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On the campaign to bring Post Shop services to Bream Bay

Mavis Wright is on the campaign trail to get the payments service offered by NZ Post Shops to extend to the Ruakākā and Waipu post centres.

Mavis, who does not use the Internet, said she has to travel to either Otaika on the southern edge Whangārei or Wellsford to pay her car registration and she believes there are many others in this situation.

Carl Morley of Ruakākā Lotto and Post is understanding of Mavis's problem and is trying to arrange for the comprehensive payment service NZ Post offers from post shops to be available from his store. He said he gets many enquiries from people seeking to pay their vehicle registrations, change of ownership fees, road user charges, telephone, electricity bills, ambulance charges and he would like to be able to offer this service.

But Brian White, owner of Waipu Lotto and Post, said he had already looked into this but had decided it was too expensive.

"It would be very time consuming and just not worth it for us."

He said NZ Post was not interested in increasing the number of its Post Shops.

Ken Orr of the Ruakākā Town Centre it would make sense to have the expanded Post Shop service in Ruakākā. He said there is ample parking for big trucks on Marsden Point Rd., alongside the town centre. Truck drivers could update their road user charges in Ruakākā en route to the port.

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Turning the sod for the Ruakākā to Marsden Cove shared path



An early morning ceremony was held on the grass lawn in front of the Ruakākā Tavern on Saturday morning 2 August 2025 to announce the start of work on a shared path between Ruakākā towncentre and Marsden Cove.

Lenny Namana representing Patuharakeke gave the project his blessing and Ari Carrington invited Bream Bay Shared Path Chairman Jules Flight and Secretary Grant Brown along with Hollie Kereopa and Sarah Simperingham of Patuharakeke to pick up four spades set in the ground and symbolically break the ground.

More about the Shared Path ceremony on page 13



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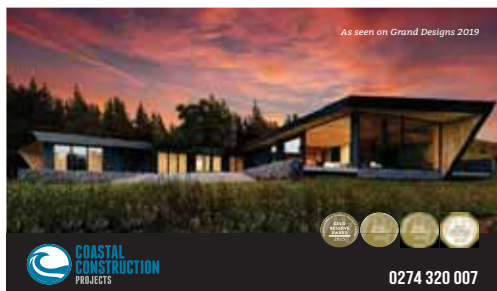
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EDITORIAL

As a civilized society we pool our resources to provide public assets

Years ago I let out our house in Avondale and moved to Wellington for a year with my two young daughters to study journalism at the polytechnic there. I found a flat in the centre of the city on the slopes of Mt. Victoria. To help pay the rent I needed a flatmate so I advertised and when a solo mother with a six-year-old daughter replied, I thought she would be ideal.

She turned out to be a prostitute and would often leave her little girl with me while she went out on the town. This was not too much of a problem as I was there for my own children anyway. Sometimes in the morning I would have to direct a bleary eyed Korean sailor to the nearest taxi rank so he could get back to his ship.

Money meant everything to this woman. When she had money from a client she would head out in a taxi to a down town hairdresser. She would get her nails painted and a fake tan and go on a shopping spree. Once the money was spent she would just stay in bed all day. She didn't seem to consider walking anywhere, taking her daughter to a park, a swimming pool, catching a bus or visiting the free library, art gallery or museum.

I was dirt poor in those days but I was able to provide for my children and give them some rich experiences by making use of the various facilities provided by the Wellington City Council.

I am wary of local government election candidates who talk about cutting back on rates. We do need to ensure that the hard earned money we hand over to the Whangārei District Council is spent wisely but people who think that money is the be all and end all remind me of that former flatmate.

As a civilized society we pool our resources in the form of rates to provide public assets. These can be well-maintained roads, wastewater disposal systems, clean tap water and storm water drainage but are also sports fields, libraries and, dare I say it, shared walking, cycling, running and mobility scooter trails.

It is a beautiful thing on a Saturday morning to see all those children and young adults making use of the upgraded Ruakākā football fields. These fields, which remain sound after weeks of rain, are the result of some wisely spent Whangārei District Council rates money.

As I travel around Bream Bay I often come across the joyous sight of groups of cyclists out on rides together. I see people walking, running, riding bikes and getting good outdoor exercise on the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway. Even people who live in the town's rural outskirts make use of this trail as they feel it is too dangerous to walk or cycle on our rural roads.

A sod turning ceremony with blessings from Patuharakeke representatives was held alongside the Ruakākā Tavern on Saturday morning 2 August. I hope we don't have too long to wait for the Ruakākā shared pathway to be built. I believe it will bring many advantages: it will provide a link between the communities of Ruakākā and Marsden Cove, save on fuel costs and time for busy parents when children can ride their bikes to after school activities, help to keep all those gregarious recreational e-bike riders safely separated from log trucks heading to and from the port, provide business opportunities, bring more tourists to the area and give those who already come here another activity to enjoy, but most of all it will raise levels of happiness for everyone who uses it now and for many years to come.

There is nothing quite like the freedom and happiness you can experience riding a bike out in the sun or the wind.

Marsden

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The AGM of the Bream Bay Sports Trust was mistakenly advertised for 6 August 2025. The correct date is Tuesday 5 August, 6pm at the Waipu Rugby Club

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Venue: Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Patrol Clubrooms, Beach Road, Ruakākā
Date: Saturday, 9 August 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

This is a valuable opportunity to contribute to the future direction of our Patrol.
We welcome your presence and participation.

