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Rental properties are hard to find in Bream Bay

Ruakākā School Principal Marilyn Dunn said, "Its really sad. Aucklanders are moving up here and buying up the houses that were previously rentals. A number of our families have been forced to move away because the houses they were living in have been sold and they just can't find another rental in the area. Val Klink on the front desk at One Tree Point School also knows of a few families who have been forced to move away because of the impossibility of finding an affordable rental property here.

There have been no adverts for rental properties in the classified section of the Bream Bay News for many months. In fact, there have been more rentals wanted adverts than rentals available.

Andrew Munford, who previously ran a regular advert for units in the block of flats he own in Camellia Ave, Ruakākā, said if he were to place an advert he is likely to receive around 160 phone calls from people looking for somewhere to live.

"You can't advertise. You get pummeled and you can only say 'yes' to one person."

Even without running any advertising he gets frequent calls from people looking for accommodation.

Andrew charges \$300 for the one-bedroom units and \$350 for two bedrooms. He said if he were to raise the rent by \$50 per unit, "no-one would bat an eyelid."

He believes that reforms to the Residential Tenancies Act are making things more difficult for people on "Struggle Street."

It has become much more difficult to terminate a tenancy and in most situations the landlord needs to give 90 days notice.

For example, If a landlord wants to evict someone for regularly not paying the rent on time there need to be three separate occasions in a 90 day period when the rent has been more than five working days late and the landlord needs to have given the tenant written notice about the risk of termination on each of these occasions.

A similar routine needs to be followed if you want to evict someone for repeated anti social behaviour.

"Whereas in the past you might want to give someone a chance now you can't. You need to ask for references and do your research."



A live display of Body Art was part of the entertainment at the Bream Bay Combined Arts Group Expo held in the Marsden Cove marquee over Anniversary weekend. Body artist Jake Tait, on the right, with her model Robert Pendergrast met on the set of a zombie film where Jake was working as a make up artist.

More Art Expo photos on page 14.



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EDITORIAL

Urgent action is needed to ease Bream Bay's acute affordable housing shortage

I disagree with some of the positions Councillor Ken Couper has taken since he has been a Bream Bay representative on the Whangārei District Council.

I don't think any public money, whether from the Council or central Government should go into the Uruku Conference and Events Centre. I just don't think the project stacks up and who would it benefit if it did?

I don't like the idea of electing Whangārei District Councillors across the district either. How will we work out who is who and what each of the candidates stands for? Reading the election notes of the 10 or so Mayoral candidates and half a dozen Bream Bay Ward Councillor would-bes is bad enough. What do these carefully scripted blurbs tell us anyway? You need to dig a bit deeper if you want to vote responsibly.

However, if Councillor Couper is committed to doing something about the housing affordability I may very well cast my vote in his direction.

I think this is so important. When the standard rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Ruakākā has reached \$350 or \$400 and rental properties are almost impossible to find anyway things have become desperate.

It's been a long time since we ran a house of flat for rent advert in the classified section of the Bream Bay News. Andrew Munford, who owns an eight-unit block of flats in Camellia Ave in Ruakākā, said he could quickly fill any vacancies by word of mouth. If he places an advert he is likely to receive up to 160 calls. People ring him all the time asking if he has anything available. He finds it hard as despite all those often-desperate enquiries he can only say "yes to one person".

Marilyn Dunn, the Principal of Ruakākā Primary, reports that families whose children are settled and happy at her school are being forced to move away because they can't find rentals. She believes people who can't afford houses in Auckland are buying up rental houses and moving here. It is then impossible for the displaced families, to find another local rental even if they can afford to pay the asking rents. She finds this sad.

Val Klink, on the front desk at One Tree Point School, also knows of families forced to move away because they can't find rentals.

We have to do something about this. Do we want Bream Bay to become one big retirement village? We need children around to keep us all on our toes, to make us laugh, to give us hope.

People shouldn't have to drive from Dargaville to work in our local industries. What kind of family life remains when you spend all that time travelling?

Multiple families shouldn't have to crowd into small houses. This leads to all kinds of stresses and health problems. Families shouldn't be forced to live in garages, tents and caravans. People shouldn't be paying such high rents that having enough money left over to buy food and pay for other necessities becomes a daily struggle. And there should be pathways so that people who are prepared to work and save can buy their own homes.

