

**April 15**

The Bream Bay News will be bringing you weekly online updates while New Zealand remains in Covid 19 Alert Level 4

## Not much crime but Police kept busy with lockdown breaches

Sergeant Simon Craig said there was not a lot of crime to report over the past week, with just one attempted burglary incident at a property on State Highway One at Mata on 9 April when a window was jimmied open. Police have been kept busy, though, following up on reported breaches of the lockdown restrictions. In total 204 breaches have been recorded in the Bream Bay area made up of 107 reports from the public on the Police 105 number or the Police website and 97 breaches observed by Police officers.

Sergeant Craig said police followed up on the reported breaches whenever they were given enough information to make this possible.

They are using a three-tier system: for a first breach educating the person or persons noting down their names and addresses, for a second issuing a formal warning and for a third breach making an arrest.

Breaches Police have acted on include three families getting together for a picnic on Langs Beach and on Wednesday morning a report had come in about a group of people using jet skis in the Waipu River.

“We will be speaking to them about the ban on water sports”, said Sergeant Craig.

He said the people in the Ruakaka Village are following the lockdown rules very carefully.

“If you look down Peter Snell Rd. or Tamingi St. you don’t see any children out playing or young people wandering about.”

He praised Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland for his efforts in providing computers and Internet access to all the school’s students and which were keeping young people occupied during the lockdown. Bream Bay Police dealt with eight family harm incidents in the week from Wednesday 8 to 15 April.

## Deliveries available from Orrs Pharmacy

Orrs Unichem Pharmacy Ruakaka is delivering prescriptions and other items e.g vitamins, over the counter medications, beauty products etc.

Pharmacist Warren Greene said, “We are able to take payment details over the phone and process this at the time. Deliveries are prioritised to those at risk groups i.e over 70 years of age, immunocompromised, those with multiple medical conditions and those that are pregnant.

“However we understand that for some people there maybe reasons why they come to the pharmacy. We encourage people to ring us first so that we can find a suitable arrangement getting deliveries to people.”

The Orrs Unichem Pharmacy Ruakaka phone number is: 432 7756.

*Photo by Geoff Spencer*



Don't panic. Taranga Island is not about to erupt. Its just a well placed cloud formation. Geologist Dr. Bruce Hayward explained at a public lecture in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre in 2017 that Taranga is a remnant of what was once a huge volcano incorporating what we now call Sail Rock as well as the steep hills of Bream Head to the north.

## Illegal drivers have a good chance of being caught during lockdown

Police set up a road checkpoint at Uretiti on Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday 10 April aimed at stopping people travelling to Northland for Easter.

Sergeant Craig said a good number of Aucklanders were turned around and sent back to Auckland. The checkpoint also came across a 50 year old Ruakaka man who was driving with a breath alcohol level over the legal limit and a disqualified driver from Whangarei.

The checkpoint also picked up a 17 year old man from Whangarei who was breaching the lockdown for

a second time. He was given a formal warning and referred to Youth Aid.

Also on 9 April a vehicle was stopped in Ruakaka and as a result the driver a 34 year old local woman has been charged with drink driving after blowing a breath alcohol level of 694 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath – more than two and a half times over the legal limit.

Sergeant Craig warns that anyone driving illegally has a high chance of being apprehended by Police while the Covid 19 Level 4 restrictions are in place.

## Bream Bay Community Trust services available for everyone in Bream Bay

The Bream Bay Community Trust is finding that some of the people it supports need extra help during the lockdown period. Donna Young, who looks after the front desk at the trust building in Takutai Place, said it is a particularly stressful time for people and particularly difficult for solo parents and for older men and women who need to be particularly careful about keeping themselves isolated. The trust’s staff are shopping for some seniors who can’t stand in line at the supermarket.

The stall at the trust’s front door where people drop off surplus produce for others to pick up is not able to operate under the lockdown but Donna said the trust

is very grateful to several generous local individuals have made cash donations to help people through this difficult time.

While youth worker Matt can’t make personal contact with the young people he works with he has been keeping them busy with online challenges which most can access on their phones.

Donna wants to put out a reminder that the Bream Bay Trust serves the whole of Bream Bay and that its counseling, budgeting and other services are still accessible over the phone. The trust’s phone number is 432 7197.

## No garden hoses or sprinklers allowed under Level 3 water restrictions

Bream Bay along with the rest of Whangarei District has moved from Level 2 to Level 3 water restrictions. These restrictions come into force at 8am on Thursday 16 April and mean that people cannot use sprinklers, garden hoses or fill swimming pools from the water mains. You can still water your garden with a watering can and use buckets of water to wash windows or cars.

Andrew Venmore the Council's Water Services Manager said the Wilson's Dam is currently 61% full, the lowest it has ever been.

He said, although the Marsden Point oil refinery, Bream Bay's biggest water user, had reduced production this had not led to a substantial drop in its water requirements.

## Weekly bus service to Whangarei continues during lockdown

The weekly Bream Bay bus link to Whangarei continues to run during the lockdown period.

