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Extension request on Waipu Gateway development submissions denied

Richard Cole, Chairman of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association, asked the Whangarei District Council for an extension on the submission period for the big commercial development planned at the corner of Millbrook Rd and State Highway One.

He has the support of Bream Bay Ward Councillor Phil Halse who commented; "I think it appropriate to ask for an extension on this. Having the submission process over the holiday period is not OK with me. This is a big development.'

However this request was denied with the explanation that the time frame for submissions had already been expanded to take the holiday period into account

As it stands people have just until 5 February to make their thoughts known on an application to build a mixed-use commercial centre and a further staged subdivision in the Rural Production Zone on 5.9 hectares of land on Millbrook Rd. alongside the State Highway One intersection.

Mr. Cole has also organised a meeting to discuss the proposal for Wednesday 17 January at 7pm at the Heritage School behind the Waipu Museum.

Vaco Property Investments Ltd is proposing to build the Waipu Gateway Service Centre, comprising a BP petrol station, a fast food and other food outlets with additional space for light industrial and commercial

Antony Ivo Arnerich of Taupaki is the sole director of

Barbie and Ken of Ranburn



Barbie and Ken senior, alias Ranburn Chef Dean Hitchcock and Jo Walker of the retirement home in collaboration with the Waipu Surf Lifesaving won top prize at the Waipu Christmas Parade. The surf club members protrayed younger versions of the famous couple. Young and old alike they dressed up in hot pink.

More Waipu Christmas Parade pictures on pages 10 and 11

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Welcome to 2024

What a great way to start the year with the weather we've had over the last month - we were well overdue a sunny break and judging by how busy the beaches have been we're all making the most of it. Well done and congratulations to all those involved in the Ruakākā Christmas Parade, Waipu Christ-



mas Parade and of course the awesome Waipu Highland Games. A special thanks goes to the people who gave their time and energy to organising these events and to those who attended as entrants and as spectators. It was great to see a large turnout, as this acknowledges the community spirit I love to see developed.

We'll be celebrating 2 Highland Games in one year in 2024, as the 152nd Highland Games will be held on the 31 December 2024. I have no doubt it will be a huge success and I look forward to seeing you all there in December.

The New Zealand Transport Agency has announced that SH1 through the Brynderwyns will be closing from 26 February 2024, opening temporarily from 28 March 2024 until 2 April 2024 to allow for Easter holiday travel. Then it will close again from 3 April 2024 to complete the rest of the works. The road crews will be working around the clock to speed up progress, and if we have weeks of good weather, we have been reassured the job may even be finished sooner than expected, so let's cross our fingers, and toes, for good construction weather.

It's important to acknowledge that we will still be encouraging people to travel North to enjoy the many events happening through February, March and April. We are actively encouraging people to stop, shop and enjoy the local hospitality of our Northland communities, while driving safely to the

There will be more traffic on the local roads than we are used to, and we will be promoting the need to slow down and be courteous as visitors travel the scenic route North, enjoying the journey through Mangawhai, Waipu Cove and Paparoa-Oakley.

For Northland's continued growth, we will still be promoting Northland's need for the four-lane expressway, so that these reconstruction disruptions happen less frequently.

Three cruise ships are booked to dock at Northport at Marsden Point over February - March 2024. The first cruise ship to dock at Northport will be Oceania Cruises' MS Regatta, capable of hosting 684 passengers. She is scheduled to arrive on Sunday 4 February 2024. These are the first cruise ships to feature our District in their itinerary, and it's a great opportunity to showcase our District on a global stage. We look forward to welcoming these visitors to our District, and I'm sure they will leave with great memories of Northland.

As we travel around, always drive to the conditions on our roads and be 'water wise' at our beaches, and most importantly, have a safe and happy summer season.

> Vince Cocurullo Mayor, Whangārei District Council



EDITORIAL

Council structure plans don't hold up against developers

This morning with the sun shining after yesterday's rain and just a soft wisp of cloud in the blue, blue sky it is good to be alive.

I spent half an hour wandering around my garden. I noted tiny bright green shoots appearing where I sprinkled some carrot seeds a few days ago. I never tire of this miracle, a tiny inert thing: a seed, coming alive and growing.

