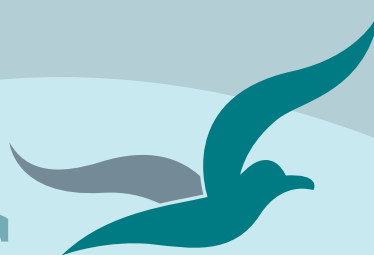


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## Work finally begins on Port Marsden Highway service centre

The expanse of earthworks being carried north of Port Marsden Highway 200 metres from the State Highway One intersection is the service centre project by Wolf Developments Ltd consented back in 2011.

One of Wolf Development's directors Barry Trass said it was exciting to get the development underway at last. The original consent had expired and has been renewed by the Whangārei District Council. Brian Eunsion of Maungakaramea is listed on the NZ Companies Office website as a second director replacing Wayne Peters who was a director with Mr. Trass in 2011.

Mr. Trass said it was hoped the earthworks could be completed before winter but because of all the wet weather over the past summer this had been held up and would need to wait until next summer for completion.

The finished development would include: a motel, a campground, a café, a restaurant, a petrol station and a storage facility

Simon Tan, who along with his wife Nancy, has a resource consent application with the Whangārei District Council, for another truck stop development nearby confirmed that he still has plans to go ahead with this proposal. He said his development would have the advantage of trucks being able to pull directly off State Highway One into the facility as he has purchased land north of where the development will be built to allow for an off ramp.

Mr. Trass said he did not think there was room for two service centre developments at that location.

## On their way to the school ball



Friends Joel Tolley, Teghan Pram and Jennifer Burchett make their way into the Bream Bay College auditorium for their school ball. The ball was held earlier than usual this year on Friday 5 May perhaps with the idea that the students won't be distracted from study in Term 3. This year's theme was Hollywood. and the auditorium was decorated with lights and tinsel. An excited crowd waited at the door and cameras flashed as the stars of the evening arrived in an assortment of vehicles.

*More ball pictures on page 8*



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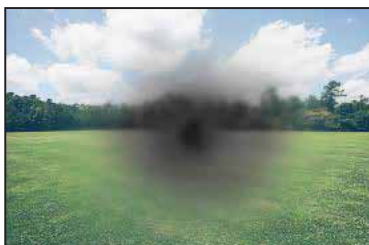
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## Macular degeneration

The most common form of this condition is age-related macular degeneration (AMD). It is an eye disorder related to ageing and most frequently affects people over age 50. When the macula (part of the retina that gives us crystal-clear detailed vision) is damaged, it causes the center of our vision to be blurred or lost. AMD doesn't affect your peripheral (side) vision, so it rarely causes total blindness.



Dark patches or empty spaces in the centre of your vision are one of the symptoms of macular degeneration

### What causes macular degeneration?

Macular degeneration is caused by both heredity and environmental factors. People aged over 50 are at risk. If you smoke or have a family history, your risk of developing the condition is much greater.

### What are the symptoms?

It is possible to have the early symptoms of macular degeneration without knowing. Macular degeneration usually develops gradually (over years) and without pain. The signs and symptoms may include:

- difficulty with reading or any other activity that requires fine vision
- straight lines appear wavy or bent
- difficulty distinguishing faces
- dark patches or empty spaces in the center of your vision
- a need for increased lighting, sensitivity to glare, decreased night vision and poor colour sensitivity

### How is it diagnosed?

Early detection of macular degeneration can save sight. Your doctor or optometrist can do tests on your eyes that include:

- looking for tiny yellow deposits called drusen
- the Amsler grid test

The Amsler grid is a useful tool that your doctor or optometrist can use to detect vision problems caused by macular degeneration or other eye diseases. It is a pattern of straight lines, like graph paper, if some of the lines appear wavy to you or some are missing, it could be a sign of macular degeneration. You can use the Amsler grid at home to self-test your vision, but it doesn't mean you can skip regular eye checks. Ask us for an Amsler grid and help you use it.

### Can macular degeneration be treated?

Early detection will let you start treatment that may delay or reduce some symptoms, as there is no cure for macular degeneration. Certain dietary supplements may help to delay further vision loss for some patients. Ask us for advice on what vitamins best support macular health.

