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The population of Bream Bay grew by 2216 in the five years between the 2013 and 2018 census. On 6 March 2018 the resident population here was recorded as 9582.

For census purposes our area is made up of four distinct areas: the area named Bream Bay, takes in the rural territory stretching from One Tree Point to Waipu and includes Takahiwai.

Ruakaka covers a narrow coastal strip from south of the Ruakaka estuary north to Marsden Bay. Waipu includes Waipu Cove and Langs Beach.

Marsden Bay takes in residential One Tree Point, Marsden Bay and Marsden Cove. Out of these four areas, the biggest population increase occurred in Marsden Bay where the population went up by 714 to 2208.

Waipu also experienced a big population increase with an extra 633 people bringing the 2018 recorded population to 2,715.

Ruakaka grew by 577 to 2,586 and Bream Bay (rural area) by 432 to 2073.

The population of both Waipu and Marsden Bay grew by more than 30%, placing these two locations amongst the fastest growth areas in New Zealand.

Release of 2018 census data has been delayed while the NZ Department of Statistics filled in the gaps using administrative data after a low 88.8% return of census night forms.

John Thode and his Greenworld



Plant man John Thode with a bunch of bananas grown in his One Tree Point *Greenworld* wholesale nursery. John grows a range of tropical and sub-tropical plants and says a warming climate means plants, which were once marginal here, can now thrive.

See story and more photos on pages 10 and 11.



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ELECTION MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE In the last issue of the BB News I mistakenly said the Waipu meet the Whangarei electorate candidates evening in the Presbyterian Church Hall on 22 September would start at 8pm. The correct start time is 6pm. Blame my old eyes. A Ruakaka meet the Whangarei and Te Tai Tokerau candidates evening will be held in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre in Takutai Place on Friday 25 September at 7pm.



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EDITORIAL

Trumpism in Waipu

It defies belief that after all the terrible things he has said and done; the constant lying, his disastrous mis-handling of the Covid 19 epidemic, his disregard for the institutions that uphold democracy in a nation that prides itself on its democratic credentials, President Donald Trump still holds a more than 40% approval rating in the USA. How can so many people be so stupid?

But it's not just in America. That crazy stuff is here too. Those large billboards featuring the arrogant faces of the *Advance NZ Party* leaders Jami Lee Ross and Billy Te Kahika, which have been installed at prominent locations at the entrances to Waipu and Ruakaka send a chill down my spine.

Just to refresh memories, Jami Lee Ross is a (now independent) Member of Parliament, representing the Auckland constituency of Botany. As an MP he takes the title *The Honorable* Jami Lee Ross but his career in our House of Representatives has been anything but honorable. He resigned from the National Party in October 2018 on the same day the National Party voted to expel him after he was accused of leaking details about National Party leader Simon Bridges' travel expenses. Mr. Ross is currently one of four people facing charges by the Serious Fraud Office for splitting a \$100,000 donation to the National Party from Chinese businessman Zhang Yikun into eight different bank accounts so the donor could not be traced. He has pleaded not guilty to this charge. The donation came to light when he went public and accused Simon Bridges of corruption for the part he said his party leader played in accepting and hiding this money.

In February this year a Parliamentary Services Investigation substantiated a number of complaints about Mr. Ross's behaviour towards his office staff, including bullying and sexualised comments towards female staff members. The investigation also revealed the married MP had entered into at least two sexual relationships with his staff members and would sometimes "fly into incoherent rages".

With all this stacked up against him you would think Mr Ross would retire quietly to a remote place to lick his wounds and seek redemption. Just like President Trump, Jami Lee Ross appears to have no shame.

In April 2020 Mr. Ross announced the formation of his new political party *Advance New Zealand* and soon afterwards that this party would amalgamate with Billy Te Kahika's *New Zealand Public Party*.

Mr. Te Kahika expounds some wild conspiracy theories, amongst these that Covid 19 is an international

plot to take away people's civil liberties and enforce vaccinations. In fact he seems to have taken up the causes and, consequently, collected a following from a range of out-there thinkers: anti vaxxers, opponents of 1080, gun lobbyists, people who think the United Nations is an evil superforce plotting to turn the whole world to communism - you name it, his policies embrace them.

Mr. Kahika is standing in Te Tai Tokerau seat, which he is unlikely to win. But how much damage can the spread of his views do to our Covid 19 defense response? We have seen riots overseas where people object to stay home and mask wearing restrictions. By not following best practice health guidelines people with these misplaced ideas have the capacity to undermine the efforts and sacrifices made by everyone else. The idea that the Covid 19 pandemic is some kind of hoax is also highly insulting to all those people who have fallen ill and died from this disease and to all the public health officials and front line health providers, the NZ Army who oversee our isolation facilities, the NZ Police and many others who are working hard to protect us all.