The bus picks up passengers each Thursday from Kaiwaka (Kaiwaka Hall) at 9am, Mangawhai Village (bus stop near the rest rooms) at 9.15am, Mangawhai Heads at 9.20am, Langs Beach (corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads) at 9.35am, Waipu Cove (the beach car park) at 9.40am, Waipu (at the monument) at 9.50am and Ruakaka (opposite Takutai Place) at 10.10am.

For the return journey the bus departs Whangarei at the Rose Street Bus Terminus at 3pm.

A 12-month trial of this service began on 1 August 2019. Anita Child, the Northland Regional Council's Transport Project Manager said passenger numbers on the bus "are good and better than budgeted"

She said, "We will be asking permission to extend the service. The request will go before the Northland Regional Council in June or July. The decision would be based on the pre Covid 19 lockdown numbers.

The service attracts a 54% subsidy from the New Zealand Transport Agency.

## Flu vaccines update

The Bream Bay Medical Centre has now had its flu vaccination orders filled and is holding two and sometimes three vaccination clinics a day. The clinic is following Ministry of Health guidelines and only offering vaccinations to people who are eligible for subsidised vaccines i.e: those over the age of 65 or those who have underlying health conditions. You need to phone the clinic- (09) 432 8060 and arrange for a vaccination appointment

Karla Connew, the manager at the Waipu Medical Centre said a limited supply of vaccines are now available at the Waipu clinic and she is contacting eligible patients to arrange appointments.

Both medical centres request that people don't put off medical appointments but that they phone in first to arrange for a phone or, if necessary, a face-to-face consultation. The Waipu Medical Centre phone number is (09) 432 1190.

Flu vaccinations are also available at the Wednesday morning health clinic held at the Bream Bay Community Trust. To arrange for a vaccination here you first need to phone Kiaora Ngati Wai in Kamo - (09) 435 4586.

The latest advice from the Ministry of Health is that flu vaccines will be made available to the general public from 27 April.

## Waipu ANZAC street march and service cancelled

The Waipu RSA has cancelled the usual ANZAC street march and service at the Memorial Carpark and is complying with all instructions both from the Government and New Zealand Returned and Services Headquarters.

David Wistrand President of the Waipu RSA said, "We have no idea what the future holds at this time but rest assured next year will be planned as normal on 25 April. "As to any event later on this year nothing is planned at this time, though it has to be said that Armistice Day on the 11th November at 1100 seems an appropriate time and date, but again it is a wait and see situation."

## Shop once a week



Signs outside the Waipu Four Square store. The store borrowed some shelters from Waipu Primary earlier this week to protect people lining up outside from the inclement weather

## Editorial

### Learning to use Zoom

I have just hosted my first Zoom meeting. The members of the Bream Bay Coastal Care group held our monthly meeting in our separate living rooms with Fiona Watson of the Department of Conservation and Laura Shaft the Northland Regional Council's Coastal Care coordinator joining in.

Coastal Carer Luana Pirihi had already taken part in a Takahiwai Marae Zoom meeting so explained how I needed to send out invitations to everyone with a link they just needed to click on to be in. It's pretty easy really.

The meeting itself was a bit chaotic at first as I had a screen share function turned on but with help from Laura and my son Robbie, who is back home in our bubble, I got it sorted and am feeling quite pleased to have pulled it off. With a bit more practice I think Coastal Care Zoom meetings could be quite effective. As well as dealing with a few issues it was a good catch up with some old friends.

I am wondering if we could hold a Zoom birthday party for my grandson who will turn eleven years old on 24 April. He has already missed out on his Year 6, once in a lifetime school camp and now there is no chance of having his friends around for a party.

I was pleased to hear Dr. Ashley Bloomfield say in his press conference on Tuesday that his team at the Ministry of Health is investigating ways for close relatives of those who are critically ill to visit them in hospital without posing risks to themselves, other patients or hospital staff.

When both my mother and my father were dying what they wanted most was to see the faces of their children. It seems so cruel that in their last days on earth people are being denied contact with their nearest and dearest.

Also what must it be like to be a mother of a new baby in hospital unable to receive visitors?

We went into this lockdown state in such a hurry that it is not surprising a few things were overlooked. As we move up to the less rigorous Stage 3 response level I am hoping there will be provision for a bit more flexibility.

*Marilyn*

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# School students get back to their online studies this week



Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland

Bream Bay College teachers and support staff have put together a video where they wave and blow kisses to their students from their home bubbles. The video was edited by teacher Emma Scobie Jennings and is set to the tune of the song Home by Phillip Phillips. The teachers are filmed dressed in Easter bunny suits, sliding down a mud slides, playing with their children, at home with their dogs, sleeping on the couch, reading and dancing on their decks or in their gardens.

Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland featured on TV1 news on Tuesday night telling the nation how the school had discovered many of its families did not possess computers and even when these were supplied many homes did not have good

Internet access.