AGM

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Prayer Service: 7pm

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Contact details are Camp Waipu Cove,
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THE WAIPU COVE RESERVE BOARD is seeking expressions of interest from individuals interested in being appointed as a Community Liaison Sub-committee member.

The purpose of the sub-committee is to build strong relationships between the Reserve Board and the local community, helping to foster collaboration, engagement and understandings. This sub-committee will be made up of selected board members and appointed members of the local community. The subcommittee will serve as a forum for community input on matters relating to reserve use, development, and community communications. For further information please email: waipucoverserveboard@gmail.com. Expressions of interest close 1st September 2025.



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Bream Bay St. John gets a new emergency ambulance

Photo by Jeff D'Ath / Hato Hone St John.

Bream Bay St. John has a new latest model emergency ambulance fitted with modern equipment such as a power-load electric stretcher and stair carry chair, which will help make it easier and safer to move patients in and out of the vehicle.

The new Bream Bay ambulance was purchased with support by The Grassroots Trust.

A new emergency ambulance was also purchased for Otamatea and a Patient Transfer Service ambulance for Kawakawa.

A dedication service for all three new ambulances was held at the Bream Bay station in Ruakaka on 24 July, attended by Hato Hone St John dignitaries and operations staff, Grassroots Trust representatives, and local iwi members.

Paul Errington, Hato Hone St John Emergency Medical Technician, and Tracey McManus, Hato Hone St John Paramedic, posing in front of the new Bream Bay emergency ambulance funded by Grassroots Trust.



Local people with shovels began clearing the highway after Brynderwyn slip

A truck driver returning from an Auckland delivery during the storm on Tuesday afternoon 29 July questions why it took so long for the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to respond to the problem.

He got word from his employer as he left Auckland around 1pm that the highway over the Brynderwyns was closed and he would have to take the long way home over Paparoa/Oakleigh Rd.

However, when he arrived at the southern edge of the big hill he saw that traffic was still driving over it so he followed. Reaching the place where a slip had fallen he was surprised to see local people with shovels clearing away the rubble with no traffic management, road workers or NZTSA staff to be seen. He managed to drive his truck and trailer unit over the width of roadway the local volunteers had cleared the slippery clay from.

He questions why, when State Highway One into Northland is such an important road, clearing the

Brynderwyns slips wasn't made a priority.

He said there were three or four small slips that day but none with more than a wheelbarrow's worth of material and clearing this away should have been a quick and easy fix.

In reply Kingston Brands, NZTA's Journey Manager for Northland said, On 29 July, NZTA was notified of the slip at 12:40pm. At this point, we immediately began communicating a road closure to the public to help road users make informed travel choices.

"Contractors were on site and assessing the situation by 1:20pm with machinery en route to assist with clearing the slip.

"In many cases, initial reports from the public do not fully capture the size or complexity of an issue. Our contractors must assess the site on arrival to confirm what additional resources and machinery may be required, and to check for any risks to the travelling public from overhanging material above the slip site.

"While local bystanders did clear some slip material off the road, our contractors are required to ensure the site is safe for all road users before fully reopening the road.

"The road was only fully closed for a short period. At 1:58pm, we communicated to the public that the road was open to traffic with a single lane and stop/go management in place. This lane closure remained in place overnight and into the following day while overhanging trees were removed.

"The safety of the public and our contractors is always our number one priority. Our process ensures that reopening happens as quickly as possible, without compromising safety.

There was a positive outcome here. The network was monitored and responded to as quickly as possible, and the road was reopened to traffic as soon as it was safe to do so."

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Council's revenue raising via rates, is in general controlled under the framework as laid out in the Local Government Act 2002. Since the implementation of this Act, council has been forced to spend considerable time and large amounts of expenditure on achieving the 4 wellbeing criteria as laid out in this legislation. These 4 criteria are: Social, Economic, Environmental and Cultural. Every project as planned or initiated by our council must be assessed for compliance with these criteria.

The good news is that central Government have just introduced to parliament the "Local Government (System Improvements) Bill". One key feature is the removal of these 4 wellbeing principles. It is expected to pass into law late this year and will change the outcome in favour of how ratepayer funds are used. The main intention is to refocus council on core activities such as infrastructure and services.

But the bill also contains various other requirements that should improve, (and not before time), **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.** Requirements for more information sharing with your elected councillors, inclusion of contractor and consultant costs in financial reports and even a proposal for maximum terms for any Chief Executive will hopefully answer long standing concerns that ratepayers have been sounding the alarm on. Rate "capping" or "pegging" is yet to be addressed fully but is a part of the intended legislative process. Far from these proposals making it an easy transition for the newly elected incoming council lineup, they must all hit the ground running and I would relish this challenge.



BALDWIN for Bream Bay

An Invite from the Bream Bay Guardians Society

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The Bream Bay Guardians Society warmly invites you to attend a local, and free, screening of Sir David Attenborough documentary 'Ocean'

Where: Waipu Coronation Hall, 47 The Centre, WAIPU
When: Saturday 9 August 2025
At: 4.00pm - 6.30pm

'Ocean' showcases the wonder of life under the seas and exposes the realities and challenges facing our ocean as never-before-seen, from destructive fishing techniques to mass coral reef bleaching.

Yet the story is one of optimism, with Attenborough pointing to inspirational stories from around the world to show that the ocean can recover to a glory beyond anything anyone alive has ever seen.



