby property.

BE IN THE BOOK

To all Bream Bay residents

The Waipu Lions are re-publishing the local telephone directory. All Bream Bay residents can have their home or cellphone number in the book.

To be in the book:

Contact: waipulions@gmail.com with the details: Name, address and phone no.

You can find out what's going on by looking at the trees in Deralee Waulkens Saint Marys Rd. front garden



Deralee Waulkens is happy if her decorated trees "brighten up someone's day."

Deralee Waulkens hung 30 big red poppies in the two silk trees on her front lawn in St Mary's Rd to mark ANZAC Day.

She has added to hr poppy collection making more over the five years she has lived in Waipu so that now the trees are well decorated with the big red flowers. People wandering home or back to their parked cars after the Waipu ANZAC ceremony stopped to admire the display with one Saorsa resident commenting that Deralee and her trees brightened up the street.

"You always know if there is something going on."

Easter Carnival raises \$55,000

Primary School.

Dee Field one of the carnival's organisers said she was surprised by this success, "We did really well. Initially we assumed this year profits would be well down due to increased costs for pretty much everything, projects."

The Waipu Easter Carnival raised \$55,000 for Waipu the Brynderwyns closure, and general cost of living putting pressure on families.

Deralee also decorates her trees to mark: Matariki,

Diwali, Thanks Giving, Christmas, the Day of the

She has a sister living in Mexico who always comments

when she comes back to New Zealand that there aren't

Deralee said, "This is what I can do. It's just a little

thing. It's not going to change the world but if I can

do something to brighten up someone's day its 100%

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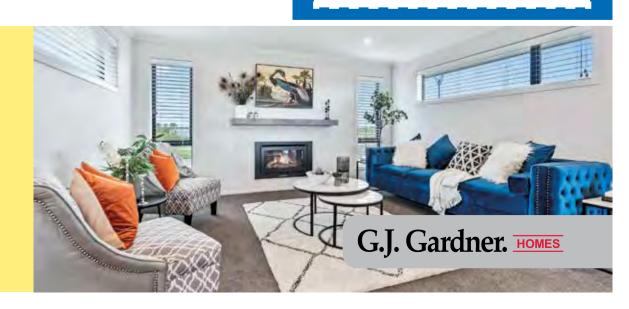
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Sergeant Matt Nicolson, acting Officer in Charge at the Bream Bay Police station, comments that despite "summer months slowly leaving us and colder months on their way, family harm and mental health call outs are sill featuring strongly in the Bream Bay Police workload along with bad driving.

Driver flees onto pipeline track to avoid Police

On 23 April a driver fleeing a Police check drove into a paddock in the vicinity of Sime Rd. and continued along the pipeline track. The vehicle was not located

More crashes on bypass routes

An 18 year old Aucklander who crashed his vehicle on the one-way bridge on Cove Rd. just east of Waipu town on 30 March has been issued with an infringement.
On 9 April there was a two-car collision on State Highway 12 at Maungaturoto however there was insufficient evidence to prove who was at fault. Information regarding the crash has been reported to the insurance companies of both vehicle owners. Sergeant Nicolson reports," More and more Bad driving behaviours are being reported to Police with the large amount of traffic using the bypass roads."

Ruakākā residents urged to keep a look out for suspicious late night behaviour

Some suspicious behaviour has been reported in the Ruakākā area with people trespassing on properties late at night and into the early hours of the morning. Sergeant Nicolson said, Police are aware this is happening and are following up on the reports they have received. He urges Ruakākā residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious incidents to Police either on 105 after the event or 111 in the moment the incident occurs. Some suspicious behaviour has been reported in the Ruakākā area with people trespassing

Police kept busy with family harm and mental health related incidents.

Over the fortnight up to Thursday 2 May Bream Bay Police dealt with six family harm events, four in Ruakākā and on in each Waipu and Maungaturoto. They also attended eight mental health related incidents – four in Ruakākā three in Waipu and one in Maungaturoto.

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Acknowledging Wendy Isaiah's twenty years of service to the Bream Bay **Community Support Trust**

Wendy Isaiah has stepped down from her role as a trustee on the Bream Bay Community Support Trust.

She has a long history with the trust starting in 2004 as a family support worker taking over the job from Wendy Kaki who left the position for health reasons.

