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"Why does private enterprise trump my rights?"

The Waipu Residents and Ratepayers heard the concerns of residents of Doctors Hill Rd. who have received letters from the New Zealand Transport Agency telling them their homes and land will be required for the proposed new four lane expressway into Whangarei.

They said they had regarded their houses as their forever homes and had put a lot of expense and effort into developing their properties.

One woman said she had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars revegetating her land enhancing the biodiversity of the area.

"This is clearly an exercise for the Northport expansion "I want to know why I have to be displaced for private enterprise. My private enterprise and choice is to live in a peaceful place, surrounded in biodiversity, which I have helped to rebuild. Why does private enterprise that is more powerful than me trump my rights? I pay my taxes (local and central) on time, I behave, and I live within the rules of this country. Rules, which are being rewritten as I write to become less and less democratic. I invite the people who are designing this route to get out of their offices in Wellington and get up here and come and meet the people they are bullying off their land and out of their lives. Have a chat. Come and see what we have done up here to better ourselves and the environment.

"If I'd wanted to live in a concrete smelly noisy environment, I would have stayed in Auckland, but I

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Ruakākā Junior Surf



The A Team members practice their rescue tube routine

It's a busy scene on Ruakākā Beach from 10.30am on Sunday mornings when over 100 Junior Surf Club members turn up in their orange vests and striped caps to train in water safety and life saving

The Ruakākā Junior Surf Club caters for children aged 3 years old to 14 starting with Sprats 3-4 years, Tadpoles 5-7 A group 7-9 years, B Group 10 -11 and C Group 12 -14 where they focus on life saving and for those who are keen, learning to compete in surf sport competitions.

More Ruakākā Junior Surf photos on page 10.



Langs Beach 1447 Cove Road

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EDITORIAL

Coastal shipping a less destructive option

The Bream Bay Guardians, who have put a great deal of time and money into researching the likely downsides of the McCallum Brothers Bream Bay sand mining application, may not even get a hearing before the panel which will make the decision on whether this can go ahead or not.

"The amended fast track legislation is the Fast Track on steroids", Bream Bay Ward Councillor Dave Baldwin told the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association last week

We have a fight on our hands here. Many of us believe the application to take sand from Bream Bay for Auckland industry is outrageous and we have to stop it going ahead. The most civilized way would be in a fair hearing where our valid concerns can be heard. If this is denied I expect people will find other means of opposition.

I was one of the 20,000 people who marched down Queen St. in Auckland on June 2024 in the Protest for Nature against the Fast Track Approvals Bill.

"Minister of Arrogance" read a placard featuring a picture of the NZ First Deputy Shane Jones. "Fast Tract to Hell" read some others. I was there with concerns about the destruction of some of New Zealand's wild places such as the Denniston Plateau to coal mining. I hadn't, at that stage, realised how close to home some of these Fast Track projects would be.

I don't think Fast Track is a good idea. When governments or industries are planning large-scale projects that could have enormous and devastating side effects there should be widespread consultation and information should be gathered from as many sources as possible.

We have an example of where Fast Track has gone wrong in the proposal to position the Waipu off-ramp from the new expressway on The Braigh. This would funnel thousands of vehicles on a daily basis through the town and compromise what is a thriving tourist destination. Talking with the locals would have been a useful exercise for NZTA. Maybe there is still time to change this plan but money has already been spent on geotechnical surveys and homeowners have been told their homes will have to go and are now left with a terrible uncertainty.

Prompted by Gordon McKay, I will be asking Transport Minister Chris Bishop if we can see the cost benefit analysis that was carried out for the expressway through Bream Bay. Is the permanent loss of all that productive agricultural land taken into account? I imagine that all those impacted Bream Bay dairy farms add many millions to Northland's annual GDP.

I had a look at the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) report commissioned by the Northland Corporate Group, which raises the possibility of lifting Northland's GDP from \$11billion to \$60 billion by 2050 exciting stuff!

But the Northland Corporate Group comprises Channel Infrastructure NZ, Culham Engingeering, Marsden Maritime Holdings Limited, McKay Limited and Northpower.and I can understand the outrage of the residents of Doctors Hill Rd. who have received letters telling them their properties are likely to be needed for the new expressway.

One woman said, "My private enterprise and choice is to live in a peaceful place, surrounded in biodiversity, which I have helped to rebuild.

"Why does private enterprise that is more powerful than me trump my rights?" The NZIER report states that meeting this ambitious target would depend on a wide range of factors, not just the new expressway, although it states "Improvement in transport links, including road, rail and coastal shipping will be essential to reduce supply change costs, improve access to national and international markets and enable the movement of goods at a greater scale."

It also states "Agriculture will continue to be a critical part of Northlands growth trajectory."

I say bring on the coastal shipping. Coastal shipping doesn't involve knocking over people's houses and destroying fertile productive land.

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did not. I purchased a property with covenanted pockets of bush, near a wetland so that I could enjoy my hobby and passion. I have replanted. I have solar panels. I have retro fitted double glazing to my house. I have dug a pond. No amount of money is going to mitigate this.

In a letter to NZYA and shared with the Bream Bay News she asked, "How the heck, have you lot decided that's it's a top idea to bulldoze a motorway through a sensitive coastal area. Not 100% Pure NZ. Not even close. Shame on you and your Fast Track ticking box."

Neil McLeod a member of the ratepayer group and a former Whangārei District Councillor said he had evenbuilt wide hallways to accommodate wheelchairs in his home as he and his wife planned to live the rest of their lives there.