Numbers are limited so please select the link below to reserve your seats. Bring your whanau, your Tamariki...and encourage your friends, neighbours and colleagues to also join us:

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After the documentary screening, The Bream Bay Guardians Society (BBGS) will take a short opportunity to brief you on McCallum Brothers Limited (MBL) proposal to dredge 8.45 million cubic metres of sand from Bream Bay over the next 35 years ...and the BBGS commitment to oppose the proposal.

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What happened here?



The above photograph was taken on Saturday morning 2 August 2025 at the Shoe-maker Rd. /State Highway one intersection. Sergeant Smon Craig said two cars travelling north on Thursday 30 July at 9.30pm crashed with one ending up smashing into the array of signs at the intersection. No-one was injured.

Proposed Council Controlled Organisation to take care of drinking water delivery and wastewater treatment and disposal throughout Northland

Three Waters the previous government's solution to water management problems around New Zealand was thrown on the bonfire of projects set by the current coalition government when it came to office. Three Waters proposal was heavily criticized as taking local assets away from local control.

Now there is a new name for a central government mandate to find efficiencies in the delivery of water services – Local Water Done Well.

In response Whangarei, Kaipara and the Far North District Councils have agreed to establish a Northland wide Council Controlled Organisation to take care of drinking water delivery and wastewater treatment and disposal in the region.

Andrew Carvell, WDC General Manager for Waters said advantages of the proposed CCO include, "cost efficiencies through shared resources, reduced duplication and economies of scale over time, improved borrowing capacity, enhanced resilience through a larger, shared workforce, improved ability to deliver large-scale capital programmes and respond to legislative changes, as well as a commercially focused board and management team."

A long held concern of Whangarei District residents to any kind of amalgamation is that we could end up subsidizing ratepayers in our two smaller neighbouring districts.

Mr. Carvell gives assurances "Councils have agreed to a model that will see financials ring-fenced for each district and have non-harmonised water charges to start with, meaning water charges are different for residents in each district."

It is expected that during its first three years, the CCO would be able to identify and prioritise some of the critical issues each district is facing and then be in a position to review its approach to finances and water charges.

"There are still many details to work through, but we are exploring further measures to ensure the CCO will be equally beneficial for each district, and set the right path towards harmonised water charges."

Under this model stormwater assets remain with each Council. However in the press release sent out by the three Northland district Councils there is the statement that "a shared service arrangement could be made with the CCO for operations." The Councils are required to deliver their "water services delivery plan" to the Government by 3 September 2025.

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New Waipu Menzshed building taking shape



At work on the new Menzshed building, from left Neville Ruebe: Paul Hudson, Merve Waghorn,
Richard Reynolds and Gordon Walker

The new Waipu Menzshed building is underway. You can see the structure taking shape at the back of the carpark in front of the Saorsa retirement village. The Waipu Museum board notified the Menzshed committee over a year ago that it required the group's former base, the old Masonic Lodge building behind the museum, to house some of its collection and the hunt began for a new location.

It wasn't easy. They looked at a number of possibilities before they settled on the current site and negotiated a lease from the Whangārei District Council. They also got to work to raise the needed funds and have been successful in gaining grants from the Whangārei District Council, Foundation North and Fonterra as well as receiving donations in kind and in cash from local people.

The new building will measure 324 square metres and includes a section with a concrete floor where they will

build a metal work room. The wooden floor in the old Masonic Lodge building had ruled this out. With their own members doing much of the building work they hope to complete the project for under \$200,000.

Last week they were gingerly eyeing the height of the corner poles which needed some hooks set at the top to attach scaffolding to.

They had planned to get the bulk of the work done last summer but were held up over some Council compliance issues.

The Waipu Menzshed currently has 50 members on its books with an additional 14 women. Currently they have a temporary meeting place in a shed belonging to one of their members. The men get together on Tuesday mornings, while the women meet on Fridays.



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Protecting land for future generations

By Lydia Draper

Most of Aotearoa’s land is privately owned (70% – approximately 19 million hectares). The concept of private ownership arrived with European settlers in the early 1800s. The path to Aotearoa had been paved by Abel Tasman who chartered the country in 1642, followed by James Cook who circumnavigated and mapped the three main islands in 1769.

The concept of private ownership was at odds with the collective way in which Māori lived (and still is). For example, individual titles for blocks of land could have no more than 10 people named as owners. Whereas a hapū (kinship group) could consist of 100, or even several hundred, whānau (family) members. In this way, the advent of private land ownership changed the landscape of Aotearoa forever; and with the same brushstroke, also made it difficult to protect land for future generations.

In 1977, the QEII National Trust was established under the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust Act. The Trust’s mission is to “inspire private landowners to protect and enhance open spaces of ecological and cultural significance”. A huge variety of ecosystems are found on private land, including threatened habitats and areas of high ecological value. The QEII National Trust prioritises wetlands, sand dune systems and indigenous lowland ecosystems, as these have suffered the biggest losses.

The chart below details the QEII National Trust covenants in Te Ākau:

Suburb	No. of QEII National Trust covenants	Surveyed Area (ha)	Surveyed Area (acres)
One Tree Point	0	0	0
Marsden Point	0	0	0
Ruakākā	4	24.1012	59.56
Waipu	39	601.8406	1,487.18
Langs Beach	47	212.7488	525.71
Total	90	838.6906	2,072.45

A QEII covenant is a permanent way of protecting land and its indigenous ecosystems. It’s a legally binding agreement that states what the land can and can’t be used for. A covenant cannot be removed and changes can only be made if they’re in line with the covenant’s objectives, even if the land is sold.