" I was stepping into some big shoes. Wendy had a big involvement in the community and taught kapahaka at Bream Bay College. I didn't have kapahaka so I took a different approach working with families.

It was really interesting and rewarding work. It has been wonderful to see families moving forward and so they can be released from court orders.

Wendy and her husband have run a roofing business and Wendy said she was able to bring a business forward thinking approach to the trust

I was always thinking about where the gaps were for our community.

The services the trust provides have grown over the years of Wendy's involvement.

"We hit a bit of a speed bump when Covid arrived but now we have got over that and things are going well."

One gap she still sees s is a daily shuttle service to Whangarei so people can attend hospital appointments.

She acknowledges the volunteer work of Linking Hands but says the population has grown to such an extent that we now need a regular shuttle with a paid driver.

"There are pockets of people who are very isolated. Sometimes people are unable to drive and need to go up to the hospital daily for treatment. Whose going to take them?

Wendy is also a social worker for disability support in a programme started by Turiana Turei called Enabling Good Lives. The programme gives people living with disabilities more control over their lives.

"They don't need to be told you are going to get up at this time and have breakfast at this time. They can choose who their own support people.



Wendy Isaiah

She travels around New Zealand monitoring how well this programme is working and checking that allocated funding is going to the right place.

Wendy's role as a trustee is acknowledge by the Trust Chairman Kyle Eggleton who said, she needed to be recognized for her years of service.

The BBCT Manager Sharon Russell spoke warmly of Wendy saying it was she who helped her find her feet in her new job two years ago.

"It I needed any advice or support she was always there. It was never too much trouble for her.

"She really was fabulous to work with. A lot of what we have in place here now wouldn't be here without Wendy's commitment.



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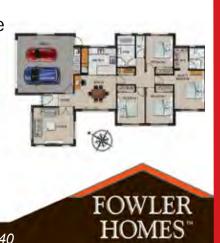
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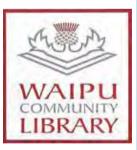
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The Waipu 2024 ANZAC service



There seemed to be more people in the march than people lining the street to watch

"There don't seem to be as many people here as there were last year" was the word on the street while waiting for the Waipu ANZAC parade to begin. That all changed however as the parade got underway and then assembled in the carpark behind the cenotaph. Most people were marching behind the pipe band.

With the crowd gathered at the centaph Alan Smith of the Waipu RSA read out the names of the fallen Guest speaker Royal New Zealand Navy Commander

Roger Saynor spoke of how the death of a single soldier in the Second World War brought lasting tragedy to his Wellington family.

He said after the war many families made pilgrimages to the places their lost loved ones were buried but for those who could not afford to do this ANZAC memorial services such as this one held around New Zealand was were they came to remember and pay tribute.

Mark Henrickson, Priest in Charge of the Anglican Bream Bay Mission gave a short sermon The KW Choir sang the Australian and New Zealand national anthems and Luke Benson played the last post before the wreath laying ceremony began.

A collection of small planes from the Whangarei Aero Club flew over in formation.just before the Eulogy to the Fallen was recited.

"Timing is everything" commented Waipu RSA President Dave Wistrand.



Cameron Wright, of the Royal New Zealand Navy, laid a wreath on the cenotaph on behalf of the armed services. Cameron grew up in Ruakākā and attended Bream Bay College. He is currently assigned to the tanker and replenishment ship RNZNS Aotearoa.

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The Kaiwaka / Waipu Choir which reheases weekly at the Ranburn Rest Home sang the Australian and New Zealand national anthems.



Otamatea High School students Noah Martin and Alica Moir laid a wreath on behalf of their school

Remembering the dogs who lost their lives on the battlefields of World War 1



Karen Answorth and Mark Domican with their Briard dogs Orinoko and Bronte

Karen Answorth and Mark Domican have a special reason for bringing their two big black shaggy dogs, Orinoko and Bronte to the Waipu ANZAC Parade. The dogs are Briards, which was a breed used by the French in the First World War to find wounded soldiers on the battlefront. The dogs would sometimes lie beside a wounded man overnight in freezing conditions to help keep him alive.

So many Briards were killed in active service that by the end of WW1 they were almost extinct with just six bitches remaining.