### Advice for healthy eyes

While it is not possible to change your family history or age. We recommend the following tips to reduce your risk of developing macular degeneration and promoting good eye health:

- Stop smoking
- wear sunglasses when outside (all ages groups)
- maintain a healthy weight and exercise regularly
- eat a healthy, well-balanced diet
- consider taking an appropriate dietary supplement

For more information on macular degeneration visit <http://mdnz.org.nz>

Talk to us about getting the best results from your medicines, quit smoking and weight programmes, and if you have any questions on macular degeneration or general eye health.

## EDITORIAL

### Sad loss of two young lives

As I was preparing the Bream Bay News for the printer on Monday morning 15 May I got the news of the deaths of two young children in a Kainga Ora house in Peter Snell Rd, Ruakākā. The known facts have been trickling through. Police were called to a disturbance at the house at 7.30am and discovered the two bodies. The children were both aged under five years. Police have launched a homicide enquiry. They are questioning one person and are not seeking anyone else in relation to the deaths. That's all I know at present and what can I say except that the loss of these two young lives is so terribly sad.

### His heart has been in the right place

Tom McClland writes (in Letters Page 4) to thank Wayne Buckland, the retiring Principal of Bream Bay College for his 22 years running a school, which enabled his two grandchildren to succeed. He says they both have gained good qualifications and are now involved in challenging careers.

I know of many young people who went through their secondary school education at Bream Bay College who can tick these two boxes. They have gained good qualifications and now have challenging (and I would add useful) careers.

Bream Bay College is expected to be many things but in my opinion this is its most important function – it should be a springboard for young people to go on to gain tertiary trade or professional qualifications so they can make their own way in the world.

The job of Principal of a secondary school cannot be an easy one. There are so many groups of people you have to answer to. There is the Board of Trustees. Wayne says he has been lucky to have boards, which have understood the division between governance and management, leaving him to be in charge of running the school. Then there is the Ministry of Education, whose priorities seem to change year on year. There is the staff – teachers, administration people, cleaners and caretakers, the parents and the students. It would be impossible to keep all these people happy.

Wayne is an enthusiast and perhaps it is this whole-hearted, excited adoption of the latest educational buzz that has helped to keep him in the job all these years.

When I met him last week he was extolling the virtues of a neuro science based method for teaching students to read fluently. He said reading is not a natural process and needs to be taught in a way involving repetition so new words become embedded in the brain. He believes if schools adopt this method the declining rates of literacy amongst New Zealand's children could be reversed.

I disagree as I have often disagreed with Wayne in the past. I think humans have a natural desire to communicate and this is the motivation children have to learn to read and write. Maybe this neuro science technique will work for some. I can't believe this would be a match for wanting to find out what is on the next page in an exciting storybook but then no one has all the answers.

I have to hand it to Wayne, he was an early adopter of digital technology and Bream Bay College was well prepared for online learning when students needed to stay at home during the months of the Covid 19 lockdown. Wayne made sure every student had the means to join zoom lessons, handing out chrome books through car windows in the school car park in the days before the strict lockdown regulations came into force.

Wayne is so pleased and proud of the new classrooms at the college even though he won't be around to enjoy them. He stayed on an extra two terms to see this project finished. He has been dedicated to the school.

Discussing his imminent retirement, a friend commented, "Wayne is Wayne. His heart has always been in the right place. He has done well."

Despite past disagreements I go along with this summation.

Marilyn

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## Neighbour says development earthworks exacerbating flooding and runoff



Flooding of the site after heavy rainfall on Tuesday May 9.

Jacquie Hawkins who with her partner Carl has a goat farm at the intersection of State Highway One and Port Marsden Highway believe that the earthworks undertaken by Wolf Developments Ltd. are exacerbating flooding onto their land as well as causing peat and silt run off into the stream at the back of the property.

They opposed the development from the outset and despite asking to be kept informed and making enquiries at the Ruakākā Council Service Centre weren't told that the expired resource consent for the development had been renewed.

