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Fence erected to protect the Waipu Wildlife Refuge taken down on NRC orders

A fence built by dedicated environmentalist David Louire to protect the northern end of the Waipu Wild Life Refuge has been partially taken down on orders from the Northland Regional Council after complaints were made to the Harbour Master that the fence constituted a marine hazard.

David spent \$600 of his own money buying materials for the fence, which several months ago he extended right to the edge of the water at low tide to prevent vehicles driving through to the refuge.

David said the fence has been "transformational" in keeping vehicles and dogs out and for the few months it has been in place the beach has begun to recover and oyster catcher and dotterel nests have been built there. David provided the photograph on page three, which he said shows the contrast between the beach to the north of his fence with multiple vehicle tracks so it resembles a ploughed field and inside his fence where the sand is smooth or patterned by the waves. He said little bits of vegetation and driftwood on the undisturbed beach have provided furniture to enhance the shore bird habitat.

However, a man, who did not want to be named, said two surfers had been injured by the fence and it was a navigational hazard for people like himself who took

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A busy time for the pipe band



The Waipu Pipe Band, pictured here at the Waipu Christmas Parade with the Cal North pipe band in support, has been kept busy over recent months with a number of Christmas parades and the Waipu Highland Games on January 1. Piper David Moon said now that the games are over band members can put their feet up now for a few weeks before practices begin again and the engagements start coming in.

The band is on the lookout for a few more members and pipers and drummers who might be interested should contact Band Major Margo Finlayson - 027 434 3603.

More pictures of the Waipu Parade on Page 10.



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EDITORIAL

A miracle oystercatcher chick

I have been watching a little oystercatcher chick growing up just north of the Uretiti Campground beach entrances. I call it the miracle chick. His brothers and sisters have all fallen prey to dogs, humans, vehicles, wild cats, stoats or any of the other hazards our shore birds face each summer. But this little guy has survived. His parents have been taking him down to the waters edge, teaching him how to poke around with his long beak in the wet sand for worms and small shellfish. This morning he was flapping his baby wings strengthening them in readiness for flight. If he can dodge all these hazards for just a few more weeks, against all the odds, he will have made it.

My sympathies are with David Lourie who has been working hard to protect the shore birds, which nest on the northern edge of the Waipu Estuary. In the face of inaction by the Department of Conservation, the Whangarei District Council and the Regional Council, David took matters into his own hands and built a fence across the beach blocking traffic from entering the Wild Life Refuge. To prevent vehicles from going around the fence at low tide he extended it out into the water. The fence was working. Just before Christmas David showed me a photo on his phone of dotterel chicks, which had hatched on a nest inside his fence. He told me how the beach was regaining its natural form with smooth sand, clumps of vegetation and wave patterns instead of resembling a ploughed field, churned up by all those four-wheel drive vehicles.

Think of it like this: for shorebirds the beach is home. Would you allow your dog to romp freely around or

hicles up and down the beach are showing disrespect for the beach environment and all the creatures that live there and also for all their fellow humans who go down to the beach in search of tranquility.

Sometimes it gets downright dangerous. Beach ambassadors have told me about children as young as eight being encouraged to ride motorbikes up and down on the sand weaving in and out of groups of people relaxing, fishing or making sandcastles. I hope the young boy who rode his bike into the Torpedo line at Uretiti a couple of weeks ago is making a good recovery and I hope parents who encourage their children in this activity take note that kids on bikes, fishing lines and crowds of holidaymakers is not a good mix.

Little by little gains are being made in making the beach vehicle free. Last year vehicles were banned from all but a small corner of Langs Beach. This year lets try for a summertime ban in front of the Uretiti campground. We should do this for all the hardworking families who come here to camp for a few weeks respite from their hectic lives in Auckland.

If dedicated environmentalists such as David Lourie are not able to do what they think is necessary to protect our beach environment, we need to push the authorities for more enforcement of the rules. Vehicles are not permitted in the dunes or in the wildlife refuges at Waipu and Ruakaka but these laws are routinely flouted. The Department of Conservation was due to conduct its first dune protection education and enforcement session at Tip Rd. last weekend, so this is a start. But after years of allowing free rein for bike riders in the dunes and SUVs in the wildlife refuge, it's going to take quite an effort to change attitudes.

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Bed and Breakfast providers closing shop after being hit with extra rate charges

Some of Bream Bay's Bed and Breakfast suppliers have closed down since a Whangarei District Council property revaluation last year resulted in them being charged additional rates.

B and B operators say the Council appears to have actively sought them out through advertisements on Trade Me and other accommodation websites.