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Remembering the storm in the Pacific of 1994 and the part he played with the RNZAF in locating sticken yachts whose crews were in desperate need of rescue

Thirty years ago when Murray Lane was a navigator with the Royal New Zealand Air Force he took part in the rescue of yacht crews in the 1994 Queens Birthday Storm, New Zealand's largest ever marine rescue operation where seven yachts were abandoned, twenty people rescued and one yacht lost with all three of the family members on board

On 28 May 1994 a fleet of 35 yachts set sail from Auckland for Tonga. Warnings of the approaching storm arrived on 2 and 3 June but the storm was moving faster than the boats could travel and there was little they could do to avoid it.

At midnight June 4 the New Zealand Marine Rescue Centre received its first emergency signals.

Murray was navigator on a RNZAF Oriion search plance sent to find the stricken yachts.

He recalls being in communication with an American couple whose yacht Destiny was being tumbled by 200ft high waves. She had lost her mast, and skipper Dana Danius had a brokend leg and was. strapped to his bunk. The boat was taking water and Paula Danius was frantically bailing and trying to clear away damaged rigging that threatened to punture the boat's hull.

Murray said from above the waves didn't appear so enormous until he spotted the tiny yacht being tossed around between them.

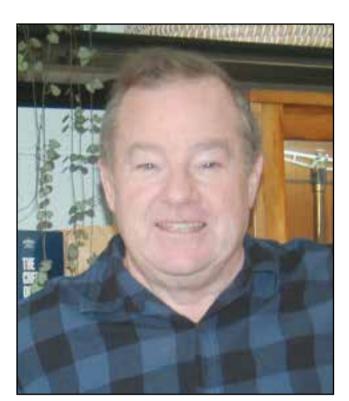
The flight crew established radio contact but Murray said it was terrible to be talking to the terrified woman from thousands of feet above and not able to rescue her and her husband from the sea. He could hear her screaming and then going silent as the boat rolled under the water.

They were however able to pin point the Destiny's location so that husband and wife could be rescued by the Fijian cargo vessel Tui Kakau 111.

Murray was able to locate another yacht, which without a location beacon on board had not been spotted previously. He had just gone on a meal break and was seated at the back of the plane when he notices a dim light below. He asked the airforce team if anyone had noted a yacht at that location already and found they had not. Without an emergency beacon one crew member, a woman was shining a flashlight in the hope they would be spotted.

Murray said there were a number of circumstances that led to his spotting the light – taking a meal break

and being at the back of the plane was one, the plane passing over that



Murray Lane, of Waipu's Logan McLean Cafē, was a navigator on board a RNZAF plane searching for stricken yachts in the Queens Birthday Storm of June 1994.

particular location another and also it was just on dusk which made the light show up.

He doesn't advocate reliance on this form of communitcation.

"If you go out to sea make sure you take a locator beacon."

The couple on this boat were also able to be rescued once their location coordiantes were sent to rescie ships in the vicinity .

In total Murray and his crew members flew for 45 hours in their search for the stricken yachts, with one single flight lasting for 15 hours.

Murray said this was the most significant event in his airforce career but there were other search and rescue missions.

One particularly sad incident was a family, which set out from Rakahanga Island to an airfield on Manihiki in Tonga, a distance of only around 20 miles and were never seen again. Unfortunately, the alarm was not raised for a week after the boat set out.

Murray said it was upsetting not to get a good outcome from the search, particularly as some of the missing were children.





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Cafe war memorial display gets better every year



Logan McLean cafe owners Murray Lane and Tania Sumich with a collection of photographs of World War 1 and World War 2 veterans, all of them relatives of local people.

The ANZAC display on the walls of Waipu's Logan McLean cafē just gets better and better.

Café owners Tania Sumich and Murray Lane have both served with the Royal New Zealand Air force so commemorating ANZAC day is important to them. This is the fifth year of the display. There is even

Local people have come to know about it and have offered items to include.

They have brought in photographs of relatives who served in World War 1 and World War 11 in their uniforms. Both Tania's grandfathers who served in World War 2 are included as is Murray's grandfather. There is a World War One New Zealand army greatcoat in scratchy khaki coloured wool and a World War One army jacket. Between these is a jacket brought in by Alan Smith, who was a medic in the New Zealand Navy.

Behind a photograph of a smiling soldier loading canvas bags for the return to NZ at the end of WW 2 is one of the very same bags, which Tania came across in a second hand shop in Maungaturoto.