On Tuesday 9 May when Northland suffered yet another heavy rainstorm Jacquie sent this message to the Bream Bay News

"They (Wolf Development contractors) started digging the deep peat pit next to the stream on Easter Monday; the area had already flooded about two weeks before. They are building a haulage road behind our property, which frankly terrified us and the neighbours. We were right to be afraid. The peat pit is now completely submerged, huge clay and peat piles are now standing in the flooding coming off the stream at a terrifying rate. The water is rushing through and over the pit, around the piles and out onto the land; next stop the stream, the river and the sea.

Jacquie said, "The partially built haulage road is blocking and redirecting the flooding onto their property, "We are already flooding faster and deeper (up to the house already), and the flooding is showing no sign of stopping."

The Northland Regional Council was called to inspect the problem and the earthworks have now stopped. Asked if the piles of peat and silt would cause ongoing problems in subsequent rainstorms the NRC spokesperson said the developer is required to take measures to prevent such problems. The spokesperson said the NRC had not considered if the earthworks are making flooding worse on nearby properties.

## Update on the Ruakākā Cemetery

Sue Hodge the Whangārei District Council's parks and reserves manager has confirmed that the Council now owns the land where the Ruakākā Cemetery is to be built.

A design meeting for Stage 1 of the project was scheduled for last week. \$374,000 has been budgeted for the cemetery in the Council's 2023/2024 annual plan, which will fund the design with any money left over carried forwards.

It is hoped the first stage of the cemetery development would be completed in the 2024/2025 financial year and that it would be ready for the first burials in 2024.



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## LETTERS

### Heartfelt thanks to retiring Bream Bay College Principal

I understand that a new principal has been appointed to take over from Wayne Buckland, so I wish to give a heartfelt thanks to Wayne for the results attained by my two grand persons who have both attained excellent university degrees and have now entered challenging careers. This contrasts well with that attained at a prestigious private school in LA.  
Thank you.

Thomas (Tom) J McClelland  
Waipu

### Letters to the Editor are welcome

Drop them off at the Waipū or Ruakākā Lotto shops Or post them to: The Bream Bay News, 547 Mountfield Rd., RD2 Waipu, Postcode 0582

### The road over the Brynderwyns took two years to build and cost £80,000



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Don Ewen of Waipu has done some research in old newspapers about the building of the Brynderwyn Diversion, which was opened by Sir Walter Nash, Minister of Transport and later to become Prime Minister on September 26 1938.

Don found out that the Public Works Department employed from 100 to 150 men, with about 100 horses, scoops, ploughs, three mechanical shovels, and graders along with 20 or 30 trucks.

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He commented, "These days it take over two years to build one round about."



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## New Bream Bay College Principal appointed

The Bream Bay College Board of Trustees has appointed Julian Cosgrove the current Deputy Principal at Kelston Boys High School as the school's new Principal.

The board in making the announcement stated, "We were fortunate to have a strong field of contenders and Julian impressed us with his in-depth knowledge of teaching and learning, his educational leadership experience and engaging personality."

Mr. Cosgrove is the leader of the Kelston Kahui Ako of eight schools.

He grew up in Wellington where he completed his degree and postgraduate qualification.

He has two young daughters aged six and two years with his partner Abby Hope.

He will take up his position at Bream Bay College at the beginning of the third term in mid July.

Kahui Ako (community of learning) is a collaborative grouping of schools and sometimes-early childhood centres where teachers come together to share their skills and knowledge.

## New date for Waipu Placemaking Plan meeting

The new date for Waipu Placemaking Plan meeting is Thursday 18 May at 6:00pm at the Presbyterian Church Hall.

A meeting planned for Tuesday 9 May had to be postponed when heavy rain fell all day, roads flooded and Civil Defence put out a warning to avoid unnecessary travel.

Whangarei District Council staff will give an introduction to the Placemaking Program and the draft

Plan, followed by an opportunity for people to give feedback and ask questions.

You can also provide feedback and comments on the Plan's outcomes and actions or arrange a one-on-one/kanohi ki te kanohi meeting by emailing [placemaking@wdc.govt.nz](mailto:placemaking@wdc.govt.nz). