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“Crikey, we have all missed our sport, that’s for real”, said Steve Cunis President of the Waipu Rugby Club. He is looking forward to junior and senior training and competition getting underway again as the country moves down the COCID 19 alert level ladder. Steve said the Lockdown has hit the club hard. The club enjoys sponsorships from local businesses but those companies were forced to stop operating for a month and are now facing extra expenses complying with Lockdown Level 3 rules. But he said despite the difficulties the club would be working hard to support its young footy players and for its senior players as well. He believes rugby has an important function to play in bringing the whole Bream Bay community together and it is vital to get our local club rugby up and running again as soon as possible

On Friday the New Zealand Rugby issued some guidelines to put in place under COVID 19 Response Level 2. There will be no competition games until we move to Level 1.

Training can commence where players can maintain a one metre personal bubble. Team fitness sessions, kicking sessions and ball skills sessions can be held but tackling, scrummaging, contact drills, lineouts, mauling or breakdown work are not permitted. Balls and cones must be washed before and after training and contact tracing measures must be put in place. Clubrooms can open so long as Ministry of Health guidelines are adhered to.

The Takahiwai League Club is in a similar position. Club Secretary Juanita Hool said,

“We are yet to come back together as a code to formulate a plan moving forward for all aspects of the game - until we are able to do that, and set up the necessary

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Operating as best she can under Level 3 conditions



Katie Gray of Two Birds Café in the Ruakaka Towncentre got back to work making cakes, coffees, meals and savouries and passing them to customers in brown paper bags across a temporary counter set up with hand sanitiser and a records book at the front of the café.



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EDITORIAL

There is a lot of doomsday talk but I think we will be okay

One of my Lockdown activities has been reading Hilary Mantel's 882-page work of historical fiction *The Mirror and the Light*. It is the last book in a series of three about the life and times of Thomas Cromwell, who effectively managed the kingdom of Henry VIII of England until he was executed by that capricious ruler in 1540.

I keep coming across parallels between the time this book is set in: the mid 16th century and what is happening today.

The king cannot visit his dying son for fear he will catch the plague.

The coronation of Jane Seymour has to be delayed because there is a contagion in the land, which will be spread more rapidly if a large gathering is held.

Last night I read how Thomas Cromwell, who as a protestant reformist was dissolving the monasteries and attempting to rid England of what he viewed as Roman Catholic idolatry, dismantled the tomb of the martyred saint Thomas Beckett at Canterbury Cathedral. The monks complained they would lose income as pilgrims came from all over Europe to kneel beside the tomb and kiss the saint's skull. Cromwell had the silver case the monks had set around the skull prised off, melted down and sent to the king's treasure house. He told the monks to consider how the land all around them was good for raising sheep to grow wool and they had good harbours for trading ships to enter.

Tourism, which had surpassed dairy production as New Zealand's biggest earner of overseas funds, has collapsed because of COVID 19 travel restrictions so we need to look at what we still have and make the most of it.

We have fertile land and rivers, which even though they are running low at present never run dry. We have a port, which we can use to trade with the rest of New Zealand and the world. We also have productive industries and skilled trades people. There's a lot of doomsday talk around but I think we will be OK.

I am not sure that Bream Bay ever had much international tourism anyway. There was the line up of vans with young freedom campers every evening in the public carpark at Ruakaka beach, in the Waihoihoi Park in Waipu and up at the Waipu Caves but I can't see how much benefit the local economy got from those cheapskate style of tourists.

Domestic tourism will soon be up and running again

and I think this has always been our most secure tourist income earner. For those weeks of summer holidays while New Zealand families come to enjoy our beaches and stay in our camping grounds and motels the shops and service industries in Ruakaka and Waipu do a roaring trade.

I think it would be a good move to help NZ's tourism sector if schools around New Zealand to stagger their holidays so that families could enjoy holiday spots that aren't too crowded and our local retail businesses and cafes, rather than being overwhelmed for those few weeks of high summer, could enjoy extra custom for a little be longer.

There was a lot of excitement about the first cruise ship due to arrive at Northport in December this year. Will it still be coming? I can't imagine anyone wanting to board a cruise ship at the moment. There are apparently 17 of them at anchor in Manila Harbour with their thousands of their mostly Filipino crew members desperate to disembark so they can return to their homes and families. Even if enough people can be persuaded with special cheap deals to take up cabins on board those ships will these international tourists be able to come ashore?

Far more sustainable and realistic than to dream about all the easy money that could potentially be made from wealthy foreigners is to plan for next summer's local tourists. Think how we can cater for all those families from Auckland and Hamilton who look forward and plan all year to spend a few weeks in a tent or a cabin enjoying the fishing, the sea and the sand in Bream Bay. We should be planning how to make their holidays here something they will remember and want to return to in years to come.

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Waipu Golf Club struggling to keep all its staff employed

Like many local institutions the Waipu Golf Club has lost out big time under the Covid 19 lockdown. For five weeks under Level 4 conditions there were no: green fees, bar and food sales, club hire or cart hire. Things picked up a little bit when the move was made to Level 3 with members able to get out on the course and a few visitors who were spending lockdown in their holiday homes coming in for a round. But last week the bar wasn't open and the café had closed. There was still no regional travel so few visitors. Club President Gary Meyer estimates the club has lost around \$20,000 in gross revenue.

Luckily club fees had all been collected in prior to March 26. Some Northland golf clubs whose fees are due in now are finding their memberships dwindling as some find they can no longer afford the expense. In the middle of 2019 the club increased the number of golf carts it has available for hire from 14 -20. The carts are leased on a six year contract and without any-one using them, the club still had to pay the hireage.

"We thought we were making a good business decision at the time," said Gary.

His said his main concern at present is to keep the golf clubs eleven, mostly part time staff in employment.

He also wants to see regular club fixtures get up and running again: Tuesdays women's golf, Wednesday men's and Saturday mixed play get going again as soon as the country can move into Level 2.

For the first two weeks under Level 4 no maintenance was allowed on golf courses around New Zealand however this restriction was lifted once the Government understood that green keepers work in isolation and that enormous damage could result to greens and fairways if they were left untended for five weeks.

Greg Shanaghan who oversees this work said fortunately some turf maintenance had been undertaken just prior to the lockdown. The greens had already been well watered, fertilizer had been spread and some residual fungicide applied to the greens. When he was allowed back in there was only one small patch where



Club President Gary Meyer and greens overseer Greg Shanaghan discuss the future of the Waipu Golf Club

the grass had suffered some damage.

Greg said he as impressed by how Waipu Golf Club members had respected the lockdown rules. During the weeks at Level 4 despite some perfect golfing weather no one turned up with their golf clubs.

Gary said this might be due to the fact that most members are in the over fifty age group which is more vulnerable to Covid 19, while the younger members were being considerate about looking after older members health.

Covid 19 tests available in Ruakaka

Covid 19 testing is available on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon from a mobile van outside the Bream Bay Community Trust in Takutai Place, Ruakaka. The van is operated by staff of the iwi health provider Ki A Ora Ngatiwai.

Tests are also available from a District Health Board testing station at Toll Stadium. From Mon-

day to Saturday 9am-2pm. Anyone who wants a test can now have one and there is no longer a need to have any of the symptoms associated with Covid 19.

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Police held a roadblock to check travellers were not breaking COVID 19 level 3 Lockdown rules on SH1 on the northern slope of the Brynderwyn Hills on Monday 11 May

A bit too much relaxing under Level Three

Sergeant Craig said people started to relax a little bit too much while the Level 3 Lockdown still applied and Police had to break up a few gathering. "People still need to stay in their bubbles and to stick to the rules if we are to prevent a second wave of the virus."

Burglaries of Ruakaka industrial sites

There have been several burglaries of scrap metal, batteries and small machinery from industrial sites in Ruakaka.

Warrant remains

A warrant remains out for the arrest of Luke Raymond Edmunds of Ruakaka. Police ask anyone who knows of his whereabouts to call 111 and warn that he is considered dangerous and should not be approached.

Two minor crashes at SH1 roadworks at Mata

Two vehicles have ended up in the ditch alongside State Highway One after skidding on loose metal at roadworks at Mata. No one was hurt in either accident although both vehicles sustained damage.

Six family harm incidents

It has been relatively quiet on the family harm front with Police responding to just six complaints in the fortnight Saturday 25 April to Saturday 9 May. Senior Sergeant Simon Craig said he hopes this low level of complaint is not because people are finding it difficult to make contact with Police. However it might be that the weather has been good and families have been enjoying their time at home.

Loud music results in noise complaints to Police

Police have responded to a number of noise complaints where people have turned their music players up loud and annoyed their neighbours.

Six months in prison for threatening to kill supermarket manager

Twenty-seven-year-old Trieste Pou Te Rata of Ruakaka and sometimes Raumanga was convicted in the Whangarei District Court of threatening to kill and has been sentenced to six months in prison. On 28 March early in the lockdown Mr. Pou Te Rata threatened staff and the manager at the Freshchoice supermarket in Ruakaka

Car collides with power pole in Sale Rd.

On 6 May at 7.30am a car was driven into a pole on Sale Rd. Nobody was hurt but the car and the pole were both damaged

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Kingfish from Ruakaka aquaculture plant handed out to families in need



The Bream Bay Community Trust van collects a load of kingfish from the aquaculture centre to hand out to local families.

Kingfish, which would have ended up on plates in some of the most expensive restaurants of Auckland, Wellington and Queenstown has been handed out to people in need of support through the COVID 19 Lockdown.

The NIWA Ruakaka Aquaculture Research Centre has been sending kingfish to top restaurants as it works to develop the brand for its farmed kingfish. With fish ready for harvest in the first week of lockdown and more ready for the next week and the week following, NIWA contacted the Bream Bay Trust, the Salvation Army, Northland Food Rescue and various churches to see if they could distribute the fish.

Staff at the Bream Bay Trust report that the fish was gratefully received by people in Ruakaka, One Tree Point, Takahiwai and Waipu.

Andrew Forsythe, chief Niwa aquaculture scientist said giving the fish away to these groups for distribution was a good solution.

