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## Tragic to learn we have had another drowning

There has been another drowning at Ruakaka beach. Police were called to a suspected drowning north of the Ruakaka Estuary at around 7.40am on Sunday morning 13 January. A 51-year-old Ruakaka man had been out in the water attempting to retrieve a fishing net when he appeared to get into difficulties. A companion brought him back to the shore but he died at the scene.

“Water activities are such an important part of our lives here in Bream Bay it is tragic to learn we have had another drowning” said Andrew Forsythe President of the Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Club.

“There are so many ways to enjoy our coast, all we can do is encourage everyone to think about keeping their loved ones and themselves safe. Check the conditions and recognise your limits. Please don’t swim alone and keep your small ones within arm’s reach. If you have a patrolled beach in your area, swim between the flags, lifeguards are there to ensure everyone enjoys their day at the beach (we are not the fun police). We have four surf clubs in the Bream Bay area (Whangarei Heads, Ruakaka, Waipu Cove and Mangawhai Heads).

“If fishing or crabbing from the shore, or any time you are in a boat, wear a properly fitting life jacket. Joining surf lifesaving, taking swimming lessons, a diving course or coastguard safe boating course are all investments in fun.

“If you see someone in the water and are concerned for their welfare, call 111, ask for the police and be clear that it is an in-water emergency. This will ensure that surf lifesaving or coastguard are alerted immediately and help will be on its way.”

## The massed pipe band marches into the arena at the Waipu Highland Games



The weather on 1 January for the Waipu Highland Games was perfect, with a bit of cloud cover and no rain. At least 5,500 people attended. The Waipu Caledonians Society’s press officer Pat Hadlee said as children are admitted for free it is hard to arrive at an accurate number. She thanked all the volunteers for a “brilliant job done and declared the games a success. A debrief is due to be held on Sunday 20 January where a few niggles will be discussed so they can be sorted out for next year. There will also be a volunteer and supporters barbeque early in February.

*More Highland Games pics on page 9.*



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**EDITORIAL**

**Most of Auckland seems to be holidaying in Northland**

It is sometimes good to be going in the opposite direction of everyone else.

If you just follow the throng you are going to have an uncomfortably crowded life. I thought about this last weekend when I drove to Auckland to see a matinee performance of Richard 3 at the Pop Up Globe. We left home at around 9.15am and by the time we reached Warkworth the North bound traffic was banked for half a kilometre at the lights. It was getting hot and I felt sorry for all those families with children packed into the back seats of their four wheel drives with all their kayaks, fishing gear and surfboards stacked on the roofs.

The theatre was half empty – possibly because most of Auckland is holidaying in Northland. There were no queues to get in the Ellerslie Racecourse gates or for ice blocks at half time. And then when we headed back home in the evening the traffic was all going south. How lucky can you be?

This philosophy about not following popular trends works in all sorts of ways. Pick a career that not too many other people are striving to get into. Start a business that nobody else has thought of. Pick somewhere to live that the fashion conscious haven't discovered yet.

Its that time of year when if you see a familiar face in the supermarket you stop and commiserate about the crowds, the queues at the check out, all the people on the beach, all the traffic. It's best just to stay at home, ducking down when the tide is full for a dip in the sea. That water is so beautiful and warm.

and walk down a sandy track to the sea – such a contrast to mornings spent in commuter traffic.

I feel a bit grumpy though when I see all the four wheel drive vehicles parked up near the sand dunes. Can't those people walk to the beach? Yesterday a group of young men had set up all their fishing gear on a big ugly military looking truck right in front of the Uretiti camp where lots of people were swimming. They must have driven over kilometres of relatively empty beach to find that spot.

I decided this year my contribution to the Beach Ambassador programme would be to do a few clean ups at the Tip Rd. car park. Maybe this was a mistake. There is nothing more designed to give you a negative view of human nature than picking up other people's rubbish. What are these people thinking when they leave used disposable nappies, empty polystyrene takeaway food packaging, non compostable baby wipes (those things should be banned), plastic bags containing dog shit, broken glass and empty aluminum cans all around the car park?

I cheered up when I met some representatives of Uretiti campground's gay community for the story on page 10. The campground is looking lovely with all the landscaping work they have done. Scott has spent tens of thousands of dollars of his own money buying plants and mulch. They hold a big tree planting working bee each Easter and Scott and his friends work away all through the year. Steve looks around the campground for people sitting alone in the hot sun outside their tents and invites them to join him under the shade of his makeshift private bar.

Like most things we encounter in life, the summertime crowds are a mixed blessing.

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*Marilyn*



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# The most fabulous New Year party

It's the most fabulous New Year's party in Bream Bay. So fabulous, in fact, that security guards are hired to stand at the entrances to the Uretiti campground to stop gatecrashers.

It's all organized and paid for by the gay community, which forms in the campground each summer. An estimated 300 gay men come to the camp for the New Year but the party is open to all Uretiti campers.

This year there was a bit of competition but not really. A couple of straight guys dressed up in frilly bras and set up Trev's Bar in another part of the camp. They boasted they were going to have a bigger party at their campsite but they didn't have a chance and ended up drifting over to the party at *Daddy's Bar*.