Perhaps it is a good thing to have conspiracy theorists voicing their ideas publicly from a political party platform, rather than in the dark recesses of social media sites most of us never want to visit. We can see what we are dealing with. We can listen to what they are saying and point out the lies and misinformation. But a mountain of fact checking (there are journalists working on this full time) hasn't done much to change the views of a large portion of the American public on their incumbent President.

A post on the *Advance NZ* facebook page used edited parts of a speech in Parliament by Government Minister Megan Woods to make the false claim that our government had passed legislation, which would force all NZ citizens to undergo a Covid 19 vaccination when one becomes available. This style of fear mongering based on blatant lies is a feature of Trump political campaigns.

The *Advance NZ* party has a date to speak in Waipu this evening. I am planning to go along to listen, although I am a bit loath to pay the \$20 entry fee to a party, which has values very different to my own. But I want to see how much interest and support this stuff has locally. I will be wearing a face mask so am wondering if I will be allowed in?

Marilyn

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Planting in the Ruakaka dunes



Eli Malota plants spinifex in the dunes near the Ruakaka Wildlife Refuge with the Northland Regional Council's Coastcare Co-ordinator Laura Shaft. Eli's Ruakaka School class spent Friday 21 August working with Laura and Bream Bay Coastal Care members clearing weeds and planting spinifex and pingao.

Affordable housing shortage is rife

Shaun Damora of the Bream Bay Community Support Trust said the problem of people unable to find affordable housing is rife and it is not just in Ruakaka. It's everywhere. People regularly come into the trust looking for help in finding somewhere to live and BBCST staff work with the Ministry of Social Development as well as local landlords and letting agencies to do what they can to help. "It's a really big issue."

Andrew Munford has a block of eight one and two bedroom rental units in Camellia Ave, Ruakaka, the former ? motel which he rents out from \$275 a week. Although he has lots of enquiries when he advertises these units sometimes he has difficulty finding tenants who can supply references to give him the assurance that they are not going to be a disruptive presence in the units.

He is concerned about new legislation, which he said would make it difficult to evict troublesome tenants. He says the legislation is likely to make it even harder for people to find affordable rental accommodation.

Brent Casey also has some rental properties but he said he mostly rents these out as furnished lodgings to work gangs. He is currently renting a Ruakaka property to a team working for Transpower on cleaning ruakaka's electricity pylons.

He said the last person he tried to help was a man who had just had a relationship break up.

"I let him stay in a barn I have on a rural property. The Council came along and I copped a \$1,000 fine and then the guy disappeared still owing rent."

According to figures taken from the 2018 census there were 978 occupied private dwellings in Ruakaka. On the night of the census there were an additional 297 unoccupied private dwellings.

In Waipu, Langs Beach and Waipu Cove the ratio of occupied to unoccupied census night dwellings is even higher. On the night of the 2018 census there were 1137 occupied private dwellings in this part of the district while a further 597 more than a third of the total number of dwellings were unoccupied.

No home, so living in a tent

A young Ruakaka woman has been homeless, and living in a tent or couch surfing with relatives for five months because the Kainga Ora (Housing NZ) home her mother lives in already has eight people living there and this is the maximum permitted by that agency.

The young woman has a five-year-old daughter who also lived in the tent until her grandmother took her into the already crowded Kainga Ora house.

The young woman's mother said they have tried everything to find her daughter and granddaughter somewhere to live.

The daughter moved out of a house where she was living in March, two weeks before the first Covid 19 lockdown and has been homeless ever since. Asked why she moved out her mother said it was because other people in the house were "taking that stuff."

To begin with the young woman and her daughter were sleeping in a car but as the young mother does not have a driver's license her mother told her to sell the car.

The family had asked for help from the Ministry of Social Development but was told there was nothing available.

The mother is angry that a family from Auckland who she said was running away from people who the father owed money to were placed in an emergency house in Whangarei while her daughter is still living in a tent.

"They should be looking after our own people up here first."

The family has also sought a private rental by contacting local agencies and landlords but nothing has been available.

Contacted by the Bream Bay News a spokesperson for MSD Jerome Cvitanovich phoned to say that if this young woman's plight was as bad as described MSD would be prioritizing finding her accommodation.

He provided a link on the MSD website which invites anyone who have nowhere to stay tonight or in the next seven days to make contact.

Told about this the young homeless woman's mother said they had been applying to MSD on a weekly basis since March



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LETTERS

Where do I live? What's in a name?

The Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association, wish to clarify the apparent confusion, as noted on local social media, that seems to be in residents' minds of "just where do I live?"

We would like to point out that Ruakaka, with a population of approximately 6000, is a town that can now be considered to have several suburbs, namely Marsden Village, Marsden Point, Marsden Bay/Cove, One Tree Point, Marsden City, Ruakaka South/Beach, Takahiwai, and Mata. One could also add Heatherlea/Prescott Road.

The 'spread out' nature of our town is due to the unplanned ribbon like development that has occurred in the past. But the Ruakaka Structure Plan has zoned the areas in between our suburbs as Industrial, Commercial and Future Residential. This means that with time, the open areas will become 'filled in' and the suburbs will become contiguous.