“We needed to reduce the biomass and it was much better for all our staff who have worked hard to grow those fish to see them go to people in the community. No one wants to just bury fish in the ground.”

Tradesmen are expected back at work on a construction site at the NIWA station when the country moves to Covid 19 Response Level 2. The new building is an office block for the complex. Andrew is hopeful a new commercial kingfish farm funded jointly by Niwa, the Provincial Growth Fund and the Northland Regional Council can soon get underway.

He said this is exactly the kind of project needed to

help the region out of an economic downturn and that it would result in job creation and the development of specialist skills in the construction of the new plant as well as its operation and the marketing and transportation of the product.

The Niwa station has been working with farmed kingfish since 2002. Andrew said the specialist knowledge developed at the Ruakaka plant over this time would be used in the construction of the new plant. He was in the process of appointing a project manager for the new utility.

An overseas would be hired but some of the expertise needed to build the plant would come from Niwa's Ruakaka staff.

Niwa has been researching kingfish farming in Ruakaka since 2002. Asked when we can expect to buy Ruakaka farmed kingfish locally Andrew said just before the lockdown he had been in discussion with some top Northland restaurants.

Asked when Ruakaka farmed kingfish would be available at local supermarkets he said he hoped this could happen at some stage but first it was necessary to build the brand.

He said farmed kingfish much like farmed salmon is a superior product to wild kingfish as the fat content in the flesh can be maintained throughout the year.

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Old boat shed has history



Sue Welford sent in this photograph of the old boatshed beside the Waihoihoi River near the Nova Scotia Drive Bridge.

She said, "Vibration from heavy machinery working on a subdivision along Nova Scotia Drive seems to have hastened the demise of the old boatshed by the river. Although already in a dreadful state and probably beyond repair, it is almost now totally collapsed. "It might seem just a derelict old wooden building but it is part of Waipu's diverse history and it's sad to see it go."

Morris Somner recalls his father Lloyd Somner and his friend Alden Ogle moving a shed into place beside the river and expanding it to nearly double its original size to form a shed big enough to accommodate both their boats.

"They were quite big boats. Dad's was around 35 feet and Alden's around 30. They would take them down the river and out through the rivermouth on high or half tides. Alden would go out quite regularly, at least once a week. He didn't have to wait for a king tide. "Sometimes they would have to dig out a bit of sand and a few pipi to get over the bar. They would go out fishing for the day and sometimes stay out overnight."

"There were quite a few boat sheds along the river in those days."

Morris recalls in the mid 1950s when local boat owners and farmers got together to divert the river to its present course alongside the bund at the end of Johnsons Point Rd.

"It was highly illegal but the Harbour Board looked the other way."

Prior to them taking this action the river mouth was unstable and could be located anywhere between where it is now and Waipu Cove. At times there would be two river mouths and when this happened the water across the bar would be really shallow and impossible to get across in a boat.

On the big day when the new river mouth was cut, Morris, aged around 15 years and a friend sailed through the new opening in a little Z Class sailing boat while press photographers recorded the action. "But once we got out we found we couldn't get back in. Dad had to go and borrow a boat to come and get us. He had been working for two days non stop (on forming the new river mouth) so he was a bit grumpy."

Permits are needed before fires can be lit in restricted fire season

We are now in a restricted fire season – which means you need a permit to light a fire. However, while COVID 19 restrictions remain our local fire brigades ask that you don't light fires unless you really need to. Even if a fire is well controlled it can result in calls to the station, which require the brigades to send their crews out to investigate.

Also as we move into winter Fire Safety New Zealand has compiled a list of do's and don'ts based on common causes of house fires.

Do be careful around fires and heaters keeping all flammable materials at least one metre away from fires and heaters or any other heat source. There should be just

one or other large appliance per plug and chimneys and flues should be cleaned before the first fire is lit. Fireguards or spark guards should be used with open fires and rubbish, particularly batteries and aerosol cans, should not be thrown into the fireplace.

Ashes should be emptied into a metal bin and have water poured over them or be allowed to cool for five days before they are disposed of.

A Fire Safety NZ press release states, "These fire safety tips are even more important to remember this winter with New Zealanders spending more time at home and staying in their bubbles to stop the spread of COVID-19."

Concerns for well being of seafarers trapped on board their ships

The seafarers trapped on those tankers, which have been anchored out in the bay for over a month, are just some of an estimated 1.2 million seafarers on 65,000 ships around the world at present.

The three tankers in Bream Bay are unable to enter port until the crude they carry can be accommodated at the Marsden Point Refinery. Due to a slow down in fuel requirements the refinery is working at a third of its capacity at present. The Nectar Sea has been at anchor in the bay since 29 March and was due to come into the refinery jetty last Sunday. The two other tankers out there: s: the Ocean Lady and Celsius Esbjerg are due in on 20 June and 21 May.

There are between 22 and 28 crew members on each tanker and even when these ships come into port these men will not be permitted ashore because of Government COVID 19 restrictions. The crews have been isolated on board their respective ships for several months so do not have the virus.