Scott Blackburn sets up the lights and the music. Rainbow flags are strung around. He makes up a Spotify play list but partygoers are invited to add their favourite songs as the night progresses. All the nice shirts come out. There is a light show and this year Scott's nephew took on the job of master of ceremonies. Scott bought a \$10 count down clock to mark the seconds to midnight; otherwise everything was donated by other people.

The party is for all the campers, straight couples, children, everyone is invited. There is a lollie scramble for the kids and earlier in the evening, at 5.30pm a parade of decorated vehicles around the campground with muscle cars, hot rods, motorbikes and even the camp managers little beetle car with a wind up key fixed to its boot.

Each year the men in the gay quarter spend hundreds of dollars on Christmas lights for their camper vans, trailers and caravans.

Scott says, "It's like a miniature of Franklin Rd. " and is enjoyed by all the children camping with their families. In past years any trouble at the party has usually come from local residents who gate crash. A few years ago a group of hooligans came up from the beach and attacked partygoers with hunks of driftwood.

Scott has been coming to Uretiti since around 2004. He might be the best thing that has ever happened at the camp. He has spent tens of thousands of his own money and many days of hard work landscaping the bare, burnt kikuyu covered sand.

Every time he comes up from Auckland he brings a trailer load of mulch or plants. Each Easter he and his friends hold a big working bee. They plant between 800 and 1,000 plants. Several years ago the Department of Conservation recognized their efforts with a DOC community partnership award.

Steve Farrow, who is a semi permanent fixture at Uretiti,



The party in full swing

looks after the "bar". It all began with a 40-gallon drum, a picnic table and an umbrella but progressed to a larger shade canopy strung with lights, two long bar leaners he begged from the Ruakaka Tavern and some bar stools. It isn't really a bar in that alcohol isn't sold there but just a place for people to gather in the afternoons and evenings in the shade. Steve actually goes around the camp inviting people sitting outside their tents in the hot sun to come and join the gathering. It's a place for people to catch up.

Scott's partner commutes each day throughout the summer from Uretiti to Auckland. The first thing he does when he gets back to Uretiti is sit down and have a drink at *Daddy's Bar*.

On trip advisor comment it gets a 10/10 for its fun and hip atmosphere, open-air location, and as a date spot. The Uretiti camp has been a gay destination for quite some time but with Scott and Steve's contributions and the work the gay community in general has put in to improve the camp, its popularity is growing.

One suggestion as to why this is such a popular gay destination is the nudist beach and the fact that in the past the camp itself was a nudist camp. Nowadays nudity isn't permitted in the camp itself but south of the beach entrance its accepted you can sunbath and swim without clothes.

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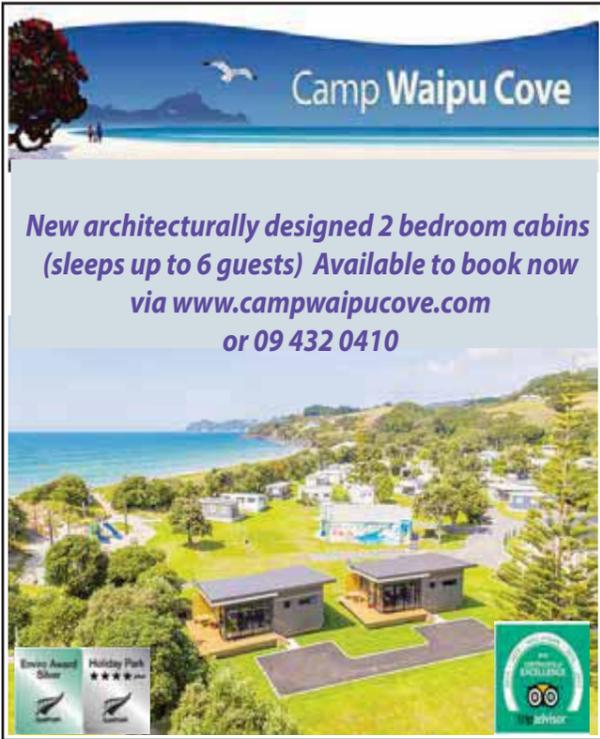
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**LETTERS**

**Time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Waipu Wildlife Refuge**

February 2019 is the 50th Anniversary of the Waipu Wildlife Refuge. It deserves celebration and recognition as an important feature of the Waipu coastal area. It pretty much defines the Waipu coast. Here we are blessed with the responsibility of being the guardians of rare and endangered shorebirds. As the coast is encroached by urban development our shorebirds need increasing levels of protection from the sheer numbers of human disturbances. Although the Wildlife Refuge has been in existence for 50 years many people are unaware of its existence north of Waipu River mouth. The Department of Conservation has placed a number of expensive attractive and informative signs to educate the public at Tip Road car park. This educational resource has been graffitied, driven into, torn apart, ripped out, blasted at with shotguns in recent years. This is how some of our sons and brothers behave before they even get onto the beach. You should see the destruction they have brought to the dunes. The destruction of the signs takes away the opportunity for people who want to be informed about the natural features of the area and how to behave to look after the beach and the indigenous plants and creatures that live on it. It also takes away the opportunity for visiting people to even know there is a 50 year old wildlife refuge along the beach. In the past years people have driven themselves and their dogs into the wildlife refuge and used the nesting

area as a car park while allowing their dogs to roam. They have brought chainsaws to cut up driftwood logs, brought their own cut up logs, cut up wooden pallets for firewood leaving hundreds of burnt rusty nails in the sand for children to impale themselves with, plumbing trade waste, PVC pipe has been burnt in the wildlife refuge. It beggars belief. This is unacceptable behaviour in a wildlife refuge where fires vehicles and dogs are illegal and obvious threats to shorebirds. Although the shorebirds may not appear distressed, they will often leave their nests as they see people approach, leaving eggs and chicks exposed to being eaten by gulls. Human disturbance can cause chicks to flee and run into a neighbouring shorebirds territory where they can be pecked to death or die from injury and infection. Avoiding or minimizing disturbance is very important. As the 50th Anniversary of Waipu Wildlife Refuge is just around the corner I suggest we celebrate its existence and use this opportunity understand what we have and how precious it is, not only to us, but all of the indigenous plants and animals that depend on it for their survival. If anyone would like to assist in planning an event to celebrate the refuge it would be really good to hear from you at 021 028 22330.

*David Lourie  
Waipu*



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**Where are all those people who are happy to voice their opinions when it comes to helping out in the Museum?**

I am a member of the Waipu Museum Art'nTartan Wearable Arts Contest organising team and spend hours of my precious time promoting and supporting this amazing event. I visited the museum on 27th December to return a costume that had been borrowed for the Christmas Parade. This is one of the busiest times of the year but there was only one overworked member of staff to answer visitors' queries and run the shop and I found myself wondering where all those people were who have been so vociferous in their criticisms, comments and objections regarding the proposed museum extensions. Many descendants have dubbed the museum their spiritual home and have expressed their horror at what

they perceive as the desecration of their beloved House of Memories. It seems that these people are obviously happy to voice their opinions but not to join the small, overworked army of existing volunteers who help in the shop and spend the huge amount of time and manpower required to promote, organise, and set up the Art'nTartan show. Without the existing volunteers, neither the shop, nor the show, both hugely beneficial to "their" House of Memories, could be successful.

*Sue Welford  
Waipu*



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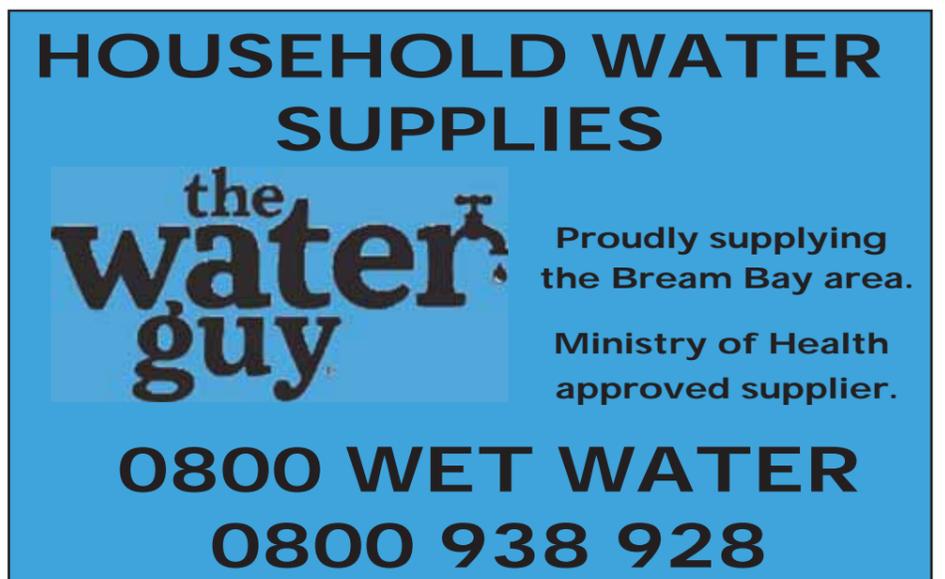
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Steve Farrow (left) and Scott Blackburn sheltering from the midday sun at *Daddy's Bar*. In the background is a stand of well grown native trees, part of Scott's landscaping efforts

Sometimes people complain about this and Scott thinks the Department of Conservation should put up a sign letting people know go North if you are offended by sunbathers and swimmers with no clothes on.

He thinks too much shouldn't be made of the nude beach. There are both gay and straight people who take advantage of this tradition and some gay campers who don't.

He suggests another contributing factor to the camp's popularity is that in Waipu and up in the Brynderwyn hills there is an established gay community.

The New Year's gathering has become a good place to meet up with old acquaintances. Scott has a friend who lives just 100 metres away from his Auckland home but they only meet up when they both arrive at Uretiti

Last week the big crowd had drifted away but there was a quieter, gathering going on: a little community of friends who know one another well.

Sitting around a table alongside Scott's big green bus it stuck me how nice everyone is to each other. They all recognize the work and contribution Scott has made.

Scott is keen to introduce me to Steve to show me *Daddy's Bar* and to explain the importance of this institution to the life of the camp.

I suggest that the work all these men are putting in gives them a sense of ownership. But Scott says no, he doesn't really feel like he owns the place.

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## LETTERS

### Museum board is ignoring its long term objectives

Well I was going to keep out of this because I know how hard it is to try to please every one. But why has the Waipu Centennial Trust Board not followed its long term objective, Strategic Priorities 2017- 2025 To quote -“Development of the Heritage Precinct will provide significant opportunity for the museum to expand its activities in accordance with its vision and long term objectives.”

It also states an objective to preserve the original House of Memories stone building.

I think it’s wrong that the Board has ignored the priorities and objectives set out in the Long Term Strategic Priorities 2017-2025

*Peter Blanch  
Waipu*

### Dog lovers are spoiling our Bream Bay beaches

Bream Bay dog lovers (it only takes one!) are spoiling the beach experience for the majority of beach visitors, local and from outside the region.

The disgarded dog poo I pick up comes in two forms. One is single use plastic bags filled with dog poo and left in a neat pile under the WDC sign which states ‘ PLEASE TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME’.

The other is dog poo in the raw at the top of the steps leading to the beach.

It’s such a shame a very few dog owners fail in their dog husbandry and spread their failure on all other dog owners. The beach is a great place for dogs and a clean beach is even better. Please bag and take your dog poo to your rubbish bin and leave a better beach for us all.

*Peter Hope  
Ruakaka Ratepayers Association Chairman  
and Beach Ambassador*

*Editor’s note: Thanks for the photo of what you found at the beach entrance Peter but I think we can leave this to the reader’s imagination.*



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### Heron at the Ruakaka Wildlife Refuge



Happy New Year and may this be a really good one for you and your family!

Last month we saw from our place overlooking the Ruakaka estuary and Bream Bay the largest number of white faced blue herons on the river at one time in one place ever in our 30+ years of being here. This has been very exciting as they have really thrived in this last year with a record number of chicks in the nearby pohutukawa trees.

They are lovely birds and have got quite friendly knowing that they are quite safe. They fly regularly across our place and the neighbours place like it’s theirs.

And we love it!

I have attached a photo with all the 8 herons together at one time plus one of the grown up chicks on top of a nearby Norfolk pine

*Kevin Wigmore  
Riuakaka*

*Editor’s note: Thanks for the kind wishes Kevin and for the heron pictures.*

### Thank you to the volunteers

I sincerely thank all those people including Margaret Hicks who voluntarily care for our Wildlife Reserves, recreational areas and pick up rubbish from beaches and road side. I appreciate all you do for our community. God Bless.

*Mary Wilson  
One Tree Point*



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## Police Report

### A busy time for the Bream Bay Police

The past few weeks have been busy ones for Bream Bay Police. In particular, in the early hours of New Year's day they received 10 call outs most of them alcohol related.

### Methamphetamine arrest

At 4am on New Year's Day a member of the public alerted Police to an accident on State Highway One on the Brynderwyns, where a car had smashed into the medium barrier on the northern side of the hill. A gang member, aged in his 40s from Kaitaia was the driver of the vehicle. He was found to have methamphetamine on his person and has been charged with possession of this illegal drug as well as with driving related offences.

### Burglars use bach while owners absent

A person or persons appear to have been making themselves at home in a bach at Langs Beach over the Christmas holiday period. The owners arrived to find someone had been making coffee in the kitchen and generally helping themselves to the facilities as well as stealing several hundred dollars worth of items.

### Expensive items stolen from beach tent

On 5 January a gopro, drone and an iphone were stolen from a tent pitched on Langs Beach

### Doctors Hill Rd. burglary

A home in Doctors Hill Rd. was burgled on the night of 9/10 January with cash, jewelry, a television set and other items stolen. The thief or thieves then stole the homeowner's car to make the get away. The stolen vehicle is a white Volkswagen 2014 Tiguan.

### Marsden Point Rd house burgled

A house in Marsden Point Rd was burgled with many items stolen while the householders were away over Christmas. The house had been left unlocked.

### Two Christmas Day Brynderwyn crashes

At 2pm on Christmas Day there was a single car crash on the Brynderwyns. The driver lost control and the car ended up on its side. No one was hurt.

Then at 6pm there was a two-car crash on the southern side of the hill when a southbound car ended up sideways across the northbound lane.

### Drink driving incidents

- On 28 December a 17-year-old Kaiwaka man was involved in a single car crash in Settlement Rd. The following day he was stopped by Police while driving again in Settlement Rd., and returned an alleged breath alcohol result of 400 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. He will be appearing in court on a driving with excess breath alcohol charge.

- On 5 January a vehicle was stopped on Marsden Point Road and the driver given a breath test. He returned an alcohol breath level of 250 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath and was issued with a ticket.

- On 11 January a vehicle was stopped on Cove Rd. at Langs Beach. A 25-year-old Auckland woman returned a breath alcohol level of an alleged 840 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath and will be appearing in court on a charge of driving with excess breath alcohol.

### 20 family harm incidents

Since 24 December Bream Bay Police have attended 20 family harm incidents.