We even have different post codes – just like other towns and cities with their different codes which define their suburbs and localities.

It should be pointed out that we all live in the Ruakaka Parish portion of the much wider Ruakaka Survey District. In this case the term Parish is of surveying significance – it has no connection with a church parish. Our Association considers it is very important that all residents and ratepayers, including the mana whenua, in the Ruakaka district consider themselves as being

from the same town. When dealing with Councils, Government, etc., it is very important that we "stick together" for the good of our town. Authorities will often emphasise divisions – the old adage "Divide and Conquer" still prevails in officialdom.

Of interest is that 90 years ago, residents of the One Tree Point Area (suburb) debated what their area should be named. In 1929, at the opening of the bridge over the Ruakaka River (next to the "Big Tomato"), a picnic was held by The Ruakaka Residents Ratepayers Assoc to celebrate. At the gathering a name change for One Tree Point was discussed as it had no particular significance (Captain Stokes in 1849 named it Single Tree Point) The name Belle Vue (Bellevue?) was suggested. The Bellevue Estate covered nearly all the land west of about McEwan Road and including most of Mata. It comprised 3,200 hectares. The name was rejected and no other alternatives were put forward.

The Maori name for much of the area north of about McEwan Road was Te Poupuwhenua.

Finally, let's all of us say we live in Ruakaka, and qualify that by adding that we live in such and such suburb – a bit like saying we live in Whangarei in the suburb of Onerahi, or in Auckland in Onewhanga.

Warren Daniel,
South Ruakaka,
Ruakaka!

A simple solution

Following on from your story with Beryl Willcox's concerns with the cones outside the 4 Square.

With so many older residents living in our village and surrounding area, why has the most simple solution not been organised?

Move the car parking back one meter toward the street and make the pedestrian footpath into a "U" shape, so noone has to walk behind the cars?

Lynda Gibson
Waipu

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 24 September

The deadline for all copy is 4pm on

Wednesday 16 September

Plastic on the beach



I couldn't carry any more...This from a 2km stretch of the beach from the Tip Rd car park.

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Tim Dower
Waipu



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Man rescued after three hours clinging to sinking kayak

A man was rescued from a sinking kayak by surf life-guardians from Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club's 24 hour Emergency call out squad last month.

The man was located approximately 1.5km from shore near the Waipu River Mouth on the afternoon of Tuesday 27 August. He was suffering from mild hypothermia and exhaustion.

Kath Manning the WSLSC Captain said, "The rescue highlighted the importance of checking your gear before going out on the ocean."

The kayak the man was using to go fishing in was missing a bung, as well as a hole covering, which meant it took on a lot of water, and was unable to float efficiently and the man was unable to paddle back to shore. He was forced to cling to the submerged kayak for about three hours before he was spotted by a member of the public who called 111. The man was wearing a lifejacket which Kath said "probably saved his life".

Weather conditions also changed quickly for the worse while he was out at sea.

Kath said she was, "Proud of how our surf life-guardians responded so quickly and efficiently as a team to bring the man back to shore, and treated for mild hypothermia."

Jake McClure and Tim Manning used the IRB for the rescue and Jaine Curran and Kath brought the man back to the surf club in the rescue vehicle and gave him First Aid.

Local Police were also on the scene.

Kath asks people to, "Please make sure your gear is



The kayak which the rescued man was fishing from had a plastic bag squeezed into the hole to replace a lost bung and a missing hole covering

seaworthy, and wear a lifejacket."

If you see someone in trouble in the water – call 111, ask for Police, and they will contact the Volunteer Surf Lifeguard 24 hour emergency call out squad.

Where are the nearest Covid 19 testing stations?

How many local people are aware that there is a Covid 19 testing station at the Bream Bay Community Trust in Takutai Place, Ruakaka each Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm?

This is run by Ki A Ora Ngatiwai and people need to ring first - (09) 435 4586 to arrange for a test.

On Mondays from 9am to 3pm, a testing station operates from the Marsden point Refinery visitor centre. This station is for the general public as well as for port and refinery staff who have dealings with personell on incoming ships.

You can also undergo a Covid 19 test in Whangarei at the Rock and Roll Car park alongside Pohe Island. The Pohe Island clinic is open on Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays from 9am to 2pm but closed from 12.30 – 1pm.

Another clinic operates from a Portocom at 20 Winger in Kamo Monday to Friday from 9am -2pm and on Saturday from 10am to 2pm. The Kamo clinic is also closed from 12.30 – 1pm.

As the operating times of these clinics may change people are advised to check page: Community Test Centres on the Northland District Health Board's website.

Neither the Bream Bay Medical Centre or the Waipu Medical Centre are conducting Covid 19 tests at their clinics.

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Cancer doesn't stop for Covid-19

Daffodil Day this year was a little bit different! Covid-19 made planning the day very challenging and there was understandable apprehension from some of our volunteers.

