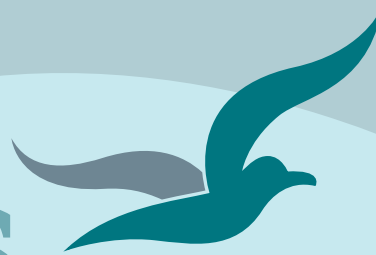


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Neighbours alarmed at size of proposed Waipu Caves Farm Park campground

People living in Waipu Caves Rd. Waipu are a bit alarmed at the size of a planned adventure holiday park development there.

Businessman and entrepreneur Ian Fox has spent the past four years developing Waipu Caves Farm Park, with a 220 site camping ground, offering recreation activities such as hiking, rock climbing and cave exploration.

He said consent applications for the development are about to go before the Whangārei District Council but he doesn't anticipate any problems.

"I am not building a coal fired power station or a chemical manufacturing plant. What I am doing is good for the environment. The farm park will encourage people to explore and appreciate the natural environment and will help to promote tourism in this area."

One of the concerns neighbours have is that Waipu Caves Road is very steep, narrow and windy but Ian says it already carries a lot of tourist traffic travelling up to the Whangārei District Council's popular freedom camping site at the caves. He suggests that if people want the road tar sealed they should be in favour of his development. He wonders if the concerns are held

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Big crowd at the games



The pipe band leads the represented clans into the Caledonian Park to mark the start of the 150th Waipu Highland Games

At least the rain held off for the 150th Waipu Highland Games held on Sunday 1 January 2023. At 9am when the march of the clans into the park took place there was already a large crowd gathered and car parking in and around Waipu was hard to find.

The Waipu Caledonian Committee estimate 6500 people attended this year's games and Waipu Lions members report being kept busy all day making hot chips to feed everyone.



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EDITORIAL

It doesn't help young people if you give them excuses to behave badly.

The sun is shining this morning (Sunday 8 January) – most unusual. The traffic on the highway has all been fleeing the rain and heading south over the past few days and the campgrounds have emptied out but for those who stayed on – moving their clothes and sleeping bags into the middle of their tents to stay dry – this clear sunny morning is the reward for their patience. However, if last night's TV1 weather forecast is correct I believe there is more wet weather on the way.

Christmas is over. The pohutukawa, which were glorious in early summer, have long finished flowering and the crimson carpet spread beneath their branches have been swept away by the rain. I packed away all our Christmas tree decorations this morning. The visiting relatives have gone home and its back to work for most people tomorrow.

What will the year bring? Who can say. The weather certainly is unpredictable but then thinking back over the years, it always has been. I did feel sorry for the Whangārei Racing Club staff who have worked towards the club's big January meeting for months only to have to call it all off half way through because the misty falling rain made things dangerous for the jockeys. The Waipu Lions are hoping the Waipu Bike and Car show on Sunday 5 February doesn't meet the same fate. I came across that burned out car (pictured in the Police Report on page 8) at the bottom of Doctors Hill Rd. on Friday afternoon (7 January) and having that morning heard from Senior Sergeant Simon Craig about a car stolen from One Tree Point I took note of the registration number. Sure enough it was the very car in a much-altered state. Who did this?

I think the young criminals who smash their way into shops and take cigarettes and cash, steal cars and destroy them or trash public property should be made to pay for every last cent of the damage they cause. In this way perhaps they will understand about the value of things and how much effort and hard work it takes to run a business and to build and maintain public and private facilities. The army of social workers who sympathise with these young criminals and their *traumatic childhoods* should be replaced by some tough taskmasters who can stand over these kids while they work at planting trees along riverbanks, picking up rubbish from the sides of the roads, sanding buildings in preparation for new paint, clearing weeds from parkland, stacking boxes in warehouses – whatever it takes to make full reparations to the people they have wronged. I think most of the people in my generation would have had pretty traumatic childhoods by today's standards. It doesn't do young people much good to give them excuses to behave badly.

Tell them instead how they are privileged to live in a country, which provides its citizens with free education and health care and gives people funds to buy food and pay rent if they are unable to earn a living for themselves. Explain that it is business and working people who pay taxes that provide all these things. If you break into a service station or dairy, threatens the business owner, damage property and steal goods you are doing this to someone who has been helping to look after you.

My advice to the young people in my own family is to find something useful to do with their talents and to hone their skills through study or practice so they become truly valuable individuals. I tell them this, rather than by following purely selfish pursuits or relying on bluff, as some attempt to do, is the way to a happy, successful life.

Perhaps in the process of doing some honest work a few of those young ones who seem lost to society will discover that there is indeed mana in mahi and will find a place for themselves in this world.

Marilyn

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Races cut short



Syah Folau and Friends at the Ruakākā Races

The Ruakākā Racecourse family fun day on Friday 6 January had to be called off after just four of the scheduled eight races because of poor visibility for the jockeys whose goggles were getting steamed up in the warm, wet weather.

It was a big disappointment for Whangārei Racing Club's Operations Manager Rebecca Swords who had spent months preparing for what is usually the biggest day of the year at the Ruakākā track. With last year's January meet called off because of Covid 19 restrictions, Rebecca was counting on a big crowd this year.

She had spent many hours the previous day battling with the wind to get all the tents and marquees ready.

However, she agreed that having to forgo half the races was preferable to having a serious injury on the track.

The children's games, held earlier in the day, went ahead with the kids not minding the weather too much and the crowd sheltering in the stands enjoyed live music by Syah Folau and Friends, from Auckland.

New dune lakes

New dune lakes have formed in the Uretiti Campground as a result of all that spring rain. The water table beneath the sand is so high that fresh rain is unable to drain away. The water levels went down a bit in the fine weather between Christmas and New Year but fresh rain has filled the lakes up again.

As a result the campgrounds capacity limit has been decreased from its usual 1200 people to 750 and campers don't have as much space to spread out as they usually do.

Happy to be here, even in the rain



The only people on the beach at Waipu Cove on a very damp Friday morning 6 January were Maria Gedye and her children: Giana, who was taking photos of the sea and four-year-old Vena. The family was staying at the Uretiti Camping Ground where Maria said they were enjoying watching the frogs and wading birds in the lakes, which have formed there after all the spring rain. She said despite the weather they were happy to be here.

"Anywhere out of Auckland is good.."

Many campers packed up and went home

Around two thirds of the campers at the Ruakākā Beach Holiday Park left in last week's wet weather. A Nippers Surf Lifesaving Championship competition to be held at the Ruakākā Surf Club was postponed which led to a lot of cancelled bookings.

Camp Manager Ann-Marie Abel said, "It's sad. People come here for a holiday and it rains."

A few hardy souls were still arriving and checking in. Jessica and Ben Sadowitz with their 12-month-old daughter Florence with their friends Madison Parslow and Luke Lebron had just set up their tents. Jessica said keeping the little girl entertained would be a challenge.

Some campers headed up to Whangārei to the movies while others stayed in their tents or caravans playing board games and reading books..

"They are getting in some good family time", said Mike Abel.

At Camp Waipu Cove the situation was much the same.

Camp manager Anton Trist said, "Many people are just packing up and going home. It's a bit unfortunate. We work all year towards this busy holiday time. It's the first time in two years we haven't been restricted by Covid 19 regulations."

The Waipu Surf Club's Beach Day on January 3 went ahead without the swim race from Langs to Waipu Cove as the wind was blowing hard and it would have been too dangerous. The run/walk from Waipu to the Cove and the sandcastle competition were both still held.

Some campers have retained their sites to return when the weather improves. For those that have stayed on the camp has a few organised activities – movie nights in the Waipu Surf Club building, a day at the Waipu Bowling Club and yoga in the hall.

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CORRECTIONS

• Apologies to Joanne Hannon who we said was the grandmother of Billie Hopkins, Ruakākā's first female Senior Firefighter. Billie can now take charge at call outs when there is no station officer present. Joanne, who was herself a member of the Ahipara Fire Brigade and for a few years the Ruakākā Brigade, is Billie's mother.

• The date of the Bream Bay Sports Awards evening with Laura Andrews safely back from her trek to the South Pole as guest speaker, is Friday 31 March, not 6 March as we said in the last edition.

LETTERS

Whangārei District Council should have taken measures to protect Northpine

I was concerned to read that the proposed South Road development behind Northpine seems to have placed the developer in a more advantageous position than a significant Waipu employer. The zone change will place pressure on the operation

of the Northpine mill as residents "rub cheeks" with an industrial operation.

The developer is trying to determine "what can be done to mitigate the effects of the mill's operation on the new housing development". Surely, the argument needs to support Northpine, the local business that has been in Waipu for 23 years, "What should the Whangarei District Council have done to mitigate the likely effects of a new housing development now permitted to be adjacent to Northpine mill?"

The key issue is going to be noise. The mill is required to operate at 55 decibels at its boundary and a 3 metre high fence has been declined by the developer because it is likely to reduce saleable sections. There will be complaints about noise as the new residents will expect a quiet rural setting and will complain about loss of amenity value. The sales advertisement for South Road notes "provides a relaxed coastal lifestyle for families or the retired alike", but neglects to mention the mill will be a neighbour. Will these complaints place pressure on the Northern Regional Council to discuss with Northpine a further reduction in the noise of its operations or even close?

So how loud is 55 decibels? Consumer suggests that normal conversation is 65 decibels and a vacuum cleaner comes in at 70. A lawn mower is likely to approach 90 decibels. Could Northpine complain about the noise from normal residential activity?

One hopes a compromise can be reached to enable Northpine to continue, but it will need the developer to be more accommodating with his noise mitigation plans than the current report suggests.

Richard Cole
Waipu


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The 150th Caledonian Games held on Sunday 1 January 2023. This photograph was taken from a drone flying above the games on Sunday morning. .



An aerial shot by Whites Aviation of the Waipu Highland Games held in the Caledonian Park in 1953. *Photograph supplied by David and Glennys McKenzie*

Try Something new festival begins next month

Members of the Bream Bay Sports Trust are getting down to work on two events they have planned for the next three months.

The Try Something New Sports Festival will run from Saturday February 11 to Sunday March 12. Local sports clubs and codes are being offered a \$250 grant if they can nominate a morning, afternoon or evening in this four week window when they will invite people to come along and try out their sport. To qualify for the grant they will need to explain what they intend to do, and report back on their event..

A programme of Try Something New opportunities will be printed in the Bream Bay News. The festival is intended for all ages and the sports trust is hopeful a wide range of clubs will want to take part. Email contact to book a date for your Try

Something New event and to apply for the grant is: breambaysportstrust@gmail.com

Then on Friday 31 March the Bream Bay Sports Awards will be held in the Waipu Celtic Barn. Nominations are being invited in eleven categories celebrating our sports stars and administrators of 2022. These can now be posted on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website.

Tickets to the Awards Night are also available on the website.

Guest speaker this year is Laura Andrews who is almost at the end of her 1,000 kilometre trek to the Geographic South Pole on an Antarctic Heritage Trust'sponsored expedition.

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by newcomers to the road who have only been resident since the 2021 Covid 19 restrictions were put in place and who are therefore unaware of just how many overseas tourists come to visit the Waipu Caves.

Ian said that many of the hillsides to the west of Waipu are unsuitable for beef and dairy farming and he wants to demonstrate how these steep areas have other possible uses. He has fenced off and placed protective covenants on 48 hectares of native bush and maintains 300 predator traps around the property. He plans to plant avocado, macadamia, pip and stone fruit trees, which he will undergraze with sheep.

He said, "Fifteen years ago the Northland Regional Council designated the Waipu Caves as an Outstanding Natural Feature and the land here with its native bush and limestone formations as an Outstanding Natural Landscape but what are they doing to protect it? It is left up to me to do this."

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Fingers crossed for fine weather for the Waipu Car and Bike show on February 5



Seven hundred cars and trucks and 150 motorbikes were on display at the 2021 Waipu Car and bike show

The next big event on the Bream Bay calendar is the Waipu Car and Bike Show in the Caledonian Park on Sunday 5 February from 9am to 2pm.

This is the eighth time the show has been held. It is a big fundraiser for the Waipu Lions with over \$100,000 raised so far, all of which has gone to local community causes.

This year's major beneficiary will be the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway Trust, which needs additional funds to extend the trail.

Classic car owner Ron Cave, who initiated the event, commented in 2015, the year of the inaugural Waipu Car and Bike Show, how surprising it was to see what local people had hidden away in their sheds. Since then the event's reputation amongst car and bike enthusiasts has grown and the show is recognized as the biggest of its kind in Northland attracting car and bike enthusiasts from around the upper North Island. At the last show in 2021 over 700 cars and trucks lined up in the park as well as 150 motorbikes. Ron is anticipating around the same numbers or perhaps even more

to show up this year.

There are 11 category prizes for cars including: Best Vintage, Best Hot Rod, Best American, European, British, Australian and Japanese and best commercial vehicle and five for bikes: Best British, European, Japanese, European and Custom. There is also a People's Choice Award show attendees get to vote on and prizes for the best-dressed man and woman (usually in the vintage fashion of their vehicle) and this year, for the first time, a prize for the best-dressed child.

Entry is \$10 for adults and \$30 for a family pass. Children under the age of 12 get in for free.

Northpine is the show's major sponsor with many other local businesses also giving support.

There will be food carts and stalls as well as stalls selling motor vehicle paraphernalia.

With all the unseasonable rain we have been having Ron and the Waipu Lions members as well as the members of the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway trust are crossing their fingers that the sun will shine on show day.

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Police Report

Fatal accident on SH1 on New Year's Eve

A 58-year-old Kerikeri man died at the scene after the vehicle he was driving crashed head on into a truck on New Year's Eve 31 December 2022 at around 2.30pm. The deceased had been heading north and was attempting an overtaking maneuver when the accident occurred.

Critical injuries suffered in crash at Prescott Rd. intersection

A woman was flown to Auckland Hospital in a critical condition after a crash at the intersection of State Highway One and Prescott Rd, at 9.45am on Wednesday 4 January. One of the vehicles had pulled out of Prescott Road into the path of a North bound vehicle on the highway.

Bream Bay Police were kept busy with a total of nine vehicle accidents over the fortnight Friday 23 December 2022 to Friday 6 January 2023.

Young man and woman both taken to Accident and Emergency after drunken New Year's morning brawl

Police were called out to a drunken brawl in the Ruakākā Village at 3am on New Years day. The two protagonists, a young man and a young woman were both injured and needed to be taken to the Accident and Emergency Department at Whangārei Hospital.

Attempted car thefts in Tamure Rd. area

Multple attempts to break into vehicles were made by a group of burglars in Tamure Rd., Karo St. and Flax Street in Ruakākā on Thursday 29 December. Police are following up on some strong leads supplied by CCTV footage

Stolen car set alight



The stolen car was found in a burned out state in Doctors Hill Rd., Waipu

A silver Kia Carnival car with the number plate NKU59 was stolen from Manaia View Road in One Tree Point. It was later found burned out state at the bottom of Doctors Hill Rd

Fourteen people found drink driving by Christmas and New Year Police road checks

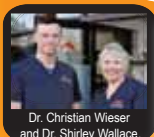
As promised Bream Bay Police carried out a series of drink driving checks over the Christmas and New Year period. As a result 14 people, including locals as well as visitors to Bream Bay are facing drink driving charges. Over the limit breath alcohol levels ranged from 318 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath to 717 micrograms. The legal limit for drivers over the age of 21 years is 250 micrograms. Senior Sergeant Simon Craig Officer in Charge of the Bream Bay Police said, "It is extremely disappointing that so many people show contempt for other road users by drinking and driving."

Fourteen family harm incidents

In total Bream Bay Police attended 14 family harm incidents over the fortnight Friday 23 December 2022 to Friday 6 January 2023.



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Lots of happy children at the Ruakākā Parade

The Ruakākā Parade was held on 17 December and, although it was very muggy with rain threatening, the weather held up. Sarah Simperingham reported there were "Lots of happy kids. It was great to see some new local businesses in the parade and some wonderful old community faces!"

"So glad it went ahead this year," she said.

Last year's parade was called off because of Covid 19 restrictions on group gatherings.

First prize went to the Marsden Play Centre float, Ruakākā School's float utilizing costumes and set pieces from the school's Moana production held earlier in the year won second prize and the Ruakākā Surf Club with its decorated buggy and SUV took third prize.

Photos by Sarah Simperingham

Right: Atlas Quarry's big yellow truck was a hit with the children.



Ruakākā Primary School's Moana float was placed second



The Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club entry won third prize



The winning Marsden Playcentre float



Santa arrived on a trailer towed by Chris Westlake's little red truck.

Crowds line the street for Waipu Parade

Nobody actually counted heads but it looked like a record crowd at the Waipu Christmas parade held, as is traditional, through the main street of the town at 7pm on Christmas Eve. Cars filed into the Saorsa overflow parking field and parked well down Shoemaker Rd. and the Braigh and spectators lined the parade route. It seems after all those Covid 19 cancellations people were making the most of being able to attend community events once again.

The hotly contested \$1,000 first prize was won by Waipu Playcentre with a *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* themed float. The children and a few mothers all wore Cindy Lou hairstanding on end styles.

Second place and \$500 went to a mixed Pacifica float. Local woman Finemoka had relatives staying from various Pacific Island so decked out a trailer with Pacifica patterned fabric and the flags of the represented island nations. What took the judges eye was likely to have been the dancing of all the adults and children on and walking alongside the colourful entry.

Third prize of \$350 went to the Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving with its round up of club members of various ages and a large banner declaring "We've got your back."

The Waipu Boat and Fishing Club float was judged the best entry by a community group and Kids Unlimited won the \$300 environmentally friendly category.



The colourful winning Waipu Playcentre *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* float. The Waipu parade is organised by the Promote Waipu group.



Enthusiastic dancing on and around the colourful mixed Pacifica float.



Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club with its line up of club members and water safety messaging



The Waipu Rugby Club float provided an opportunity for some spirited haka



Kit Singleton and Chris Jones joined the parade with their decorated mobility scooters

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Tue 17 Jan	3.38	2.3	3.51	2.4
Wed 18 Jan	4.40	2.3	4.50	2.4
Thu 19 Jan	5.43	2.4	5.52	2.5
Fri 20 Jan	6.45	2.5	6.55	2.5
Sat 21 Jan	7.44	2.7	7.57	2.6
Sun 22 Jan	8.39	2.8	8.55	2.7
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Upgrade for the Waipu Cove to Langs coastal track

By Melinda Butt



Wairahi Tracks Charitable Trust volunteers carry materials in for a working bee

On Friday 23 December the Waipu Coastal Walkway was reopened. Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers the path has been secured and strengthened to create a safer walking track. Since February 2022 members of the Wairahi Tracks Charitable Trust (WTCT) have been working with the goal to restore and create a more stable path along the coast from Waipu Cove to Langs beach. The track has had precarious slippery sections for some time, and after an extremely wet winter additional damage had occurred. With the permission of the Whangārei District Council, WTCT trust members, along with other local volunteers, have been hard at work reducing the dangerous sections and improving the safety and standards of the track. It has been a laborious task to carry materials in to create steps.

While the women shoveled shingle into sacks, the men carried it down to the sites in need of repair. Some sections have required cutting and digging through mud and thick kikuyu to create steps and tabling on flattened areas. Lugging in planks of wood and heavy sacks of shingle isn't for the faint hearted, so it's been a valiant effort by all those involved.

Mary Sinclair, a member of Wairahi Tracks Charitable Trust, said, "This has been a real community project with local businesses such as Northpine and ITM offering materials at a discounted rate and Mountfield Quarry donating the metal. Mary said, "We also had a fantastic response from the community with people donating anywhere from \$50 upwards".

The track was originally developed by members of the Waipu Lions Club around 15 years ago led by the vision and achieved through the perseverance of one of the club's members, the late Alan McKenzie. Alan, who lived on one of the properties alongside the track, recalled earlier times when the public enjoyed free access to the little beaches and elevated views along that section of coastline. He and

his wife Marjorie restored the native vegetation at the bottom of their property and placed it under the protection of the QEII Trust.

Thanks to Alan and Majorie's efforts as well as the support they received from the Waipu Lions, overseas tourists and locals alike have been able to enjoy the spectacular views on offer along this special coastline. Many consider this track to be the jewel in the crown when it comes to local attractions. This has been the key motivation behind the restoration process. "This is a highly regarded walkway with unique rock formations and a beautiful coastline," says John Tapper of WTCT.

John and the Wairahi Tracks Charitable Trust have a vision to create a series of integrated tracks throughout the area. The trust is now calling on additional volunteers to help with the labour involved in improving our local walking tracks. In the meantime the Waipu Cove to Langs Beach path is now open and ready to be explored.

For more information please visit www.wairahitracks.nz or email info@wairahitracks.nz



Spreading metal on the track

Pool opening delayed by wet weather



The Bream Bay College swimming pool hasn't yet been opened for public use.

The college has a grant from the Lotteries Commission to cover the expense of lifeguards while the pool is open and an arrangement with the Whangārei District Council to cover the expense of the chemicals needed to keep the water clean.

However rainy weather has held up a repaint job.

On Sunday afternoon 8 January Bream Bay College

Principal Wayne Buckland sent through this photograph and said it would take another two days for a second coat of paint to be applied and then for black lane lines to be painted in. After this it would take another five days before the pool could be filled with water.

Mr. Buckland said, if possible, the pool will be open to the public for the last few weeks of the school holidays.

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 of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 26 January
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 Wednesday 18 January

Waipu Tennis News

By Paul Ramsay

Congratulations to all those who took part in our Tuesday night tennis. Winners were: First – Team 7 (Kina Hansen, Dayle Widdup, Henry Wong and Jake Buckle), Second Team 3 (Paul Jobin, Tuck Waaka, John Chalk and Mary Abercrombie) and third Team 5 (Sean McCombe, Melissa Proffitt, Brenda Christian and Linda Jonas).

Waipu had success in a social doubles competition run by Tennis Northland for those not playing interclub. Paul Ramsay (Waipu) and his Keri Keri partner Alyn George won the competition with 10 wins, while Neil Roblin and Hayden Joe of Waipu were runners up.

The Tuesday night session will continue with new teams in early February. Practice nights will be January 17, 24 and 31st. Thursday night will see the Sawmill competition starting again so businesses should think about getting a strong team together.

Ladies night still only has a few attending. Perhaps that New Year's resolution could be to make more time for yourself and get along on Tuesday night to join in the fun.

Juniors/Intermediates are still going well with around 50 players attending. Ben Donaldson, still at primary school but now playing for Whangarei Boys High at number one in Men's Interclub continues to show good form. He has had four wins including winning against his Waipu opponent at number one a few weeks ago.

The Waipu One Set Wonder doubles tournament is on 18 February and it is open to anyone.

Interclub is on hold for a few weeks but the Waipu Raiders are sitting in 9th position out of 15 teams after the pre-Christmas rounds.

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

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Dispatch from the Waipu River Walk Committee January 2023

Te pū o te wai, te hononga tāngata
The rivers connect us all
An abhainn a tha gar ceangail comhla



Photo by Peter Grant

What a year 2022 was! It has been an absolute joy to see how well-used and loved the Waipu River Walk has become for the community and its many visitors.

There have been some significant milestones reached for the WRW in the last year. The completion of the entrance sign design and installation is one of those. The signs include a map of the walk showing significant landmarks, a kaperua design created by Patuharakeke artist Marino Duke specifically for the Waipu River Walk, and the iconic WRW logo designed by Baly Gaudin. The reo (Māori language) on the signs includes kupu (words) specific to Patuharakeke.

Patuharakeke Trust Board led the blessing and unveiling of the entrance signs at the official opening of the Waipu River Walk, held during Matariki in July. The beautiful sounds of the bagpipes (played by local Logan) led people from the walk river entrance up to the hall, where 80 or so attendees partook in whakanoa (removing the tapu or sacredness of the event) through morning tea and then art games for the younger ones.

Across a number of group working bees in 2022, people of all ages (7-80+) mucked in and contributed countless hours of mahi clearing rubbish, cutting down privet, gorse, wild ginger, and mulching, preparing and planting out natives, steadily improving the walk surrounds and experience.

Huge thanks must go to the unrelenting energy of Barb and Wes Bycroft (Waipu Fernery), who have consistently grafted away, donating weekends and weekdays, plants, coffee and snacks to keep the troops going, a fair amount of sweat, and a few tears too, when some plants have sadly been stolen.

There are many community members who have contributed in some way to making the walk what it is now. Local contractors worked on the stock fencing, arbor work, sign design and sign installation, mowing maintenance, contributing materials used on the walk, to name a few. Plenty of this has generously come at cost price (some services have even been at no cost!), with time often donated. WRW neighbours – the Waipu Presbyterian Church, has also been a strong supporter. Special shout outs to Tom! There are also many residents who live along the walk who contribute to the ongoing maintenance.

Acknowledgements too, for Lydia Draper and Peter Blanch, two of the original WRW committee members who moved to other projects in 2022. The walk would not be what it is today without their mammoth efforts.

And the work continues. Funds remain from the original WDC grant, and there are many plans to continue enhancing the walk and achieve the other items on the 'to do' list! Top of that list for 2023 is making the walk all-weather accessible (no more gumboots!), installing seating, and informational and cultural signage along the walk. There is much more.

If you're interested in joining the mailing list for the Waipu River Walk, or have ideas on how you can contribute in some way, please email waipuriverwalk@gmail.com or message the Facebook page (Waipu River Walk – Community Led Project). Keep an eye out for working bee dates (everyone is welcome). We also love seeing photos of people enjoying the walk so please send those in too!

The volunteer work of the community-led Waipu River Walk is supported by a generous grant from Whangarei District Council.

Winners of the Decorate Your Letterbox competition



The winners of Promote Waipu's Decorate Your Letterbox competition were: Alicia, Cortney and Renee Williams of 48 Ginty Way, pictured above with their letterbox transformed into a brick chimney with Santa upside down inside.

Second place went to Sarah and Brooklyn Budgen of 54 Shoemaker Rd. who decorated their letterbox with a *Grinch Stole Christmas* theme and third prize was won by Hugo Perry from 59 Torum Lane whose letterbox was topped with with an image of a Highland cow decked out in Christmas baubles. There were also 11 highly recommended winners.

Northpine Timber Mill and the Whangarei District Council helped fund the competition and The Waipu Fire Brigade lent Santa its vintage fire truck to deliver the prizes.

The Waipu Business Promotion Group thanks all the people who made the effort to decorate their letterboxes.

WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Fundraising for Whangarei Hospital Children's Ward. Sunday 15 January from 9am -1pm. One Tree Point School field.
- **FOUR BAND LINE UP INCLUDING ALBI AND THE WOLVES AT TAHAMOANA FARM.** 566 Cove Rd. Saturday 21 January 6pm - 10.30pm. Tickets at Eventfinda or at the gate.
- **PAPAROA ARTISAN CHRISTMAS MARKET** Next on Sunday 22 January from 12 noon to 4pm, In the Paparoa Memorial Hall
- **JAZZ ON A SUMMERS DAY** at Tahamoana Farm, 566 Cove Rd. Saturday 28 January 2pm to 6.30pm. Tickets on Eventfinda or at the gate.
- **WAIPU STREET AND PARK MARKET** Auckland/Northland Anniversary Weekend. Sunday January 29, 9am - 2 pm The Centre, the Celtic Barn & Caledonian Park, Waipu. Over 150 Stalls of crafts, fashion, art, jewellery, food, novelties, and produce Most products made by Northland artisans. Live music - Food trucks - Entertainment for all the family.
- **THE WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW** Sunday 5 February in the Waipu Caledonian Park. Gates open to the public at 10am. Closes at 2pm. \$10 entry. Kids under 12 Free. \$30 family pass. Sponsored by Northpine. This year's major beneficiary is the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway.
- **RODS AND ROCKERS CONCERT** at Tahamoana Farm 5 February from 3pm to 11pm. After the Waipu Car and Bike Show. A line up of local musicians including Tempest Fujit, The Recliner Rockers, The Legendary Hot Rods and Phil Madsen. Tickets on eventfinda or at the gate.
- **BOWIE BOWIE! TRIBUTE BAND.** At Tahamoana Farm on Saturday 11 February from 8pm to 11.30pm. Tickets from eventfinda or at the gate.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 12 February from 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **BREAM BAY SPORTS TRUST TRY SOMETHING NEW FESTIVAL** From Saturday February 11 to Sunday March 12. Local clubs will be inviting people of all ages to come and try a new sport.
- **THE BREAM BAY SPORTS AWARDS.** Friday evening 31 March with guest speaker Laura Andrews fresh from her trek to the South Pole. Tickets available on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website.

Summer series at Tahamoana



Albi and the Wolves at Tahamoana Farm on Saturday evening 21 January

The summer series of concerts continues at Dave Brown's Tahamoana Angora goat farm, 566 Cove Road Waipu,

The first event was held last Saturday with the Latin influenced band Sirrah. Proceeds from this evening will go to the upgrade of the Waipu Cove to Langa Beach walkway, which reopened just before Christmas.

Still to come: on Saturday 21 January from 6pm - 10.30pm, a four band line up with *Albi and the Wolves*, who won the best folk artist Aotearoa Music Award in 2018, the Barleyshakers - an Australian Celtic Band, *The Good Shit* - a duo with Karam David of Mangawhai and *Social Graces* with Micheal Noagh of Whangārei.

Jazz on a Summers Day with *The Joe Carbery Trio*, the *Basin City Big Band*, *Red Arrows Dixie Jazz*, *Standard Deviations*, *The Panimals* (Bream Bay College's steelpan band), Stuart Lawrence and Brian Glamazina is scheduled for 28 January from 2pm - 6.30pm.

Then on 5 February, at 3pm to 11pm, after the Waipu Car and Bike Show is *The Rods 'n Rockers* concert with a line up of New Zealand musicians: *Tempest Fujit* (of Waipu), *The Recliner Rockers*, the *Legendary Hot Rods* and Phil Madsen presenting rock classics from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Last in the series is tribute band *Bowie!*, *Bowie!* on Saturday 11 February from 8pm - 11.30pm.

All concerts are held outdoors on the grounds of Tahamoana overlooking Bream Bay. Tickets are available from eventfinda and at the gate.

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9.40am	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
10.10am	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus

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3.00pm	Departs	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
3.40pm	Departs	Ruakākā 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
4.35pm	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
4.50pm	Arrives	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall

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Make contact with a Justice of the Peace (on any day) and make an appointment to have your documents completed.

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 26 January
The deadline for all copy is 4pm on
Wednesday 18 January

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Training designed for those over 50!
On all devices. Come to our Open Day
Discuss your needs with our friendly tutors
When: Monday 23rd January 2023
10am – 12noon
Where: 7 Kapa Road, Ruakaka
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Phone enquires - 4327 692 (leave a message)



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- Kids after school art classes
- Casual drop in clay
- Adult clay classes
- NZ sculptures for sale or commission

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SOCIAL SERVICES**Safeman Safe family Men's Centre**

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

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

The services we provide are as follows:

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

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

**Bream Bay Community Support Trust**

Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone 09 432 7197

SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

Family Support Workers
Registered Social Workers
Youth Services
Youth Workers
Youth Hangout Space
Community Connectors
(Connecting community to various services)
Driver Mentor Programme
Free Whanau Ora Medical Clinic with Ki A Ora Ngatiwai. Wednesday mornings 10am-12 noon, by appointment only
Free Budgeting Service (by appointment)

BREAM BAY ANGLICAN FOODBANK

If you would like assistance or know someone that does, perhaps we can help
Please phone Janet 433 0045
Or Anoek 021 141 3409

LINKING HANDS
Health Shuttle
Phone (09) 431 8969



SITUATIONS VACANT

**Retail Administrator (part-time)**

We're looking at hiring a Retail Administrator to assist with the Gift shop. Previous retail & customer service experience would be preferred.

Please send your CV to: manager@waipumuseum.com

CLEAN GREEN CLEANING Cleaner wanted in the Ruakaka Towncentre. Five days a week. 4.30pm start. One and a quarter hours per night. Phone Danny 027 487 9802.

BREAM BAY NEWS DELIVERY PERSON For Marsden Point Road, Ruakākā area. Please phone or text 027 432 0070.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Bream Bay Medical Centre Ltd.

Ruakākā Town Centre, Ruakākā

Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm

Saturdays: 9am - 12pm

Marsden Cove Medical Centre
1A Ngawaka Lane, One Tree Point

Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm

Please advise at time of booking
if you require an extended consultation

Ph: 432 8060

New patients welcome



MARKETS

OTP Artisan Market

One Tree Point School field

Fundraiser for Whangarei Hospital
Children's Ward

Sunday 15 January 9am to 1pm.

Spaces available call Sue 021 530 153

or 09 432 8112

Come and Support Local.

Waipu Street and Park Market

Northland Anniversary Weekend

Sunday January 29th 9am - 2pm

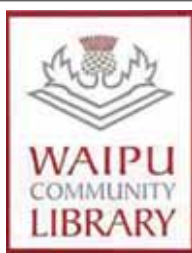
The Centre, the Celtic Barn
& Caledonian Park Waipu

Lots of covered stalls Lots of Gazebo's
"The Big Summer Market in the Little Town"
Over 150 Stalls of Crafts, Fashion, Art, Jewellery, Food, Novelties, and Produce
Most products made by Northland artisans.

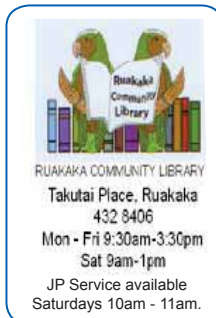
Live Music - Food Trucks

Entertainment for all the family.

LIBRARY HOURS



Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday &
Saturday 10am - 1pm.
Tuesday 10am - 4pm.
Phone 432 0375



RUAKAKA COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Takutai Place, Ruakaka
432 8406
Mon - Fri 9:30am-3:30pm
Sat 9am-1pm
JP Service available
Saturdays 10am - 11am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Bream Bay Community Patrol

*Working with the Police to reduce
crime in the Bream Bay area.*

To inquire about joining,
contact Senior Constable Martin Geddes
Waipu Police Station - 432 4030



NORTHPINE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

This committee meets periodically to review the environmental performance of the Northpine timber manufacturing plant in Waipu, in consultation with representatives of the local councils. Any Waipu resident with concerns about the environmental effects of the Northpine plant should notify the Northpine office (432 1155). Concerns will be recorded, considered and subsequently reviewed by the liaison committee. The Independent chairperson of the liaison committee is Steve Goldthorpe 0274 849 764.

BREAM BAY SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian Camellia Ave, Ruakaka:
8.45am. The Centre, Waipu: 10.15am.
Prayer Service: 7pm

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

Anglican 1st and 3rd Sundays - St Paul's
Ruakaka 2nd and 4th Sundays -
St Peter's Waipu. All services start at
9.30am.

Catholic Holy Family Church,
Ruakaka, 10.30am. Mass or Liturgy of
the Word

Lifepoint. 300 OTP Rd, 10.30am.

AGM

Waipu Senior Netball Club inc AGM

25th January 6pm
GoodyGoody cafe Waipu
All welcome

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Harcourts Waipu

Stylish Coastal Haven

WAI2397

Price by Negotiation

- Immaculate 3-bedroom home with a sea view
- Generous parcel of 1.0340 hectares
- Open-plan living flows out to an alfresco area
- 2 single garages – great for storage of the toys
- Hobbiest room plus a permitted sleepout with toilet, shower, and separate storage room
- Plenty of space to pitch the tents and caravan
- 10-minute easy walk to Waipu Cove beach

OPEN HOME: Sun 15th January 1.00-1.45 pm
9 Cullen Road, Waipu
Roger King 0277 555 001

Where Location Counts

WAI2439

\$895,000

- 153m2 3-bedroom home on 905m2 site
- Low maintenance, solid brick, and tile
- Master bedroom - ensuite/walk-in wardrobe
- Private outdoor covered area for the BBQ
- Flat expansive section – fruit trees/veggies
- Double garage with internal access
- Flat, short stroll to Waipu village

Judy Guy 027 221 5623

Rare Lifestyle Retreat

WAI2436

Price by Negotiation

- Modern 162m2, 3-bedroom home
- 1.6490 hectares of park-like grounds
- 2 acres of mature Macadamia trees
- 1/5th share of 7.9 ha of a bush reserve with native bush walks and a stony bottom creek
- Best of Kiwi living – private, tranquil, peaceful
- 10-minute drive to Waipu village and beaches

OPEN HOME: Sun 15th January 12.00-12.45 pm
234 Glenmohr Road, Waipu
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FOR SALE

45 MCLEAN ROAD, WAIPU

- Home and Income Opportunity
- Two homes – three bedroom with studio, plus minor dwelling, ALL with amazing ocean views
- High stud barn, equestrian ring, cattle yards, on 1.37 ha's approx.

Price: On Application

36 FINDLAY STREET, MANGAWHAI HEADS

- 927 sq m of stunning sheltered oasis
- Great sea and sand views
- Access way to the stunning sandy bay at the end of Findlay Street
- No restrictive building covenants on title

Price: By Negotiation

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Price Slashed!



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THE BEACH PAD

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- Anbrue Lane – Sizes starting from 704m2 upwards, prices From \$390,000
- Kepa Road – 2280m2 \$595,000 + GST if any

FIONA SOUTHERN MNZM **Mob: 021 317 775**