Some asked why the highway needed to go through a densely populated coastal area and others wondered why it couldn't be built along the current state highway.

To a reply that this would make the build more expensive because of all the traffic control that would be a woman said it is possible to build onto existing roads and she had observed a project in Australia where there were pull over areas constructed along the route to allow traffic to move through a road under reconstruction.

The home owners were also concerned that meetings are being held with individual and that there have been no public consultation meetings

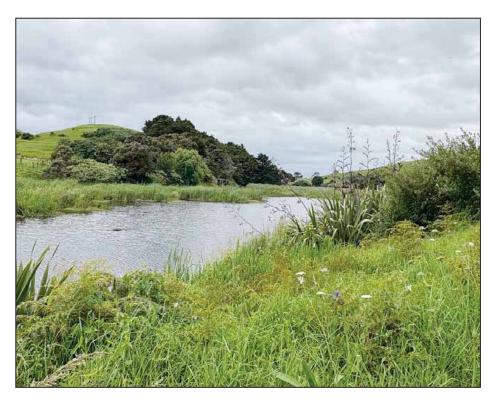
"There are people effected who live right on the outside edge of the "effected areas" and they have had zero notification because according to you guys the are not affected. How can you say this? Of course they will be affected. Their property value will be slashed, they will

live with noise and fumes. They WILL be affected."

And they asked why there has been no public presentation of options/alternatives.

"Justification for this motorway has been given as that it is to benefit the growth of Northland. Why then, isn't the motorway going up the centre of the island where there is significantly less impact to people? Build a central backbone, with access roads to the west and east? Why is this impacting the inhabitants

The Doctors Hill Road wetland



From the Department of Conservation's Reconnaissance Survey Report for the Protected Natural Areas Programme. Natural areas of Waipu Ecological District 2007

The Doctors Hill Road Wetland is the "largest natural freshwater wetland remaining in the Waipu Ecological District. Despite modification, grazing and extensive weed infestation the site is ecologically significant due to the rarity of wetland habitat ant the presence of four threatend bird species: Australasian bittern, grey duck, spotless crake and

kukupa. It is one of only fine natural coastal freshwater wetlands remaining in the Waipu ED. Freshwater wetlands have been greatly reduced in extent throughout New Zealand and only approximately 45ha of natural or semi-natural coastal freshwater wetlands remain in Waipu ED.

of the coast - most of whom have no interest in this apparent necessity we are being told we need and must have."

Mayor Ken Couper said the expressway would also impact his farm and some family land alongside State Highway One. However he said the expressway is expected to help grow the Northland economy from its current \$11 billion Gross Domestic Product each year to \$60 billion pa. by 2050. He was referring to a NZIER report commissioned by which states that meeting this target would depend on a number of factors amongst these "improvement is transport links, including road, rail and coastal shipping."

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When should I see my healthcare provider or get emergency help? See your healthcare provider or go to the nearest emergency clinic if you (or your child over the age of 12 months) have:

- very bad sunburn with pain and extensive blistering
- a headache• nausea (feeling sick) or vomiting (being sick)
- a fever (high temperature)
- · dizziness or feeling 'out of it'.

If your baby under 12 months of age is sunburned take them to be checked by a health professional

What can I do if I have sunburn?

There's no cure for sunburn except time, but there are things you can do to help while your body heals:

- · Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- Bathe in cool water or gently apply cold compresses or flannels.
- Avoid using soap, which might irritate it, and pat your skin dry afterwards.
- Talk to your local pharmacist about products that soothe sunburn and help it heal.
- Take over-the-counter pain relief like paracetamol or ibuprofen if you need to and are able to take those medicines.
- If your skin can bear it, keep it moisturised to help with itching. A moisturiser containing aloe vera can help to soothe sunburnt skin. It won't stop your skin from peeling but might moisturise the skin beneath. Don't apply butter or oil-based creams to sunburnt skin.
- Don't pop blisters or be tempted to peel off pieces of your skin, as you
 may get a skin infection. Just let the dead skin come off on its own. When it's
 detached, remove it carefully without ripping more off.
 - · Keep your skin out of the sun until it's fully healed.
- Severe sunburn may require special burn cream and burn dressings.
 Very occasionally, hospital treatment may be needed.
 - If in doubt, see your healthcare provider or emergency clinic.

How can I prevent sunburn?

Being SunSmart is about covering up with clothing, a broad-spectrum sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses. Remember to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP and WRAP.

- SLIP into a long-sleeved shirt and into the shade. Generally, fabrics with a tighter weave and darker colours will give you greater protection from the sun.
 There are also certain fabrics on the market that have an SPF rating.
- SLOP on plenty of broad-spectrum sunscreen of at least SPF30+. Apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every 2 hours.
- SLAP on a hat with a wide brim or a cap with flaps. More people get sunburned on their face and neck than any other part of the body.
- WRAP on a pair of wrap-around sunglasses. UV radiation is just as dangerous to eyesight as it is for your skin.

If you work outdoors (eg, as a farmer, road-worker or tradesperson) talk to your employer about workwear that protects you from the sun or look for garments with UPF – ultraviolet protection factor.

Some people have concerns about low vitamin D levels due to recommendations to avoid sun exposure. **Vitamin D can be safely replaced if needed**, and damage from the sun is far more likely to cause serious health problems. Please talk with your healthcare provider if you're concerned about your vitamin D levels and continue to practice sun safety.

LETTERS

NZTA is getting it wrong!

The number of different people around Waipu receiving letters from NZTA stating their properties will be taken for the new SH1 seems to grow daily.