So, in that context Daffodil Day went ahead in a limited way across Northland, and as usual we were humbled by the huge generosity from all those who volunteered or donated to support our services in Northland and Domain Lodge in Auckland. We wanted to thank our volunteer co-ordinators Bob Stevenson, Sue Forsyth Ruakaka, Glenys and Peter Shepherd for their help in making Daffodil Day happen in Waipu.

Due to the limited street collection, we also ran an on-line campaign and people can still donate to www.daffodilday.org.nz. Every year, as well as the Daffodil Day street collection, there are community events across the North, and many of these are going ahead in September, so there will still be an opportunity to support these events.

Cancer doesn't stop for Covid-19, and we are still there for people with cancer. Last year 415 patients received care from our small team of Cancer Support Nurses Specialists across Northland, and 927 Northlanders stayed at Domain Lodge, our accommodation for people having cancer treatment in Auckland and their supporters.

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POLICE REPORT

Giant Transporter blocks SH1 Roundabout

A giant transporter suffered a mechanical brake failure and got stuck on the State Highway One roundabout at Ruakaka at around midday on Wednesday 2 September. The multi trailered vehicle jack knifed and slid into the bank. It took two hours to clear using heavy vehicle equipment. Traffic controls were put in place to direct traffic around the transporter but there was significant back up of vehicles on the highway.

Car hits a pothole and flips

A small car hit a pothole and flipped onto its roof when its driver backed it out of the State Highway One Ruakaka GAS station at speed on Friday 21 August at 12.15pm. The incident was captured on security camera footage. The driver escaped serious injury and had left the scene by the time Police arrived but was located nearby shortly afterwards. A 27-year-old Waipu man will be charged with dangerous driving. Police are waiting the results of a blood test to decide whether to lay further charges.

Motorbike rider injured when bike slides on wet road

A motorbike slid on wet road and crashed on SH1 on the Brynderwyns at 8.25am on Monday 6 September. The rider was taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg.

Driver fell asleep after 12 hour work shift

A woman driver fell asleep at the wheel and drove of the road on SH1 at Waipu taking out 80 metres of fencing on Monday 31 August at 10pm. The 26 year-old Auckland had just finished a 12-hour shift at work when she began her journey north. She was not injured.

Two-car crash near Waipu

There was a two-car crash on Cove Rd. near Waipu at 1pm on 2 September. No one was injured and Police enquiries are continuing.

Tyre blow out causes crash

A car crashed on the side of the road at Takahiwai on 31 August after one of its tyres blew out. Police have spoken to the 16-year-old driver about the state of repair of his vehicle.

Six drivers found over breath/alcohol limit

With help from Whangarei officers the Bream Bay Police have been conducting a drink driving operation paying particular attention to the vicinities of licensed premises in the Waipu and Ruakaka areas. So far four people have been found to be driving over the permitted breath alcohol limit in Waipu and two in Ruakaka. Police have taken action on all these cases with charges laid where appropriate. Sergeant Simon Craig said the campaign to prevent drink driving will continue though out the spring and into summer and he strongly urges people not to drink and drive.

Nine family harm incidents

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Waipu Lions Club members Juanita McGoldrick (left) and Sue Foster with pairs of glasses collected so far

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Drop offs can be made to Waipu Pharmacy or Waipu Real Estate until September 30. Please just bring in the glasses, as cases are not required.

The glasses are sent to processing centres where they are sorted, checked for scratches, and screws tightened before being washed in an ultrasonic washer and dried. They then have their prescription recorded and are packed for delivery to Volunteer Ophthalmologist Services Overseas (VOSO) for distribution to those with poor eyesight in the Pacific Islands. Volunteer optometrists test patients with the recycled glasses at no cost.

Lions Clubs throughout New Zealand are organizing collections to mark Vision Month for Lions International.

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Can heavy industry co-exist with small business and retail?

An appeal has been lodged with the Environment Court over a decision by the Whangarei District Council to place a Heavy Industrial zoning of the Lakeside Business Park land situated on the southern side of Marsden Point Rd.

JB and RM Keith Trustees Ltd. has lodged the appeal on the grounds that Lakeside Business Park acts as a business incubator to enable start-up small scale light industrial and heavy industrial activities to establish themselves in Ruakaka.

JBKTL's submission to the Council asked that the land be zoned as Light Industrial.

It stated that the business park contains a mix of activities some of which are not heavy industrial and which would not be permitted under the rules for the

Rd. from the NIWA plant to the refinery should be for Heavy Industry.

Mrs. Abernethy pointed out that this is what this land had long been used for and that heavy industry often involves big stock-piles. John Keith's own sand mining operation stock piles sand, the timber mills, which operate in the area stock pile timber, the Dalton's plant stock piles bark and the Council's wastewater sewage treatment plant stockpiles waste water. These industries need the larger lot sizes and because stockpiles can be volatile, especially in heavy winds as are frequently experienced on that coastline.

She said, "if a combination of heavy industry and light industry, residential and retail activities are permitted to operate side by side there is the potential for continued and significant irritation and potential disaster."