He also spoke about the need for young people to stay safe while using the Internet suggesting an application called Switch on Safety be loaded onto the computers young people are using. Mr. Buckland some parents had commented that they trust their children and don't need this device but he said, "This is less about what your children are doing on the internet and more about what all of the nasties on the internet can and will do to your child's device. As an example, the College has very good protection but we still had our phone system hacked by a BoT that was telnetting numbers around the world at a rate of about 500 numbers per second since January. The threats are very real."

School students are back at work this week, although not at school. The college's support staff are phoning students to ensure they are ready with their Internet connections and log in details.

If some of the current lock down regulations are lifted at the end of next week, Mr. Buckland said the school is planning to run "composite classes" with some students at home and some at school all following the same lessons.



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**G.J. Gardner.** HOMES

## Waipu Community Care Group

We are in strange times, and that leaves us feeling uneasy and vulnerable. We are all thrust into a new situation of being isolated to our homes. We trust that you will take head of the expectations on all of us as a community to keep this virus away.

This will be a difficult time for most of us in different ways as we adjust to these new restrictions, however most of us have friends and family that we can call on when we need an encouraging word. We are particularly concerned for the most vulnerable in our community who are on their own and may need help. They may need some groceries and can't get out, or just need someone to talk to.

The following list of people are willing to be contacted for various needs, and will endeavour to help you out. While we also are isolated to our homes, we can endeavour to help you in some way, or put you on to someone who can.

Ken	Whangarei District Council	0272920524
Rick	Whangarei Regional Council	021823770
Trevor	President of Lions Club	021908838
Tom	Waipu Presbyterian Church	4320534
Richard	Bream Bay Anglican Church	4321445
Mary	Langs Beach Residents Assoc	0272968151
Bruce	Waipu Business Ass	0274988701
Maurice	Waipu Rate Payers Group	0272589880
Debbie		021618 492
Mary-Anne	Waipu Civil Defence	0274744445
Marilyn	Bream Bay News	0274320070

## Angel Phone Connection

Four weeks in isolation is a long time. There is a concern particularly for those on their own, who do not have family to phone them on a regular basis to check how they are. We would like to establish an Angel Phone Connection for people who are isolated, alone and afraid. We need volunteer angels, as well as knowing those who need support. If you would be willing to be an Angel and make phone contact with someone on a daily basis please make let us know through the above numbers and we will link you up. If you are alone and would appreciate someone (an angel) making contact with you each day to confirm you are OK – please contact one of the above people.

Alternatively you could email.  
 Waipupresby@xtra.co.nz  
 Or: breambaynews@xtra.co.nz

### ONE TREE POINT AND RUAKAKA COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Phone Louise 027 301 9591 if you need help to pick up groceries and prescriptions, get to medical appointments or to walk your dog

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## Bream Bay's young sports stars miss out on national competitions they have trained hard for



Abby Wright in action on the football field.

If you are starting to find four weeks of lockdown a bit restrictive spare a thought for some our up and coming sports stars.

Five young members of the Bream Bay swimming club: Keria Carroll, Rebecca Reade, Abby Wright, Sam Dutton and Luca Matenga had qualified for the National Age Group competitions and were due to fly to Wellington last Monday for this event.

Rebecca had also qualified for the New Zealand Open Championships which were due to be held in Auckland on 31 March to 4 April but have now been postponed indefinitely.

A further seven young swimmers: Amy Swanson, Lilly Matenga, Ryan Andrews, Fidel Poulsen, Issiahs Linton, Lawrence Reade and Grace Kemp had qualified for the Division Two competition due to be held in Dunedin in May.

The NZ Secondary Schools Ocean swim Championships on 21st March 2 was also cancelled as was the Mt Maunganui ocean swim and the Auckland Harbour Swim.

These young people all trained for these competitions six days a week for 12 months. They trained though the summer holidays and since school began in February have been getting up early to train in the Bream Bay College pool from 5.45am to 7.15am or, on alternate days, do dry land workouts with weights and running.

Maree Wright. Abby's mother said, "It's disappointing for the kids but they will all be stronger for next year.

Abby will also be missing out on a New Zealand Football under 19s Championship which she had qualified for which was due to be held in Wellington in July and playing in a women's team in the Australian National Titles Tournament in Melbourne in September, She is hoping there will be a championship starting in late May for her Northland Women's Team.

In the meantime she is doing her best to train while the lockdown is on with hill work and lamppost sprinting in the streets of Ruakaka south near her home, some road cycles, football drills, beach walks and daily Les Mills classes on TV1.

Bream Bay Swim Club Coach, Richard Dunkerton catches up with his swimmers every couple of days online and by phone to check they are keeping up their fitness. as does the Northland women's football coach – Bee Witt-Green who posts weekly challenges for her players.

For support with grief, anxiety, distress or mental wellbeing, you can call or text the "Need to Talk?" service on 1737. This service is free, available 24 hours a day 7 days a week and gives you the chance to talk to a trained counsellor.