I have been making good use of the Bream Bay College pool. I find swimming is good exercise for old ladies with stiff joints. I think about the community effort to build this beautiful pool back in the 1970s. I have been told of bottle drives and working bees. I am sure all those who worked so hard on this project would be pleased to see how many children are having fun and learning to swim in the poolthese summer school holidays.

I am a bit ambivalent about the proposed development of a BP petrol station and retail complex at the corner of Millbrook Rd, and State Highway One. There are currently four petrol station proposals alongside the highway between Millbrook Rd and the Ruakākā Roundabout, which seems a bit ridiculous.

We really need to be moving away from fossil fuels, but judging by the ratio of EVs (electric vehicles) to ICE (Internal combustion engine) vehicles in the long lines of traffic on the highway, sad to say but it will be a long time before we can shake off that dependency

Waipu does need more space for commercial development. The logical course would be to expand onto land alongside Nova Scotia Rd. but when does development ever follow planning logic. It depends on who owns the land, who has the money and who is prepared to take the risk.

I will be going to the meeting called to discuss and learn about the Millbrook Rd development in the Heritage School at the Waipu Museum at 8.30pm on Wednesday 17 January to hear what people have to say. There may be some concerns I haven't thought of yet which might motivate me to get a bit more excited about joining the ranks of the opposition.

Time and time again we see structure plans, which cost a great deal of effort and public money to develop being over ridden by commercial interests. This happened in Ruakākā, with what is now the Bream Bay Village, a well set out residential retirement complex with over 80 occupied dwellings, built in what was supposed to be a light industrial buffer area between the heavy industry of Marsden Point and residential Ruakākā.

Well intentioned, community minded people studiously read these plans and make thoughtful suggestions. The Whangārei District Council has been working on the Waipu Placemaking Plan in order to, as the Council's webpage explain this project states, "create a 20-30-year spatial plan for how Waipu will change and grow and identify the key challenges and opportunities that come with this." Council planners held a series of public meetings where people could come

along and give a wish list of what they would like to see happening in and around the town. I went to one and decided this was a complete waste of time and ratepayers money. If people enjoy this game they should just set up a model town on a big table and move buildings, vehicles and people around on it. In the real world things happen when individuals put in, time, effort and money

If you want to make Bream Bay a better place and the lives of the people here more enjoyable, roll up your sleeves and do something practical like the Bream Bay College pool building team did all those years ago. You could help to develop a cycleway, tidy up a park, pick up rubbish from the roadside, run a community art centre, help out at a local sports club or at the Waipu Menzshed, tackle some of those the weeds on the Department of Conservation public coastal land, which will be my focus for 2024.

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Landscape plan showing the entrance to the proposed new petrol station and commercial centre in Millbrook Rd.

this company.

A full description of what is proposed with engineering design and calculations, architectural and landscape plans and a traffic implact assessment is available on the Whangārei District Council website consultations page.

Opposition is mounting in Waipu, particularly amongst some retailers who fear a service centre out on the highway will damage their businesses while some are worried about the effect another commercial centre nearby will have on the vitality of the Waipu town centre.

And there are other concerns. Graham Bout of Waipu 2,000 is concerned that another roundabout at this location as shown on the Vaco Propery Investment plan will slow down the flow of traffic on the highway. With representative of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association and Promote Waipu he worked with the NZ Transport Agency on a plan for the intersections into Waipu The solution they settled on was a single roundabout at the Nova Scotia Rd intersection.

The Traffic Assessment plan for the Vaco application states that after a series of meetings with the NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi), NZTA agreed to provide a new roundabout some 300 metres to the south of Millbrook Rd.

Mr. Boult wonders if this is in addition to the Nova Scotia Rd roundabout. If it is intended to replace this previously agreed on design he thinks it will have the effect of channeling traffic through the town.

"Three years ago when we were asking for a second roundabout we were told this would cost an additional \$13 million. Now it would likely be around \$18 million. Will the developer be paying for this?"

He is also concerned that after all the work local put into the Waipu Placemakers plan this development on what is currently farmland comes outside what was mapped.

A Happy New year for the Waipu Menzshed

The Whangārei District Council has agreed to lease a section at the back of land it owns on The Braigh alongside the Saorsa Retirement Village to the Waipu Menzshed.