Placing a covenant on Māori whenua (land)

Established in 1991, the Ngā Whenua Rāhui Fund is a contestable fund that aims ‘to facilitate the voluntary protection of indigenous biodiversity on Māori-owned whenua while honouring the rights guaranteed to Māori landowners under Te Tiriti o Waitangi’.

Ngā Whenua Rāhui achieves this aim by working with hapū and whānau to place a kawenata (covenant) on all or part of the whenua. A kawenata is a legal agreement registered on the land title that serves to protect and preserve the indigenous biodiversity originally present in the landscape. The intention is for kawenata to remain on the whenua permanently but they each have a 25 year review clause, giving owners the opportunity to renegotiate the terms of the kawenata or opt out of it altogether.

In Te Ākau there are currently two Ngā Whenua Rāhui kawenata totalling 54 hectares. Across Aotearoa there are currently 307 agreements signed under kawenata. There is \$6.5 million of funding available on an annual basis, which covers the agreement work and operating the fund. The definition of Māori-owned whenua includes either Māori freehold land or general land owned by Māori.

The Ngā Whenua Rāhui Fund is currently closed but is proposed to re-open in March 2026. I was lucky to live the early years of my life on the property of my grandparents (Noeline and Walter Draper) located along Glenmohr Road and nestled into the Piroa mountain range (the Brynderwyns). The land was mostly dedicated to indigenous forest with a stand of ancient kauri watching over it like stoic sentries. I remember sitting with my back against one of the trunks and gazing upwards for what seemed like forever. The kauri was so tall, its branches were lost to the sky. Thankfully my grandparents had the foresight to place the kauri stand in the QEII Trust. Although the land has changed ownership, it is a relief to know that the kauri trees will always be protected. But with 70% of Aotearoa in private ownership, what will become of the other indigenous forests that are so few and far between? Who will protect them?

New kiln installed for Art Group



Vicki Bennett and Anne Coutts, of the Bream Bay Combined Arts Group, tend to the new kiln at the Art Cottage, Ruakākā.

Shiny, colourful pots are emerging from the new kiln which has been installed recently at the Bream Bay Combined Arts Group headquarters in the Art Cottage, Ruakākā.

The kiln has been bought with funding from the Whangarei District Council’s Communities Fund.

BBCAG chairman Jan Corles said the new kiln is a huge boost to the group’s popular pottery section, which is run by Anne Coutts and Vicki Bennett.

“There are some big smiles in the pottery group,” she said. “We are so grateful for the funding. It’s already made a huge difference for our group.”

The old kiln had been bought second-hand and had recently developed faults which made firings unreliable, leading to some disappointing results when breakdowns occurred. It was needing continual repairs and monitoring to keep it running.

The new kiln will allow firings to be done at higher temperatures and the first pots have started emerging to great excitement from the group.

The old kiln is being kept for basic bisque firing for as long as it continues to work. The pottery sector has been growing steadily, with new sessions being added to cope with demand.

Pottery sessions are held on Tuesdays from 10am to 12.30pm, and 5.30pm to 8pm, Wednesdays from 10am to 12.30pm and Thursdays from 5.30pm to 8pm.

The fibre group meets on Wednesdays from 10am to 12.30pm.

The painting group meets on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm.

A photography group is being revived this month and will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Art Cottage.

For more information, contact Jan Corles, chairwoman - phone 0211898705 or Donna Russell, secretary, phone 0211302028.

From the Bream Bay News August 1975 issue

The Bream Bay College report
Work day fundraiser for the Bream Bay College swimming pool

The work day held on 6 August was a great success. \$1,500 was raised and this was officially handed over to Mr. George Phiskie of the Board of Governors at a special assembly last Friday.

The contract for the building of the swimming pool has been let to Garthwaite and Douglas of Whangārei. It is hoped that the pool will be completed by mid-December and be in use by the latter part of summer. Excavation is to be started in a week or so.

WHAT’S ON IN BREAM BAY

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- **RUAKAKA RACES** Next raceday Saturday 16 August. Cambridge Stud and Harcourts Whangarei Future Race Meeting. Gates open 11am - 5pm. . Racetrack is located at the end of Peter Snell Rd. in Ruakākā.
- **SHANE, SUZANNE AND THE SHAZAM BAND** at the Waipu C & S Club, Nova Scotia Drive, Waipu, Saturday 16 August Tickets available at the club.
- **WAIPU LIONS SENIOR CITIZENS MID YEAR CHRISTMAS LUNCH** Sunday 24 August at the Waipu Coronation Hall. Doors open at 12 noon. Lunch served at 1pm. Phone Irene 021 101 9502 to book a spot
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Bream Bay schools in winning form at the AquaBot Northland Regionals

By Tia de Jong
Year 7 Bream Bay College

On Saturday, four Bream Bay College students, Tia de Jong, Leo Parkes, Jayden Bradburn, and Isabelle Woodhead proudly represented their school in the Northland Regional Aquabots Competition held at Te Papawai community pool in Kawakawa. The NZ Aquabots program is the first underwater robotics programme aimed at school children in NZ. Based on a US Navy initiative it is designed to foster interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) among students. The event, held in celebration of New Zealand's marine reserves (with a special focus on Goat Island, the country's first marine reserve), challenged students to put their engineering, teamwork, problem solving and environmental knowledge to work, to design and make their ROV (Remote Operated Vehicle).