WDC's communications manager Ann Midson explained that extra charges are incurred when there is more than one dwelling on a single title. A separate dwelling is defined as having a separate entrance, kitchen and washing facilities.

She said, "The uniform annual general charge, (\$476) a district wide refuse management rate (\$187) and in some cases, the sewerage disposal rate (\$738) are charged on the number of separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit.

She said, "When an additional dwelling is built on a property this will normally attract an additional charge."

The Council's valuation service provider, Opteon, inspects properties, providing the new valuation information. In most cases this is when a building consent reaches final inspection or code of compliance status. The Council also checks the rating of properties when there is a change of owners or it receives advice from the public.

Asked if it would be possible for a Bed and Breakfast provider to get around the extra rates charges by taking the kitchen out of their rental unit and providing a hot plate, toaster and electric jug in its place. Ms. Midson said she thought this would still be classed as a kitchen.

Alison Puchaux, the Council's revenue manager said although Bed and Breakfast operators might be unhappy about these extra charges they still enjoy an advantage over motel and hotel operators who are charged higher commercial rates.

However, many of Bream Bay's Bed and Breakfast providers are small scale and their units are only occasionally occupied at the times when Bream Bay is particularly busy: in the Christmas holidays, on New Years Day when the Highland Games are held, at the big summer carnival race day in Ruakaka or at Easter and on long weekends.

Fence erected to protect the Waipu Wildlife Refuge taken down on NRC orders



The fence erected by David Louire to protect the northern end of the Waipu wildlife Refuge. David points to the contrast between the smooth sand patterned by waves inside the fence and the ploughing of multiple vehicle tracks to the north.

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small boats in close to shore to trawl for kahawai.

On hearing about the complaints directed at his fence, David had tethered buoys to the waratahs at the water's edge to make them clearly visible but the kahawai fisherman said these would not be visible at night.

On one of his patrols Beach Ambassador Brent Couper had come across two surfers who were worried about becoming entangled in the fence. One had hurt his leg after he had come off his board and hit against it. His injury was not serious enough to require medical attention but nevertheless Brent was concerned that the fence was a safety hazard and that David could face charges if someone was seriously injured by it. However, Brent said he was not the person who had complained to the Harbour Master.

Colin Dall, the NRC's manager of Regulatory Services said, "Last week the Northland Regional Council received a complaint about the fence. Council staff inspected and subsequently removed the section of fence in the coastal marine area ("the CMA") on

9 January. This section was about 50 metres long and was unlawful as it was not permitted by the Regional Coastal Plan and Proposed Regional Plan for Northland and had been erected without the necessary resource consent. The fence was located about 450 metres north of the mid-channel of the mouth of the Waipu River.

Mr. Dall said the section of fence above the CMA does not breach any regional rules and the council understands that this section is on land administered by the Department of Conservation.

He said, "The matter is still under investigation." David acknowledged that he had no authority to erect the fence but said, since the Auckland District Council, The Department of Conservation and the Northland Regional Council all turn a blind eye to people who illegally drive vehicles and take dogs into the northern end of the Waipu Wildlife Refuge and ride bikes and quads into the dunes, he felt these authorities could have shown the same leniency towards someone who is trying to protect the environment.

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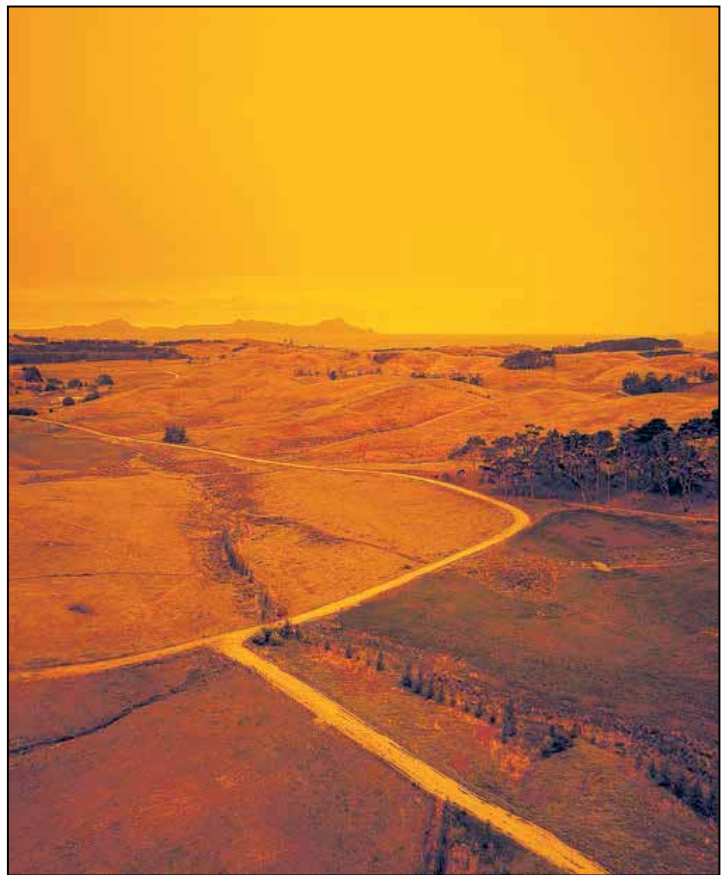
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Orange sky over Bream Bay

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This picture was taken by Carl Richardson from Massey Rd., Waipu on the afternoon of 5 January when the skys were turned orange by smoke blown across the Tasman sea by the Australian bush fires.

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ARE VERY WELCOME**

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What causes Allergies?

Many substances can cause an allergic reaction, but some of the most common are:

- pollen
- mould
- animal hair
- dust and dust mites
- latex
- medicines
- insect stings
- foods

Are there different kinds of Allergic reactions?

Different allergens will cause different kinds of allergic reactions. The most common allergic conditions are hayfever, asthma and skin problems (e.g. eczema, rashes, hives).

- Airborne allergens such as mould, dust, pollen, grasses and weeds can cause hayfever.
- Pollens, moulds and house dust mites can trigger asthma attacks.
- Skin reactions can be caused by contact with an allergen (like latex or certain metals), by insect bites or stings, or by eating food or taking medicine you are allergic to.
- Common foods that may cause allergies are shellfish, eggs and nuts.

Understanding Allergies

What are Allergy symptoms?

The symptoms of an allergic reaction depend on the type and severity of the reaction.

Common symptoms include:

- sneezing
- watery and/or swollen eyes
- stuffy or runny nose
- itching
- a rash or hives (raised red itchy areas on the skin)
- stomach cramps
- diarrhoea

A fast pulse and nausea and/or vomiting are less common reactions.

How are Allergies treated?

The best management for allergies is to avoid the allergen, however this is not always possible. For mild symptoms your Pharmacist is able to recommend treatment options including antihistamines, decongestants or corticosteroid nasal sprays.

Antihistamines – these are available as liquids, tablets or nasal sprays. These prevent histamine release and relieve sneezing, itching and help dry up a runny nose.

Decongestant nasal sprays and tablets - these unblock the nose and relieve nasal congestion. They should only be used occasionally and never for more than 3 days at a time.

Corticosteroid nasal sprays – these reduce the inflammation in the lining of the nose and work better when used as a preventative, i.e taken before symptoms develop. They can be used continuously for weeks or months.

For more severe symptoms your Pharmacist will refer you to your Doctor.

What is Anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction, often affecting several parts of the body.

Call 111 straight away if you or a family member has an allergic reaction with any of these symptoms:

- trouble breathing, including wheezing
- swelling of the lips or tongue
- pale, cool, damp skin
- drowsiness, confusion or loss of consciousness

Symptoms typically occur within 30 minutes of exposure, often within five minutes, and usually develop rapidly.

Insect stings, drugs such as penicillin, and certain foods are some of the more common causes of severe allergic reactions.

Ask your Pharmacist about auto adrenaline injectors that can be carried with you in case of emergency.



More information about Allergies is available from:

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Bream Bay Medical Centre trialling a programme designed to help with rapid growth in patient numbers

The Bream Bay Medical Centre has been selected to be part of nationwide government led trial entitled Neighbourhood Healthcare Homes (NHHC) where some people with acute medical conditions can consult with a doctor over the phone. In the future consultations may be conducted over the Internet.

Kay Brittenden, Bream Bay Medical Centre's Practice Manager, hopes this new programme will sort out some of the problems both medical staff and patients are experiencing due to the nationwide doctor shortage and the rapid growth in population in the Bream Bay area.

Kay said, "We are training around 200 doctors fewer than we need per year and a quarter of those who do graduate go overseas to work. Our current New Zealand workforce is mostly baby boomers approaching retirement age.

"The population in Northland is growing rapidly. We are living longer, thanks to modern medicine, and there is a doctor shortage crisis looming. The population growth in Bream Bay is even higher than in other areas of Northland and we are trying to manage the increasing demand for health services in this area."

She explained the medical centre provides acute and chronic care. Acute care is when a person needs to be seen urgently on the same day. Chronic care is longer-term care provided for ongoing illness or illnesses requiring more time spent with GPs and/or nurses.

"We have found that trying to juggle these two branches of care can cause stress on our busy, hard-working team and also stress for those patients unable to be seen in a timely fashion. This situation can be at its worst in the middle of winter.