She told the hearing how when Marsden Metals first moved to Ruakaka, the company purchased a property in Kepa Road, Ruakaka, with a mixed use zoning allowing for people to live near their heavy industrial operation.

"There is no doubt that recycling metal is noisy and at times smelly from the gas cutting and processing of old metal equipment. We and the Council received constant complaints from our neighbours regarding our activities. We endeavoured to resolve their concerns regarding truck movements, the noise of loading and unloading material and the vibrations through the ground of operating equipment. However the irritation between our business and those other Light Industrial activities around us continued for the duration of our stay on that site.

A few years ago when Marsden Metals relocated to land at 484 Marsden Point Rd. down a long driveway behind the Lakeside Industrial Park the Abernethys were assured by their lawyers this location had a Business 4 zoning which allowed them to operate their business.

Mrs. Abernethy went on to point out that there is already land being developed for light industrial purposes on the Marsden Maritime Holdings land on Marsden Bay Drive and on the Marsden City Industrial site on One Tree Point Rd.

"It is difficult to justify the cross contamination of zoning in this historically known heavy industry area." The Environment Court hearing was scheduled for this week.



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proposed new Heavy Industrial Zone.

The lot size provided for in the proposed Heavy Industrial Zone is 8,000m2 while in the new Light Industrial Zone lot sizes can be as small as 500m2.

The Keiths argue that the later is better suited to the Lakeside Business Park.

Prior to the Council's zone changes the industrial park was zoned as Business 4, the same zone as the land the Marsden Point refinery sits on, so effectively for heavy industry.

The planners report to the Council's Urban Services and Plan Change hearing committee supported the JBKTL view but after listening to a submission presented by Janine Abernethy of Marsden Metals Ltd. the hearing commissioners were persuaded that the zoning of the strip of land alongside Marsden Point

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Daltons plant impacted by LVL cutbacks

The local effects of the cutbacks at the Carter Holt Harvey LVL plant in Rama Rd., Marsden Point go beyond the 160 staff who lost their jobs when the company decided to stop its export trade which accounted for 70% of its production.

The Daltons plant in Marsden Point road, which processes pine bark for garden mulch was sourcing 50 – 70 of its bark from the LVL plant.

Colin Parker Chief Executive Officer of Daltons based in Matamata said replacement bark would be transported up from the Waikato and the landscaping side of the Marsden Point Rd. Dalton's business would be expanded.

There are just two people employed by Daltons in Ruakaka and both would be keeping their jobs.

Mr. Parker said his company has a longstanding relationship with Carters and he sympathized with the company's problems competing in a global market.

"That's how the timber business is in Northland. It's boom or bust. We just have to roll with the punches."

A new board for the Waipu Museum

The Waipu Centennial Trust Board which runs the Waipu Museum held its Triennial General Meeting on Sunday afternoon, on 2 August the Waipu Celtic Barn foyer.

The meeting was well attended and was chaired by Heather Jacobson, who has been Treasurer since 2017 and acting Board Chair since May 2020. The new Trust Board, which will run the Museum for the next three years was confirmed. The new board is: Heather Jacobson, Lachie McLean, Patsy Montgomery, Sharron Cole, Coralie Roberts, Lexis McAulay, Jackie Craymer, John Finlayson, Bruce Johnson and Garth Houltham.

In addition to the ten elected

trustees, there is a trustee who is appointed by the Takahiwai Marae Committee. The Marae Committee have confirmed that Gina Murray will be continuing in this role. Thanks were expressed to all of the retiring Trustees.

At the first board meeting, the officers for the coming term were confirmed as: Chair - Heather Jacobson, Deputy Chair - Sharron Cole, Secretary - Jackie Craymer and Treasurer - Lexi McAulay

Mrs. Jacobson said she believes the members of the new board bring a good variety of skills and experience to the table.



Heather Jacobson, the newly appointed Chairwoman of the Waipu Centennial Trust Board, which runs the Waipu Museum.



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John Thode's Greenworld



The giant female cycad.

On a sunny afternoon surrounded by a multitude of exotic plants and the soft scent of a flowering boronia wafting in the air, the Bream Bay Green World wholesale nursery in One Tree Point is paradise.

Local retirees sometimes visit saying they just want to spend some time amongst the plants. Often when his day's work is over, owner/operator John Thode he wanders around just enjoying how beautiful and peaceful it is.

Business is booming.

John says, "Instead of going off for holidays in Fiji people have decided to stay at home and work in their gardens."

In fact he is running low on stock, the situation made worse by some plant suppliers going out of business. John propagates many plants himself but buys in some ranges as tiny seedlings growing them on to a saleable size. Some of his suppliers were getting on in years and the Covid 19 Lockdown helped them to decide to retire, while others couldn't work at full capacity in their propagation sheds over the autumn months.

When John and his wife Waveney purchased this three-hectare block 20 years ago it had been used for dairy herd grazing. The transformation is miraculous. In those two decades trees have grown to form a high canopy. They block the wind and have created a microclimate for the nursery in which John propagates and grows a vivid assortment of tropical and subtropical species.