## No shortage of beach ambassadors

There was no shortage of beach ambassadors willing to drive the donated Gator up the beach checking on the safety of swimmers and crab fishers over the summer holiday period.

Brent Cooper who helps to oversee the volunteer programme said there are 14 volunteers and with Police officers taking a turn to drive up the beach as well there were enough ambassadors for multiple patrols on the busiest days of the year. On one day the patrol went out five times checking on the safety of beach goers between the Ruakaka river mouth and the Waipu estuary.

However the machine has been out of action due to

mechanical problems. A replacement vehicle was provided for a few days but this has now been returned to the supplier.

Brent said on the whole there were few problems over the patrol period. There are not so many Asian crab fishers in evidence this year, he thinks because the crabs are pretty small. There have been a few without life jackets he has stopped to talk to.

The biggest problem he has encountered is "hooligans" tearing down bird protection fencing and taking vehicles and dogs into the shorebird-nesting site at the Waipu estuary.



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# Money from sale of land alongside Ruakaka Tavern will fund the upgrade of the Takutai Place carpark

The Whangarei District Council is planning to sell two strips of land alongside the boundary of the Ruakaka Tavern to Town Centre Ltd. and to use the money made in this transaction to upgrade the Takutai Place car park. Parks and Reserves manager Sue Hodge said a strip between Marsden Point Rd. and the tavern is road reserve, which the Council no longer requires and the wider strip between the Ruakaka sports fields and the tavern is a swale drain.

The Takutai Place Car park will be sealed and have angle parking painted on it.

In the long term a roadway will be built to link Takutai Place and Sime Rd.

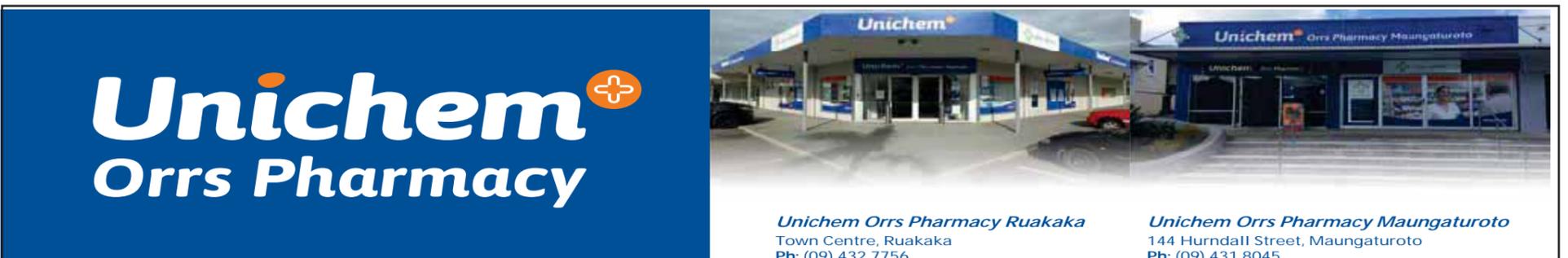
Ms. Hodge said there is a very old arrangement between Town Centre Limited and the Whangarei District Council that development contributions it pays to the Council be used in Ruakaka.

Asked if a redevelopment of the tavern site was

planned Ken Orr, a director of Town Centre Ltd. said there is no current plan for the tavern site and the next development at the Ruakaka Town Centre will be built adjacent to the new Educare Learning Centre.

He confirmed that the money released from the Town Centre's purchase of area A and B will contribute to the drainage and the lowering and sealing of the car park in front of the Recreation Centre.

He said, "This work can proceed this summer to have the Recreation Centre car park sealed for winter. In due course Takutai Place will run from Peter Snell Road to Sime Road opening up improved access and parking for the sports fields at the Sime Road end. The open drain on the sports field side of the tavern will be separated from the fields by Takutai Place and area A adjacent to Marsden Point Road when combined with the Tavern site will make the front boundary run straight along Marsden Point Road."



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# The Waipu Highland Games



Liam Argyle of Palmerston North has won the open tenor drum competition for the past three years. What makes him so good? He says, "Lots of practice."



Little Georgina Cameron - Carding is aged just nine-weeks-old and attending her first Highland Games in a dress in the Royal Stewart tartan made for her the night before by her grandmother. She is pictured here with her dad, Neil Carding.



Above: The massed Highland Fling at the official opening ceremony.

Left: Jono McFarlane about to make the winning toss in the Heavyweights caber tossing competition.

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# Saorsa Retirement Village has a new flag

The Saorsa Retirement Village has its flag.

Last year the Saorsa trust chairman Simon Couper announced a competition to design a flag which could be flown on special occasions on the flagpole at the centre of the village offering a \$50 Pizza Barn voucher for the best design.

The winner was 15-year-old Joshua Campbell the grandson of Saorsa residents Brian and Ann Challenger. Brian said his grandson had always been good at drawing so he encouraged him to have a go at preparing a draft design. The final flag design, based on Joshua's draft, was made up by graphic artist Simon Johnson.

Brian explained that the background red tartan on the new flag is a MacFarlane tartan, which was the tartan of the Waipu District High School, which once occupied the Saorsa village site. Brian was a student at that school in 1941 and has an old school badge, which has an image of the migrant ship Margaret, as portrayed on Joshua's flag as well as the motto Saorsa, a Gaelic word meaning freedom.