"The two main complaints I receive from patients are: not being able to get an appointment when needed for an acute issue and not seeing the same doctor: a lack of continuity of care for their long-term conditions. Two main stressors for my team are: if there is no capacity for acute appointments and if they feel there is insufficient time to spend with patients who have complex health needs.

"Currently, if a patient calls in the morning needing to be seen on the same day, a receptionist will make the appointment if one is available. Alternatively, a nurse will call the patient back and triage (decide on the order of treatment) over the phone and make the appointment, if needed, on the day.

Under Neighbourhood Healthcare Homes (NHCH) all acute patients will be put on a triage template for a doctor to call back. The doctor will then decide on a course of action e.g., provide a prescription, a blood test form or x-ray form and/or make an appointment. The doctor may be able to deal with a concern via a phone consult and provide a prescription to save a patient having to come into the medical centre."

This program will begin in February 2020.

Kay said, other medical practices working under the NHCH program report that it has helped them to manage the flow of patient appointments and staff workload. She said at Bream Bay Medical Centre the plan is to increase the capacity to look after both acute and chronic care patients as patient numbers continue to grow.

Bream Bay Medical Centre is involved in two other District Health Board led projects, which should benefit the Bream Bay community. The centre has set up

an adolescent mental health team with a doctor and a registered nurse taking on these specialist roles. If any of the practice doctors have a young patient they have concerns about they can refer them to this team who hold monthly meetings with a specialist from the DHB where they can discuss and get advice on how best to look after specific patients.

The second project is the appointment of a Health Improvement Practitioner funded by the DHB to work with patients with chronic conditions to help them with what can be a complex range of issues that may be affecting their health. The DHB will fund a full time Health Improvement Practitioner per 10,000 patients.

Kay – "We don't have that many people enrolled but are hopeful that by working with other local health and social support providers we can qualify for a full time practitioner."

Four new doctors have recently been recruited; one from New Zealand, one from Canada, one from England and one from Denmark and Kay is hopeful the doctors from overseas will opt to stay in New Zealand beyond their six month and 12 month contracts.

She is once again on a recruitment drive to find replacements for the two who will be leaving in June.

"That's the reality of general practice medicine today. You don't get to see the same doctor throughout your life as you may have done in the past."

Further news from Bream Bay Medical Centre is a new satellite clinic, currently under construction, near the Anchorage Retirement Village at the Marsden Cove Marina. This clinic is expected to open in mid February and initially will have a doctor, nurse and an administrator staffing it. Kay said initially these would be staff that also work at the Ruakaka centre.

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Some expert advice on how to improve Waipu's traffic management

Urban designer Alexander Rozema, who currently works as a project manager specialising in traffic calming for the Southwalk Borough Council in Central London, was in Waipu over Christmas and New Year to visit family. His mother, Maryann Huisman, is a member of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association (WRRRA) and with her son's help recently prepared a submission on behalf of the association on the Whangarei District Council's proposed new 40 kph speed restriction



From left: Maryann Huisman, her son urban design Alexander Rozema and Morris Somner, Chairman of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association.

through the Waipu town centre. She invited other members of the association on a stroll through Waipu with Mr. Rozema pointing out how the Waipu Centre could be made safer. The WRRRA submission is that the speed should be set at 30kph in the town and that the limit of the speed restriction should be extended further than the WDC proposed limits, which are at the St Marys Rd. intersection to the west and the Nova Scotia Drive intersection to the east. Mr. Rozema explained that it was better if the restricted speed area begin on the western side of the angle parking alongside the Waihoihoi Park and at the other end of town, to the east of the Pizza Barn. He said it would feel more natural to drivers to lower their speed at these places as they would seem like where the town centre begins and ends to someone passing through. Also the Nova Scotia and St Marys Rd. intersections are busy places and drivers are more likely to see the signs advising they should be lowering their speed a little bit further out,

drivers would have more time to reduce speed before they reached the busiest parts of the town and at the Waihoihoi Park, the road narrows which he said also hints to drivers that they should lower their speed. Mr. Rozema suggested Waipu's pedestrian crossing be raised.. He said this would not be an expensive undertaking and would be effective in improving the visibility of those using the crossing as well as reducing traffic speed. He thought the angle parking outside the Four Square supermarket and the Caledonian Dairy both presented problems in that vehicles needed to cross over the public footpath to reach these parks. Although people can walk on a footpath on the inside of the Four Square parking, Mr. Rozema said most people would naturally assume the footpath continues straight and walk behind the parked cars placing themselves in the path of backing vehicles. In fact, as the WRRRA group watched several groups of people did just that. Mr. Rozema said a solution would be to move both sets of angle parking onto the road.