Craig Harris, Managing Director of Inchcape Shipping Services, the agent for the three tankers, said, as these ships have not officially entered New Zealand the welfare of their crews is the responsibility of the ships' owners. A former ships captain, he said seafarers are used to being at sea for long periods of time and working seven days a week throughout their contracts but he agreed the uncertainty of the situation and not being able to come ashore at all does make things difficult

Ships crews normally sign on for three or six month contracts and take leave and are flown back to their home countries at the ship owners expense when the contracts expire. With crews from foreign ships not permitted ashore and with very few international flights even if they could get to an airport these contract time limits cannot be upheld.

Mr. Harris said, the ships owners do their best to honour the contracts but at present the situation is "impossible."

"Even if crew members could be flown home then they would have to fly in replacements and they have to be in isolation for 14 days before they can start work." Guy Platten, Secretary General of the International Chamber of shipping said the situation with crews unable to disembark or new crews to embark ships at port "is not sustainable."

"Not only does the current situation risk the safety and mental wellbeing of seafarers, but the continued inability to rotate seafarers on and off ships poses a serious threat to keeping the supply chains open and operating efficiently."

Retired Captain John Frankland of the New Zealand Company of Master Mariners said he feels for those seafarers on those tankers out in Bream Bay and knows what they are going through.

"It's like being in gaol except in this case you don't know when you are going to get out. They are out there just twiddling their thumbs. Sailors like to be going places." On 1 May at 12noon local time ships in harbours around the world sounded their horns in solidarity to bring attention to the problem. However, Richard Fisher who watches ship arrivals and departures from his home at Marsden Bay said he did not hear any soundings from the ships in Bream Bay.

Greg McNeill, Communications Manager for Refining NZ said the expense of keeping these ships at anchor all this time falls with the oil companies as they charter the ships.

Brendon Chetham, Chairman of The Seafarers Mission at Marsden Point. said, "We remain deeply appreciative to all seafarers who heroically continue to supply the world with goods and fuels to keep us going through these exceptional circumstances.

"If Seafarers need assistance, they can also private message The Seafarers Mission, Marsden Point, through our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Mission-To-Seafarers-Marsden-Point-106264317593374> or email: marsdenmission@gmail.com of their request.

The Marsden Seafarers Centre is closed, as shore-leave for seafarers is not possible due to Covid-19 precautions.

"Seafarers wishing to speak with a chaplain for counselling or support can contact Reverend Richard Hancock on +001 64 (9) 432 1445 or locally 09 432 1445.

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A line up of ships on the horizon

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Storms and downpours needed to replenish Bream Bay's rivers

Despite some recent rain, conditions are still much drier than is normal for this time of the year and Bream Bay's rivers are running well below normal May flow levels.

Jason Donaghy, Natural Resource Monitoring Manager with the Northland Regional Council looked at data collected from a station on the Waihoihoi River as recordings have been taken from here for a long time.

Jason said, "based on preliminary data it appears the current flows are close to the 1994 drought."

On 11 March 1994 the river was flowing at 27 litres per second, while on 6 April 2020 the flow was 28 litres per second.

In 1994 the river started to creep out of its drought flow levels in March then stayed above the level from May onwards.

Currently in May 2020 the Waihoihoi River is still a long way below a line drawn to mark a one in five year drought year but appears to be slowing increasing in flow. In a typical year catchments in Bream Bay receive between 100 and 140mm of rain in May and this will be needed to lift our rivers above the drought flow line.

Jason said, "A dry winter in 2018 preceded by a dry year in 2019 were the perfect set-up conditions for the drought currently gripping the region."

He said, "Storms and downpours are critical for the region this coming winter because this rain will determine how Northland's rivers and aquifer copes with the following summer."

Rainfall for this year is currently tracking 40 to 47% below normal levels across all the main centres in Northland. Generally, Whangārei would have about 365mm of rain "in the bank by May each year, The total to date is well below this at only 140mm."

The NRC is urging people to think ahead to next summer and to consider storage options such as tanks and dams to protect against possible acute water shortages again next year.



The Waihoihoi River where flow monitoring has been carried out since the 1990s. Flow levels are now close to what they were in the drought of 1994.

The Whangarei District remains under Level 3 water restrictions. Gardens can be watered with buckets but not with irrigation systems, sprinklers or hoses. Cars, buildings and paved areas cannot be washed with water blasters or hoses. Swimming pools and tanks cannot be filled from the mains supply and boat engines can be flushed with a hose for no more than two minutes.

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protocols, we are unlikely to operate.

"As for our registrations process, that remains open and does so through to 30 June every year. If players still seek to register, they still can, that process is now completed online. In my opinion it would be useful for players to make contact with the Club Administration as well in the event they have questions that they need help with.

"The financial impacts of Lockdown have spread wide across all aspects of our lives - Sport included, and I would suggest grass roots, who already have it hard, are going to struggle whatever code you are. We have fixed costs whether we are playing the game or not. We will have to manage the expectations of our community and participants and with a small volunteer group that will be difficult also."

Robyn Davies the administrator of Bream Bay United Football said the club is currently preparing health and safety requirements for getting back to football with guidance from New Zealand Football and Sport New Zealand.

