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Provincial Growth Fund money for trial kingfish farm

The big announcement was made at the end of last week: with \$6 million from the Provincial Growth Fund, \$6 million from the Northland Regional Council and a \$7.84 million contribution from Niwa, a commercial kingfish farm will be built at the Niwa site in Ruakaka. This will be a trial with the hope that it will encourage investment from the private sector. The \$19.84 million will build a kingfish farm capable of producing 500 to 600 tons of fish annually. A total of 1.5 hectares of the former Marsden Power Station site has been reserved for kingfish farming, enough space for another four modules similar to this pilot module, to bring production up to 2,000 to 3,000 tons per annum.

Niwa's Chief Aquaculture Scientist Andrew Forsythe has been working towards this for some time. After purchasing the 8.2-hectare site of the now dismantled Marsden Power stations from Mighty River Power in 2015, Niwa put in the infrastructure to enable aquaculture across the whole site.

The Research Centre had been leasing a part of the property for 14 years prior to the purchase, utilizing ocean intake and outtake pipes built for the cooling system for the power station boilers.

Mr. Forsythe said these four pipes were purchased along with the land in the 2015 sale. They stretch between 600 and 800 metres out into the ocean and are "a unique asset" invaluable to the whole aquaculture operation.

He said, "A few years ago we went through an exercise

Waipu Rugby's Premier team takes supreme Bream Bay sports award



Waipu Rugby was a big winner at the 2019 Bream Bay Sports Awards held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Friday 6 March. The club's premier team took out the top Senior Team award as well as the Supreme Award. The team's coach Graham Dewes was named Coach of the Year and star player Temo Mayanavanua was Bream Bay's Sportsman of the Year. As the judges commented it was hard to go past the achievement of winning the Northland wide rugby premiership for the first time in the club's 143 year history.

Pictured above, from left to right: Mark McClure, Andrew McNamara, Temo Mayanavanua, coach - Graham Dewes, team manager - Truman Macarthy, Saimoni Uluinakauvadra and Raikabula Momoedonu. Mark, Andrew, Temo, Saimoni and Raikabula are all members of the club's senior squads.

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Somewhere to celebrate the heroes of this area's many past and present industrial enterprises

After something like 35 years the NZ Refining Visitor Centre has closed its doors. I went for a visit on its last day of operation. The main remaining exhibit was this big model of a slice of New Zealand between Marsden Point and Auckland showing the route of the gas and oil pipeline.

There was another model of a reactor being lifted into place, one of the valves that close and open within the pipe was on display and there were photographs of the refinery expansion of the mid 1980s. There was nothing about the new hydrocracker the installation of which was completed in 2015 or about future NZ Refining projects. It all looked a bit tired. Displays explaining the oil refinery process, which I remember seeing from earlier visits, had already gone.

The various visitor advisory on-line sites are going to have to catch up with this development as they all list a visit to the centre as one of the top things to do in Ruakaka. No one can say yet where all the models and displays will be housed.

In a back room at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre there is a scale model of the now dismantled Marsden Power station. We need somewhere to safely store all these treasures, which document this area's industrial past.

Wouldn't it be great to have a centre showcasing all the industries, which have come and gone in Bream Bay? I am sure this would be a very popular tourist attraction.

It would be somewhere for families who visit Bream Bay beaches over summer to go on rainy days or when they have had their full of sand, sea and sunshine.

It could also be a learning centre visited by classes of school children with displays explaining how timber treatment, sawmilling, LVL production, cement making, oil refining, port logistics, dairy and beef farming, heavy engineering and the soon - to - be - expanded aquaculture centre operate.

There could be hands on exhibits for the children to play with. Perhaps a model of Northport with logs, woodchips and containers and model cranes the kids could operate to load model ships.

Portraits of people who planned and built the Marsden Point to Auckland pipeline, the Marsden Power Stations, the refinery expansions, the port, SPI, Northpine, North Sawn Lumber, the LVL plant etc., should be hung on the walls and the achievements of these people celebrated.

My imagined Ruakaka based industry display centre would have a schoolroom where children could have fun building stuff and, in the process, learn skills and develop interests to equip them for jobs in industry. We could have an after-school young engineers club where retired tradespeople could pass on some of their knowledge and skills. The possibilities go on and on.