Ann taught home economics at the school in its later years before the move to Ruakaka and the founding of Bream Bay College in 1974.



Holding up the flag: left 15-year-old Joshua Campbell, who came up with the winning design, and on the right, his grandfather Brian Challenger who lives in the Saorsa Village and encouraged him to take part in the flag design competition.

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# Umbrellas feature at the Waipu Christmas Parade

When the Christmas parade is held on Christmas Eve there is not any room for postponement, so despite torrential rain, the Waipu parade went ahead as scheduled.

There weren't as many floats as usual and, unsurprisingly, not as many spectators but all credit to the hardy souls who took part.

This year's winner of the Waipu Business and Community Association's \$1000 first prize was Mark and Pav Stacey and friends Scottish Steampunk entry. Second prize and \$500 went to Circool Circus whose members and supporters dressed as white statues which at intervals sprung into frantic action and third place - \$300 to the Waipu Cycle and Walkway group.

\$200 prizes went to Waynas Balinese massage team for best first time entry, to Bream Bay's Cardio Drummers for best business entry and to the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club for best club entry.



Santa stayed dry on top of a fire engine and under a big black and white umbrella.



It's difficult to ride a bike and hold an umbrella, so the Waipu Cycle and Walkway supporters with their painted on Freddy Mercury (I want to ride my bicycle) mustaches all got a bit wet with some of the mustaches starting to run a bit.



There was no shortage of umbrellas on the Northpine float.



The pipers and their pipes all wore raincoats

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## The third annual One Tree Point Art and Craft exhibition and sale

The third annual One Tree Point Arts and Crafts exhibition and sale will be a feature of Northland Anniversary weekend in Bream Bay. For the second time it will be held in the Marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina.

This year the number of exhibitors has been limited to 40 as the organisers decided it was a bit cramped last year

A feature to look out for is muralist Rodrigo Rozas of Whangarei who will be demonstrating the airbrush technique he uses to transform blank walls with images from nature, the features of individuals – local people and famous figures.

The show opens from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, 26 and 27 January. Entry is by gold coin donation. There will be music and food, coffee and cold drinks will be on sale

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## Trace and Lore: art featuring some of the geography of Bream Bay at the One Tree Point Anniversary Weekend Art and Craft Show and sale



Wanda at work on the verandah of her Dune Lake place home.

I asked Ruakaka artist Wanda Beehre what the word *Thabisa* inscribed on a piece of wood at the entrance to her cottage near the Ruakaka Dune Lake means.

It is a Zulu word meaning love or to bring joy and Wanda says this is part of her heritage.

Her great grandfather came to Northland from South Africa as a bushman. He had very dark skin and, although it was never stated, the assumption is that he had African as well as Dutch Afrikaner parentage. Along with the Afrikaner surname Beehre which she has kept throughout her life, Wanda carries the evidence of this dutch/African ethnicity. She is tall and blond and has golden skin.

She also has a deep four generational connection to Northland and has listened with interest to the stories told to her about pioneering days in the bush.

She has lived in Bream Bay for five years and in her present home for just two

The Dune Lake cottage is her sanctuary. She likes to sit in the shade on her verandah working with her pastels and pencils.

The pressure is on to complete twelve works for the One Tree Point Art and Craft Fair to be held in the Marsden Point Marquee over Anniversary weekend.

The series of twelve pastel and mixed media works is titled *Trace and Lore*

She explains it will reference trace fossils which hold secrets to ages past along with elements of lore, myth and legend, “that are embedded in man’s evolving story.”

She has always been interested in what she calls “the

inter - dimensional aspect of things.”

“I blame it on my grandmother who just to get rid of me would send me out into the garden to look for Tinkerbelle. What she never knew was that I actually found her.”

Geographical aspects of Bream Bay are present in the works as shadows of mountains, coastlines and estuaries.

Wanda says here in Ruakaka, “We live in Paradise.”

“ Sometimes driving around I just have to pull over and stop my car to take a good look at something.”

Wanda grew up in Whangarei and won the art prize in her final year at Whangarei Girls High School. She has exhibited her work in Australia, where she lived for a time, as well as in Wellington, Auckland and Whangarei.

In later years she gained a fine art honours degree from *The Learning Connection* in Wellington. She says she finds the geographical features and coastline of Ruakaka “so powerful and beautiful” they have inspired her to take up the tactile medium of pastel and pencil once again.

Wanda is also a keen gardener and helps to organize trips for the Marsden Bay Garden Club. She believes that everyone has an artist inside them and that gardening is another art form.

“I love gardeners and gardens and seeing the wonderfully creative things some people do.

“When you are gardening and out there covered in dust, you can’t really have any airs and graces.”

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# The Marsden Material Girls *Zip It* exhibition at the Ruakaka Library

*Zip It* is the title of this year's Marsden Material Girls challenge.

The Marsden Material Girls are a group of quilting enthusiasts who meet fortnightly to exchange ideas and encouragement at the Marsden Yacht and Boat Club.