She also recently found some old magazines in a Hospice Shop with photographs of scenes from the

trenches. She said some of the photographs are too graphic to display. They are a stark reminder of the horror of war.

The display includes a collection of photos of animals, dogs, horses, and a pigeon, which served in the war. There is even a tortoise, which was rescued in the Greek city of Salonika by Stewart Little, a Kiwi medic who served in the ambulance corps during WWI after she was run over by a French gun wagon and smuggled into New Zealand at the end of the war. She lives on as New Zealand's last remaining WW1 veteran.

Some images have QR codes attached so those interested can learn more about them.

While the display is up the café plays music from the era of the two world wars. One 90-year-old woman said this brought back memories of going to dances when she was young.

Tania said their commemoration is not intended to glorify war but rather to help people to remember how terrible it is.

"How does the saying go, Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it," said Murray.



There is a display of photographs found in some old wartime magazines and a tribute to animals: dogs, horses, a donkey, a pigeon and even a tortoise, which saw wartime service

'Surfaces' art exhibition at the Mangawhai Artists Gallery 45 Moir Street Mangawhai By Melinda Butt

Local artist Colin Unkovich is about to exhibit his latest work at the Mangawhai Artists Gallery on the 10th of May. 'Surfaces' is a joint exhibition with Elena Nikolaeva. The two artists, each with their own distinct artistic styles, enjoy exhibiting together because of the striking contrasts between their works.

"It offers two very different experiences," says Colin. "I enjoy seeing people's reactions when viewing our work, It's really rewarding."

Colin has been involved in over 30 exhibitions all over NZ. His paintings hang in collections in New Zealand, the UK, America, Asia and Europe. Based in Northland, Colin is recognized as one of New Zealand's most skilled airbrush artists and has been painting since the late 1970's becoming a full-time Artist in 2006.

Colin draws inspiration from the natural beauty of New Zealand, particularly the coastal landscapes and the unique quality of light it possesses.

"I consider myself to be extremely fortunate in that I don't have to look very far for inspiration or motivation for my work. Northland provides an endless variety of nuances of light and colour. I sometimes think I am a bit spoiled for choice. The physical location of my rural and coastal studio also serves me in another way. It allows me to continue to develop my own particular style. We all tend to be affected by our surroundings and as an artist; this often shows through in the end product. This is certainly true for me. Trying to capture the moods of our New Zealand coastline is, I find, a challenging and very pleasurable endeavour."

His finely detailed contemporary artworks often feature very smooth transitions of colour,

and vibrancy - almost an inner glow, as light reflects and refracts differently off the different levels of colour" which give each of his works a unique feel, and sense of mood. Airbrushing can be

an incredibly slow and painstaking method of painting but it lends a unique quality to the subject matter. Colin is self-taught and has developed many special techniques that allow him to highlight the interplay of light and shadow that can give a transient form or a fleeting glimpse, an almost sculptural quality.

"I find that using the airbrush as my painting tool lends a smooth, almost mellow quality. Airbrush painting is a less common artist's medium than some others, partly I think because it is so time intensive, but it is exactly this that makes the end result so special.

"The way that I work is by using a series of many, many translucent layers of paint to get the particular shades of colour that I am seeking. I find that painting in layers, rather than starting by mixing an exact colour, gives the work a life and vibrancy almost an inner glow, as light reflects and refracts differently off the different levels of colour. As I say, it is a slow process but I think it is well worth the effort."

Colin aims to create paintings that bring pleasure to the eye and give a true sense of the subject while sometimes leaving enough latitude for individual interpretation to allow the brain to engage and finish the story.

He is constantly driven to challenge himself and elevate his skill level and at times Embraces the happy accidents that can occur. "Often a 'mistake' will take me in a new direction, one that I hadn't consciously created."

When asked if he enjoys exhibiting, Colin's response was mixed. "Yes but there is always a certain amount of trepidation as to how an exhibition will be received. But it is always good to see the look on people's faces when they see my work in the flesh. It is an odd thing but when you are painting you are deep inside your mind and the end result is the interpretation of your thoughts by other people which can be interesting, particularly with the surreal pieces."

Colin also finds satisfaction in creating commissioned pieces as it allows him the opportunity to collaborate closely with clients and bring their visions to fruition.