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Frustration at Council's lack of maintenance of rural roads

In frustration at the lack of action by the Whangarei District Council, residents of Harwood and Waionehu Roads in Waipu arranged for a professional grader driver to smooth out the corrugations on their roads and paid for the work themselves.

The residents, who did not want to be named, said they considered the state of the road dangerous. The road had not been graded since early October. Drivers were crossing the road to avoid the worst of the rough patches and were in danger of meeting an oncoming vehicle around a blind corner.

The grader smoothed out the bumps and spread the loose metal gathered up in the process over the road surface. The residents say the success of this exercise gives the lie to the Whangarei District Council's claim that maintenance cannot be carried out on metal roads while the ground is so dry.

They say they will be looking for reimbursement for the expense of the grader driver hire from the Council.



Harwood and Waihoenui Rd, residents arranged for the grading of their roads at their own expense

Council's response

Ann Midson, the Whangarei District Council's Senior Communications advisor after consulting with WDC roading engineers said, "The grading done by these land owners will provide short-term relief, but the road will degrade quickly and if it hasn't been done correctly could cause long-term damage.

The surface of a gravel road has a crust of layers that are bound together, over the top of underlying clay. These layers help to keep water out of the clay, and hold the road surface together (even if corrugated).

Council has a rate-payer funded roading programme and will not pay for private works.

Nearby Massey Rd. remains in a bad state of repair. One resident, Pat Hadlee said, "The road is the worst I have experienced in nearly seven years and dangerous too as everyone weaves all over to miss the really bad bits. I am worried my wee car will bottom out on the high bits."

Francie Lawless who describes herself as "an avid campaigner for improvements on Massey Rd. said the road has become almost "undriveable."

She has been complaining to the Council and last week had a reply from the Council's Chief Executive Rob Forlong who said

"All of Whangarei's gravel roads are being affected by this summer's big dry, and the effects will last until the end of the drought at least. The ground is now so dry that we can't grade the roads to remove corrugations and potholes. We share your frustrations but until we

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The Bream Bay Sports Awards



Rising equestrian star Maddison Greatorex won the Junior Sportsperson award. Maddy is the current North Island Pony Grand Prix Champion and currently sits 3rd in the national pony Grand Prix series. She is the top Northland pony show jumping champion for the 2nd year and is also the highest ranked hack rider in Northland. She has been selected to represent NZ in an international invitational teams event in Taupo.



Eighteen-year-old Kallan Books - Owen, a graduate of Bream Bay United's Youth Referee Development program was named as Bream Bay's top referee of 2019. Kallan has refereed numerous junior, youth and senior men's and women's games for Bream Bay United as well as at Northland and national tournaments.



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Left: William Brown receiving the People's Choice Award from Gavin Carroll of Northport. He received 204 votes to win an online poll. William recently won the Australian Masters Crossfit Games at the age of 71.

Other award winners were: Waipu Rugby's Temo Mayanavanua - Sportsman of the Year, Kylie Jacoby of Waipu Golf - Sportswoman of the Year, Fiona Southorn - Masters Sportsperson of the Year for her successes in cycling and duathlon, Des Mclean - Service to Sport for his many years work for the Waipu Caledonian Games and the Waipu Bowling Club, Kath Manning Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club's captain and administrator - Leadership and Waipu based company Northpine won the Community Impact award for its sponsorship of a long list of local sports clubs and sporting events. Waipu Rugby coach Graham Dewes was named Coach of the Year and the Waipu Rugby Premier Team won the Senior Team of the Year award as well as the Supreme Award.

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The Takahiwai League Club's Under 11s team was named as Junior Team of the Year. Pictured above team representatives Ricard Wilson (second from left) and Shayne Wassell with Terry and Marcia Thomas representing the Junior Team Award sponsor Cowleys Hire Service. The team won all 16 of its games in the Northern Rugby League competition and also won against an Auckland under 12s team.

Legendary All Black first five eighth Grant Fox and Northland Captain and All Black Glenn Taylor were guest speaker at the awards night, taking questions from the floor.

They were asked what they thought about the current trend to take the competitiveness out of junior sport.

Grant Fox said he thought it was a mistake and that the problem didn't lie with the children being unable to handle the pressure but with the attitudes of some of the parents.

Glenn Taylor said he remembered being selected in a Northland junior rep team and the price he felt in pulling on the team's jersey.

"I wouldn't like to see that taken away from our young rising sportsmen and women."