Housing is a basic human right. How can people live good, productive, happy lives while they are under so much stress finding and paying for somewhere to live? How can their children thrive?

The housing affordability problem has been with us for a long time now and it seems to be getting worse not better. It's a hard one to crack but surely with goodwill and focus something can be done. I imagine a well-designed sub division with parks and walkways somewhere in Bream Bay. It would have streets lined with attractive and comfortable little houses on sections big enough for a tree with a swing and a veggie garden for those that want this and maybe some apartments for those who don't.

Affordable housing doesn't need to be in slums. Driving around Bream Bay sometimes it seems that this is what is happening in the absence of any alternatives. Sorting out our affordable housing crises is going to take some co-operation between the Government's housing agency Kāinga Ora, the Whangārei District Council, development companies, iwi and our community in general. Councillor Couper has been appointed to a new housing strategy committee which aims to work with all the above. Hopefully before too much longer we will see some progress.

Marilyn

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going on in Bream Bay.**

Bream Bay College students adjusting well to mask wearing rules

Students are adapting “really, really well” to the new rules around mask wearing Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland said after the first day in 2022 with students from all year levels present last Thursday 3 February.

All students in Year 4 and over are required to wear masks in the classroom as are their teachers. The masks can be removed in the playground.

Mr. Buckland said there were a few students with medical conditions such as asthma who could not wear masks who had exemptions. There was also the option for students to attend lessons via zoom and around 30 had opted to do this.

As a result there has not been a surge in families deciding to home school their children, which has been experienced at other schools.

There is even a Year 10 girl attending Bream Bay College classes via Zoom from America. The girl's father has a job here and the rest of the family is waiting for spots in Managed Isolation and Quarantine – MIQ, before they can join him.

Mr. Buckland reports that Bream Bay College students performed well in last year's NCEA examinations with results 3% higher across all three levels (Year 11, 12 and 13) than the national average. These results are likely to improve some more when an adjustment is made for schools in Auckland and Northland for the time these regions spent in lockdowns. He attributes some of this success to the ease in which Bream Bay students can move between face to face learning in the classroom and on line learning. He said all classes are now able to be followed on line, although this is more difficult for some of the practical subjects such as carpentry and horticulture.

Mr. Buckland said staff are trying to keep the school programme as normal as possible although adjustments need to be made.

The swimming sports, the first big sporting event on the school calendar will be held on 23 and 24 February with a single one hour period allocated to each year level. Year 7 students will compete at the start of the day and return to their normal classrooms to make way for the Year 8s to compete etc.

The Year 13 leadership camp can not be held as overnight stays are off the agenda but the senior students will go on several day trips together instead..

The school athletics day will be held later in the year in Term 3 or Term 4 if restrictions are eased by then. Mr. Buckland said lots of parents and other whanau members like to attend the athletics day and as the school grounds are so open it would be impossible to control people coming in and out.

The school ball will also need to be held later in the year possibly at the end of Term 2.

The beach as a landing strip

Photo by Constable Joe Beaumont



People on the beach were surprised when this light plane touched down on the sand near Tip Rd. on Saturday morning 29 January. Constable Joe Beaumont, who was patrolling the beach at the time, checked with Sergeant Simon Craig if this was legal and was surprised to learn that it is. Sergeant Craig said he had checked with Civil Aviation on another occasion when he had encountered a plane on the beach and had been told that the beach could be used as a landing strip.

Ruakākā School Principal adamant her school will not host a vaccination clinic

Marilyn Dunn, Principal of Ruakākā Primary School, said she is proud of how the children are adapting to the new Red Light Covid 19 rules. All children in Year 4 and above are required to wear masks in classrooms. Mrs. Dunn said a few, have mask exemptions and these could be accommodated by seating them in well-ventilated places beside open windows. To make things easier for the children, areas have been set up outside each classroom where children can take their work outside if they need a break from mask wearing. The school went ahead with its usual start of year powhiri to welcome new families, which Mrs. Dunn said she considered very important.

Children were separated into groups to watch and only the families of the new children could attend.