Given the new Bryderwyns Road is apparently planned to go near Atlas Quarries and then head towards Waipu one would assume that the new road would run close to the current road, but no it now appears to be heading for the hills away from the Coast. But we don't know Why?

Someone suggested that NZTA was planning a shorter route to Whangārei? But is this route sacrificing productive land and retirement homes on the Altar of Vehicular Traffic?

What provision has been made for the much-needed rail connections to the expanded Northport? This would remove much of the truck traffic from the roads. Not much long-term thinking going on here.

Then we hear that the NZTA in their infinite wisdom have decided that Waipu's links to and from the new SH1 will be via The Braigh! Yes, let's really stuff up Waipu and create danger in the Village by taking all traffic, especially trucks, through the major commercial area of Waipu. Don't worry about the possibility of pedestrian injuries. Those older ones will just have to be much more careful and the children going to school will have to watch all the traffic from Mangawhai heading to Whangārei. The huge increase in cars through The Centre during the holiday period will just be a little headache for the locals.

But wait, have we not heard this before with NZTA?

Was there not a proposal a few years ago to bring all traffic into and from Waipu down Shoemaker Road?

The locals told NZTA this was not a good idea. NZTA then planned for a large roundabout to be built at the intersection of SH1 and Nova Scotia Drive as there was a larger unbuilt area of land here. Also Nova Scotia Drive directs traffic away from the centre of Waipu making it safer for the locals.

Why then has NZTA chosen The Braigh as the new entrance and exit for Waipu? All the locals need to be told WHY NZTA is planning the new SH1 as it now appears to be planning. We are told it is a Road of National Significance by the Government and Northland will, profit from this, but obviously the lives of the locals around Waipu are not significant in the eyes of those planning this new highway.

We need to be told why nzta cannot plan and build the new highway in close proximity to the current SH1?

Why isn't a rail connection to Northland not being upgraded before the new highway is constructed?

Can a Public - Private Partnership not handle building a new highway alongside the current SH1 $\,?\,$

Of course, building a new highway well away from the current SH1 will mean there must be maintenance on both roads as the current SH1 provides access to coastal homes and towns.

The planning by NZTA is creating far too much angst amongst people as their lives are put on hold while NZTA sends letters and these people just have to wait. The silence from the local MP, Dr Shane Reti, has not assisted. Has he been silenced or does he know nothing about the process?

We are waiting for answers!

Richard Cole Waipu

Can we see these figures?

I am very interested in the response from Chris Bishop that the economic assessment of the new proposed highway has taking in all the the economic factors. Is there anyway we can see these figures, which they claim are so beneficial to the economy of NZ. The average person can reason that you take 30 minutes of a trip from whangarei to Auckland there are tremendous efficiency obtained. Then you have to consider the cost of the project which may or may not out way the benefits. As part of Chris bishops statement that all economic factors are taken into account do they included the on going income from the land that will be taken, or is it just the cost of that land that they buy.

There are many other reasons that the number 1 highway would be better served to stay in its presant position and be upgraded along a stable sandstone base than moving to a peat and clay unstable base.

Gordon McKay Waipi

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Survey asks how Bream Bay people feel about the McCallum Sand Mining fast track proposal

The Bream Bay Guardians are conducting a survey to ascertain the Bream Bay Community's views in regards to the McCallum Brothers' sand mining application. The results of the survey will be put before the Whangārei District Council at it 18 December meeting.

If you have not received a copy of the survey form in your letterbox you can download one from the website: savebreambaysand.org

Regional councils to go

John Hunt, who was elected to the Northland Regional Council less than two months ago in October 2025, said he is not surprised by the Coalition Government's decision to abolish regional authorities in favour of unitary councils with District Councils taking over their roles.

He said the Government's messaging has been pretty clear in this area.

In a press release by the Northland Mayoral Forum Regional Council Chairman Pita Tipene said, "All four councils want to work together with central government on the proposal but need time to look more closely at the detail of the proposal and says it is difficult to go into more specifics at this early stage."

Whangārei District Mayor Ken Couper said, "I support the Government's drive for efficiencies across both local and central government.

"Today's announcement is significant, and we will take time to carefully work through its implications. Our priority is ensuring that any changes deliver real benefits for our communities and our region. We look forward to working constructively with the Government and our fellow Northland councils throughout this process."

While acknowledging that local government reform is needed Gary Taylor of the Environmental Defence Society has concerns that these reforms could see an erosion of environmental protection.

Mr. Taylor said, "That is a big concern because it could lead to a reduction in environmental priorities and deterioration in outcomes. How it would work in practice is very unclear from the thin discussion paper that has been released.

"Boards that are made up of mayors who will have many other priorities, including strong development imperatives and local priorities, does not sound like a good way forward."

The government is seeking feedback on a two-stage proposal for change. The first stage would see regional councils disappear and be replaced by a Combined Territories Board. This would be made up of district mayors within a region. A regional level of local government would still exist, but its governance would no longer be separately or directly elected.

The second stage would see the Boards create a regional reorganisation plan. This would, within two years, outline a plan for how all councils in a region would evolve.

Northland with a population of just over 200,000 currently has three territorial councils: the far North, Whangārei and Kaipara. If we follow the Auckland model Northland could end up with a single unitary council. Auckland City also has 21 local boards providing governance at a community level with each board having between 5 and 9 elected and paid members.

Perhaps we could have a Bream Bay Board with its members setting strategic direction in consultation with the community, overseeing annual work programmes and setting annual budgets with oversight from the governing Northland wide council

Consultation on the local government reform proposals is open until February 2026. The government then plans to introduce legislation in 2026, with enactment in 2027, after the general election.