Steve Jones asked Mr. Fox if he would be available to play for the Waipu masters Men in Kilts team in July but he replied he was likely to be busy with his job as an All Black selector at that time.



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to see what it would cost to build them today and it was something like \$36 million.”

On top of this it is doubtful if the necessary resource consents to construct and operate them would be granted under today’s rules.

Alongside the kingfish production area there is space for other commercial fish farming ventures. Already the commercial OceanNZ Blue Abalone farm is located next to the Niwa centre. Mr. Forsythe hopes other ventures will make use of the site and one day to see the whole area “humming with activity” but for the moment kingfish are the focus.

The Ruakaka research centre has developed expertise in breeding juvenile kingfish. Growing your own has advantages over catching fingerlings from the wild as numbers can be increased as needed and elite breeding stock can be selected for fast growth and a high survival rate.

Water taken through the intake pipes is filtered and put through a high intensity ultraviolet light treatment to eliminate any pathogens and parasites in the seawater. Around 95% of the water intake is treated and circulated back through the system. The water is kept at optimum temperature: the oxygen levels are controlled and the fish are fed on pellets made up of a mixture of protein and lipids, just enough to maximise growth and minimize waste. Interestingly the feed pellets are largely composed of land-based plants. Andrew said a kingfish in the wild would eat between 10 to 15 times its own weight in other fish to get to a good three-kilogram size.

The Niwa plant has been experimenting in growing kingfish on to a saleable size - around 3 to 3.5 kilo. For the past few years the centre has produced between 15 to 20 tons of kingfish each year selling these to Auckland restaurants.

Mr. Forsythe said feed back from chefs has been very positive.

“We are confident that we can produce a premium, high value product.”

He thinks kingfish farming is at the stage salmon farming was at around 20 years ago and on the cusp of becoming a big industry.

The new commercial module will take around a year to build and then another year for the first batch of farmed kingfish to go on sale.

All going to plan, the module will be sold to a private investor or investors who will expand the operation. Mr. Forsythe said, Niwa’s mission “is not to compete with private industry but to help leverage our resources to the best advantage for New Zealand. This doesn’t necessarily mean investment needs to come from within this country but that we keep control of the opportunity within New Zealand.”

New Zealand investors have proved cautious, perhaps mindful of a kingfish farm established on Parengarenga Harbour and supplied with fingerlings from Ruakaka, which folded in 2011 after just two years of operation. Problems with the plant and insufficient capital investment were cited as reasons for the failure. So a big part of the Niwa project’s objective is to prove the business case.



Steve Pether - getting micro algae samples at the Niwa Aquaculture plant



Kerry Somner checking water quality of a brood stock tank



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Frustration at Council's lack of maintenance of rural roads

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get decent rain, we ask that people are patient, drive to the conditions and to keep reporting dangerous areas to us.

The contractor last inspected the road on 4 February 2020. Our area inspector has confirmed that on Massey Road there are three or four corners which have significant corrugations and they would benefit from a wet / roll and grade. Unfortunately, we would need a significant amount of water to do the job. To have the right amount of water we need 6 tanker loads (60,000 litres) per kilometre treated. There are no nearby water sources to do so at the moment. At this stage the wet-roll-grade is programmed for March provided we get some rain.

"Under these dry conditions a wet-roll- grade will only last a couple of weeks before it unravels again."

The Council has put aside funding to seal 1.5 kilometres of this road dependent on 80% of the residents whose properties have road frontage on the section to be sealed agree to each pay the sum of \$4,000 plus GST over five years in a targeted rate towards the \$600,000 cost of the seal extension.

Francie said she is expecting a decision as to when and where this seal will be undertaken sometime this week. The Council is also planning to seal two kilometres of Brooks Rd.

at a total cost of \$800,000, again with adjacent property owners being asked to pay a \$4,000 contribution.

The current state of this road is also causing concern. Steve Slack said, "It's a shocker. There are corrugations the whole length. You need to drive real slow or you bounce off the road. Of course some people don't do this." He was about to get on the phone to the Council once again to see if he could get some action.

When the Bream Bay News inquired about the state of Prescott Rd. it brought in a flood of emails from residents of that road. Here are some of the comments "Yep the road is certainly in a crappy state - the worst I've seen it in the 14 years that we've been up here. The corrugations are the biggest issue as they are damaging to the vehicles. They make for a very uncomfortable ride but, more importantly, represent a safety issue as vehicles move to the opposing side of the road to go around the corrugations some of which are near blind corners"

"The council did a great maintenance job on the road last year, with lots of new gravel, grading and rolling. However, I don't think that it has had any maintenance since then, and right now the road is in the worst state that I have seen it."