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Burglaries

- A farm cottage on Finlayson Brooks Rd. was burgled on Sunday 12 January. The house was ramsacked and money and petrol were stolen.
- A quad bike was stolen from an unused cowshed adjacent to State Highway One near the Millbrook Rd. intersection on Monday 30 December. A neighbour

heard the quad being driven out onto SH1 then heading north, at around 2am. Senior Sergeant Martin Geddes suspects the quad was loaded onto a ute parked on the side of the highway. The quad is a 2019 Suzuki Lt-a500xp.

Beach ambassadors left to clean up after fire

Beach Ambassadors were left to clean up the remains of a fire on the beach at Uretiti on New Years Day. Ambassador Brent Cooper said the Waipu Fire Brigade had been called to the fire that had been lit by New Year revelers just north of the Uretiti camp in the early hours of the morning. The partygoers departed leaving a pile of half burned pallets with multiple nails buried in the sand. Out of concern that the nails posed a hazard for children playing the ambassadors collected up the half buried wood and nails.

Brent said this year's ambassador programme was running well with around eight dedicated volunteers who take a four-wheel gator machine down the length

of the beach between the Waipu and Ruakaka rivers twice and sometimes three times a day.

He said, due to a decreased number of crabs, there are not nearly as many crab fishers on the beach as in former years but despite all the efforts to educate people about wearing lifejackets about half of those he encounters still don't have them. He has even spoken to people who have life jackets with them but just don't wear them.

Asked if it was disappointing that after all the beach ambassadors hard work a man had drowned while crab fishing on Christmas day, Brent said, "We can't be there 24 hours a day."

New sentencing date

Sixty-two-year-old Paul Lesley Burton, formerly of Waipu, appeared in the Whangarei District Court for sentencing on Thursday 19 December but was sent back to Ngawha Prison on remand after Judge Keith de Ridder said he did not have enough information before him to pronounce a sentence.

The Police prosecution had given representative descriptions of some of the 35,000 child pornography images, which they had found on Mr. Burton's phone, computer, hard drive and tablet but Judge de Ridder said he needed more information.

At a plea hearing on October 25 Mr. Burton's lawyer had pointed out that many of the images were duplications across all the devices.

The prosecution had prepared an appendage to its original file and Mr. Burton's lawyer said he had been given a copy of this and was happy for the sentencing to proceed but Judge de Ridder said he needed to give time for a defence case to be mounted taking the additional information into account. A new sentencing date has been set for 20 January.

Bike rider hits Torpedo line

There was a serious accident on the beach near the Uretiti campground on Saturday 4 January, when a young boy rode his motorbike into the line of a fishing torpedo. The line caught him across the throat. An ambulance was called and he was transported to hospital.

Beach patroller Graham Hadlee said there seems to be no control of vehicles on the beach and this is a big concern. He often witnesses bikes, quads and sometimes four-wheel drives driven by children and teenagers too young to have driver's licenses.

He recently witnessed two four-wheel drive vehicles with trailers parked about 400 metres north of Tip Rd. where there were other people on the beach. Nearby two sets of parents watched and applauded as their children drove quads at speeds of 40 -50km and performed wheelies.

Graham said one of the children would have been no more than 11 or 12 years old and could only just be seen over the top of the steering wheel.

This was not an isolated occurrence. Most days when he does his beach patrol Graham sees numerous vehicles on the beach. Between Tip Rd and the Waipu river mouth there are at least 15 bike entrances into the dunes. He often gets abused by the children's fathers when he points out that allowing young people who do not possess driver's licenses to ride or drive unregistered vehicles on the beach is illegal.

He contrasts this aggressive response from Pakeha men with that of the Chinese crab fishers whom he said are generally very polite when he stops to talk to them.



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LETTERS

Western civilisation has its roots in the Bible

In response to contributors Dave Smyth and Bev Woods, it is clear they know very little about Christianity and it's profound, positive influence in New Zealand.

Although they sound urbane, balanced and fair, they are in fact arguing from a position of ignorance. Western civilization - the greatest civilization of all time-has its roots in the Bible. Public schools, police and science are all children of Christian thought. The Bible is the most scrutinized book ever; there has never been found in it a discrepancy that could not be cleared up with good scholarship.

The good life we enjoy in New Zealand came about in good measure-from implementing the precepts and teachings of Jesus Christ in our laws and moral codes. Our two main festivals, Easter and Christmas are a reminder of this. Almost all of this great legacy has now been forgotten, and we live in a post Christian society.