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Let me finish my report with an ode the my new eBike.

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"Why do people drive on the beach? They don't in my country. It's healthier to walk "



This sign marking the boundary of the vehicle free zone north of the shorebird nesting site at the Waipu Estuary lasted in position for less than a week before it was stolen

Regarding the continued vandalising of the Vehicle Exclusion Zone sign on Uretiti beach.

It is the driver's responsibility to know where they can drive. To be clear, The co-ordinates for the northern end of the vehicle exclusion zone south of Tip Road are: Lat 35.976151 S, Long 174.474985 E. https://www.nrc.govt.nz/environment/coast/driving-on-the-beach/vehicle-restricted-areas-on-beaches/ From that link you can access the GIS maps. There is a sign at the end of Tip Rd.

While selling raffle tickets at the Waipu markets, it was noticeable how many people from out of town are passing through. There were three young American women who were enrolled in a six month environmental course at Kaiaua. They had studied the shorebirds at Miranda and were heading down to Johnstones Point. I wonder what they thought of the vehicles across the river on the spit, in the bird nesting area.?

A young French man said "I don't understand why do people drive on the beach? It is not allowed in my country. It is more healthy to walk"

Johnstones Point is also a viewing point for overseas Birding tours. What do they think when they see vehicles in the wildlife Refuge?

What do the Te Araroa Trail walkers think when they walk along the Bream Bay beach and get passed by a car?

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Not cats ear but hawkbit

The yellow flowers on the side of the road are not Cats ear but a very similar plant called Hawkbit, the difference is the, hairs on hawkbit leaves have forked tips! The leaves are also more scalloped and thinner. The Latin name of hawkbit is Leontodon Taraxacoides.

I have always been interested in the plants and animals around me and try to identify them if I can.

Kit Singleton Waipu

Thank you Kit. On a walk around the block where I live in North River last week, I took a closer look at those plants and thought "If those leaves are the shape of a cats ear, it must be the ear of a very battle scared old tomcat."

Marilyn



Hawkbit - a bright yellow display along many of our roadsides

Letters to the Editor are very welcome

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

Denika needs help to get to the World Cross Country Championships in Florida



Denika Clooney

Following her credible performance with the New Zealand team at the Australia All Schools Cross Country Championship in September, 17- year- old Denika Clooney of Waipu has been selected for the New Zealand team at the World Junior Cross Country competition in Florida in January 2026.

She is one of 6 under 20 female athletes selected in a team of 27 athletes altogether. Denika has always wanted to represent NZ internationally and regards her selection as "an amazing opportunity."

In the Australian competition she placed 5th in the 17 year-old category in the 16 and 17-year-old individual race and went up a grade to be a member of an 18 and 19-year-old winning relay team.

She has been trying to find sponsorship but is discovering obstacles with some sources only sponsoring clubs, not individuals, and many athlete sponsoring outlets are not available at this time of the year.

Denika needs to find \$8,000 and so far has raised \$2,100. She will be holding a donut stall at her school in Maungaturoto and has received donations from the Paparoa Lions, the Maungaturoto Op Shop, Sport Northland Kauri Club as well as from several individuals

She has set up a give-a-little page to make up the shortfall. The link is: https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/fundraising-for-world-cross-country-2026

To save on costs Denika will be travelling with the female manager of the New Zealand Team, not a parent, so all donations will go directly towards her own travel expenses.

Labour Transport Spokesman agrees to visit Bream Bay

Labour Party Transport spokesman Tangi Utikere has agreed to visit Bream Bay to look at problems the proposed corridor for the Northland Corridor is causing here. The Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association wrote to Mr. Utikere along with: Keiran McAnulty – Labour spokeman for Infrastructure, Chris Bishop – Minister of Transport and Dr. Shane Reti, Member of Parliament for Whangārei saying that while most Bream Bay residents support building a four lane highway to the northern base of the Brynderwyn Hill many have major concerns that the next section from the Brynderwyn to Marsden Point would run through a good number of our productive dairy farms making many of them unviable and severely impact others. Mr. Utikere has instructed his staff to arrange a visit to Bream Bay in his schedule. Dr. Shane Reti has also said he would make a visit early in the New Year.





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Christmas trees to help the food bank

This year will be the fourth year the Bream Bay Christmas Tree Festival will be held at St Peters Anglican Church, Nova Scotia Road, Waipu.

Sally Haigh ,the Festival co-ordinator, says The festival showcases the flare, imagination and spirit of Christmas - a community coming together to celebrate the season and support others less fortunate.

This year so far 16 trees have been enteredbut Sally says there is room for more! There is no charge for entering Trees can be from individuals, clubs, families and businesses.

The kaupapa of the festival is to support the Bream Bay Anglican and Catholic Food Bank. Particularly at this time of year, the requests for assistance with food are increasing. The need can be highlighted and supported through community participation by presenting a tree, and bringing friends and family along for a look!

The Christmas Tree Festival at St. Peters Anglican Church, Nova Scotia Rd.,

17th - 21st December 11.00am - 8.00pm.

Entry - Koha and/ordonation of non-perishable foodstuffs."



Foodbanks under pressure How you can help

Foodbanks come under pressure at this time of the year and this is particularly true with the increases in cost of living impacting many households

Four Bream Bay churches: Lifepoint Baptist, Bream Bay Anglican, Waipu Presbyterian and Holy family Roman Catholic Church now have a cooperative approach to managing their resources helping to ensure food parcels go where they are most needed.

Mark Henrickson, Vicar of the Bream Bay Anglican Church said donations of non perishable goods are welcome and can be dropped off on Sunday mornings at St Paul's Anglican Church, 25 Karawai St Ruakākā or at St Peters Church at 10 Nova Scotia Drive, Waipu alongside the Christmas Tree festival, which runs from 17 to 21 December from 11am to 8pm.

He said cartons of long life milk are welcome but not fresh milk and if you are donating a bag of pasta a jar of pasta sauce along with this would be helpful. Food donations can also be dropped off at the Lifepoint Church, 300 One Tree Point Rd. between 9am and 4pm Tuesday to Friday.

The Lifepoint Church will also be holding a Christmas Carol service with a free barbeque on Sunday 21 December and on Christmas morning will hold a service from 9am with toasted bagels with cream cheese and jams to follow.

Sharon Russell manager of the Bream Bay Community Trust said the trust refers people who need help with their grocery purchases to the church foodbanks but suggests that donations of toiletries and cleaning products would be welcomed by those on tight budgets.

Sharon said, "If you only have \$100 to spend you are going to priorities food rather than things like soap, toilet paper, sanitary products and laundry powder."

Christmas isn't just about spending lots of money

Lisa Wright of One Tree Point Lifepoint Church is a solo mother with three children and has been through many lean Christmases

She said there have been years when there has been absolutely no money to spend on presents so they made gifts for one another. More recently with limited funds they have just bought one present for each family member deciding together what each of these gifts should be.

Lisa said the best thing about Christmas for her is spending time with her children who are growing up fast and will soon be leaving home.

She said there are tips for people on how to avoid over spending at Christmas on the Christians Against Poverty website.

Roundabout petition presented to the Whangarei District Council

Ross Boyd and Neil McLeod of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association presented a petition calling for a roundabout at the Nova Scotia /Cove Rd./ South Rd. intersection in central Waipu to the Whangārei District Council on Thursday 27 November. The petition was signed by 1,300 people and the councillors were shown a drone video, which Ross described as "confronting" showing the confusion that regularly occurs with drivers navigating the intersection.

Ross told the councillors these situations occur every day and only get worse during weekends, holidays and when there are diversions in place on State Highway One sending traffic through Waipu. He said he was aware of at least three accidents having occurred at the intersection, the most recent in September when a Fulton Hogan Truck and a small car collided.

The Waipu Association is suggesting a simple painted circle in the middle of the intersection and replacing the two compulsory Stop signs with Give Way signs.

Ross said that there are many examples of these small roundabouts throughout New Zealand and this should not cost an arm and a leg to install.



Waipu Resident and Ratepayer Association members: Ross Boyd, Paul Smith and Neil McLeod collectiong signarutres for the roundabout petition in Waipu

A new programme at the Bream Bay Community Trust helps people find rental homes

A new programme is being run at the Bream Bay Community Trust to help people prepare to take up rental accommodation.

Sharon Russell, the trust's manager, said an approach was made by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) which was finding many Bream Bay people were applying for emergency accommodation without first trying to find a home on the private rental market. Sharon said the programme helps those looking for homes to make applications to local real estate agencies handling rental accommodation to go onto their waiting lists.



Bream Bay Community Trust Manager Sharon Russell

She said, "To find accommodation these days you need to have references. People may not have these and have no idea about how to get them.

"People need to be realistic about what they can afford. Sometimes people are so desperate to find a home they think they will be able to cut their cloth but this may not be possible.

"Photographs of current accommodation showing that you are keeping the place tidy can also be helpful."

The programme teaches the expectations private landlords have for tenants to look after the property. Prospective tenants are informed about three monthly inspections and what landlords will be looking for on these occasions.

There is no available Kainga Ora housing out here and no social housing. The private rental market is all there is.

People needing help to find accommodation can drop into the trust in Takutai Place, Ruakākā between 10am and 12 noon on Mondays.

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Ruakākā Junior Surf



Kymani Castlle aged six years, sprinting through the waves with her Tadpole junior surf group.

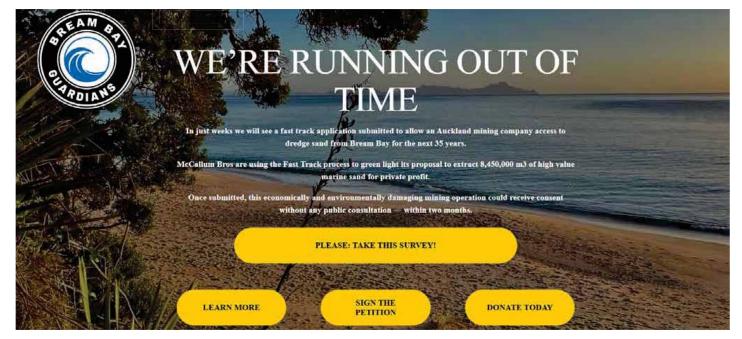
Coach Daniel Dewhurst (Dewie) teaches standard surf lifesaving hand signals.





Jack Robertson, 9 years, and Zac Cave - 8, practising a tube rescue.

Left: Last Sunday 30 November Ruakākā Junior Surf's Sunday monring session began with 60 children aged 9-plus being presented with badges. All 60 had demonstrated their ability to swim 200 metres, either in the sea or at the Whangārei Aquatic Centre. Having one of these badges sewn onto their caps enables the children to use the club's water equipment such as the knee paddle boards.



Donations needed for refit of Access to Adventure boat



The Access to Adventure Catamaran coming out of the water in January to be refitted to make her accessible for people with disabilities

The Access to Adventure Trust has launched a campaign to raise funds for the renovation of the 16 metre catamaran it purchased earlier this year.

The boat is now berthed at Marsden Cove and will come out of the water in January twhen it will be refitted with a a fully accessible bathroom, wheelchair friendly ramps and other accessibility features. The expected cost of all this work is \$900,000.

Once renovations are complete, the vessel will host up to 1,000 people with disabilities each year, providing experiences such as fishing, dolphin watching, kayaking support, snorkelling, sightseeing trips, and overnight adventures. Participants will come from across Northland and Auckland, alongside their carers and whānau.

"Our goal is simple," says Tony Pearce, CEO of Access to Adventure. "We want to open the ocean to everyone. But to do that, we need the community's support. Every donation—large or small—helps us create a vessel where every part of the experience is designed with accessibility, dignity, and safety in mind."

The campaign invites the public to "give the gift of a smile" by supporting the refit or sponsoring a participant trip. Donations of any amount are welcome, with a special option of \$175 to fund an adventure for one participant.

Mr. Pearce said Each donation directly supports the renovation—helping to build the accessible bathroom, wheelchair-friendly ramps, and other modifications needed to safely carry participants who have long been excluded from ocean adventures due to mobility, sensory, or health-related needs.

Donations can be made online through the A Thousand Smiles campaign page: https://access-for-all-a-thousand-smiles.raiselysite.com/

Fpr more information contact Tony Pearce, CEO Access to Adventure phone: 0221340 042

or email: Tony.accesstoadventure@gmail.com





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Black Shed Art Space celebrates its first year



Members of the Black Shed Art Space co-operative, from left to right: Sarah Pearce, Laura Currie, Evan Heasman, Claire Nicholls and Monique Wheat:

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Black Shed Art Space founder Claire Nichols said, "In just twelve months, the space has evolved into a vibrant hub for artists and visitors alike, combining shared working studios with an on-site gallery that showcases an ever-changing collection of art from some amazing creators in our region."

Over the past year, more than 110 people aged from 7 years to over 70 years old have taken part in creative workshops, immersing themselves in ceramics, painting, jewellery printmaking, and other hands-on experiences. The team has also hosted a variety of events, including "Natures Palette" an exhibition featuring the work of 25 talented Waipu artists.

Claire said the success of Black Shed Art Space is

owed in large part to the support of the local community.

"From workshop participants to gallery visitors, from collaborating artists to those who simply pop in for inspiration, the people of Waipu and beyond have helped shape the space into a thriving creative hub."

"As it enters its second year, Black Shed Art Space looks forward to continuing its journey"

The art co-operative has recently taken over more space with the its lease, planning to run even more workshops aiming to "foster creativity, celebrate local talent, and to offer "a welcoming place where art and community come together."





Sports talk with hockey player Garby Smith

By Lisa Jones for the Bream Bay Sports Trust

Personal Background and Inspiration

· How did you first get involved in sport?

I have pretty much been playing since I was five. Sports have always been a massive part of my family. It didn't matter what code we were doing, as long as we were participating.

What's your earliest memory of playing hockey?

I remember playing Hockey on the grass field of Kensington Park.

• What does playing Hockey mean to you personally?

On the surface level, I love how it supports my physical and mental health. I'm a competitive person and that drive really pushes me to do my best. On a slightly deeper level there is so much value in team sports, learning to manage and play with all different backgrounds and ages, constantly challenging yourself to do and be better and hopefully having positive influence on the next generations coming through. And probably the best part for me is knowing my little humans are able to see Mum 'out there doing it'.

Achievements and Highlights

What has been your proudest moment so far?

I had the honour of representing the NZ Maori's in a Hockey 5's competition earlier this year, where we traveled to Hong Kong, and we actually ended up winning the competition which was an added bonus.

• Is there a game or match you will never forget? What happened?

Winning the National Maori Hockey final last year with the Tai Tokerau Wahine. It was probably one of my favourite games we have won. We had put in so much work over the previous years and kept coming up short with 2nd place. So, the win felt a long time coming and we had a home crowd, so all our friends and family were watching.

Have you won any awards or titles you're especially proud of?

I have had the privilege of the title of Captain for my club, Tai Tokerau Wahine and Northland teams over the past few years. I think it's an honour to lead a team of awesome women, doing great things.

In 2023, I received the Northland Representative Player of the Year award at the Hockey Northland Awards — one of my proudest achievements. This year, I'm humbled to be named a finalist for the award once again

• What personal goals have you set for your-self this season?

My current season has just come to an end. My goal heading into next season is probably more team related than personal. I would love my Northland NHC to make top 4. We have come 5th in the last two years, so close but not quite there.

Training and Challenges

What does a typical week of training look like for you?

In my peak season, I have 3-4 training sessions a week with 1-2 self-directed fitness sessions on top of that.



Garby Smith in action on the hockey court

What's the hardest part of your sport that people don't see?

For me with two young children, it's just finding the good old balance between hockey, work, kids and everything in between. I'm very lucky to have an amazing village behind me.

• How do you stay motivated during tough times or losses?

I think its perspective, which has very much come with experience. I look at it as character building. We can't win or play perfectly every time, but we can always learn. The losses make the high of the wins even better.

Team & Community

What's the best part of being part of a team/?

I love being part of a team. The ups, the downs the grind, all of it - win together, lose together.

What would you say to young people thinking about joining Hockey?

"Give it a go! You won't know if you like it until you try. No one's perfect at something right away, so don't be afraid to start imperfectly — that's how you grow."