"The current state of Prescott Road is pretty bad, the corrugations are shaking the cars to pieces. The gradient of the road exacerbates the corrugations, as you cannot ascend the hill without some degree of acceleration. "

"Regarding the rutting, the stock answer from Council will no doubt be the contractors need rain before they can do the maintenance, to help the grading and rolling and re-compaction of the road to the right shape with out the rutting.

This, however, is not entirely true; the rain is just preferred (as its cheaper). They can do this work with a water cart! So why don't they?"

"There are many houses close by the road, and this is not good for environmental and health reasons. Aside from the nuisance of breathing in wafting dust, for us local residents this affects our roofs making them dirty and dusty and affects out drinking water and the water in the Wilson's dam that supplies Ruakaka."



Sign on Harwood Rd.

Now that it has rained a bit will the Council resume maintenance work on gravel roads?

Ann Midson, the Whangarei District Council's Senior Communications manager said some work is being carried out in areas that have had sufficient rain. However, in many places the moisture from recent light rain has not gone down deep enough to make a difference to the sub- structure of the road.

She said, "People need to understand that if we were to grade the roads while the ground is still very dry it won't take long for the corrugations to reappear and, in fact, grading could make the problem worse.



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Ruakaka School gets a new swimming pool

Ruakaka Primary School is in the process of getting a new swimming pool. At nine metres squared the pool will be twice as big as the one it replaces and a little bit deeper, enabling the children to practice diving in. Ruakaka school children had been at a disadvantage at the inter-school swimming sports held annually at the Bream Bay College pool, as their school pool was too shallow for them to practice dive starts. The old pool was built in 1957.

The new pool will be well insulated and have covers that can be pulled over its water surface so school swimming lessons can be extended by two or three weeks at both ends of the season.

Ruakaka Principal Marilyn Dunn said she was hopeful the pool would be completed in time for the children to get a few weeks of swimming before the weather gets too cold.

She said there was a hold-up getting consents when Whangarei District Council staff were on holiday over Christmas. The big concern now will be getting 90,000 litres of water – nine tanker loads to fill the new pool, as there is a three-week waiting list for water delivery.



A concrete delivery for the new Ruakaka School pool

Water stored in the pool will also be a resource for the fire brigade to use should there be a fire at the school. The pool is being paid for out of the school's maintenance grant. Mrs. Dunn said most of the maintenance has been taken care of with a number of new buildings and funds allocated to the school because of its roll growth.

New Waipu pharmacy to open after Easter

Waipu Pharmacist Brenda Wells is expecting to be able to move into the new premises over Easter weekend, or just after.

Brenda said, "We may need to close for a half day some time that week, but will put up signage in the pharmacy closer to the time with a date. We are incredibly grateful for all of the community support we've had over the last 18 months, which has been very difficult for us.

The Waipu Pharmacy was destroyed in the Waipu fire of 30 September 2018 along with the Harker Herbals shop and the Café Deli. Brenda initially had to travel to another business in Russell to make up prescriptions and then deliver them around the town on her return. In December 2018 the pharmacy was able into temporary home in a relocated building behind the Waipu bakery.

Brenda said she hoped to be able to hold a "moving in event" some time in May.

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Refinery visitor centre closes its doors



Scott McLean of Air Zone helped to take down the Marsden Point Refinery Visitor Centre sign

The visitor centre at the Marsden Point Refinery has closed down. Workmen were on site dismantling the sign outside on Friday 28 February.

Barry Akers, a media contact person for Refining NZ, said he understood this was part of the refinery's "review of costs."

Mr. Akers said at this stage no decision had been taken as to whether the centre would re-open or about where and if the exhibits would be stored.

He said the visitor center received around 12,000 visitors each year.

Warren Daniel of the Ruakaka Parish Resident and Ratepayers Association said the visitor centre opened in the 1980s. One of its primary reasons for being was as somewhere to house the big scale model of the pipeline from the refinery to Auckland which was used to plan the pipeline construction.

Mr. Daniel said he hoped the model and the other exhibits at the centre would be stored safely somewhere until such a time as they could be housed in a museum setting.

He said at the last RPRRA meeting a concern was expressed that local people could lose their jobs if contracts at the refinery were cut due to the company's money woes.

Refining NZ has reported a net profit after tax of \$4.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2019 compared to \$30 million for the year ended December 31, 2018. Managing Director Paul Zealand said, the result was "disappointing" given how well the

business has performed operationally, and that a "confluence of market factors" had resulted in an unsustainably low refining margin in the latter part of 2019. Some of the factors leading to low refining profit margins were: the unscheduled Transpower outage on 27 November, late crude deliveries, the America vs China trade war and US imposed sanctions on several Chinese shipping companies leading to higher shipping costs and new regulations requiring lower sulphur emissions in shipping fuel. Mr. Zealand said the headwinds in the market, including the impact of Coronavirus on supply and demand, are likely to mean low profit margins for the early part of 2020. "Given the uncertainties the refining sector is facing, we are working to minimise cash spend and increase revenue. At the same time we are looking at all tactical and strategic options available to enable Refining NZ to stay at the core of the fuel supply chain in New Zealand." Mr. Zealand is currently acting CEO of Refining NZ, until new appointee Naomi James takes over next month. Ms. James is currently an executive vice president of the Australian oil and gas producer Santos. She replaces Mike Fuge who handed in his notice just 13 months in the job to take up a CEO position with Contact Energy.

Committee formed to steer Waipu community project

The Waipu Community Led Project took a step forward on Tuesday night 3 March when a committee of people was formed with the task of choosing and advancing a project or projects after consulting with the Waipu community.

The Whangarei District Council is offering communities within the district a sum of \$100,000 to advance projects of their choice.

Anita Barton took on the Chairperson's role and it was agreed to hold a public consultation exercise on the Waipu Business and Community Stall at the Easter market day. Leaflets inviting ideas were also handed out at last weekend's Waipu Sunday market.

So far two projects have been suggested. One is for

a river walkway beginning at the Waihoihoi Park, following the river along an esplanade reserve to Nova Scotia Drive, along the roadside into Waipu and through the town back to the starting point.

Another suggestion is for more facilities for children including an upgrade of the playground in the Waihoihoi Park and more green space and places where people could meet, walk and hold picnics.

The project group will be asking people what they think about these two ideas and inviting new ones at the Easter market stall.

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The next meeting of the Ruakaka Parish Residents and Ratepayers Association will be on Tuesday 4 April at 7pm in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka. If you have a topic you wish to bring to the meeting please email the association's secretary Warren Daniel 48 hours prior to the meeting. Mr. Daniel's email address is: wjdanield39@gmail.com

WAIPU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association will be held on Wednesday 25 March starting at 7.30pm in St Peters Church, Nova Scotia Drive. All welcome

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Eileen's blankets bring smiles to many



Eileen Brown has been making crochet blankets for the last 50 years. She has no idea how many she has made but its in the 100's and 100's! These latest three have been donated to the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club's first aid rooms.

Recipients over the years are friends and family, friends of friends, Starship Hospital, Whangarei Hospital, Whangarei Maternity unit, Special care baby units, Marine Reach, Ranburn staff members, Waipu Plunket, the Over 60's club, Saorsa residents and their friends, a Retire and Live group at Coopert Beach, the Presbyterian Church, community raffles, too many to remember! Her blankets have brought smiles and comfort to many lucky recipients.

No more bus rides to after school activities

With the growth in the school roll the buses which take students to Bream Bay College are reaching capacity and the school has told its students that they will no longer be able to use the bus to get to after school activities or to go home with friends.

This situation is compounded by an edict from the Ministry of Education, which states that students cannot stand in the isles of the buses when all the seats are full. Contracts are due to be renegotiated for Bream Bay's school bus routes in 2021 and these new contracts will include this condition.

This poses a problem for the Waipu Rugby Club whose college age players ride the bus to practices. It is also going to make things difficult for the end of year touch tournament played on the Waipu Caledonian Park, the home of Waipu rugby.

Other after school activities such as the Circool Circus classes held in Waipu may also face difficulties.

Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland said rugby league, netball and hockey practices are already held at the school while Bream Bay United Football is based just across the road. He said if any other codes want to use the school fields they are welcome.

However as primary schools are also involved in the annual touch tournament he can understand the need to keep this on the Waipu fields.

Mr. Buckland said people should look at it this way, "For many years they have been privileged to be able to use the bus to get to their out of school activities."

Students ask for shade and water coolers

Not surprisingly, as the survey was undertaken soon after the first school term of the year began in those blistering hot weeks of early February, the students and teachers at Bream Bay College have voted for air conditioning, more shaded areas in the school grounds, a water fountain and water coolers as items to spend the schools \$366,597 windfall maintenance grant. Students also asked for more outdoor tables and chairs in the outdoor lunch area.

Principal Wayne Buckland said the air conditioners can be taken care of out of the school's regular budget but he is looking into where shade sails can be set up over walkways between classrooms and in the lunch area and getting quotes for the extra seating, water fountains and coolers.

The Government announced \$400 million in one off maintenance and infrastructure grants for state schools last December.

Principal warns no place for students who organise and film fights at BB College

Bream Bay College principal Wayne Buckland has warned the school's students that organising fights and then filming them to post on Instagram is "totally unacceptable" behaviour and there is no place for stu-

dents who knowingly do this at the college. Mr. Buckland said there has been a rash of organised fights at the school and he has held a special assembly to talk about the issue.

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Bream Bay Ballet changes hands after 26 years

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Kristin Orr (on the right) and new Bream Bay Ballet owner Elizabeth Harvey (on the left) with some of the school's dancers

After 26 years teaching ballet in Bream Bay Kristin Orr has sold her Bream Bay Ballet school to Elizabeth Harvey.

Elizabeth has danced with the Royal New Zealand Ballet and has had dance contracts with companies in Paris, Ireland the UK and the USA. She has owned a dance school in Auckland and recently spent four years teaching dance in America. Kristin said she is "grateful to have someone of her calibre to enlighten our community with her dance teaching skills and take the school to another level." Kristin took over the ballet school from Tess Graham in 1994. At that time it was a branch of the Northland School of Ballet. She began with just five girls in her class. Bream Bay Ballet now has almost 100 pupils.

To begin with classes were held in the Ruakaka Campground Hall and then moved to the Ruakaka Hall in Sandford Rd. as the numbers grew.

Bream Bay Ballet also ran a "precious gems" class for children with special needs and more recently a "Move it" class for special children from Ruakaka School. This gave Kristin an opportunity to use her Occupational Therapy training. She used various props and fun music to encourage gross motor skills.

Kristin worked to unite the local dance community and was instrumental in organizing the annual Bream Bay Dance Extravaganza bringing together local dance schools in a showcase of dance genres on the stage of the Bream Bay College auditorium each December.

Her dance recitals have become local calendar events. They provided opportunities for the school's dancers of all ages and stages to perform on stage in fabulous costumes.

She remembers the support she got from local businesses, the work of seamstresses Elizabeth Fraser and Christine Thirling, borrowing hay bales from local farmer Graeme Finlayson for the Bream Bay Ballet flat.

"The memories flood of a community united, working together with combined focus to provide an educative and magical life experience for our ballet kids.

But Kristin said now its time to step aside to spend more time with her husband, her granddaughters and her elderly mother and perhaps go skiing while her knees hold out.

She said however she will still be available to help out at the ballet school whenever she can.

"I cannot imagine not ever dancing."

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	AM		PM	
Thu 12 March	10.32	3.0	11.00	2.9
Fri 13 March	11.21	3.0	11.51	2.9
Sat 14 March	~	~	12.12	2.9
Sun 15 March	12.42	2.8	1.03	2.7
Mon 16 March	1.34	2.7	1.55	2.6
Tue 17 March	2.30	2.6	2.49	2.5
Wed 18 March	3.31	2.5	3.48	2.4
Thu 19 March	4.34	2.4	4.52	2.3
Fri 20 March	5.34	2.4	5.54	2.3
Sat 21 March	6.29	2.4	6.49	2.3
Sun 22 March	7.19	2.4	7.38	2.3
Mon 23 March	8.04	2.5	8.22	2.4
Tue 24 March	8.44	2.5	9.02	2.4
Wed 25 March	9.22	2.5	9.40	2.4
Thu 26 March	9.56	2.5	10.46	2.5

Athletics Day at Bream Bay College

Bream Bay College's inter house competition is getting exciting with just two points separating the two front runners Ross and Inverness after the school's athletics day held on Friday 28 February.

Ross came out on top after the swimming sports but the gap was narrowed when Inverness won the athletics.

The students are now competing for house points in junior, intermediate and senior touch tournaments.

School Principal Wayne Buckland said the excitement was electric at the athletics day with

three school athletics records being broken. Tyzak Hita-Duval broke a 47- year-old record in the Intermediate 200 metres race and narrowly missed by just one second, breaking the 400 metre record.

Liam Thornhill broke a 34-year-old junior 800 metre record and the three year old 400 metre record. The 400 metre record was held by the school's current head boy Jack Boakes.

Mr. Buckland said the schools athletic records stretch back to 1973, so they are pretty hard to break.



Abby Wright on her way to winning the senior girl's high jump.



Rosie Epigram sprints home in the lead of the junior girls 400 metre race.

Left: Head of PE Daniel Harrington fires the starter gun for the senior boys 400 metre race. As she was the only senior girl in this event Abby Wright ran with the boys, finishing mid field. A modest Abby said she thinks the boys she outran were just jogging.

Watch out for Summer ice

Now that it has finally started to rain again, the NZ Transport Agency is advising drivers to be careful as wet roads can be slippery after an extended period of dry weather.

Transport Agency Northland System Manager Jacqui Hori-Hoult said grime and exhaust particles build up on the road over an extended period of dry weather and light rain can be more hazardous than a heavy downpour as it takes longer for the roads to be washed clean.

Slippery roads after a dry period are known as "summer ice."

Ms. Hori-Hoult said, "Summer ice is invisible – you can't see it and you can't predict where it will occur."

"We advise anyone who is driving in the rain or on a damp road at this time of year to take extreme care. Driving to the conditions, increase following distances and reduce speed."

Celebrating 100 years of lawn bowls in Waipu



Players from eleven Northland Clubs came to Waipu on Saturday 29 February to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Waipu Club

The Waipu Outdoor Bowling Club celebrated its 100th anniversary on Friday afternoon 28 February with a formal dinner and then on Saturday 29 February with an invitation day of play attended by representatives of the: Leigh, Mangawhai, Maungaturoto, Arapahoe,

Maungakaramea, Maungatapere, Onerahi, Whangarei, Kensington and Kamo clubs. The event was sponsored by Jim and Ivy Ulrich, Pam and Roly Brown and Northpine.



After posing for a photograph play gets underway in earnest at the Waipu Bowling Club's tournament to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Flying coloured powder at OTP school fundraiser

The One Tree Point school PTA is organizing a fundraising "Colour Run" for April 5.

"What is a Colour Run?" we asked Corinne Haile who sent through the poster.

Corinne explained, "Everyone throws coloured powder and ends up being all colourful."

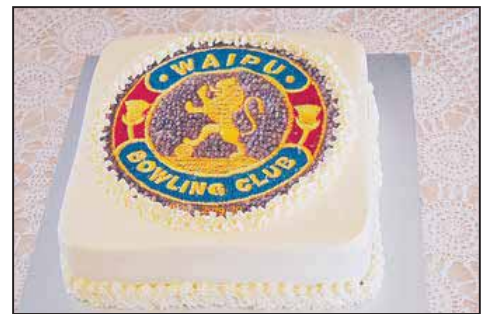
"With ours, the plan is to do a timed colour throw before the race starts where all entrants throw colour at the same time. Everyone does the race covered in colour and then just as they come into the finish, we will have a colour station, where four people will be squirting colour as the racers run or walk through the station. Most people wear white T-shirts and look very

colourful."

Two bags of colour will be provided to every paid entrant.

The 6km course will start at 10am at One Tree Point School, go down to the beach and through One Tree Point before finishing back at the school. Entry is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and under 5s free. There will be a BBQ and entertainment.

It sounds like an event that will provide some nice colourful shots for the Bream Bay News if I can keep my camera out of range of all that flying coloured powder.



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Chi Kung	Wednesday 9am to 10am	\$0	Alice 02102480569
Aerial Yoga	Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm booking essential	\$10	Barbara 0212998840
Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm	\$3	Lu 4328941
Karate	Thursdays 4pm to 7.00pm	\$5	Pam 4320760
60's up	4th Friday of month 10am to 4pm	\$10 annually fee	Robbie 4327329
Music club	1st Monday of month 7pm to 10pm	\$2	Holly 021 842 060
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We are also home to Bream Bay Squash club and Bream Bay United Association Football club

Waipu Croquet's Northland rep

Lynda Small from Waipu Croquet Club has qualified to be the Northland representative at the Croquet New Zealand's prestigious Don Reylands Stars tournament, which will be played at the Rose Garden Club in Palmerston North on March 14 and 15.