The Bream Bay team competed with their Aquabot, Legacy, tackling a series of tricky tasks including: A marine-themed quiz to test their environmental knowledge. Driving challenges that demanded precision and coordination using their Aquabot. A timed underwater obstacle course simulating real life marine scenarios and testing the bot's speed, and a presentation where they showcased their learning and engineering processes. The day was far from easy, right at the first task, one of Legacy's propellers stopped working! But thanks to their quick thinking and teamwork, the team managed to repair it on the spot and continue with the competition. Their determination and hard work paid off, out of seven tasks, they won six, claiming first place overall and earning the Regional Winner trophy, and, they've now secured a spot at the National Aquabots Competition held in Wellington on the 30th of November.

Bream Bay also had three winning teams in the Primary School division with One Tree Point primary taking 1st and 3rd place and Waipu primary 2nd place. A big thanks to the Kahui Ako Initiative for purchasing the kits that allowed all the Bream Bay schools to participate in this event.



Tia de Jong, Leo Parkes and Jayden Bradburn in action at the AquaBot competition. The fourth team member was Isabelle Woodhead.

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The winning One Tree Point Primary School team, from left :Kyle Hoverd, Otis Roughton and Fergus Gibbs.

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On the campaign to bring Post Shop services to Bream Bay

Continued from page 1.

Mr. Orr took the Post Shop Regional Manager Peter Macartney on a tour of Ruakākā and One Tree Point to impress on him that this is a growth area. Mr. Macartney agrees that there is certainly a lot of growth here. He said, "We are always looking at ways we can do things better." He pointed out there is also a post shop in Maungaturoto and the Post Centre in Kaiwaka has a separate arrangement with the New Zealand Transport Agency to handle vehicle registrations, toll road payments and road user charges there. New Zealand Post as the national mail carrier operates under a Deed of Understanding with the Government. One of NZ Posts obligations under the present deed is to have at least 240 Post Shops where customers "can receive personal assistance from a NZ Post employee or agent" and "can access a wider range of products and services over and above basic postal services."

However, last year the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment ran a consultation on proposed changes to this deed and "on moving towards a financially sustainable mail service."

The consultation closed in December 2024 and (to quote from the MBIE website) the ministry is "currently working through the next steps."

Another concert in St. Peters Church

FOTO (Friends of the Organ) have organised another fundraising concert to help pay for the new St Peters Church organ. On Sunday 17 August from 2pm the male vocal chorus – All Tuned Up, the Chamber Music Collective and the Whangarei Youth Music Choir will participate in a performance entitled "Love, Life and Song." The repertoire stretches from Strauss and Chopin to music from Carmen, the Wizard of Oz, Oliver and songs by Abba.

Tickets are available at the doors and cost \$5 for FOTO members, \$10 for adults and children are free. Proceeds go to the organ fund.

Bream Bay College hosts visitors from Japan

Bream Bay College is currently hosting 20 students from Hagasashi High school in Osaka Japan. The students are billeted with local families and with two teachers.

This is a longstanding cultural exchange with Japanese students coming to Bream Bay on alternate years with Bream Bay students visiting Japan in the intervening years.

Deputy Principal Sandra Hayward said, "this is a fantastic opportunity for both parties to develop a better understanding of very different cultures. In many cases life long connections are made, my own daughters are still in contact with some of the students we have hosted over the years."

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SPORTS TALK

Lisa Jones, Sports Liason Officer for the Bream Bay Sports Trust, put some questions to Highland Dancing sisters Peyton and Kyah Murray

Kyah – Age 8

- How old were you when you started dancing?
A. Five years old
- Who is your teacher?
A. Mark Forshaw of the Lothian Studio in Whangarei
- What made you want to try this sport?
A. My mum and my big sister learnt highland dancing, I had been watching my sister's lessons since I was a toddler.
- What do you love most about dancing?
A. Making new friends from different countries and other dance schools in NZ.
- What has been your biggest dance achievement?
A. Getting to Premier level at 7 years old and then, coming Runner Up/2nd Overall in the Grand Australasian Championship in Sydney, Australia held in June this year. I was not expecting such great results, it is very competitive in Australia. Another would be winning the Spirit of Highland Dancing Trophy at the same event, chosen by a Scottish Adjudicator from all of the Premier dancers on the day.
- Have you won any medals or trophies?
A. A lot. I have a shelf full of sashes, ribbons, medals and trophies.
- What makes you feel proud when you dance?
A. Getting to show my hard work, out on the stage.
- Who was the first person you told when you won something?
A. My Dad and brother. Because my Mum & sister are always there.
- What's your favorite thing to do at practice?
A. Learning new dances and steps.
- Do you have a favorite player or hero in this sport?
A. Morgan Bamford from NZ, she is a 7 time world champion and has a dance school in New Plymouth, as I would also love to have my own dance school one day too.
- What do you like to eat before or after a comp?
A. Pasta, raw carrots and cucumber. Water and Powerade (for competitions).
- What's the best thing about being on your team?
A. Travelling to competitions together.
- What's something you really want to get better at?
A. Arms - keeping them up, learning extended high cuts eventually.
- If you could play anywhere in the world, where would it be?
A. Scotland, Canada and the USA.
- What's your biggest dream for the future?
A. Win a Championship and one day be a World Champion.
- What would you tell a friend who wants to try your sport?
A. It is a lot of fun, you don't have to compete if you don't want too, it is just fun being on stage, give it a go!



Peyton and Kyah Murray

- A. Mum showed me her medals to convince me to start. Now I have a lot more medals than her!
- What do you love most about dancing?
A. Performing, competing & learning new dances.
- What has been your biggest dance achievement?
A. Winning the NZ Championship 7-11 Yrs in 2024. This year I came 3rd overall in the NZ Championship 12-13 years.
- Have you won any medals or trophies?
A. Yes, I have quite a few.
- Who was the first person you told when you won something?
A. Nana and Dad.
- Do you have a favorite player or hero in this sport?
A. Morgan Bamford, 7 time world champion from NZ. and Mark my teacher, who is from Waipu originally, a very accomplished dancer who has been teaching for a very long time.
- What do you like to eat before or after a dance?
A. Bananas, crackers with salami, cheese and yoghurt.
- What's the best thing about being on your team?
A. Travelling with friends.
- Do you have a best friend on the team?
A. Sienna, she is in my dance school and we do a lot of competitions together and/or against each other. Dancing is a funny sport, it is individual but your 'team mates' are from your dance school.
- How do you help your teammates when they feel sad or tired?
A. Keep encouraging them when they are feeling down, if their dance doesn't go to plan, try to make them laugh.
- What's something you really want to get better at?
A. Turnout and stamina.
- If you could dance anywhere in the world, where would it be?
A. Scotland
- What's your biggest dream for the future?
A. To be a dancer in the Edinburgh Tattoo.



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Ken Couper

As your Mayoral candidate, I'm committed to responsible leadership and practical solutions. We're in a cost-of-living crisis, people are hurting. I'll fight to keep rates rises affordable. I'll cut unnecessary Council spending, get better returns from our commercial properties, and work with neighbouring councils to save money through shared services like pay role, IT and HR. I'll rebuild trust with central government to secure our fair share of funding and push to boost the Rates Rebate Scheme for struggling Gold Card Holders. I've served two terms on Council, experience matters. I will lead fairly and with accountability. I won't use the mayors casting vote to take the government to court. My focus will always be on what is best for the people of our district, not politics. I'm here to serve the community. I'm asking for your help to bring a vision of growth and resilience to Whangarei



Fiona Green

Tired of the Same Old Story for Whangarei? I'm Fiona. I'm an entrepreneur and a fashion designer newbie. I'm ready to bring fresh energy and practical solutions to our District Council. Forget empty promises - I'm focused on real improvements. I am comfortable working with men and find this energising because they are logical, straight up and don't harbour grudges for a lifetime. I'm passionate about Whangarei's future and committed to working collaboratively with our community. I'll listen to your concerns and advocate for a District that is vibrant, affordable and sustainable. I am an experienced Administrator and have a proven record as a rural, coastal, urban community inputter and disability advocate. Vote. Fiona Green. Let's build productive communities and bring pride back to the role of being a Public servant. "Google" search my name online - Fiona Green + Whangarei. Fiona has a Bachelor of Education degree and diplomas and certificates in a wide range of disciplines including: Management, Security Risk Management, Environmental Journalism, Oceanology, Entrepreneurship and Fashion Design.



Making the case for the Ruakākā to Marsden Cove shared path



Led by Grant Brown, Secretary for the Bream Bay Shared Path Group, a line of E bike riders from Bream Bay Retirement Village travel along Marsden Point Rd. at the conclusion of the sod turning ceremony to announce the commencement of the path development. Riders go on excursions from the retirement village off One Tree Point Rd. twice each week. Speaking earlier at the ceremony, which was held on Saturday morning 2 August, Jules Flight, who chairs the Shared Path group, said one of the major reasons for working to build this path is safety. He said sometimes while cycling on Port Marsden Highway or on Marsden Point Rd. if you reached out you could touch a log truck as it goes by and that the log truck drivers themselves are concerned about how dangerous this is. Jules also made the point that the path, which will be concreted, will be able to be used by walkers, joggers, mobility scooter riders, scooters and pushchairs as well as cyclists.

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Sun 10 August	7.58	2.5	8.28	2.7	
Mon 11 August	8.45	2.6	9.11	2.7	
Tue 12 August	9.31	2.6	9.56	2.8	
Wed 13 August	10.17	2.7	10.41	2.8	
Thu 14 August	11.05	2.6	11.28	2.7	
Fri 15 August	11.55	2.6	~	~	
Sat 16 August	12.17	2.6	12.49	2.6	
Sun 17 August	1.10	2.6	1.48	2.5	
Mon 18 August	2.08	2.5	2.52	2.5	
Tue 19 August	3.10	2.4	3.58	2.5	
Wed 20 August	4.16	2.4	5.02	2.5	
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For the mayoralty of Whangārei

Brad Flower

Brad Flower is a proud Whangārei local who brings over three decades of governance, leadership and management experience to his candidacy for Mayor of Whangārei.

Deeply rooted in the community, Brad has spent the past 30 years working across diverse sectors, building strong relationships and fostering collaboration among community groups, schools, civil contracting and sporting organisations.

His leadership style is defined by openness, trust, and teamwork - qualities that have guided his governance roles on executive boards and in senior infrastructure positions throughout Northland.