"I believe I enjoy the challenge of interpreting someone's desires. I always appreciate it when somebody comes to me out of all of the artists out there. It is so nice to know that what you do is valued and that people have confidence in your abilities. I know that some artists find it too constraining to work with someone else's expectations, but I find it very rewarding. Most of my commissions carry significance for my clients, and I've gathered a collection of thank-you notes from those I've created work for. I keep them all because it is nice to know that I have been able to interpret what they wanted in a meaningful way and that with any luck it has provided them with something to enjoy for years to come.

As a counterbalance to working on commissions Colin likes to paint a few surrealist pieces because with these "there is no right or wrong, there are no rules; it is good to let your imagination go."

Colin will be in the gallery to answer any questions from 10am to 3pm on Friday 10th - Sun 12th then again on Fri 17th - Sunday 19th.





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BBCA Group work on show

The Bream Bay Combined Arts Group held an exhibition and sale last Sunday 5 May. This was a departure from the group's usual practice of holding its exhibitions over long weekends and it seemed to have worked with a steady stream of people following the signs from the Ruakākā Shops to the Arts Cottage on Lakeside Park Rd. Anne Coutts, one of the group's founders said they intended to hold more weekend exhibitions towards the end of the year and would have to work hard to replace all the items they had sold last Sunday.



Heike Lehmnn is an enthusiastic potter. She has been coming to the Combined Arts Group pottery classes for a year having arrived in New Zealand three years ago. Earlier she had taken two pottery courses in Germany. She describes pottery as "brain yoga"

"I had a really hard job but when I started those potter lessons they really helped. The lessons were three hours long and when I got home I was completely relaxed." She loves to experiment with different coloured glazes.

"You have an idea of what you want. Sometimes you get a lovely surprise when you open the kiln and sometimes it's a hmm."

In the pottery group "We all laugh together a lot. It's wonderful. I enjoy it so much."



Anne Hemsley's mother was an artist and Anne has always thought she would like to give it a try but with four daughters and a nursing career she was too busy and was only able to start painting in her retirement.

Anne works in watercolours and paints what she loves. She said it could be challenging to achieve the effect she wants.

The picture above was painted from a photo she took on Ruakākā Beach near Mair Rd.

Waipu Tennis Club Report

By Paul Ramsay

The club celebrated the season with a prize giving and dinner after the club championship finals on Sunday 14 February. A good number of people drifted in and out during the day with many staying on for a meal.

Results of the club champs and other trophy winners were:

Juniors: Girls champion: Lily Donaldson, runner-up Amber Rozema. Boys Champion: Lachlan Stuart, runner-up Liam Rozema. Junior Endeavour Trophy: Amber Rozema. Most improved: Lily Donaldson

Intermediates: Girls Champion Emily Stuart, Runner-up Emma Donaldson. Unfortunately, there weren't enough entries for an Intermediate Boys section. Seniors: Men's Champion Jason Bishop, runner up Peri Woods. Mens doubles champs: Jason and Sam Bishop. Runners up Sean McCombe and James Donaldson.

Ladies doubles champs: Melissa Wong and Pauline Fudge. Runner up Hayley Pyle and Emma Donaldson. No singles competition for women was played.

Mixed Doubles Champs were Peri Woods and Anet Tarabova with Melissa Wong and Stephen Abercrombie runners up.

Most Improved Senior was Melissa Wong while Sean McCombe took out the most valuable Committee member for his organisation of club nights and events.

Interclub has finished. Both A grade teams finished in the top 5. Waipu Gold were 4th while Waipu Silver were 5th. Waipu Bronze finished 4th in the B grade competition.

Tennis will continue on Tuesday nights at 6pm throughout the winter provided the weather is suitable. Winter is a good time to start tennis as you can be up to speed by the time the summer season begins.

If you are over 30 you can also join Northland Seniors on Friday nights at 5.30pm at the Thomas Neale Courts in Whangarei.

Remember to check our Facebook page for what is going on at the club.

Phone the BREAM BAY NEWS 09 432 0209 or email:breambaynews@xtra.co.nz if you know of something interesting going on in Bream Bay.

WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

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Friday 17th May – Te Reo Café, Friday 24th May – Pink Ribbon Brunch

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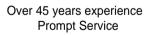
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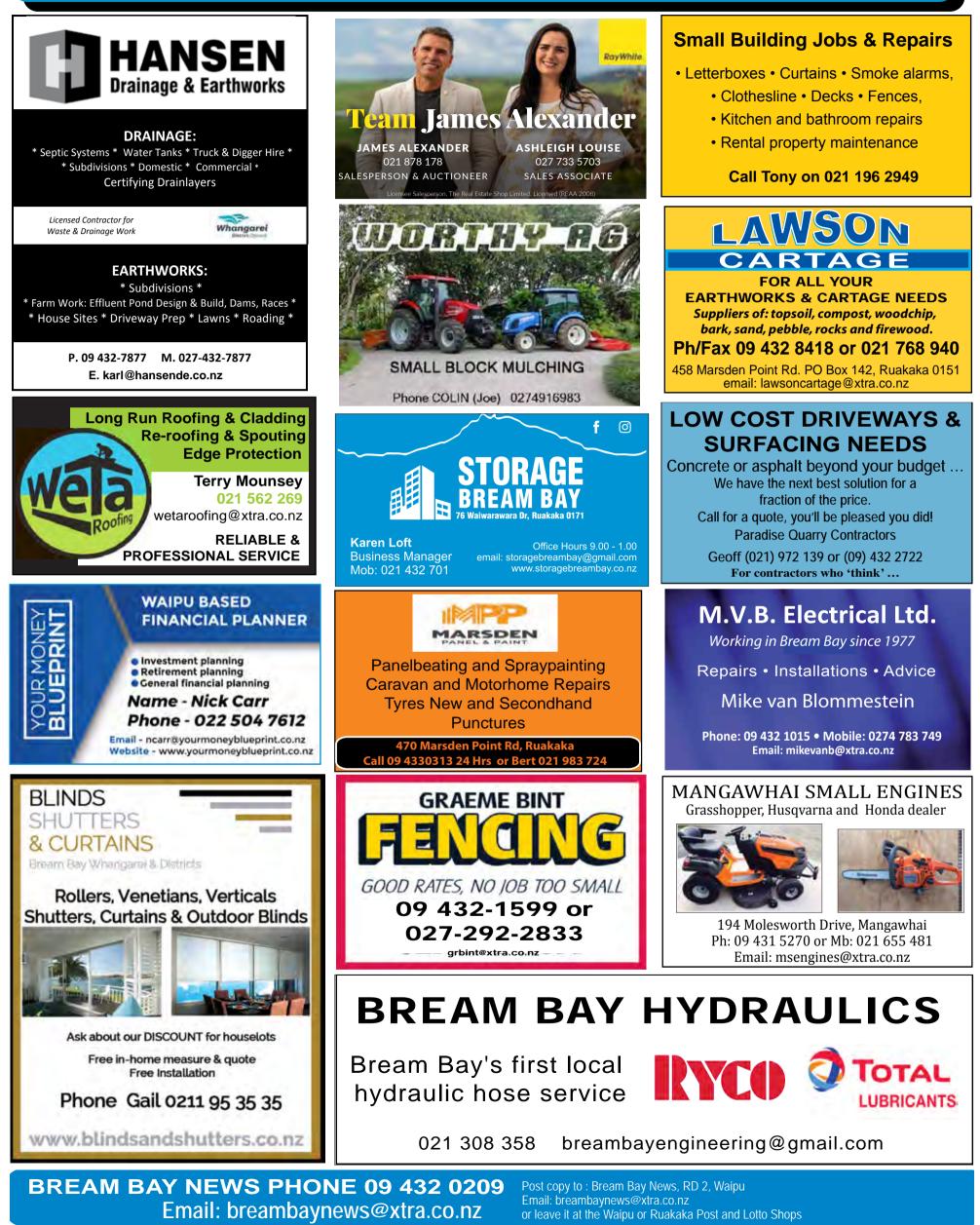
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Sunday, 26 May, 1.30pm In the Clubhouse Luncheon Provided – 12noon. Business: Receipt of Reports, Election of Officers, Set Subscriptions, General All Welcome WJ Daniel, Secretary.



Annual General Meeting

7pm Tuesday 14 May Ruakaka Rec Centre

The AGM will be held at 7pm on 14 May at the Ruakaka Rec Centre. It will elect a committee of up to 15 members, adopt the annual report and financial statements, confirm the annual membership fee and consider any notices of motion.

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

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