There are fascinating stories associated with some of the plants, the giant cycad for example. It has a big seed head sticking up from its centre. John tells me this is a female cycad. Inside those big green pods there are berries but to render these fertile he has to collect pollen from his two male cycads. As these flowered earlier in the year he has frozen the pollen. He will mix this with water and pour it into holes he drills in the seedpods.

These are plants native to Queensland in Australia where a specially adapted beetle makes holes in the female pods and crawls inside carrying pollen on its legs and body. The Ministry of Primary Industry would raise objections if this beetle were to be introduced to

New Zealand; so human hands do cycad pollination here.

A local Indian man is excited by the giant 40-kilogram jackfruit growing in a corner of the nursery. The fruit is widely used in his homeland. Plant enthusiasts from all over New Zealand know John has some rare specimens so they come to have a look and sometimes purchase plants.

John's collection includes: the species of camellia plant tea leaves are picked from, coffee plants, which produce two coffee beans inside each of their bright red cherries, many different kinds of palms, bromeliads and citrus trees. There are tropical guavas, sugar canes, tropical frangipani, strange grasses from Mexico and Australia with tall sculptural seed heads rising from their centres. For plant lovers this is a magical place.

Climate change is having an effect but for someone who likes exotic plants this can be to advantage. Plants that ten years ago were marginal to grow here such as coffee, pineapple, and jackfruit can now thrive.

John says around 80% of his customers are locals with 20% from elsewhere. He sells directly to the public at wholesale prices, rather than through retail outlet chains. Every year he grows around 100 swan plants especially to give away to children who visit the nursery with their parents.

The nursery also supplies native plants for hedging and landscaping projects and has a range of landscape supplies such as bark, framing timber and rocks.

Alongside the nursery John runs a landscaping business, which can plan and sometimes carry out the physical work of building new gardens. Having reached retirement age, he plans to sell this side of the operation but he will not be giving up the nursery, which is his passion.

John said, "I can drive around the new subdivision in One Tree Point and Marsden Bay and recognize plants in most of the gardens that have come from our nursery. It's a good feeling, knowing my customers are putting the plants I raise here in the ground and these plants as they grow are helping the planet."



John with some sprouting coffee beans



Gasses with sculptural seed heads

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- **THE WAIPU SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 13 September. 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 20 September from 9am - 1pm. In the big marquee at Marsden Cove
- **TAKE A KID FISHING** At the Waipu Boat & Fishing Club Sunday 4 October 10am -1pm. \$2 entry fee. Prizes, sausage sizzle For children under 13 years
- **THE SPRING SYMPHONY YOUTH VARIETY SHOW** in the Waipu Coronation Hall rescheduled to 1 on Saturday 24 October at 3.30pm. Entry by koha.
- **EXHIBITION WITH 12 CONTRIBUTING ARTISTS** at the Red Door Gallery. 7 The Braigh, Waipu. Open from 10am - 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday
- **TAKAHIWAI PUBLIC SCHOOL SPECIAL EXHIBITION AT KIWI NORTH** to 26 October. Kiwi North, 500 SH 14 in Maunu is open every day from 10am - 2pm.
- **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am - 4pm.
- **THE KAURI MUSEUM**, 5 Church St. Matakohe. Open 7 days 9am -5pm. Special exhibition. Jewellery made from kauri timber and

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Fri 11 Sept	1.10	2.3	1.44	2.3
Sat 12 Sept	2.01	2.2	2.42	2.2
Sun 13 Sept	2.59	2.2	3.43	2.3
Mon 14 Sept	4.01	2.3	4.43	2.4
Tue 15 Sept	5.03	2.3	5.39	2.5
Wed 16 Sept	6.02	2.5	6.32	2.6
Thu 17 Sept	6.57	2.6	7.23	2.8
Fri 18 Sept	7.50	2.7	8.12	2.9
Sat 19 Sept	8.41	2.8	9.01	2.9
Sun 20 Sept	9.31	2.9	9.51	2.9
Mon 21 Sept	10.21	2.8	10.41	2.8
Tue 22 Sept	11.13	2.8	11.32	2.7
Wed 23 Sept	~	~	12.06	2.7
Thu 24 Sept	12.25	2.6	1.02	2.6
Fri 25 Sept	1.21	2.5	2.03	2.5

Piano Lady coming to Black Sheep Farm

Singer, pianist and actress Linn Lorkin will be giving two performances of her one woman show *Hey Piano Lady* at Black Sheep Farm on Sunday 11 October at 2pm and 5.30pm.

Lisa Uphof who will host the evening with her husband Anthony, in the living room of their Waipu Cove home, said to ensure the show can go ahead whether or not Level 2 restrictions are still in place, the audience numbers would be smaller than at previous concerts. The show has been rescheduled after it was unable to go ahead in April due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Hey Piano Lady is an autobiographical account of Linn Lorkin's life and career, from Tokoroa where she grew up, through Copenhagen and Italy and to her rise as a leading Piano bar player in New York in the late 70's to the mid 80s.