Do you have any pre-game rituals or lucky charms?

I try to stay away from any superstitions. With that being said, I do seem to wear a scrunchy in my hair every game now, so I may have unintentionally started one.

• Who is your biggest supporter in your family or circle?

My entire village. I couldn't do it without them all. Probably the biggest loads fall to my partner and parents/in-laws for the help with the kids. My parents are at pretty much every game and tournament, following us around the country and even overseas.

How would you like to give back to your sport or community in the future?

I've started dabbling in assisting some coaching over

Looking Ahead

this last year. I love the idea of helping the next generation build skills and confidence on and off the field. Hockey, like alot of sports I'm sure, relies on volunteers for most teams, so I'm hoping I can start giving a little bit back to the community.

What's your advice to young aspiring athletes in your community?

My favourite motivational quote from a coach this season is "pressure is privilege".

Coming off a couple of good seasons, I had started to feel more pressure to keep performing well. I love the perspective of this phrase - the idea that not everyone gets the opportunity to feel this pressure, pressure means that you're in a privileged position where people trust you, you've got a chance to perform. Growth is uncomfortable and you have to push your limits. Also, the perspective that pressure is not a burden, it's an honour.



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Hoping for better weather this year at the Waipu Highland Games



There are running, two legged and sck races all with cash prizes

Clan Davidson will be the hosts for this year's Waipu Highland Games and representatives dressed in the clan's green/blue/black tartan will be leading the march into the Caledonian Part at 9am on Wednesday 31 December to mark the start of the 153 Waipu Highland Games.

The Waipu Caledonian Society made the change in 2024 to the 31 December rather than the 1 January, as it was getting more and more difficult for competitors and volunteers to attend the traditional 1 January fixture.

Asked it the changed date had been successful a spokesperson for the society said it was a bit hard to judge as the weather had been terrible at last year's games – "real Scottish weather".

There had been lots of positive comments about the change and there was a good turn out at the Ceilidh (held in the evening of 31 December). Vendors were also happy with the change.

"Considering the weather we still had a good turn out but it was hard to really compare numbers. \Hopefully the weather will be great this year.

A full programme of events is posted on the Caledonian Society website. Piping, drumming, dancing and Highland Heavyweight competitions will begin from 9am. From 10am there will be kids

races —running, two legged and sack races with cash prizes for each age group. Entry is free but must be made 10 minutes prior to the race start at the gazebo on the running track. After lunch there is a kids tug o war and then there is a kid's sized Highland Games give it a go.

Northland MP Grant McCallum will officially opening the Games this year.

While volunteer number to help with the games are good the society could use more committee members to take on some key roles.

Please email enquiries to: highlandgameswaipu@gmail.com

Good number of entries for the Ruakākā Christmas Parade

The Ruakākā Christmas Parade on Saturday December is ready to go with a good number of float entries reports Maree Gutry of the Marsden Lions the parade organisers.

To see the parade you need to be in Takutai Place, Ruakākā or nearby in Peter Snell Rd. at 10.30am on Saturday 13 December.

The Waipu Parade, as is traditional, will be held at 7pm on Christmas Eve starting at the Pizza Barn and turning into St Marys Rd. and then into the Caledonian Park for the prize giving. To enter register on the Promote Waipu website

There are cash prizes to win and categories for groups: best business, best community group. Best friends and whanau and for individuals best decorated bicycle (e-bikes included) and best decorated car.

Special WAM! show for Ranburn residents



Designer Carina Pentz who is a member of the Ranburn staff delighted the audience with her *Kimmels and Glamour* creation. Behind her is Charlie Kate Brown with her Voice that Cannot Speak design created from rubbish found on the beach

Designers and models from Waipu Art in Motion - WAM! put on a special show for residents of Ranburn Rest Home on the morning of Saturday 29 November. On show were Best of the Bunch winner Kyla Mansell wearing "Tied Together" - an creation made from can tabs and silk neckties, Winner of the Workmanship award "The Craw" modelled by Joanna Jory and designed by Caroline Stocking wowed the onlookers with the unfolding of his enormous wings, and 11 [soon to be 12] year old Charlie Kate Brown from Maungatoroto explained the story behind her "Voice that Cannot Speak" created from rubbish she had picked up on the beach. Charlie won the Best Young Designer award for her creation.

Also in the show was "Flash Trash Tutu" by Margot Wakelin made from thousands of tablet blister packs

Much to the audience's delight, designer Carina Pentz, who is a member of staff at the home, showed everyone her sparkling "Kimmels and Glamour" outfit.

Details of the next WAM! Show to be held in November 2026 will be published soon.



The Craw with its enormous unfolding wings

Get your photo taken with the Grinch and or with Santa at the Waipu Christmas Market

"We have 170 stalls booked in so it's going to be a good one", said Elijah Purnell, who with his partner Makayla Lings runs the Waipu Street and Park Market

This year they are trying something different: an afternoon Christmas Market on Sunday 21 December from 12 noon to 6pm in the Celtic Ban and Caledonian Park.

As a Christmas exclusive there will be an opportunity to meet and take a photo with Santa and/or The Grinch. Just leave a koha to help with market expenses.

Bream Bay St John will be there with an ambulance offering free blood pressure and blood glucose checks, and they will be selling Christmas trees. New stalls include: reusable water bombs and surfboard bookmarks. There will be two entertainers, so live music for the entirety of the market.

WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **SUNSET MARKETS MARSDEN COVE** First Friday of the Month 4pm -8pm. Next on 5 December
- ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET. Next on Sunday 7 December. 9am to 2pm. One Tree Point School. Fundraiser for children's ward at Whangārei Hospital
- KIDS FISHY FRIDAYS Run by Marsden Cove Fishing Club. Next on 12 December . Kids fish from pontoon from 5pm to 6pm. \$2 per child. Up to 12 years. Must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Prizes. Sausage sizzle and bait supplied
- RUAKĀKĀ ČĦRISTMAS PARADE Saturday 13 December from 10.30am in Takutai Place aongside the Ruakākā Library. Phone Maree 027 322 6385 to register your float.
- CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES. At the Ruak \bar{a} k \bar{a} Racestrack. Wednesday 17 December Free entry. Gates open from 11am 5pm.
- CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON MARKET in Waipu Caledonain Park on Sunday 21 December from 12 noon to 6pm. Special guests Sant and The Grinch.
- WAIPU CHRISTMAS PARADE Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 December Starts at 7pm from the Pizza Barn , Travels down the main street of Waipu, up St Mary's Rd. into the Caledonian.Park . Register on the Promote Waipu website.
- THE 153rd WAIPU HIGHLAND GAMES. Wednesday 31 December 2025. Starts 8.30am with the March of the Clans. 12.25pm massed pipe bands and highland fling final event 3.15pm NZ Record attempt at 160lb Farmers Walk
- TRIGG FAMILY FUN RACEDAY. Tuesday 6 January \$15 entry For those over 18 years old. gates open 11am.- 5pm.
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Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone: 09 432 7197

Services we provide:

- Registered Social Workers
- Family Support Workers
- Youth Workers
- Youth Holiday Programme
- Counsellors
- Community Connectors

(Connecting community to various services)

- Free Whanau Ora Medical Clinic with Ki A Ora Ngatiwai. Fortnightly Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon, by appointment only phone 09 435 4586
- Free Budgeting Service –fortnighly on Thursdays 10am-1pm, by appointment
- Mana Wahine Ki Wahine Toa & Ha Tane groups
- Community Gardens behind our main buildling please help yourself
- Pataka Kai/ Food Pantry located outside our reception door.

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Safeman Safe family Men's Centre

Safeman Safefamily offers a safe place for men to talk privately without judgement and with complete confidentiality.

We are peer led and professionaly supported and offer a range of services and support for men and their families.

The services we provide are as follows:

- Advocacy Navigator
- Court support
- FGC Support
- Probation Community Service Provider
 - Legal Advice
- Marriage Celebrant
- House and property blessing
- One to one counselling
- Drug and Alcohol support
- Anger management group sessions
- Supervisor for court ordered access
- Work brokers/ help with employment opportunities.

No appointments are necessary, we have an open door policeu - if you need help or know someone that does just come on down to: **9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā.** We are right next door to Jimmy's Barber Shop or I can be reached by phone 021 121 0763 - Phil Paikea

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Takahiwai Rugby League Club AGM



Monday 8th December 6pm at the Clubrooms, Corner One Tee Point and McEwan Rds

- Election of Officers
 - Annual Report
- Financial Report
- · Applications invited for

Coaching/Management positions, all grades

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60th Reunion

8 August 2026

Register with Morris Somner

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THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 18 December The deadline for all copy is 4pm on Wednesday 10 December

BREAM BAY SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian Camellia Ave, Ruakaka: 8.45am. The Centre, Waipu: 10.15am.

Encounter 223 Marsden Pt. Rd, Ruakaka, 10am.

Anglican - ST PAUL's Church, 25 Karawai St, Ruakaka 1st and 3rd Sundays 9.30am

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Deadline Sale (Wednesday 14th January 2026) (Unless Sold Prior)

- · Architecturally designed modern home
- 2 bedrooms upstairs, 2 bedrooms down
- Beautiful blend of rural and coastal views Unique 'breezeway' connects open-plan living space with sleeping quarters
- Designed to maximise all-day sun
- 5-minute drive to Waipu Cove

Judy Guy 027 221 5623 Paula Alexander 021 027 59745

465 Helmsdale Road, Waipu

- · Motivated vendors on the move!
- 2-3 bedroom home plus an office
- Spacious living area with loads of light
- · Original timber floors and French doors
- 1.26 hectares, perfect for small livestock
- Half round barn and milk shed for storage
- · Affordable lifestyle block less than 10 mins from Waipu village

Christine Tierney 0274 881 883



Cullen Road, Waipu

Deadline Sale (Wednesday 14th January 2026) (Unless Sold Prior)

- 1 hectare block with panoramic views of ocean, islands, estuary and sand dunes
- · Beautiful rural backdrop of rolling hills and native bush
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SMART CHOICE—TOP LOCATION

Fresh near new home, spacious interior with light-filled open-plan living. The clever layout connects the lounge, dining, and kitchen areas with ease, creating a warm and functional space for everyday comfort. The kitchen is generous in size with a walk-in pantry and provides ample storage. 4 bedrooms, main has a built-in wardrobe and ensuite.

Price by Negotiation | bbrealty.co.nz#4248 FIONA SOUTHORN MNZM Mob: 021 317 775

SHARING IS CARING IN KAURINUI

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Set Date Sale 4/12/25 | bbrealty.co.nz #4269 **FRANCIE STOKES**

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YOU COULD BE SO LUCKY!

Riverside and located amongst a group of tightly held properties. The Initial / Lockwood home contains three bedrooms and onebathroom, open plan living leading onto a sunny deck. A standalone garage completes the picture, all sited on a generous 1004m2 section (more or less). This summer, the place to be, fishing, kayaking, SUP boarding.

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