During two days of croquet, played simultaneously at two venues, in Waipu and Maungakarama Lynda fought off strong challenges to win eight of her ten games.

This was a new event for Northland Croquet. Neither Maungakarama nor Waipu



Tournament manager Jean Tafa, Lynda Small and Northland Croquet President John Schollum

Croquet Clubs have enough lawns to host formal tournaments. However, billeting, shared transport, great support from both host clubs and brilliant

weather resulted in a great event, enjoyed by the 16 Players from seven Northland Clubs and tournament manager Jean Tafa thinks it is sure to become a fixture on the annual Northland croquet calendar.

Waipu tennis update

Tennis is up and running at the Waipu courts for 2020. The Sawmill competition has attracted eleven teams so Tuesday night is busy with close to fifty players involved. Sawmill Breweries donate \$500 of vouchers to be used in this competition. This is a business house competition where teams are self-selected and find their own sponsors and local businesses - McLeods, Waipu Four Square and Camp Waipu Cove have backed the teams even providing t-shirts and hats.. The first three weeks are ranking weeks and then teams will go into two pools of 5 and 6 to play off for the prizes. Anyone keen to play or new to the district is welcome to come along

as there always seems to be a space in some teams. The club's annual *Waipu Tennis One Set Wonder* tournament was held on 22 February. This year three players ranked amongst the top 80 in New Zealand took part so a high standard of play was evident. Winners were: Men's A grade - Lance and Carl Hick with Andrew and Paul Ramsay runners up. Mens B grade - Ben Donaldson (10) and his Grandad Murray Owen, runners up Carl Heywood and Curt Apaapa. Women's grade - Wendy Jambor and Anet Tarabova, runners up Shelley Yeates and Ursula Hinck. An endeavour prize was awarded to Sarah Ridings and Lisa Quigg. Congratulations to Peri Woods and Wendy Jambor who won the combines event at the Janet Agnew Tennis Carnival in Whangarei, Northlands biggest tournament. Peri was also runnerup in the men's doubles. Wendy played in the Nationals in January and managed two silver medals with her partners in the 35 age group combines and doubles. Club championships also start in March. Financial members only qualify for this competition that culminates on finals day on March 29. The club has a Facebook page that contains up to date information about its activities.

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MORNING

9.00am	Departs	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall
9.15am	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
9.20am	Departs	Mangawhai Heads 1 Site
9.35am	Departs	Lings 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	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus

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AFTERNOON

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	Lings Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
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- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 15 March. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina. From 9am to 1pm
- **QUIZ NIGHT AT THE RAZZA** Wednesday 18 March at the Waipu C&S Club /RSA, Nova Scotia Dr. Waipu Tables of 6, \$10pp, raffles, prizes, food, bar, fancy dress. Bookings essential. Ph. 09 432 0028, 021 782662, www.facebook.com/razzakitchen, razzakitchen@hotmail.co.nz Fundraiser for Bream Bay College School Kapa Haka, trip to Rarotonga in April

- **THE GRADUATE CHOIR** Free concert in the Waipu Coronation Hall on Saturday 21 March at 1pm. Tickets from Waipu Hammer Hardware or Waipu Tickets@gmail.com
- **TAKE A KID FISHING DAY** At the Waipu Boat and Fishing Club. Sunday 29 March from 10am - 1pm. \$2 entry fee. Open to all children 13 years and under.
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- **WAIPU EASTER CARNIVAL** Saturday 11 April in the Waipu Caledonian Park. Food stalls and side shows. Entertainment by Anika Moa, The Basin City Big Band and The Panimals. Entry by Koha
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 8 March in the Waipu Coronation Hall from 9am - 1pm
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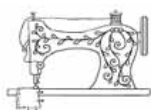
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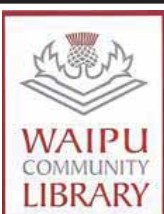
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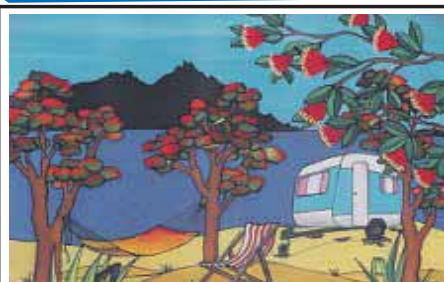
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