Menzshed members have been searching for somewhere to build a new base since being notified by the Waipu Museum that the former Masonic Lodge building they operate from was needed to store part of the Museum collection and their lease would run out in May this year.

Menzshed Chairman Gordon Walker said they could now get down to some serious fundraising.

"We haven't been able to apply for funding up until now because the first thing you get asked is 'Do you own or have a lease on the land you plan to build on?"

He estimates the cost to put up the new building, which will be half as big again as their current base, will be \$150,000. He expected volunteers would be available to do much of the building work.

Bream Bay Sports Awards

The Bream Bay Sports Awards are scheduled to be held on Friday 15 March in the Waipu Celtic Barn.

Nominations are being sought in eleven categories: Junior sportsperson (under 18), Junior Team, Sports man and Sports Woman, Masters Sportsperson, Senior Team, Coach, Match Official, Services



Senior Team, Coach, Boxer Shane Cameron will be guest speaker at this Match Official, Services the Bream Bay Sports awards on Friday 15 March

to Sport, Leadership Award, Community Impact Award.

A supreme award winner will be chosen from the winners in each of these categories.

A people's Choice award will also be made to the nominated team or individual receiving most votes in an online poll.

Closing date for all nominations is Sunday 25 February. These can be made on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website. Click on the photograph of Laura Andrews who was last year's guest speaker.

Guest speaker this year will be the boxer Shane Cameron who won a bronze medal in the heavyweight class at the 2002 Commonwealth Games. Mr Cameron now works as a fitness coach.



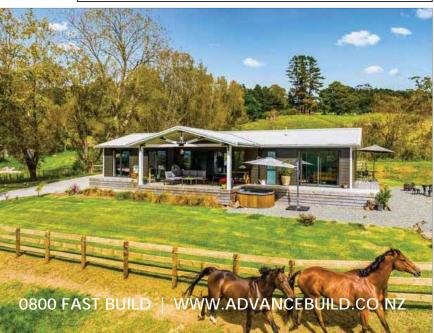
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Demand growing for a Brynderwyn bypass

State Highway One over the Brynderwyns will be closing from 26 February until 27 March, opening for six days over the Easter period and then close again on 3 April to complete repair work that requires the closure. The total closure time is expected to be nine weeks

While most road users acknowledge the need for the repair work there is mounting pressure for the New Zealand Transport Agency to get back to work on a bypass to the Brynderwyn section of State Highway One. The bypass project has been on hold since 2018. Ian Newey Deputy Chairman of the National Road Carriers Association is adamant a Brynderwyn bypass should be a priority for Northland.

"Every man woman and child in Northland should be standing on a hill and shouting this out. For decades there has been under investment on Northland roads and now we are at rock bottom. Now is our time. We have a good number of Northland based MPs. We should be able to get this done."

Back in 2017 an investigation was begun looking at alternative routes and two preferred options both to the west were chosen. These resulted in some concern from the residents of Finlayson Brooks Road and Brook Road area whose properties the proposed new sections of highway would pass over or nearby. There were also concerns over the extra travel time these bypass routes would result in and the nature of the terrain they would need to pass through. Steve Goldthorpe, of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association put up a case for a viaduct alternative,

which is now being backed by Bream Bay Ward Councillor Phil Halse.

However if you check the NZTA website it appears the page inviting submissions on the Brynderwyn bypass has not been updated and the two western bypass options are the only proposals on display.

We asked Kaity Alexander who handles media enquiries for NZTA in the Auckland and Northland regions whether the viaduct option is being investigated.

She replied," Subsequent to public consultation in 2017, NZ Transport Agency, Waka Kotahi received route options from a community group as well as the Regional Transport Committee. This includes an option to the east of the hills, and a



Major slips developed on the Brynderwyn section of State Highway One when Cyclone Gabrielle arrived in Northland in February 2023

viaduct option.

Once funding is allocated, the investigations and business case for the longer term options will commence and follow normal business processes. Recent weather event and impacts to the surrounding area will need to be incorporated into any future assessment so there might be some changes to these two alignments given we now have more up to date information. The additional options presented to us will also be taken forward into the detailed business case for a more detailed assessment."

Brooks are Community group wants a re-evalation of the bypass options

Paul Cogswell, Chairman of the Brooks Area Community Group, which was formed in response to the 2018 NZTA preferred route options sent the following statement to the Bream Bay News in December 2023 explaining the groups formation and position.

In May 2017, NZTA Waka Kotahi announced that it was planning a bypass around the Brynderwyns and two preferred routes were identified. Both of these proposed routes went through DOC land, productive organic farm land and the rapidly developing local lifestyle and farming communities on Durham Road, Brooks Road and Finlayson Brooks Road. In response to their concerns, an incorporated society was formed, the Brooks Area Community Group Incorporated. BACG was formed to

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advocate with NZTA Waka Kotahi on behalf of the community.

While acknowledging that the current route lacked resilience and that a long term solution is required, the BACG considered that the initial two desk top options were inappropriate solutions for a number of reasons, including that they both sought to traverse valuable native bush areas, an organic farm and a large, growing, rate paying, residential community in the Brooks Road area. The routes in addition traversed land that is geologically unstable and flood prone and were further in length than the current route.

The BACG was involved in the preparation of an alternative route that equalled or bettered the existing routes using NZTA Waka Kotahi's criteria and this option was presented to NZTA Waka Kotahi along with supporting information. This option, is called "Option F" (the viaduct option).

In addition to Option F, and independently from but supported by BACG, the NRTC (Northland Regional Transport Committee) has developed an alternative route that accesses the Eastern side of the Brynderwyns.

Both of these alternative options make use of the already straightened Northern section of the SH1, significantly saving construction costs and travel time. They present a shorter travel time than either of the initial two options. They better NZTA Waka Kotahi's options on all criteria.

NZTA Waka Kotahi has confirmed that it will take the additional two options into account when it is preparing its business case for Government. The BACG support both Option F and the NRTC options. As NRTC have stated in addressing NZTA Waka Kotahi's initial two options, "The evolution of a large residential community in the Brooks Road area has now compromised the creation of a new major transport corridor through that part of the countryside area to the west of the current SH1 route. Therefore a re-evaluation of other options is required".



Police Report

Wandering stock result in calls to Police

Over the past few weeks Bream Bay Police have received a number of calls reporting life stock, which has escaped from paddocks and is wandering on roads.

Lots of vehicle break-downs on the highway

There have been a large number of vehicle breakdowns on State Highway One over the holiday period.

Caught stealing a motorbike from a farm property

Two local men have been charged with burglary after being caught taking a motorbike from a farm property in Maungaturoto on 1 January 2024. One has been referred to Youth Aid while the second will be appearing in court.

Referral to mental health services following Police call out

Police were also called to a mental health episode in Ruakākā. The person involved has been referred to Mental Health services.

Thirteen family harm incidents

Over the period 18 December to 6 January Bream Bay Police have dealt with 13 family harm incidents. Seven were in Ruakākā, two were in Waipu and four in Maungaturoto, In all cases Police attendance was sufficient.

Fleeing driver stopped in Ruakākā

On New Year's Eve, 31 December a 45-year-old Kaitaia man was stopped in Ruakākā after he fled from Police at a check point in Kaiwaka. He has been summoned to appear in the Whangarei District Court on a number of traffic related charges.

Sixty-five-year old due in court on drink driving charge

A 65-year-old Whangārei man was stopped by Police in Ruakākā on Saturday 30 December and found to be over the breath / alcohol limit. Consequently he will be appearing in court on a drink driving charge

Spate of thefts of farm equipment

There has been a spate of thefts of farm equipment form the Maungaturoto area over the past two weeks. Police are following some strong leads but remind people to remain vigilant in keeping their equipment secure and to report any suspicious behaviour.

Run of single vehicle crashes in Waipu

- On 29 December a car crashed into a farm fence on Nova Scotia Drive. The matter is being dealt with between the parties involved. There were injuries
- On 30 December a vehicle with a single occupant crashed off the side of the road on State Highway One at Waipu. The driver was not injured.
- On 31 December there was a single vehicle crash on Cove Rd. The driver who was the only occupant escaped uninjured.

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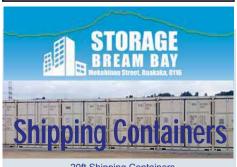
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A wonderful day at the races



The crowd turned up with many seated on the hill above the track to watch the action



The jockeys in their silks and the horses parading before the start of Race Four made a colourful spectacle at the Trigg Family Race Day at Ruakākā on Friday 7 January.