For the past few years the club has set an annual challenge for its members to each make a small wall hanging around a common theme or concept. This year the challenge was to include a zip in the work. The results are currently on display at the entrance to the Ruakaka Library and Whangarei District Council Service Centre in Takutai Place.

Ngairé Fleming said the idea behind her Corn Cob piece was that peeling back the outer leaves of the corn to get at the juicy kernels inside is a bit like opening a zip. Her corn kernels are yellow beads and her cornhusks are made of silk with silk threads curling inside just like the silky threads found inside a real cornhusk.

By contrast Hilde Krollmann's piece is titled Double Dee and depicts a busty woman strapped into a leather corset. Hilde cut up her hubby's old corduroy shirt to make this quilted background and used a zip recycled from her sister's bag and another she thought looked interesting which she found on the Internet and had sent from Germany.

The *Zip It* challenge made Irene Kilpatrick think of the Three Wise Monkeys from the Tōshō-gū shrine in Nikkō, Japan, who saw no evil, spoke no evil and heard no evil. Irene said she made the monkeys in blue and pink to emphasise that the maxim applies equally to men and women.



### Marsden Point High Tides

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Fri 18 Jan	5.27	2.4	5.43	2.4
Sat 19 Jan	6.28	2.5	6.43	2.5
Sun 20 Jan	7.25	2.5	7.42	2.6
Mon 21 Jan	8.20	2.8	8.39	2.7
Tue 22 Jan	9.14	2.9	9.35	2.8
Wed 23 Jan	10.06	2.9	10.28	2.8
Thu 24 Jan	10.57	3.0	11.21	2.8
Fri 25 Jan	11.48	2.9	~	~
Sat 26 Jan	12.13	2.8	12.39	2.9
Sun 27 Jan	1.06	2.7	1.31	2.8
Mon 28 Jan	2.01	2.6	2.23	2.7
Tue 29 Jan	2.58	2.5	3.17	2.5
Wed 30 Jan	3.58	2.4	4.14	2.4
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Fri 1 Feb	5.58	2.4	6.08	2.3

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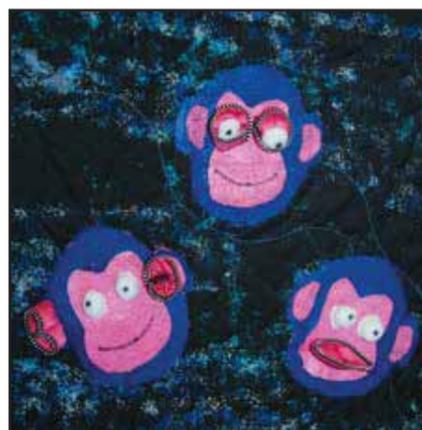
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- **MARSDEN MATERIAL GIRLS** Annual challenge *Zip It* exhibition. Quilt work incorporating zips. In the foyer of the Ruakaka Library and Whangarei District Council Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka.
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 23 January from 9am - 1pm. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina
- **ONE TREE POINT ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION AND SALE.** On Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 January (Anniversary weekend). In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina. Forty exhibitors. Food and coffee stalls. From 10am - 4pm. Entry by gold coin donation.
- **WAIPU STREET AND PARK MARKET.** Sunday January 27 (Anniversary weekend). 9am -1pm. 100 plus stalls in the main street of Waipu and in the Caledonian Park.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET.** In the Waipu Coronation Hall. Next on Sunday 9 February from 9am - 1pm.
- **WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW.** 10 February in the Caledonian Park. From 10am - 2pm. \$5 entry. Under 10 years-old free. Fundraising event for the Waipu Lions.

Book Review by Graeme Barrow

## A Conscientious Bloody Clergyman Curated by the Waipu 150 Trust



The Reverend William Levack

This large book (480 pages) contains the diaries of Reverend William Levack from 1952 to 1964, the period when he was Waipu's Presbyterian minister. The title is how Levack, himself the son of a Scottish Presbyterian minister, described himself.

Writing a daily

diary is in itself a conscientious task. Writing a diary which can be read with interest and/or enjoyment is something else again, especially if it provides valuable information or history on matters of importance, or which give insight into the topics covered.

In all these spheres the author succeeded. The majority of entries record daily events, and he was a very busy family man as well as a minister. He became a dairy farmer in a small way, sailed and boated and fished, (catching numerous kahawai), married couples and conducted funerals, brewed his own beer and drank a

lot of it, and gave talks and sang songs, for he was much in demand.

Other entries are banal and short, the everyday stuff of normal life – shopping trips, fixing engines, going to the dentist, calling on parishioners, suffering from the flu, complaining about the wet and the cold, planting a garden, etc.

Yet most escape being boring because he was a very erudite man, and his writings are wry, dry and pithy. Of a wedding in Maungaturoto he wrote – “The bridegroom was a Swede called Gronwell, with a young brother as best man who made the most appalling speech I have ever heard. The bride was a very lovely redhead, also being a Blue Nose Finlayson.”

And in similar style – “Took an old tyre to Bradley and he is going to have it recapped for me. John has a boil on his behind.”