A few of the school's families have decided to home school. Mrs. Dunn said for some, who are strongly opposed to vaccinations, it was the fear that schools will become vaccination centres. She is adamant that Ruakākā Primary would not be hosting a Covid 19 vaccination clinic on behalf of the Northland District Health Board.

She said while she supports people taking their children for vaccinations elsewhere she wanted the school to remain as a safe place and didn't want to invite the kind of antagonisms the Covid 19 vaccination debate has ignited into the school.



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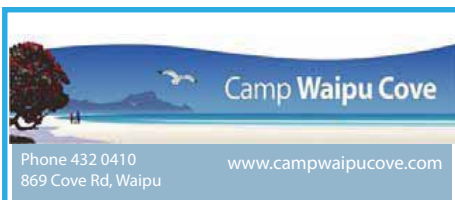
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Can you help with an online survey on seaweed strandings in Bream Bay?

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The Waipu Cove Reserve Trust Board has commissioned Cawthron Institute to design a monitoring programme of algae on the shore and in the water column in the area.

The survey has been designed as a Citizens Science project with members of the Waipu Cove and Bream Bay community encouraged to take part.

The survey can also be found at:
<https://arcg.is/1Hm91L>.

Walkways at Ranburn Village are not cycleways or for skateboards

Following the article in the latest Bream Bay News the Doctors Surgery in the grounds of Ranburn Retirement Village, as residents in the independent cottages, we would be so happy for patients of the surgery to respect the villagers living in close proximity.

This is our home, so please, do not leave yapping dogs in your car. Do not leave your engine running to keep your car cool, we get the fumes.

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Imagine how you would feel if someone used your driveway/ garden area for the above.

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*Kia Kaha
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All those new houses haven't led to more children at local schools

The start of year rolls at our local schools have fallen at three of our four Bream Bay schools despite all the new residential housing which has been built here in the past 12 months.

Ruakākā is the only local school to experience a roll growth with 313 children enrolled last Wednesday the first day of term. This school began 2021 with 298 children.

Waipu Primary had 220 children enrolled last week with Term One due to start on Tuesday 8 February. This is three less than its 2021 start of school roll.

There is also a slight drop off in the roll at One Tree Point Primary with 206 children expected on the first

day of school – Tuesday 8 February compared with 212 at the beginning of 2021. The drop is partly explained by a large particularly large cohort of 39 Year 6 children in 2021 who have gone on to secondary school.

The Bream Bay College roll on Wednesday 3 February the first day with all students back at school, stood at 560, a drop of 25 students on its 2021 start of year roll which was 285.

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POLICE REPORT

Man found unresponsive in waves at Langs Beach

A 76-year-old man was found unresponsive in the waves at Langs Beach at around 4pm on 28 January. Preliminary reports suggest this was a drowning although a coroner's report has yet to be issued. The man was a resident of Langs Beach.

Licence suspended for exceeding speed limit on SH1

A vehicle was clocked by Police travelling at 149km an hour on State Highway One at Waipu at 3pm on 29 January. The driver a 42-year-old Mangawhai man returned a breath test result of 349 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The legal limit is 250 micrograms. He has been issued with an infringement notice and his driver's licence has been suspended for 28 days.

124kmph in an 80km zone

A 33-year-old Waipu man has had his licence suspended for 28 days after he was found to be travelling at 124km per hour in an 80km zone just out of Waipu at 11am on 3 February.

12 family harm incidents

In the fortnight Monday 24 January to Monday 7 February Bream Bay Police attended 12 family harm incidents.

Car stolen from Tamure Rd.

There have been four attempts to steal vehicles in the Tamure Rd. area in the past fortnight as well as a stolen car. On 3 February a car was left with its motor running in the street in order to charge its battery and the thief took advantage of the situation and drove away. The car, which has not yet been recovered, is a silver Toyota Belta with the number plate: KFG861.

Four vehicle crash outside Atlas Quarries on SH1

Four vehicles were involved in a crash alongside Atlas Quarries on the southern side of the Brynderwyn Hill at 6.30am on 1 February. A northbound driver failed to see a vehicle turning right into the quarry and struck the turning vehicle as well as two others. A 21-year-old Ruakākā woman has been charged with driving while disqualified and careless use of a motor vehicle.