Horses spring out of the birdcage for Race 5



Darrell and MarleneTrigg of Trigg Construction, major sponsors of the family raceday celebrating with Grant Brown in their sponsors tent. Grant and Darrell are wearing shirts purchased for the occassion for the invited guests in the Trigg Construction tent.



In between the races there were games down on the track for the children. Pictured above a tug o war between children and members of the Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Club.

The rain held off and lots of people turned up to enjoy a party atmosphere at the Ruakākā Races big day, the Trigg Family Fund Race Day on Friday 5 January.

It was a relief for club manager Rebecca Swords after the event had to be called off after race three last year due to wet conditions on the track. But this year she was in luck and forecast rain held off for most of the day.

Based on gate sales - people attended the day which included live music, free fun activities for children, food stalls as well as the racing.

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The 151st Waipu Highland Games

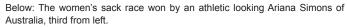


Greg and Maggie Morgan of Whangārei dressed in styleto represent the Craig clan in the march into the park





Above: Emer Lea sang Flower of Scotland at the opening ceremony





There were running races, sack races, three legged races and tug of war competitions at the 151st Waipu Highland Games held on Monday 1 January 2023. Waipu Caledonian Society life member Don Ewen said it was good to see the old activities that he enjoyed as a child resurfacing rather than all the expensive commercial side shows that set up at many local

There was also some serious competition – the New Zealand Open Heavyweight championship, for example, which was won once again by Craig Manson of Ashburton.

Willie Foto Fili won the novice heavyweight competition this year. Olivia Gordon won the woman's section

The Waipu Rugby team, despite some stiff competition from the novice heavyweight entrants, won the tug-o- war, which carried a prize of \$1600.

There was also Highland dancing – two competitions on two stages, piping and drumming.

There were plenty of tartan outfits on display with the red, black and yellow colours of this year's host Cameron clan well represented.

Caledonian Chief Ted Hart thanked all the talented competitors, the world-class judges and volunteers. He said, "The event runs on volunteers and without them it just could not happen. Every person you see



Watched over by instructor Mark Forshaw, young dancers join in a massed Highland Fling at the Waipu Highland Games opening ceremony

from ticket sellers at the gates, parking assistants, event stewards, security and cleaners are all volunteers."

Guest speakers Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters and Mayor of Whangārei Vince Cocurullo congratulated Waipu on pulling off yet another great event.

Then Bream Bay College student and granddaughter of piper and Waipu Caledonian Society stalwart Fraser Simm, Emer Lea sang Flower of Scotland in a pure clear voice.

Lorna Murray of the Caledonian Society Committee said she had done a quick calculation of the number of people present at the official opening ceremony and estimated there were at least 3,000. The previous evening at the Hogmanay Ceilidh there had been a record 200 people.

With free entry for under 17-year-olds plus all the invited guests and volunteers she said you can double the number of paying entrants to get an idea of the number of attendees. With close to 2500 paying adults, around 5,000 people came to this year's games. Lorna said with the fine weather everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. She said the new approach to the children's area with lots of free activities seemed to be appreciated.

"We made the bouncy castle free and local clubs and society's were invited to set up activities. We hope to expand on this next year."

In a break with tradition the next Highland Games will be held on 31 December 2024, as it is hoped more people will be available for volunteer duties on this day.



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No shortage of floats at the Waipu Christmas Parade

The Waipu Christmas Parade held once again down the main street of the town on Christmas Eve had a special symbolism this year and went to prove once again how attached Waipu people are to the community's traditions.

Promote Waipu, which organizes the parade ran into difficulties when it was discovered no professional traffic safety providers were available to work on Sunday evening. The Whangarei District Council which helps to fund the event requires that qualified traffic safety people be present.

There was also a little bit of anxiety amongst Promote Waipu members about the number of floats registered. However it all came together on the night with appropriately qualified people offering to take on the traffic management and a flood of late float entries.



When you hear the bagpipes you know the parade is on its way.



Piroa Conservation Trust won the environmental prize



The well practised marchers of the Falun Gong troupe from Auckland



Retired school teacher Kit Singleton put a call out for mobility scooter drivers to decorate up their machines and join him in the parade. Just one other scooter joined him in the 2022 parade but this time the number doubled to four.



The Waipu Fire Truck, a mandatory feature of every Waipu Christmas Parade



Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club whose members portrayed the Barbie and Ken of the recent movie fame to , in collaboration with Ranburn Retirement Home take the top prize at the 2023 Waipu's Christmas Eve Parade



Duncan Mackay's dressed up Big Red Truck won the prize for best business float

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Water quality monitoring in the Waionehu Stream

"Bream Bay Community Rivers Project group recently conducted an exploration of the Waionehu catchment, spanning from McLean Bridge downstream to Lloyd Cullen's farm. Equipped with SHMAK kits - Stream Health Monitoring and Assessment Kits, the group explored the physical, chemical, and biological aspects of the catchment. The water temperature, clarity, and underwater life were examined. Traps set in the stream yielded a shrimp, an eel, and a bully, showcasing a small piece of the biodiversity within.

On the chemical front, measuring nitrate and phosphate concentrations is crucial for understanding waterways' health. Nitrate, originating from fertilizers and animal waste, and phosphate, often associated with soil erosion, can stimulate excessive plant and algae growth, impacting aquatic life. Additionally, the group monitors for E. coli as a faecal contamination indicator.

An interesting result last month was a 1.5°C difference in temperature between upstream (15.9°C) and downstream (17.4°C), showcasing the importance of shading to maintain lower temperatures. In New Zealand, maintaining water temperatures below 22°C is essential for macroinvertebrate survival. Water temperature exceeding 30°C poses a threat to various aquatic species. Water temperature also affects oxygen levels, the sensitivity of aquatic animals to toxins and diseases, and the rate of chemical reactions and biological processes.

The group's monthly water sampling strategy will help to identify patterns.



Lloyd Cullen with an eel trapped by the water quality monitoring group in the Waionehu

A bittern pretending to be a stick on the side of the road

Driving home from the races on Friday afternoon I spotted a bittern pretending to be a stick of maunka on the side of Doctors Hill Rd., near the wetland at the bottom of the hill. Its beak pointed skyward and it stood as still as a statue.

There is a private road nearby named Bittern Lane so I suppose bittern are known to frequent that area. However although I frequently drive up and down that road I have never seen one there before. But then with their brown/ grey plumage they are pretty skilled at camouflage.

I pulled over and wound my car window down and got out my camera. However he flew away in that languid, slow wing flapping way herons move and all I have is a rather blurry image of a big slender bird with a wide wingspan and two clawed

Still it was a thrill just to see it.

The Australasian Bittern is becoming increasingly rare in New Zealand, mostly due to the destruction of their wetland habitat. Poor water quality is also an issue for them as it is difficult for them to spot their prey in murky water. They eat frogs, small fish, spiders and insects, molluscs, works frogs and lizards.



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They nest amongst reeds in dense wetland areas, the females build a platform in reeds just 20 – 30cm above the water. You have to wonder how they get on when flooding occurs.

Up to five eggs are laid between August and December. These are incubated by the female alone for about 25 days till they hatch. Chicks remain in the nest for about 7 weeks. A study in Hawkes Bay showed that a single bittern ranged a 15km wide area, frequenting a network of wetlands.

Getting ready for the Marsden Lions book and puzzle fair

The Marsden Lions are holding their annual book sale at the One Tree Point School Hall on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 January from 10am to 3pm each day. Liz Hedley , one of the organisers said, "We have close to 100 jigsaws, boxes and boxes of children's books suitable from 0 to 13 years of age, cookbooks, travel books, books about New Zealand, gardening and nature books, lifestyle living books, sports books covering all codes, biographies and autobiographies, business and self-help books and several hundred fiction books. "She said the Marsden Lions would like to acknowledge the generous support and sponsorship of Marsden Maritime Holdings as well as the businesses which served as drop-off points: Marsden Cove Pharmacy,

Left to right in the photo: Gladys Rowsell, Liz Hedley and Margaret Marinkovich.

Marsden Cove Four Square, Ruakākā General Store, Z 24 Hour Fitness and Waipu Hammer Hardware.