"At this stage we are looking to recommence training after Saturday 16 May, and are waiting confirmation from the Federation on the competition start dates. We are hoping for an early to mid June kick-off."

Robyn said the Northland Football Federation has been working hard to get the season underway as soon as practical, and has been investigating the option of extending the season into September.

She said, "It is looking likely that we will be able to play 75% of our season."

"Our teams are ready to go, but we do have space for new players." Players can register on the Bream Bay United website www.sporty.co.nz/bbu.

The post Lockdown fate of Bream Bay Hockey is a little uncertain at present. Club secretary Emma Cross said, as Bream Bay College won't be opening its turfs for another three weeks the club has nowhere to train at present.

She was waiting to hear from Northland Hockey after the Prime Minister's announcement last Monday about moving to Level 2 COVID 19 response.

Solvents still haven't been removed from abandoned plant

All those containers of solvent left at the now abandoned Ruakaka Solvent Recycling plant in Allis Bloy Place Ruakaka have still not been removed.

In March the Whangarei District Council (WDC) supported by the Northland Regional Council and Environmental Protection Authority, obtained interim enforcement orders from the Environment Court against the site owner and former operators of the abandoned plant. Those orders required that they clean-up and remove hazardous waste from the site. The orders were not fully complied with and the WDC has now sought final enforcement orders that will allow it to access the site and undertake clean up work. The Court is expected to release its decision on the enforcement orders within the next week.

The solvent disposal facility was set up by Brian Smith with his company Sustainable Solvents Ltd. to receive industrial chemicals for safe disposal or processing. Over the years more product has been stored on the site than was allowed under its resource consent. Concerns about illegal discharges from the site resulted in a prosecution by the Northland Regional Council in 2014.

The NRC and WDC have already funded a security fence around the facility and erected signs warning members of the public about the presence of hazardous substances. Last summer



WDC arranged for fire mitigation works to be undertaken near the site and NRC and WDC paid for a security guard to monitor the site to ensure public safety. WDC has also provided some assistance with the reduction and removal work by providing IBC containers for packaging contaminated water for removal.

Rob Forlong Chief Executive Officer of

the WDC said, "It is unfortunate, to say the least, that a business that knows the legal requirements it must work under, fails to comply with these requirements and then fails to remedy the consequences of their actions, potentially leaving other innocent taxpayers and ratepayers to suffer the degradation of the environment, the physical risk and the clean-up costs."

Bream Bay Community Trust keeps working through Lockdown

During COVID 19 level 4 and continuing Bream Bay Community Trust staff, whilst working remotely from home, have maintained business as usual, working to support the needs of the wider Bream Bay community. BBCT staff have continued to work with clients via telephone where possible. This has included welfare phone calls to past and current clients of the Trust to determine if extra support is needed at this time, doing referrals to other agencies as needed, support with WINZ applications for those who are having difficulty navigating the application process and maintaining contact with service providers.

The trust's youth workers have continued to engage with young people via social media, providing fun activities and challenges. Individual contact has also

been conducted via text messages, as part of maintaining and monitoring the welfare of these young people. The Trust has sourced food (including a supply of kingfish from the NIWA aquaculture center) and provided food parcels to those in need as well as other practical support such as phone top ups and petrol vouchers. Relevant information as well as fun activities to do with children while in Level 4 has been shared via the Bream Bay Trust Facebook page.

Staff have also shopped for elderly and those in self-isolation and have phoned these people to check in with them regularly.

They continued to liaise with other social service agencies from Whangarei to Kaiwaka, and with Police, doing follow-up contact following Family Harm

incidents.

If you are or know of someone who is in need of support please contact the Bream Bay Trust on 09 432 7197, or send a private message via the Facebook page on Messenger. Privacy will be maintained. All personal information is kept confidential and requests for support are conducted professionally and respectfully.

The trust wants to thank those people in the Bream Bay Community who have gifted food and money at this time to support the work of the Bream Bay Trust in particular local businesses Fresha Valley, Gas Bream Bay (at the Ruakaka State Highway One roundabout) and Dixon and Co Lawyers.

When will our libraries re-open?

On Monday Essie Leech Ruakaka's head librarian was unsure if the Ruakaka Library would be able to re-open under Level 2 Lockdown conditions.

Essie was confident social distancing could be maintained inside the library if it were permitted to re-open and said this would be easier in Ruakaka than at some of the bigger busier libraries.

Diony Smith, who chairs the Waipu Library Committee as there is less space for people to keep apart in this building it might be difficult to meet the social distancing requirement. Also most of the Waipu librarians and many library users are in the over 70 age group so need to be extra careful. Diony said she would be calling her committee together for a meeting to decide when and how the Waipu Library could open.

The Whangarei District Council website states, "We are planning to gradually open our libraries as we set them up to comply with Ministry of Health guidelines. Whangarei Central Library will open initially only for returning items and collecting holds.

The website states that the Tikipunga and Onerahi libraries will remain closed but does not mention the Waipu or Ruakaka libraries



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WDC draft annual plan due out tomorrow

The Whangarei District Council's Draft Annual Plan is due out tomorrow – 15 May, from which date there will be a three-week consultation period. At a live stream meeting, Councilors considered the impact of Covid 19 on the Whangarei community and came down in favour of cutting a planned 4.2% rate rise down to a 2.2% rise: an extra \$55, (instead of \$105) on an annual rates bill of \$2,500. Other options on the table are: no rate rise at all or continuing with the 4.2% increase. Mayor Sheryl Mai said she supported the middle path because she believes "it will help reduce some of the short-term pain for our wider community while continuing to provide long-lasting benefits for future ratepayers." Similarly the Northland Regional Council is proposing to cut its planned rates increase of 8.6% to 4.5%, which for the average ratepayer adds an increase of \$16.23 to the annual rates bill.

Church services with more than ten people still not permitted

Church services cannot be held with more than 10 people under level 2 Lockdown conditions. Bream Bay's Presbyterian Minister Tom Waight said he would continue with messages and music on the church's Facebook page for the next few weeks. He said the only change, as restrictions move down a notch is that he can now visit people in their homes. He thinks the people who have suffered most under Lockdown Levels Three and Four are those who have suffered bereavements.

Logging industry cranks up



Log trucks lining up at the Northport gates on Monday 11 May.

Log exports through Northport are ramping up again with a vengeance as Chinese ports have cleared backlogs and export logs are fetching good prices. Logging operations, which stopped for the five weeks of Lockdown Level 4 started up again under Level 3. The port began receiving logs again on Tuesday 28 April and on that day 2,500 tonnes of logs were delivered. On Friday 1 May this had ramped up to 11,000 tonnes.

Ian Newey of Newey's Transport said it took a while for port operations to gear up again. On one occasion he had to wait outside the port entrance for two hours in his truck, but things are improving. Ian said he didn't think the hold ups were due to COVID 19 Lockdown restrictions but rather to strong demand

Ruakaka Recreation Centre preparing to open under Level 2

If we move into Level 2 COVID 19 response this week the Ruakaka Recreation Centre will re-open at 8am on Monday 18 May.

Christina Thirling, the centre manager has been cleaning out the building, organizing signs about social distancing and hand washing and buying up supplies of sanitizing liquid to wipe down surfaces and machines in the gym.

"I know everyone is tired of all those signs but we have to put them up", said Christina.

Gym users will be required to keep a one metre distance between other users, sanitise machines before and after use and to wash their hands as they swap between each.

She said people who paid in advance for gym use would be re-allocated all the days they had paid for in advance before the gym was closed when Level 4 restrictions came into play.

Due to careful management the Recreation Centre has managed to keep on top of its ongoing expenses with the wage subsidy helping but going for seven weeks without income has put a bit of strain on the finances. Christina is back at work applying to the Whangarei District Council for the centre's annual grant which won't be paid until September.

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Just what Waipu needs - A giant inflatable honey bee



The Waipu Playcentre proposal is for a rustic adventure playground for toddlers.

A giant inflatable honeybee to be floated above Waipu to provide shade from the sun and shelter from the rain and to promote the town, as a centre for honey production is the most interesting suggestion for how a \$100,000 Whangarei District Council community led project fund allocation to Waipu could be spent.

The Waipu community led projects group has been canvassing the citizens of the town about what this money should be used for, inviting suggestions to a dedicated email address and running an online survey.

In total thirty suggestions were made. The most popular of these (suggested six times) is for a loop walkway from the Waihoihoi Park, along the edge of the river, along Nova Scotia Drive to the Centre Waipu, and through the town back to the park.

There was also strong support for a multi purpose activity park for skating and basketball and for playgrounds for toddlers and under two year olds and for a big modern playground with shade cover.

The Waipu Playcentre put forward a proposal with pictures for a rustic adventure playground complimented with plantings of native trees and incorporating Maori history of the area with signs to educate people about this.

One suggestion was that the money be used to run workshops on the future look of Waipu, another that it be used as seeding money for a larger project.

Other ideas were

- A home for The Waipu Community Arts Group where it can run exhibitions and workshops.
- An upgrade of the main street with rubbish bins, park benches painted in tartan, bagpipes played every day at 5-m and an interactive Weta Workshop exhibition in the Waipu Museum.
 - Fruit trees to be planted around the town.
 - The completion of the Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle and walkway.
 - A footbridge alongside the road bridge on Nova Scotia Rd. for children to dive from rather than using the road bridge.
 - A drop in centre where people can access family support services.
 - A petanque court
 - A renovation of the Waipu public toilets
 - A rework of the entrance to the Caledonian Park to make the park more user friendly.

The Waipu Community Led Fund Committee will meet as soon as COVID 19 Lockdown conditions permit to assess all these ideas.

Recent road works

Work on Bream Bay's roads carried out last month included temporary pavement repairs on Mountfield Rd., Doctors Hill Rd., Mangapai Rd., Helmsdale Rd, Shoemaker Rd., South Rd., Glenmohr Rd., Rosythe Rd. and Springfield Rd.

Crack sealing has been undertaken on McEwan Rd, One Tree Point Rd, Ormiston Rd, Prescott Rd, Cullen Rd and Glenmohr Rd.

Grading was carried out on: Ahuroa Rd., Camellia Ave, Durham Rd, Erceg Rd, Finlayson Brooke Rd, Glenmohr Rd, Glen Rd, Grant Rd., Johnson Pt. Rd., Massey Rd, McAdam Rd, McLean Rd. and Sandford Rd. Due to water restrictions this was maintenance grading only.

A dropout at the edge of Mountfield Rd., which had been coned off for months was repaired. The road is currently being used to transport logs from a pine plantation in hills to the north

Waipu Presbyterian Parish



Sunday Services

While there are no services during the Lockdown, you can find helpful links to messages and music on our Facebook page—just search for Waipu Presbyterian Church

Contacts:

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4.00pm	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
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
4.35pm	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
4.50pm	Arrives	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall

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Jennifer Anne Wilson (formerly Sadler ne Henderson) 25 October 1940 – 23 April 2020

Jennifer Wilson died at her home in Marsden Point Rd. on Thursday 23 April during Lockdown Level Four.

Captain Ray Wilson, her husband of almost ten years, was able to look after her at home with the help of TLC carers. Ray said it was a privilege to be able to do this and thanked Dr. John Chapman and his team Bream Bay Medical Centre, Pharmacist Warren Green and staff at the Orrs Ruakaka as well as close friends neighbours and family for their help.

Ray said he had not minded the Covid 19 restrictions while he was busy caring for Jennifer but after her death it hit hard that he could not visit or receive visits from friends.

Jennifer was born in Invercargill in 1940. She worked as a librarian at the Presbyterian Bookshop in Dunedin. Later she was manager of the book section of the H and J Smith department store in Invercargill. She retained a love of

books and literature throughout her life.

She met her first husband Norman Sadler on a coach tour in Australia and after their marriage in 1970 she moved to Ruakaka where Norman was employed at the Marsden Point Oil Refinery. Norman and Jennifer have two daughters Anne and Susan and five grandchildren.

They became close friends with Captain Wilson and his wife Maisie. Norman died suddenly in 1993 and Ray and Maisie supported Jennifer at this time. In turn Jennifer helped nurse Maisie when she became ill.

Both Ray and Jennifer have served as elders in the Presbyterian Church. They were involved in the restoration of the Camellia Avenue Church over 30 years ago. This church had been an interdenominational church and had fallen into disrepair. Since the restoration, Sunday morning services have been conducted there by the Waipu Presbyterian Minister from 8.45am. At first these



Jennifer Wilson

services had only lasted three quarter of an hour to make way for a Baptist Sunday School, which was held from 9.30am but when the Sunday School moved to a Friday night, the Ruakaka service was extended to a full hour still giving the Minister time to get back to Waipu to hold a service from 10.15am there.

Before Jennifer became ill she had made several trips with Ray in his campervan around the South Island visiting relatives and the places she had known as a child and young woman.

Ray said Jennifer had suffered a prolonged and painful illness but had retained her faith throughout.

When Covid 19 restrictions on gatherings are lifted a memorial service for her will be held in Waipu.

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Dinosaur duo help to keep people smiling through the Lockdown

By Janine Boulton

On 24 March 2020 as New Zealand was on the cusp on Level 4 the Beverwijk family prepared for some very special guests. Two travelling dinosaurs, D1 and D2, were in need of a space and they would find it at the Waipu Dinosaur Sanctuary.

It was a steep learning curve for both humans and dinosaurs to find a way to live together during lockdown. Patsy Beverwijk says that the dinosaurs have been great houseguests and have been keen to be involved and try out all that being in Waipu under lockdown could offer.

The Beverwijk family of Patsy, Allan and son Dan have been recording the antics of their visiting dinosaurs and sharing it on the Waipu Community Facebook page and Tiktok (@waipugoodlife). Their adventures during level 4 included some tractor driving, baking, shopping at the Waipu 4 Square as well as training for the Highland Games.

Of course this is not the first time the dinosaurs have been to Waipu. If you went to the annual Waipu Christmas Parade last year you would have seen them and two of our local dinosaurs getting to know each other. Having other dinosaurs locally has been greatly appreciated as New Zealand moved into Level 3. The Waipu Dinosaur Sanctuary increased their bubble to include the two local dinos, and the older brown dinos have been teaching the younger grey dinos some new tricks. Only time will tell how much trouble this dinosaur pack will make in their home in Waipu. Or whether as the lockdown levels reduce they will continue on their nomadic journeys.

What we do know is we will all continue to enjoy watching their videos which have made many in Bream Bay, young and old, find their smile in lockdown.



Ready to take the plunge



The visiting dinosaurs have been settling into Waipu life in Lockdown



Waipu's first introduction to the dinosaurs at the 2019 Christmas Parade

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Charity Golf Tournament won't be held this year

Marsden Lions will not be holding the annual Charity Golf Tournament this year due to COVID19. Chief organizer Gladys Rowsell said, "We apologise that we will not be running this tournament but have had to make a decision based on group numbers and also the safety of our members.

"We also feel that businesses should concentrate on their staff and own wellbeing at this time.

"To all our supporters of this great event we look forward to being able to continue with this event in 2021."

Gladys urges all supporters to "Take care and keep safe" and thanks them for their past support.

Last year's tournament which was held at the Waipu Golf course and club rooms raised \$8,000 which was shared between : Emergency Services Trust, Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Club, Ruakaka Volunteer Fire Service, St John Bream Bay and North Haven Hospice.

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Lockdown cut short Waipu tennis season with finals night still to play

Tennis has been in full swing up until the COVID 19 lockdown was announced, with eleven teams competing in the Sawmill Competition. The lockdown announcements effectively put an end to the summer tennis season. Unfortunately, the competition ended with one night left of the round robin matches and a finals night to play.

In Group A, the Sawmill team were leading with 14 points, McLeods second on 11, followed by Crazy Scientists and South Road Strikers on 7, Ruakaka Rebels on 6 and Mac and Rows on 5 points.

In Group B Leftovers lead with 10 points, Camp Waipu Cove are second on 9 points followed by Waipu 4 Square on 8, No Names on 5 and Millbrook on 2.

The committee are yet to decide whether to award the prizes and who should get them if they do. While Group A is fairly clear on points, Group B had a bye so some teams have not played as many games as others.

Waipu Tennis look forward to seeing everyone turn up when the new season gets under way in September.

Club champs have also been interrupted. Once again we had no women enter, but a good men's competition was underway. Semi-finalists had been

found in the Men's singles and these were Peri Woods, Thomas Mulloy, Chris Miller and Terry Riley. The doubles were down to the finals with Peri Woods and Paul Ramsay down to play Greg and Chris Miller. These may be completed at a later date but that is yet to be finalised.

Winter tennis is planned to start in May or once all the bugs have disappeared from our shores. Tuesday night at 6pm is the time to come along. Winter is a good time to start tennis as it is more informal and not so competitive. It is amazing how many evenings are still and fine through the winter. Anyone keen to play, or new to the district, is welcome to come along. There are no fees for winter tennis.

If you are 35+ you are in the Seniors age groups. They play every Sunday 10am, at Thomas Neale Centre in Whangarei. Again it is an informal format but a good game is had by all. The Seniors play rep games against other provinces from time to time.

Waipu Tennis has a Facebook page that contains up to date information about the club's activities thanks to Catherine McClure. Look on here for reminders about winter tennis.

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Ships expected at Marsden Point



Photo by Peter Grant

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

- *Nectar Sea*. Arrived 29/3/20 ETD 10 May at 11.59pm Delivering crude oil.
- *Ocean Lady* Arrived 11 April ETD 3 June at 12 noon. Delivering crude.
- *Celsius Esbjerg* Arrived 19 April ETD 24 May at 12 noon. Delivering crude.
- *Matuku* Arrived 26 April. ETD 28 May. Coastal tanker waiting to load with refined oil products.
- *Axios* ETA 11 May at 12 noon. ETD 12 May at 12 noon. Delivering crude oil.
- *Szechuen* ETA 12 May at 2pm. ETD 14 May at 8am, Loading LVL and Veneer.
- *DL Tulip* ETA 13 May at 5am. ETD 14 May at 10pm. Loading logs.
- *Awanuia* ETA 13 May at 9pm. ETD 14 May at

11.30am bunker barge for Ports of Auckland loading with fuel at the refinery.

- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 14 May at 12.01am, ETD 16 May at 3am. Loading cement at Portland for Tauranga.
- *Melanesian Chief* ETA 14 May at 11.30pm. ETD 15 May at 11p.. Loading containers.
- *Longview Logger* ETA 15 May at 1am. ETD 17 May at 11am. Loading logs for China.
- *Berge Rishiri* ETA 15 May at 3pm. ETD 20 May at 11pm Loading logs.
- *Kokako* ETA 17 May at 9am. ETD 19 May at 6pm. Loading refined oil products and sitting at anchor.
- *La Landriaais* ETA 17 May at 12 noon. ETD 22 May at 11am, Loading logs.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 17 May at 2.30pm. ETD 19 May at 6pm. Loading cement at Portland for Wellington.
- *Mount Hope* ETA 18 May at 5am. ETD 19 May at 10am. Loading logs for China.

- *Marsden Bay* ETA 18 May at 7am. ETD 19 May at 10am. Loading cement at Portland for Auckland.
- *SPI Barge* ETA 18 May at 8am. ETD 19 May at 6pm. Loading project cargo for Auckland.
- *Asia Pearl* ETA 18 May at 9am. ETD 23 May at 11.59pm, Loading logs.
- *Seaqueen* ETA 19 May at 12.01am ETD 1 July delivering crude oil.
- *Melanesian Chief* ETA 21 May at 7am. ETD 24 May at 2pm. Loading LVL.
- *Northern Diamond* ETA 21 May at 7am. ETD 21 May at 11.30 Loading containers.
- *Kokako* ETD 23 May at 6am. Delivering refined oil products to Napier after sitting at anchor since 19 May.
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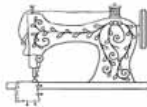
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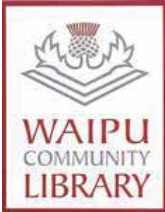
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