Crash result of travelling too fast for the road in wet conditions

There was a single car crash on the southern side of the Brynderwyn Hill when a driver was travelling too fast for the road in wet conditions at 6am on 2 February. No one was hurt.

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Public invited to help with survey on the red seaweed strandings at Waipu Cove



Red seaweed piled up on the beach at Waipu Cove

People are invited to take part in an online survey to help arrive at a better understanding of the causes and extent of the piles of seaweed which accumulate on the beach and in the water at Waipu Cove in the summertime.

The thick blanket of reddish seaweed which collects on the beach, and washes up into the warm shallow water of the stream at the its southern end has a negative effect on tourism and the ecology of the beach and the Waipu Cove Reserve Trust Board has commissioned a study by the Cawthorn

Institute to gain a better understanding of the potential causes and extent of the problem.

Accordingly the institute has designed a survey to record the frequency and extent of the algal blooms. The survey can be found at <https://arcs.is/1Hm91L>. It has nine simple questions all designed to be answered by non-professional volunteers. Participants are also invited to send in a photo of a piece of the weed they encounter.

The goal is to compile a 2-5 year data set that could be used to identify patterns and perhaps predict when the algal strandings will occur.

Native trees to replace sprawling wattle and wilding pines on Tamure Place reserve

Wattle and wilding pines will be removed from a Whangārei District Council reserve at Tamure Place, Ruakākā to make way for 500 natives with local residents invited to participate in the autumn planting. Parks Technical officer Chris Beard said a fire through the northern part of the reserve last year threatened homes on Tamure Place and the remaining scrub continued to be a fire hazard.

He said removing the fire-prone non-native trees that were growing over boundaries

and creating hazards for neighbouring homes would be staged over a number of years.

Letters had gone out to homes in the neighbourhood, inviting people to respond and this had resulted in several meetings.

"The pines are growing at a rapid rate and will quickly become a greater risk to properties, more expensive and hazardous, the longer we leave removal. New, native plants will be less likely to sprawl and will provide a more diverse habitat for birds. I look forward to working with locals on the replanting.

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Plans for new Ruakākā Recreation Centre building almost ready to go to Council for approval

Building plans for the new Ruakākā Recreation Centre multi purpose centre stage one are almost complete and ready to be submitted to the Whangārei District Council reports project director Paul McDonald principal of the Whangārei based company NUCA Ltd.

The new building will incorporate two purpose build gyms for men and women and a space, which can be used for meetings and activities such as tai chi.

The building will be around 750 square metres in size and include a small kitchen and toilets. It will be built in the Tiki Place Park.

The project was granted \$2.5 million in July 2020 from the Provincial Growth Fund. It came under the category of shovel ready projects where construction would begin 12 months after the date of the grant.

Mr. McDonald has given assurances however that the grant remains.

The fund was boosted with an \$1million allocation by the Whangārei District Council in its 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan. This funding for the recreation centre project was not included in the Council's original LTP draft but was added after a flood of submissions from Ruakākā residents. The WDC funding is earmarked to build a new car park alongside the building.

Stage two of the project is an indoor sports hall with a ten metre high ceiling, big enough for volleyball, basketball and badminton and to double as an events centre. This second stage will require an additional \$5million.

Not much progress on Provincial Growth Fund tomato hot house project

There is not a lot of progress yet on the Rohe Produce Ltd plan to set up a giant tomato growing operation at Marsden Point.

Greg Prendergast, the company's managing director, told the Bream Bay News last week that the project had been held up due to Covid 19 constraints.

However he said investors are still interested in the scheme, which is to build and operate an 8.7-hectare hothouse with packing, sheds alongside to provide the

New Zealand market with tomatoes during the winter months. Around 110 permanent jobs would be created. Asked if he had secured a site for the hothouse yet, Mr. Prendergast said there were confidentiality clauses in place preventing him talking about this.

The proposal has secured a \$14 million loan from the Provincial Growth Fund, which Mr. Prendergast said is still available despite the hold up.

Sports Awards cancelled

The Bream Bay 2021 sports awards due to held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on 11 March have been called off.