And so on. The book, like its predecessor *The Pride of The Lion*, is a tribute to the remarkable community that is Waipu and its district. These are people who help each other and help themselves. They take great pride in their history and their culture, and are determined to preserve their values, and ensure they persist in future generations.

Copies can be bought from the Waipu Museum for \$45.

## Plans for Tip Rd. upgrade



A 4WD struggles to get over the exposed sandstone ledge near the top of the dune at the Tip Rd. vehicle beach entrance.

The Department of Conservation will be developing plans for the Tip Rd beach entrance area in the next few months.

Fiona Watson of DOC said. “We will be looking at the issues of the fencing being cut, signage and generally tidying up the area. We will be working with Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust and the community perhaps holding some public working bees.

She was responding to some photographs emailed to her by the Bream Bay News showing vandalised signs, a bag full of litter collected from the car park and a badly eroded vehicle track across the foredune to the beach.

## Nominations sought for Bream Bay Sports Awards 2018

Nominations are being sought for the 2018 Bream Bay Sports Awards which will be held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Friday 1 March.

Nominations can be made on a dedicated Bream Bay Sports Awards website in the following eleven categories:

- **Junior Sportsperson of the Year:** Awarded to the highest achievement by a sportsperson aged under 18-years of age at the time of achievement over the past 12 months.
- **Junior Team:** Awarded for the highest achievement by a team (U18 at the time of achievement) over the past 12 months. All members to be affiliated to a club.
- **Masters Sportsperson of the Year:** Awarded to the highest achievement by a sportsperson in Masters/Veterans age group competition.
- **Senior Team:** Awarded to a team who has reached the highest level of achievement over the past 12 months.
- **Sports Man of the Year:** Awarded to the highest achievement by a male sports person aged 18 years and over at the time of achievement over the past 12

months.

- **Sports Woman of the Year:** Awarded to the highest achievement by a female sports person age 18 years and over at the time of achievement over the past 12 months.
- **Coach of the Year:** Awarded for the highest achievement by a coach over the past 12 months.
- **Referee of the Year:** Awarded to the referee/umpire/judge that has officiated at the highest level over the past 12 months.
- **Service to Sport:** This award recognises volunteer service, achievement and contribution to sport throughout the nominee's sporting life. The nominee must have made a significant contribution to sport in the Bream Bay area. The emphasis for this award will be on both the length and level of contribution of volunteer service to sport. Previous winners are not eligible for re-nomination for the same achievements.
- **Leadership Award:** Awarded for the most outstanding achievements/results by a sport leader in relation to their sport and /or the sport sector over the past 12 months (sport leaders are considered as board

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- **Community Impact Award:** This award recognises achievement and contribution to sport, along with positive involvement in other community interests/organisations in the Bream Bay area.

Two additional awards will be made

**The People's Choice** chosen by public vote through the Bream Bay Sports Awards Website from nominees of all categories **and the Supreme Award** chosen by the judges from winners of all categories.

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

- AC Sesod ETA 15 January. at 10am. ETD 17 January at 7pm. Loading logs.
- Kokopo Chief ETA 15 January at 2pm. ETD 17 January at 8am. Loading containers.
- Awanuia ETA 18 January at 12.01am. ETD 18

- January at 11.59pm. Bunker barge for Ports of Auckland loading with refined oil products.
- Aotearoa Chief ETA 18 January at 10am. ETD 20 January at 6p. Loading cement for Auckland.
- Erisort ETA 19 January at 4pm. ETD 21 January at 10am. Delivering fertiliser.
- Ken Hope ETA 20 January at 12 noon. ETD 21 January at 3pm. Loading logs.
- Mount Taranaki ETA 21 January at 5pm. ETD 23 January at 5pm. Delivering gypsum.
- Kokako ETA 21 January at 8pm. ETD 23 January at 6am. Coastal tanker loading with refined oil products for delivery to Lyttelton.
- Glorious Sunrise ETA 21 January at 9pm. ETD 24 January at 11am Loading logs for China.
- Aotearoa Chief ETA 22 January at 4am. ETD 24 January at 1am. Loading cement at Portland for Auckland.
- Ningbo Dawn ETA 22 January at 12 noon. ETD 24

- January at 7am. Delivery crude oil to the Marsden Point refinery.
- Matuku ETA 23 January at 7am. ETD 24 January at 9am. Coastal tanker. Loading refined oil products.
- Diana ETA 24 January at 9am. ETD 28 January at 10am. Loading logs.
- Seal Island ETA 26 January at 9pm. ETD 29 January at 6am. Loading logs.
- Melanesian Chief ETA 28 January at 1am. ETD 28 January at 8pm. Loading cement at Portland for Lyttelton.
- Mount Owen ETA 28 January at 9pm ETD 30 January at 11pm. Loading logs.
- Shansi ETA 29 January at 4am. ETD 31 January at 6pm. Loading LVL and veneer.
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rear of Lot 1 DP 65791, and is proposed to be sold to the owner of Lot 1 DP 65791 and amalgamated with their adjoining land.  
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All persons objecting to the above land sale must state their objection(s) in writing, and send the same to the Parks and Reserves Manager, Whangarei District Council, Private Bag 9023, Whangārei on or before 22 February being one month after the publication of this notice.





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