As for parents and teachers being capable of teaching good values, of course they are; but, where do they get their values from? Everyone has their own agenda. The Ministry of Education curriculum has no Biblical input whatsoever now. Talk about throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Some of the values being pushed into impressionable young minds at schools nowadays are questionable (to say the least). Teachers must get a girl's parents approval to give her an aspirin, but she can get an abortion without telling them. More and more our children are being taught what to think, rather than to think.

A mere 20 hours a year of teaching based on proven principles, may have had some small effect on redressing the balance, but now even that has gone. Well done secularists.

*Karl van de Water,
Maungaturoto.*

Kiarn has his new bathroom



Eight-year-old Kiarn Cherrington of One Tree Point who has spina bifida has been provided with a new bathroom to give him more space to move around in. The project

was organised by the Marsden Lions with support from local businesses. Against all odds, and a few injuries, the team, who were working on Kiarn's new bathroom got the job finished a week before Christmas..

Clark and the Bream Bay Coatings team plastered the floor and the Gib board and helped with the painting. Carpet Court put all the Vinyl in and then GD Plumbers from Waipu came and fitted the toilet, hand basin and shower attachments.

Clive Pegram and Murray Gutry fitted the hand rails and shower Curtains and Electrician Dennis Smith finished off the project by fitting the heat lamp and switches. Nick from Cogan Custom Homes, gave the volunteers a lot of guidance and inspected the final job.

"We think he was impressed. We know Kiarn was", said Lions member Marc Sands

Marc wants to thank you all the people that assisted with this project. He said it proves "the community spirit in the Bream Bay area is alive and well!"

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Voting begins for People's Choice for the Bream Bay Sports Awards

The nominations are now all in and voting for the People's Choice Award has begun for the Bream Bay Sports Awards, which will be held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Friday 6 March with special guest speaker Grant Fox.

Tickets to the awards dinner go on sale this week on the Bream Bay Sports Awards website.

There is a full field of close to 40 nominations with at least two candidates across the eleven separate award categories.

Three anonymous judges will sit down to choose the winners in each and from all of these pick a Supreme Award winner. A People's Choice winner will also be announced at the awards. The Sports Awards organizing committee asks recipients of last year's awards to please drop these off at either the Waipu or Ruakaka pharmacies so that arrangements can be made to engrave the names of a new set of winners on them.

A special feature of this year's awards night will be the auction of a framed All Blacks jersey with signatures of all the players in the Rugby World Cup winning teams of 1987 and 2011. The donor of the jersey wishes to remain anonymous.



A framed All Blacks' jersey with signatures of the winning 1987 and 2011 Rugby World Cup teams will be auctioned at the Bream Bay Sports Awards on 6 March.

Plenty of variety at this year's One Tree Point Art Fair

The One Tree Point Combined Arts Exhibition due to be held on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 January from 10am. – 4pm in the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina is an annual two-day exhibition of work by 50 invited local and Northland Artists.

This year there will be: oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolour and mixed media artworks. Also: ceramics, pottery, textile art, sculpture, including driftwood sculpture, jewelry and hand-blown glass. Steel art, photography, air brush painting, painting on wood and glass, and the work of an artist who has found an innovative use for old vinyl LPs will be included.

Last year nearly 2,000 people attended and sales topped \$30,000. One of the aims of the One Tree Point Art Exhibition committee is to support and encourage emerging artists and no commission on sales is taken, with their only expense a \$50 booth fee.

The art on display is for sale and there will be demonstrations by the artists and craftspeople. Entry is by gold coin donation.

If the extra rates make them unviable will there be a shortage of local accommodation at these times?

Young football stars



Abby Wright, Northern Football Federation 16th grade, and Rhys Davies, Auckland Football Federation 15th grade, former team mates at Bream Bay United, were selected to play in the New Zealand Football National Age Games Tournament in Wellington in December. Both took away gold medals with their teams winning their respective competitions.

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The Waipu Christmas Parade



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Eileen Brown on her mobility scooter decorated as a reindeer led the Ranburn Retirement Home and Hospital

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Children dressed as bees rode on the Waipu Bee Clubs float.



The Northpine Float won the best business class entry.

Circool Circus won first prize and \$1,000 at the Waipu Christmas Parade with a float based on the movie Labyrinth with the Goblin King Jareth (David Bowie) seated on his goblin throne. The float concept and set and costume design was by two 13 year old members of the circus, Ara Bartlett and Julie Winslow with help from Ara's mum Megan.

The Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club which won second prize and \$300 also opted for a movie theme with members dressing up as snow flakes, snowmen, snow

Queens and Princesses.

Waipu Primary Schools float based on the school's junior production and the Munchkins of Lazy Dazy village won third prize which was worth \$200.