The Bream Bay Sports committee met last week and decided that it would be impossible to stage the awards which draws around 300 people. Under the current red light covid protection settings only 100 people are permitted to gather at indoor venue.

Nominations received so far will be kept and submitted along with the 2022 nominations.

The committee hopes that this year's awards, which will be held early in 2023, will be bigger and better than ever.

The Bream Bay Sports Trust Committee is still

asking for the return of the trophies that were issued at the award ceremony held in March 2021 as it is anxious that these do not get lost.

Trophies can be handed in to either the Waipu Pharmacy or Unichem Orrs Pharmacy in the Ruakākā Towncentre.

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Why does Councillor Ken Couper want to be Mayor?



Councillor Ken Couper

At the end of our interview I asked Councillor Ken Couper what he thought his chances of winning the mayoralty of the Whangārei District in the October local government elections are. He asked what I thought.

Our current Mayor Sheryl Mai is retiring so the field is wide open. His success or otherwise will depend on who else throws their hat into the ring.

In Bream Bay, Councillor Couper is fairly well known. He grew up on a farm in Waipu and his parents Peter and Pat Couper have a longstanding involvement in this community. Peter once served as a Whangārei County Councillor and was instrumental in setting up the Saorsa Retirement Village.

Ken himself has served on the Board of Trustees of Waipu Primary School, is a director of the Otamatea Vet Club, coached teams for Waipu Rugby and was Chairman of the Waipu Museum board.

The Museum position drew him some ire when the board engaged a consultant to look into the viability of expanding the museum into the Hammer Hardware building on the opposite side of the road. This proposal had actually been suggested by Ken's predecessor Councillor Phil Halse and made some sense at the time as Waipu's main street retailers and commercial

building owners were worried about the empty space left behind in the street if Hammer Hardware relocated. Ken saw this as a possible opportunity that needed to be investigated but people got upset about what they considered a waste of museum funds and a perceived move away from the Museum's focus on the Nova Scotian migration.

Despite the unpopularity this gave him in some quarters, Ken won the 2019 Bream Bay Ward Councillor election with a comfortable majority of 800.

Councillor Ken Couper seems good at picking unpopular causes. Last November he voted against the Council decision to drop its funding support for the Oruku Landing conference and events centre development. Eighty percent of the plus 5,000 submissions the Council received on this proposal were against a ratepayer contribution for the development. Councillor Couper explained that what he voted for was an amendment put by Councillor Phil Halse for a reduced Council contribution. The Oruku Landing project had a \$60 million

commitment from the Government's Shovel Ready fund and Councillors Couper and Halse thought the new reduced offer might still allow Whangārei to keep this Government contribution.

He voted in favour of doing away with ward councillors so that in October we could be electing our Whangārei District Councillors at large across the whole district. Both the Waipu and Ruakāka Ratepayers Associations have put in submissions opposing this new voting arrangement. The Local Government Commission is reviewing the objections and is expected to give its decision in April 2022.

Councillor Couper explained that he felt district wide elections would lead to better quality representation and less divisiveness around the table where Councillors often are looking out for their own patches. He said when councillors take their oath of office they promise to work for the whole district and the ward voting system puts them at odds with this oath.

His latest stand, where he has called for more transparency in Council spending, is likely to be seen more favourably by the general public as well as winning him some name recognition across the district. In December 2021 Councillor Couper called for a review of the Council's budget for the Civic Centre,

currently under construction, the cost for which has risen from \$38 million back in 2019 to \$55 million in December 2021. This proposal was lost in a vote in the Council chamber. Councillor Couper said he has been asking for more transparency on the cost overruns for the Civic Centre for the past six months and this is not a ploy to win election.

As a local example of Council over-the-top spending he points to the \$170,000 spend on the Waipu Cove cycle and walkway bridge.

"Any farmer could have put in that culvert for less than \$50,000."

Introducing a more businesslike approach to how Council funds are spent and contracts are supervised is one of the reasons he gives for standing for the mayoralty.

Another reason is that he wants to see the Council give more recognition to the district as a whole and to pay more attention to its rural areas and small towns.

One of his qualifications for the job of Mayor he says is having been in the business of running his farm for 30 years.