The show is described as "A self-devised cabaret-style jazz musical with lots of original songs and numerous references to Broadway hits, this show is an absolute delight, easy on the ear, uplifting and pleasing to the heart."

Aaron Coddell will join Linn on double bass.



Linn Lorkin

Tickets cost \$45, which includes light refreshments served after each performance. They can be purchased on line at: www.blacksheepfarm.co.nz or by phoning (09) 432 0435.

Bream Bay College Ball postponed again

With the news last Friday the country will be on Alert Level 2 until Wednesday 16 September, Bream Bay College has had to postpone the school ball for the second time.

The new possible date is 25 September but to be confirmed when the Alert Level we will be in at that time is known.

The school ball is one of the highlights of the year for senior students with students taking ballroom dancing lessons leading up to the big night.

Principal Wayne Buckland said, "We are committed to running this event for our seniors if possible."

Also affected by the extended Level 2 Alert level: planned open days for prospective students and their parents and caregivers to visit on 15, 16 and 17th September have also been postponed, with new dates set for 22, 23 and 24 September, once again to be confirmed.

School sport continues under Alert Level 2 rules.

Youth symphony postponed to Labour weekend

Right: Charlie Winslow threatens Circool director Achmed Adman while practising for the Youth Spring Symphony Show, which has been delayed till Labour Weekend, October 24, when it is hoped the Auckland based Youth Orchestra Sinfonietta will be able to travel to Waipu to take part.

Local performers include: pianist Mirabella Uphof, Circool Circus, Waipu School Kapahaka, Bream Bay Ballet and the Making a Scene drama group.

The show will be held in the Waipu Coronation Hall starting at 3.30pm. Entry is by koha.



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Driver mentor programme. “Exciting to see what a community can do working together”

The driver mentor programme which moved to the Bream Bay Community Support Trust at the start of this month now has a waiting list of 20.

The programme was previously based at the Futurebuild LVL plant in Rama Rd. with LVL staff providing administration but needed to find a new home when the Carter Holt Harvey owned company cut back on its operations and made 160 of its staff redundant.

Since taking on the programme, Shaun Damora, the BBCST manager, has secured funding from the Northland Community Foundation to assist with licence application fees. He has also set up a computer at the trust with the driver licence quiz. The Accident Compensation Corporation has provided a Community Driver Toolkit, developed by ACC and the New Zealand Transport Authority NZTA with a card game and virtual reality glasses to help learner drivers have fun while studying the road code and learning to drive.

The programme has a car supplied by Bream Bay Ray White. Fuel is provided by Roadsafte Northland, which also takes care of mentor training.

Driving lessons are available free of charge to any New Zealand citizen living in Bream Bay who wants to achieve a restricted and/or full licence.

Shaun said, “This is really exciting for the Trust to see what a community can do together. Please feel free to get the word out so we can work together ensuring licence/driving support is given where needed.”

Spring is here and the Waipu tennis season is about to begin

Spring is here and with that the tennis season at the Waipu Tennis Club begins. It is time to drag out your racquet and get active. The first three nights are free for anyone interested in giving tennis a try. Just come along at 6pm on a Tuesday night from September 15 on.

This year the club is trialling a Sunday club day from 3pm to 5pm. It will be a social event and games will be organised for whoever turns up. You will need to become a member eventually though! These start on Sunday September 27.

Waipu Tennis Club is part of a nationwide tennis promotion called “Love Tennis”. This takes place on October 10 and 11 from 1 to 4pm on each of those days. Members of the public are welcome to come along and have a go at tennis or simply find out more about the club. There will be fun activities for all ages and abilities, equipment provided or bring your own, courts for social tennis and mini games, basic coaching and instruction, lots of giveaways such as Hell Pizzas, Rebel Sports vouchers and the chance to win a trip to a major tennis event that includes flights and corporate hospitality.

Pre-Christmas competitions get underway soon after this. Register to be put into a team. the club endeavours to make the teams fairly even so good competition is had by all at your level. If you don't want to commit to playing every week, reserves are always needed to fill in each week.

Waipu Tennis has a Facebook page that contains up to date information about the club's activities. If you are not on the club's email list keep an eye on this for what's going on at the club and who to contact if you want to know more.



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Light Circuit Fitness class	Wednesday 11am to 12pm	\$2	AnnMarie 0211630115
Tai Chi	Monday 11am to 12pm	\$2	Annette 4327897
Chi Kung	Wednesday 9am to 10am	\$6	Alice 02102480549
Aerial Yoga	Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm booking essential	\$18	Barbara 0212998840
Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm	\$3	Le 4328941
Karate	Thursdays 4pm to 7.00pm	\$5	Pam 4320760
60's up	4th Friday of month 10am to 4pm	\$12 annually fee	Joy 021491887
Music club	1st Monday of month 7pm to 10pm	\$2	Molly 021 843 060
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Zumba	Wednesday 5.45pm to 6.45pm	\$6	Janine 021437840
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Bream Bay College Te Tuinga concert videoed and uploaded to college music channel

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From left to right: Breeanna Howe, Skye Upton, Carys Tuhiwai, Cailin Marx, Chassedy Agustín and Jayde Van Gelder and Nikora Menary at back on the right performing at the Bream Bay College Te Tuinga performing arts concert.