College swimming pool open for community use

The Bream Bay College 25 metre swimming pool is open to the community throughout the school holidays. Entry is by a gold coin donation and opening-hours are Monday to Friday 11am - 6.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am - 5pm

Paid lifeguards are in attendance with CLM (Community Leisure Management), the company that runs Whangārei's Aquatic Centre,managing the pool over the holiday period. Funding is provided by the Lotteries Commission.

The pool is accessed from Marsden Point Rd. just after the bridge. A *Pool Open* banner is displayed at the end of the driveway into the pool car park during opening times. Children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Concerts coming up at Tahamoana Goat Farm



People enjoying an outdoor summer concert in the natural ampitheatre at Dave and Debi Brown's Tahamoana Angora Goat Farm

There will be just two concerts at Tahamoana Farm this summer.

Debi Walters Brown said, "As you will remember last year I spent all summer organising and reorganising, then cancelling and postponing events due to the horrible weather. This year I only have the two."

The two upcoming events at the farm are: Auckland duo Sirrah on Saturday 27 January at 7pm and *Jazz on a Summers Day* on Sunday 4 February at 3pm followed

by 'Albi and the Wolves'.

Debi said, This is a "funky fun band. They have played before at our place and people have been asking when will they come again."

Tickets are available from eventfinda and at the gate on the day. Tahamoana Farm is located at 566 Cove Rd., Waipu.



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Coming up - The Waipu Car and Bike Show

The Waipu Lions Car and Bike Show is scheduled for Saturday 4 February, before to the Brynderwyn closure on 26 February. Organiser Ron Cave is praying for fine weather. Last year the show needed to be called off twice because of the state of the Caledonian Park after heavy and finally went ahead on Saturday 11 March. This time around there is not too much of a window for a postponement.

The NZ Transport Agency is closing State highway One over the Brynderwyns on 26 February until 27 March. The road will open for six days over the Easter period and then

close again on 3 April for a further five weeks.

The Rescue Helicopter will be the main benefactor of this year's show, which in recent years has raised \$30,000 plus for local charitable causes.

Ron expects between 500 to 600 cars to turn up, "everything from vintage cars to modern muscle cars." In addition there will be around 100 motorbikes.

There are 20 prizes to be won in various categories and prizes for the best-dressed woman, man and



Mark and Rossina Royals at a previous Waipu Car and Bike Show with Mark's 2006 Spider Ferrari.

child

Elvis impersonator Mike Cole will perform on stage The gates to the Caledonian Park will open at 10am with prize giving at 1.30pm. Entry is \$10 per person. Children under 12 years of age get in for free and there is a family pass of \$30.

This year's main sponsor is BBS Timbers, with Full Noise and The Sound FM are also major supporters.

Time to book your club a slot in the Bream Bay Sports Trust *Give it a Go* Festival

Following on from the success of its 2023 Give It a Go festival the Bream Bay Sports Trust is once again inviting local sports clubs to participate in this year's festival which will run from Saturday 10 February to Sunday 10 March.

Participating clubs are eligible for a \$250 grant if they fill in a Bream Bay Sports Trust debrief form after their event.

Registration forms for clubs wanting to hold Give

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- THE MARSDEN LIONS ANNUAL BOOK SALE in the One Tree Point School Hall on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 January from 10am to 3pm each day. As well as thooks there are puzzles and DVDs.
- LIVE MUSIC AUCKLAND BASED DUO SIRRAH at Tahamoana Angora Goat Farm, 566 Cove Rd., Waipu. Saturday 27 January at 7pm. Tickets \$28.92 from eventfinda or \$35 at the gate.

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- JAZZ ON A SUMMERS DAY on Sunday 4 February at 3pm followed by 'Albi and the Wolves' at Tahamoana Angora Goat Farm, 566 Cove Rd. Tickef from Evnetfinda \$39.80 or at the gate.
- BREAM BAY SPORTS TRUST GIVE IT A GO FESTIVAL From Saturday 10 February to Sunday 10 March. Calendar of events will be published soon with local sports clubs inviting people to try a new sport.
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9.50am	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop	
10.10am	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)	
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4.10pm	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park		
4.15pm	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads		
4.30pm	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site		
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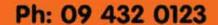
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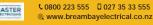
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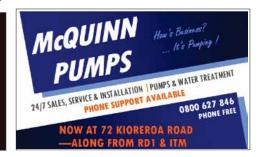
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