Another is that he has spent a three-year apprenticeship as a Councillor and has gained an understanding of the complexities of how the Council operates.

He is aware that he will be seen as yet another white, comfortably off man but says he makes an effort to meet and cultivate friendships amongst people who are different from himself.

He is concerned about growing inequity in society and sees the cost of housing as being a key cause of this problem. He was recently appointed to the Council's new housing strategy sub-committee which will work with central Government, developers, community groups and hapu to try to improve this situation. He says, while in New Zealand it is the job of the Government housing agency Kāinga Ora to build social housing, the Council needs to make sure it has planning rules in place to facilitate this.

As a member of the Northland Foundation, Ken helped raise funds for the Jim Carney cancer treatment centre at Whangārei Hospital, which many Northland people have benefited from ever since it was built in 2014.

Asked if he would enjoy the demands of the mayoralty and having to attend all those official functions – Councillor Couper said, "Well you get to meet a lot of interesting people and I wouldn't mind."

But he says he would be delegating and it is sometimes more appropriate that a chair of a particular committee attend a ceremony than the Mayor.

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WAIPU TENNIS CLUB REPORT

By Club Captain Paul Ramsay

Our courts are humming five times a week with people playing tennis this year. After a couple of "practice" nights club nights are up and running. Interclub gets the ball rolling on Monday nights when our team Waipu Raiders take on other clubs in Northland. At the moment the Raiders lie in 7th place but have much loftier goals for the post-Christmas competition. Tuesday nights will follow the same format as before Christmas. 32 players have opted to take part. They are in eight teams and will play each other before the season ends in early April.

Wednesday night sees the reintroduction of ladies' nights. We would love to see more ladies involved so talk to a friend, leave your partner in charge and escape for some exercise and socialising at 6pm each week. Come along and tell Steve what you want in regards to play and coaching.

Thursday night is the Sawmill competition. Eight teams are battling it out each week for the \$500 of sponsorship from Sawmill.

On Saturdays Junior and Intermediate tennis started on 12 February. It is never too late to join. Club champs for this level will be held during March so hop along and improve your tennis skills.

Hopefully our prize giving will be held on Sunday 27 March. This is open to all club members and all Juniors and Intermediates will get a small reward for their efforts this season. Keep this day free and we will let you know details in mid March.

Our Waipu One Set Wonder doubles tournament is on February 19 starting at 12 noon and going through until about 7pm with dinner and great prizes included. This is open to all players no matter what your ability. It is graded so you should end up playing people of similar ability to yourself.

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

Bream Bay Cricket's men's team unbeaten in 50/40 series



The Bream Bay Cricket Men's Team in action against Kamo in a game on the Bream Bay College fields on Saturday 5 February.

Bream Bay Cricket's men's team has won the Northland 50/40 Declaration Cricket Reserve Grade competition for the first time.

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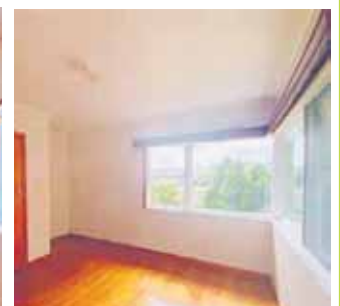
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Thu 17 Feb	9.10	2.6	9.26	2.5
Fri 18 Feb	9.49	2.6	10.07	2.5
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Tue 22 Feb	12.17	2.6	12.35	2.7
Wed 23 Feb	1.04	2.6	1.22	2.6
Thu 24 Feb	1.56	2.5	2.13	2.6
Fri 25 Feb	2.54	2.5	3.10	2.5

Bream Bay swimmers make the most of three-day age group carnival



Above: Jackson Whitehead swimming backstroke



Right - Timba Linton adds another personal best time to the pb board

Bream Bay swimmers made the most of competing at the recent Northland Age Group Championships in Dargaville.

The three-day carnival went ahead at the outdoor pool under Covid-19 red traffic light conditions with separate "bubbles" for spectators, officials and swimmers, and vaccine passes required from everyone aged over 12 years. Around 90 swimmers from six clubs around the Northland region took part, including 13 from Bream Bay.