Unable to hold the usual public performance evening, the dancers and musicians performed on stage in front of some of their fellow students under Level 2 distancing conditions. All acts were videoed and then uploaded to the Bream Bay College Music Channel.

Dance teacher Jo Mayne said, "All the performers were amazing and brought lots of energy and enthusiasm! There was a high calibre of acts and performers."

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9.35am	Departs Langa Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads	
9.40am	Departs Waipu Cove Beach Car park	
9.50am	Departs Waipu Monument Bus stop	
10.10am	Departs Ruakaka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)	
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3.40pm	Departs Ruakaka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)	
4.00pm	Departs Waipu Monument Bus stop	
4.10pm	Departs Waipu Cove Beach Car park	
4.15pm	Departs Langa Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads	
4.30pm	Departs Mangawhai Heads I-Site	
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Climbing asparagus, a killer of our native bush

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This doesn't happen over night though. Back in the days of the first few batches and gardens in Waipu through to Mangawhai it was a popular garden plant providing a soft green backdrop for more colourful flowering plants. Owners could leave it for months at a time it and it would still survive. The summer drought has made much of it look dead – but it was just waiting for the autumn and winter rain to burst into life and begin its devastation again.

Weed Action Piroa Brynderwyn is asking residents to keep an eye out for this in their gardens and properties and take action to destroy it. Check your neighbours too and form a neighbourhood group to 'find and destroy' it in your area.

Climbing asparagus plants have a 'crown' - where the stems join the roots. Small plants and infestations can have the crown cut out and hung in the tree at any time of year.

If you have a large area, then herbicide is much quicker and easier. During autumn and winter in coastal areas is the best time to control with herbicide. At this time of year, Weedbusters recommend glyphosate at 10mls per 1 litre water with no penetrant if you need to spray against tree trunks. In spring and summer you will need to double this rate. Make sure there will be no rain for 24hrs after treatment. For more information or some herbicide call Weed Action co-ordinator Sara Brill on 0220104092 or email at sarabril30@gmail.com

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The coastal tanker Kakariki loading refined oil products on Jetty 2 at the Marsden Point Oil refinery.

- *Matuku* ETA 9 September ETD 11 September. Loading refined oil products for Nelson.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 9 September at 6.30pm. ETD 12 September at 2am. Loading cement for New Plymouth.
- *Aimi Sun* ETA 10 September at 6pm. ETD 12 September at 1pm. Delivering crude oil to the Marsden Point refinery.
- *Island Chief 2* ETA 11 September at 6am. ETD 11 September at 11.59pm. Loading containers.
- *Atlantic Spirit* ETA 11 September at 10am. ETD 14 September at 6am. Delivering grains.
- *Mega Maggie* ETA 11 September at 1pm. ETD 13 September at 10am. Loading logs.
- *Marsden Bay* ETA 12 September at 7am. ETD 13 September at 10am. Loading cement for Auckland.
- *Dahlia Harmony* ETA 12 September at 9am. ETD 14 September at 11am. Loading logs for China.
- *Marsden Bay* ETA 16 September at 7am. ETD 17 September at 10am. Loading cement for Auckland.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 18 September at 2pm. ETD 20 September at 11pm. Loading cement for Auckland.
- *African Quail* ETA 20 September at 2am. ETD 23 September at 6am. Loading logs for China.
- *Ocean Pegasus* ETA 20 September at 6am. ETD 21 September at 6pm. Loading woodchip for Japan.
- *Matuku* ETA 20 September at 8am. ETD 22 September at 9am. Loading refined oil products.
- *Yangtze Pioneer*. ETA 20 September at 11am. ETD 22 September at 5am. Loading logs.
- *Marsden Bay* ETA 21 September at 7am. ETD 22 September at 10am. Loading cement at Portland for Tauranga.
- *African Margaux* ETA 22 September at 1am. ETD 24 September at 3pm. Loading logs for China.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 22 September at 11am. ETD 24 September at 1.30pm. Loading cement for Tauranga.
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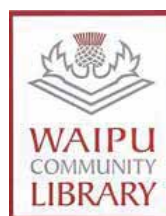
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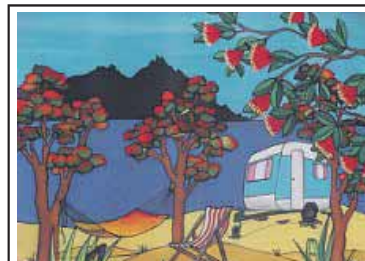
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