Brad's practical knowledge of civil construction and infrastructure management gives him a unique edge in understanding the district's development needs and navigating complex challenges, ensuring fair, efficient, and community-focused development.

Brad's campaign is focused on creating a cohesive and positive environment within the council, enabling all councillors to thrive and contribute meaningfully. He is committed to resolving long-standing issues that have hindered progress, advocating for transparency and decisive action to move Whangārei forward.

As an independent candidate, Brad is driven not by party politics but by a genuine passion for Whangārei's future. His deep local ties, technical expertise, and collaborative approach position him as a candidate who understands both the people and the



systems that shape the district. Brad Flower stands ready to lead Whangārei with integrity, vision, and a commitment to inclusive progress. His candidacy offers voters a chance to elect a mayor who combines professional excellence with heartfelt dedication to the community

Marie Olsen

My 3 key policies are

1 Putting ratepayers first

Our council refuses to engage on critical issues, this needs to change we need to reinstate democracy which has eroded in my first term in council

Councillors should represent the whole community, engage sincerely, and listen to the concerns of ratepayers.

2 Making rates affordable BCommunities matter, when ratepayers are struggling to make ends meet, council needs to be prudent with its spending. By tightening the belt and making smart choices, we can keep rates affordable while still investing in our districts future

3 Back to basics The needs over the wants, investment in core services i.e. roading infrastructure, water and waste over flashy non-essential projects, the needs over the wants

With integrity, honesty and determination I'll give 110% to deliver a prosperous district. Your voice matters and I'll ensure it is heard

Vince Cocurullo

Over the past three years, I've focused on strengthening Whangārei's infrastructure, supporting local businesses, and making council more transparent and accessible. I've worked hard to ensure decisions are made locally with the best interests of our people and future generations in mind.

Under my leadership Council has made solid progress across key areas, from transport and infrastructure to environmental protection and community wellbeing. I'm committed to continuing this momentum and delivering real results for every part of our district.

Being fully accessible to the public has always been my mantra, along with open communication, responsible leadership, and a shared vision of putting our people first. With your support, I'll keep working to build a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable future for our people.

I'm honoured to stand for a second term as Mayor, and proud of what we've achieved together. I'm committed to keep Whangārei moving forward: stronger, smarter, united.



Police Report

Arrest warrant issued

The Whangārei District Court has issued a warrant for the arrest of 55-year-old Junior Nelson of the Ruakākā area. Mr. Nelson has been identified by Police as being responsible for a series of burglaries of Ruakākā homes targeting jewelry and cash.

Road spikes stop suspected vehicle thieves

Police were alerted to an attempted vehicle theft from a commercial property in Marsden Point Rd in Ruakākā at 4am on Monday 4 August. The business owner had been alerted by his security system, which showed an attempt to tow away a vehicle from his yard. Police attended and spotted a suspicious vehicle parked nearby with two people inside. The driver fled the scene when approached by Police but road spikes on Marsden Point Rd slowed his vehicle. And it was stopped in Peter Snell Rd. The two occupants are assisting Police with their enquiries.

Ute reported stolen from Langs Beach

A white Mitsubishi Triton Ute with the number plate GKA863 was allegedly stolen after being left parked at the Langs Beach overnight on 25 July

Eight family harm incidents

Police were called to eight family harm incidents in Bream Bay in the fortnight 21 July to 4 August.

19-year-old drink driver clocked at 145 kmph

On 26 July at 8.30pm Police stopped a speeding vehicle on State Highway One at Mata. The vehicle was travelling at 145 kmph and its driver, a 19-year-old from the Far North, returned a reading of 661 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath when he was asked to blow into a bag. There is a zero alcohol limit for those under the age of 20 years.

Drink driving charge after Nova Scotia Drive crash

On 30 July at 11pm Police attended a crash on Nova Scotia Drive, Waipu. They located a person nearby, who underwent a breath alcohol test and returned a reading of 674 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The legal limit for persons over the age of 20 is 250 micrograms. A 45-year-old Ruakākā man will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court as a result of this incident

Infringement notice served

On 2 August at 6pm police pulled over a vehicle at a road stop on Marsden Point Rd. The driver, a 55-year-old from Whangārei, returned a breath alcohol reading of 300 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath and was issued with an infringement notice.

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We have elections?

With five people standing for election as Mayor of the Whangārei District, six standing for two spots as Bream Bay Ward councillors, four standing for the two Māori Ward seats on the Whangārei District Council, and three candidates for the single seat as Coastal South representative on the Northland District Council we have elections for all these positions. Voting papers are due to be sent out from 9 to 22 September and voting closes at 12 noon on 11 October.

Two Meet the Candidates evenings will be held in Bream Bay. The first of these organised by the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association is on Tuesday 12 August at 7pm in the Ruakākā Recreation Centre in Peter Snell Rd. The second organised jointly by Promote Waipu and the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association is scheduled for Wednesday 13 August at 6.30pm

For the Bream Bay Ward

Ken Couper

Seeking Third term as Whangarei District Council Bream Bay Ward

I'm Ken Couper, and I'm seeking your support for a third term as your Bream Bay Ward Councillor. After two terms, I understand the complexities of the Local Government Act and how to get results. I've served as Chair of the Strategy & Planning and Exemptions & Objections Committees, Deputy Chair of the Knowledge Hub and Liquor Licensing Committees, and a member of key groups driving infrastructure, community development, water reform, commercial property, and future planning.