Bream Bay coach Richard Dunkerton says he was impressed with his swimmer's 81% personal best time rate.

Dunkerton says it was a brilliant weekend weather-wise. "Everything was in the swimmers' favour. It's the first time I can remember that all sessions were good."

Swimmers Lawrence Reade, Fidel Poulson and Iza-

iah Linton had their share of top times he says, and although they didn't swim many personal best times, they performed as he expected them to.

"They swam well and got their just reward."

Other swimmers who impressed him were Noah Martin (14) who excelled with eight personal best times, a gold, three silver and a bronze medal while Jackson Whitehead (14) also had a good pb rate. Mahko Linton (13) swam nine pbs from his nine swims.

"Another one who swam well was Timba Linton (11) with six placings and seven pbs from his seven swims."

Izaiah Linton qualified for April's National Age Group Championships in 50m backstroke. He and teammates Fidel Poulson and Lawrence Reade have met the qualifying times for several swims at the National Division II Age Group Championships scheduled for May in Dunedin.

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Study finds katipō - but not that many, in Bream Bay's sand dunes

A Northec student has conducted a study of katipo spiders in the Bream Bay dunes. Dūnyam Pepperell recently finished her final year of a Bachelor of Applied Science, majoring in biodiversity management. Little is known about the presence and density of Northland's katipō population, so her research project concentrated on measuring the population at two large Bream Bay sites.

Unlike the red spotted katipō found elsewhere in New Zealand, the Northland katipō is completely black. The name katipō translates to English as night stinger and the black katipo bite is assumed to be just as poisonous as the red katipō. But because of the katipō's increasing rarity and non-aggressive nature bites are rare. Typical symptoms of katipō bites include pain at the bite site, which may spread to other areas, becoming more intense over the next few hours. People may also experience sweating, difficulty in breathing and abdominal cramps. Mild symptoms can generally be managed at home with oral pain relief such as paracetamol and ibuprofen. If symptoms were to become more severe seek medical attention.

Katipō nest around the bases of the fore dune species pingao and kōhangatara (spinifex) where you can sometimes see their webs. Katipō also nest in driftwood, which beach-goers often take for fires, removing valuable habitat and sometimes killing the spiders. Pepperell found there were just 2-3 katipō per 1000m² (roughly equivalent to five tennis courts) in Bream Bay's sand dunes.

"That isn't many. It's about 10 times lower than what people have found in the past in Wellington, or Kaitōrete Spit in Canterbury. I think the population is quite low," she says.

"Katipō is a taonga species, an at-risk species, and people are surprised when they learn we have katipō here. A lot of people haven't seen them."

Northland Regional Council (NRC), Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board and Northec are collaborating on a pilot study to come up with methods others can use to monitor and protect their local sand dunes. The presence of native invertebrates, such as the rare katipō, is one sign of a healthy dune.

Bream Bay was chosen because there are already environmental projects, from pest and weed control to planting, happening in different dune areas. Assessing the current state of dunes in places where work is going on versus areas where no work is occurring, and monitoring trends over time, will help identify quick, easy methods for other groups doing dune restoration work.

The dune monitoring study involves assessing the general health of a dune system and the life in it: butterflies, birds, insects, invertebrates and plants. NRC and Patuharakeke are using tracking tunnels to measure the presence of lizards and skinks, have installed shelters for lizards, and are using wax tags to monitor for possums and rats. To assess vegetation, they record species along transect lines through the dunes, and use GPS to accurately re-assess them each year.

Patuharakeke's taiao unit regularly does dune advocacy around Bream Bay, encouraging people to stop driving over and disturbing dunes. Unit coordinator Ari Carrington says gathering data to back up their message of protecting dune habitats is vital.

"It's important to do this work because dunes are culturally significant as tohu [signs], and indicators of what's happening in the environment.

Aru said there are also lots of sensitive archaeological sites in the dunes.

"An unhealthy dune has more weedy, exotic plants and non-native animals, which is a sign of what's happening further down or up the chain. It's really important for us to make sure that mātauranga [knowledge] is flowing, and assess how can we help bring it back to what it was. Even though this is concentrated on katipō, we're still taking note of what else is going on around the dunes."