The Waipu Bee Club won the best environmentally friendly entry -\$200, Northpine won \$200 as the best business entry and the Waipu Rugby Club were given \$200 for its The Grinch who Stole Christmas float.

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Three rising motocross champions



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She said Neil has managed to get a late model sponsored bike through Yamaha Whangarei for the boys to ride. In the coming months the three boys will be competing in the Northland Championships and are hoping for some great results.

Max, Riley and Ben are currently looking for sponsorship from local businesses, to buy motocross T shirts and to help with building a practice track. Please phone Vicky 021 1413 383 if you can help.

Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club on Northland beach safety tour



Members of the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club have set off on their second annual tour of Northland calling in at some of the regions unpatrolled beaches to educate beach goers on how to stay safe in the water. They will talk to people about how to spot a rip, how to administer first aid and give CPR and rescue demonstrations and demonstrate how to use pf flotation devices in rescue operations. They will also be organising some junior surf games. The tour will take in Cable Bay, Matai Bay and Tauranga Bay.

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The 149th Waipu Highland Games



Above: A fine old tradition - the competitors in the Highland Heavyweight competition are offered a tot of whisky so they can toast the caber before the competition begins.



A Norse King - Konung Franush Bloodaxe with his daughter, 8-month-old Sofia who also has a Nordic name – Muninn. The Norsemen club of Auckland set up a Viking encampment on the Caledonian Park with tents, cooking fires and even a rat trap. Children were invited to try on Viking helmets and get the feel of Viking shields and swords.

While the audience waited for the march of the Clans and the Massed pipe band the Norsemen staged a battle. If axe, sword and javelin brandishing Viking adversaries weren't enough to cope with the warriors were attacked by some umbrella waving ladies in tartan steam punk outfits and then to finish them off a horde of white T shirted clan club children swarmed in leaving Norsemen bodies strewn across the field.

Don Ewen, Chief of the Waipu Caledonian Society gave the opening address at the Highland Games on January 1. He said many of the younger generation of Waipu's Nova Scotian descendants preferred to count themselves just as New Zealanders and weren't interested in helping to perpetuate this Waipu tradition.

However there were many newcomers to the town, who brought with them new skills and the efforts of these people insured the Waipu Highland Games would continue to be a successful annual event.

Ken Couper, Bream Bay's Ward Councillor on the Whangarei District Council, was given the honour of declaring the 149th Waipu games officially open.

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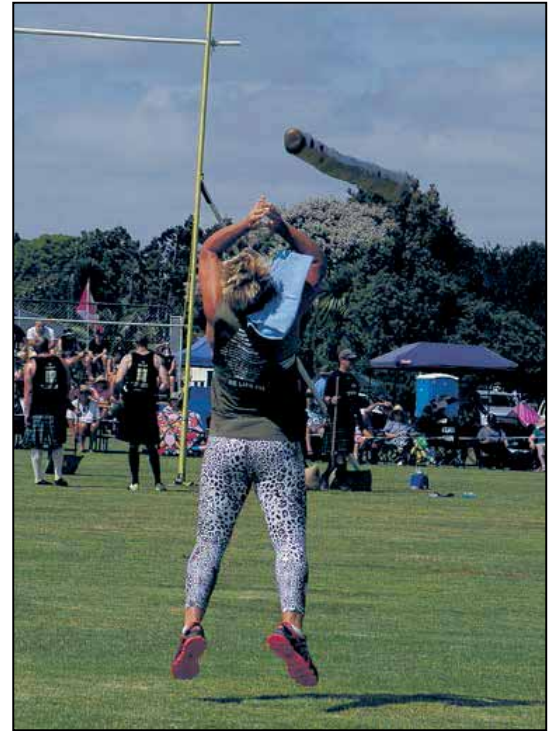
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Piper Lachlan McKean takes his turn before the judges in the Strathspey and Reel competition



Zena Finlayson, who graduated from Bream Bay College last year sang *The Flower of Scotland* unaccompanied at the opening ceremony.



Sonia Tompkins executes a successful caber throw in the Women's Highland Heavyweight competition. Sonia will go down in history as the first winner of the Waipu Highland Heavyweights women's competition.



The massed Highland Fling at the opening ceremony



The under fives Clan Club race. A Kids' Clan Club was a new and very successful feature of the Waipu Highland Games held on 1 January. For the price of just \$5 children were given a Clan Club T shirt and the chance to win prizes in a series of events including age group running and sack races. Children's sporting events have always been part of the games but this year with the introduction of the Clan Club and T shirts were given a much higher profile.