The message from our community is clear: rate increases must be affordable, fair, and justifiable. I will continue to fight wasteful spending and focus on core services that deliver real value to ratepayers.

I've always stood up for Bream Bay, that now includes opposing sand mining in our area.

I'm committed, experienced, and focused on delivering results for our community. I'd be honoured to have your vote.

Let's keep moving forward together.

Simon Schuster

Kia Ora, I'm Simon Schuster, Principal of Maungakarama School. I have lived in Whangarei for 17 years with my sixth generation Whangarei wife and our two children. I'm standing for Bream Bay Council to advocate for:

Rates – In a cost-of-living crisis, I oppose rate increases unless they directly benefit ratepayers. I support council-run trading initiatives (CCTO) to generate income and ease the burden.

Rural Community Resilience – I'll ensure rural communities receive their fair share of rate payer funding.

Education – As an educator, I back the "Knowledge Hub" to support youth pathways from school to employment in Whangarei.

Sand Mining – I strongly oppose sand mining in Bream Bay

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Dave Baldwin

Resident of Waipu since 2019, I returned 'home' to the Whangārei District after winding down my Auckland based property business.

After spending my teenage years in Whangarei and finishing school at Tikipunga High, I spent a few years in the forestry industry, spent time overseas, and on return settled into what has become nearly 40 years in the construction industry. First a qualified builder, I joined forces with a good friend to build a successful property development and associated construction company.

My skills are honed through years of dealing with local bodies, body corporates and complex resource management applications. I was also involved for a number of years (as a private pilot) with the North Shore Aero Club and held a committee position during some complex reviews around preserving the airfield as a regional asset. This included re-evaluations of take-off and landing corridors and noise limitations.

During my time in the property industry, I raised substantial capital and dealt with multiple financial institutions both mainstream and merchant. I have successfully navigated through 2 major global financial crises.

First and foremost, I entered this election due to this year's annual plan review and rating crisis and will make a rating methodology review a top priority. Everything in this next 3-year cycle will be relative to rating policy. My second priority is to question the prescriptive planning policies that are stifling new development. Whilst RMA reforms will no doubt help, council must encourage the private sector to think outside the box on both issues.

Matthew Yovich

Matthew Yovich, a qualified fitter-turner, youth coach, and community advocate, is standing for the Bream Bay Ward in this year's Whangārei District Council election.

Matthew grew up in Whangārei, but spent a lot of weekends and school holidays on his family's farm in Ruakākā — so this area has always been home. He made the move permanent 20 years ago and has lived in the area ever since. A skilled tradesman and devoted father of two, he balances work, family life, and community service. He volunteers as a youth coach in

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and has a strong interest in local politics, driven by a desire to ensure the next generation inherits a region that works — not one weighed down by wasteful spending and out-of-touch decisions.

Matthew brings real-world experience, practical thinking, and a deep understanding of the pressures faced by working families in Northland. He is focused on the issues that matter most to everyday ratepayers — infrastructure, affordability, and fair representation.

His five-point plan includes:

- 1.Helping ease the cost of living by ending above-inflation rates hikes and keeping rates at a level households can actually afford
- 2.Fixing our crumbling and unsafe roads
- 3.Eliminating wasteful spending and cutting back on vanity projects
4. Keeping representation fair and equal — with no race-based or unelected appointments
- 5.Ending Whangārei District Council's costly membership of Local Government New Zealand

Matthew's message is simple: Council needs to get back to basics — and deliver for the people who pay the bills.

Shilane Shirkey

I'm standing for Bream Bay Ward to bring strong, community-focused leadership to Whangārei District Council. With a background in business development and community support, I work alongside local enterprises to help them grow, thrive, and contribute to a resilient regional economy.

I'm passionate about ensuring our communities have a voice in decisions that affect us — from infrastructure and housing to environmental protection and economic opportunity. I believe in transparent, inclusive governance and practical solutions that reflect the needs and aspirations of our people.

As your councillor, I will advocate

for smart investment, future-focused planning, and a council that listens, engages, and acts in the best interests of our ward. I'm committed to building strong relationships across our diverse communities and working collaboratively to create a vibrant Bream Bay where everyone has the opportunity to succeed. Let's work together to build a stronger, more connected Bream Bay.

Paul Grace

My motivation for standing to represent Bream Bay is clear and simple. We're heading in the wrong direction, and the stakes are so high that I feel I have no choice but to stand up and be counted.

In the big picture, we need a strong and stable council with good vision, strong governance, and leadership that delivers basic services and infrastructure at rates capped to inflation.

To achieve those objectives, it's time for fresh representation with real-world experience. I bring a proven track record in manufacturing, business development, and marketing - skills honed over decades in the corporate world and strengthened through entrepreneurial success. As owner and editor of NZ's longest-running automotive magazine, I've led with clarity, accountability, and vision.

Now, I'm ready to serve our community with the same energy and integrity. I value transparency, consistency, and straight talk. I'll push for a one-year freeze on rate increases and introduce spending caps to ensure ratepayers get value for every dollar. It's time to trim the council's excess and focus on delivering core infrastructure that works—no vanity projects, just smart, strategic investment where it matters most.

MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENINGS

At the Ruakaka Recreation Centre in Peter Snell Rd from 7pm on Tuesday 12 August.

At the Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall, 50, The Centre, (behind the car park) on Wednesday 13 August at 6.30pm