NRC councillor Jack Craw, who chairs the biosecurity and biodiversity working party, says they're pleased to work with Patuharakeke and benefit from the data gathered through student-led research.

"Dunes are a precious part of Northland's ecosystem, and an important line of defence against coastal inundation. But they're also fragile, and getting accurate data about dune health is vital so we can learn the best ways to protect them," said Councillor Craw.



Ari Carrington of Patuharakeke's Taiao Unit and Loren Carr of the NRC checking out what creatures are living in the Bream Bay dunes.



A black Northland katipō spider

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A busy Anniversary weekend

Anniversary Weekend from Saturday 29 – Monday 31 January 2022 was a busy time in Bream Bay. The weather was find , the campgrounds were packed and droves of people attended the two big events being held here: the Waipu Street and Park Market and the Bream Bay Combined Arts Expo and Sale in the Marquee at Marsden Cove. If it wasn't for the masks, the scanning in and being required to show your vaccination certificates at indoor venues it almost felt like we were back in the good old pre Covid days.

Right: Ben Fernmoor on the left and Janine Williams with members of the newly formed Whangarei Morris Dancers gave a performance at the entrance to the Caledonian Park and were a new addition to the Waipu Market

Below: Wendy van der Wal demonstrated her spinning skills at the Bream Bay Combined Arts Expo. Wendy is a member of the Bream Bay Arts Fibre Group.

Below right: Daisy Rawson with sons Fred, aged 5, and Jack - 4 were intrigued by the bright colours in an exhibit of painting on glass by Maree Gutry.



Woodworker Greg Stewart at the Waipu market with an example of his craft. Greg also makes chopping boards and wooden kitchen implements from totara found on this South Rd. property.



Sue Stephens and Vicki Sullivan of Ruakākā did a brisk sale in sun hats from their street stall at the Waipu market.

The new Bream Bay News online community guide

Susan McRae of The Bream Bay News has been compiling a directory of community groups and clubs in the Bream Bay area with contact details for each. This has been posted on the Bream Bay News website and we would like to hear about any omissions so we can add these to the list.

The listing is for non-profit clubs and groups only and for groups based in Bream Bay.

Please email: breambaynews@xtra.co.nz if you would like your group to be added. Please include Bream Bay News Directory in the subject line.

Waipu to host youth circus festival

Waipu will host the Second Annual National Youth Circus Festival in May 2022 - Covid restrictions allowing.

"This will be a big event for the community" said Achmed Abman who holds circus classes for children in the Waipu Coronation Hall.

The event has funding from Creative NZ and is organised by Circability, which runs community circus-training programmes in Auckland. Achmed will be "the local man on the ground."

The festival will be held in both the Coronation Hall and the Celtic Barn. There will be both workshops and performances and perhaps a parade through Waipu. Achmed said having two big halls side by side made Waipu a good venue for this event.

He said some of the young people who will be taking the stage have reached a very high skill standard and will be exciting to watch.

The festival will be held from 13 - 15 May and is for young people aged 14 to 24.

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- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET**. Next on Sunday 20 February in the marquee at Marsden Cove, 9am - 1pm..
- **OTP MARKET**. At OTP Primary school Sunday February 27 from 9am - 1pm. Call Sue 021 530 153 to book a stall. Profits donated to Whangārei Hospital children's ward.
- **BREAM BAY SPORTS AWARDS** With guest speaker Elisa McCartney. In the Waipu Celtic Barn on Friday 11 March has been cancelled.
- **WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW** Waipu Caledonian Park - Postponed until 3 April. Vaccination passes will be needed.
- **THE RED DOOR GALLERY**. New work by 60, mostly Northland, artists. Runs until the end of January. Gallery open Friday - Sunday 10am - 4pm. The gallery is in the old Waipu Fire Station on The Braigh.
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10.50am	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus	

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4.10pm	Waipū Cove Beach Car park	
4.15pm	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads	
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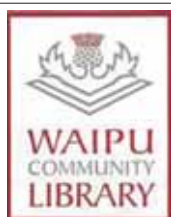
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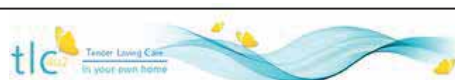
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