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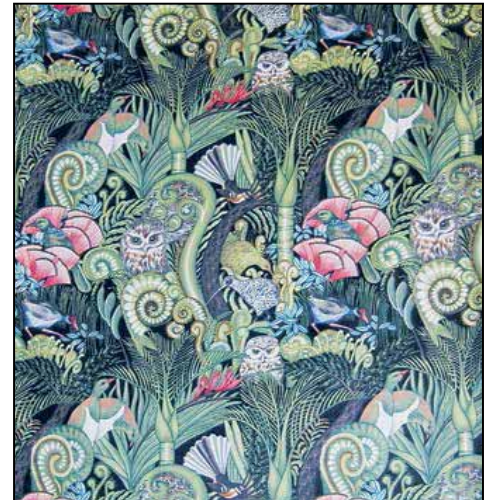
Pictured from left: Bruce and Coralie Roberts, Maryann Huisman and Hammer Hardware Group Manager Andre Botes.

Maryann Huisman of Waipu had a windfall just prior to Christmas when she won a \$10,000 prize in a Hammer Hardware nation wide promotion. Maryann automatically went in the draw when she made a purchase at the Waipu store and initially thought it was a hoax when she was told of her win. Waipu Hammer hardware owner Coralie Roberts said the store has had prizewinners in similar promotions in the past but these had always gone to out of towners who had shopped here while they were passing through. She was pleased that this time the big prize had gone to a Waipu resident.

Patriotic pillowcases

There is a display at the entrance to the Ruakaka Library in Takukai Place of colourful pillowcases, which have been sewn by members of local quilting groups to send to New Zealand service men and women deployed overseas.

Quilter Lynne Wilson of Kamo has a son in the military who was recently deployed with the New Zealand Defence Forces in Iraq. He sent her back photographs of his sleeping quarters there, which appeared to Lynne to be very dusty and colourless. He



One of the pillowcases on display at the entrance to the Ruakaka Library

also sent back a photograph of some colourful quilts, which had been sent by an Australian quilters group to Australian military personal.

Lynne said as "a quilter and mother of a soldier this got me thinking about what we could do for our own servicemen and women to give them some comforting support in the time they are away from their loved ones, often in harsh conditions, for extended periods of time."

She approached the New Zealand Army Deployment Services Officer who said that quilts might be too large and cumbersome to transport but suggested the quilters consider making pillowcases.

There can be up to 500 service men and women on overseas deployment at any one time so lots of pillowcases are needed. Anyone who wants to help should contact Lynne on 021 124 1223 on 09 435 1629 and she will supply you with a pattern. Fabrics used need to be dark serviceable colours to cope with often dusty conditions. Many of them have New Zealand motifs to give the servicemen and women a taste of home. Once completed the pillowcases are packaged in separate plastic bags each with a greeting card and sent to wherever New Zealand troupes are stationed.

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Serving coffee at the Driver Reviver station

Ruairidh Morrison and Cullum Boyd of the Taimahi Trust served coffee to travelers at the Northland Road Safety Driver Reviver stop held at Uretiti for the benefit of pre Christmas travellers.

The Taimahi Trust was set up by the mothers of young men with Downs syndrome to give their sons independence and meaningful work. Rachel Hill, one of the group's founders said



the trust is setting up a number of small enterprises. She said she has worked in management for 30 years and the young men working with the trust form "the best team" she has ever had. The young employees 'L coming out. They always turn up to work. They are not afraid to try new things and are not judgemental. "

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- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 19 January. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina. From 9am to 1pm
- **NATIONAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** at Ruakaka Beach. From Saturday January 25 to Monday 27. First game starts on Saturday at 10.10am.
- **THE ONE TREE POINT COMBINED ARTS EXHIBITION AND SALE.** On Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 January from 10am. – 4pm in the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina. Two-day exhibition of work by 50 invited local and Northland Artists.
- **WAIPU STREET MARKET** Anniversary weekend Sunday January 26th. The Centre and the Caledonian Park Waipu 9am - 2pm. Over 130 Stalls of Crafts, Fashion, Art, Jewellery, Food, Novelties, and Produce Most products made by Northland artisans. Live Music - Food Trucks -

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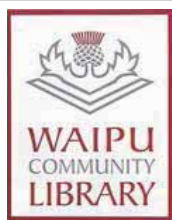
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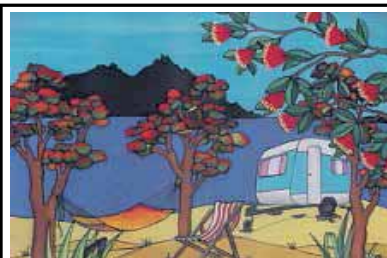


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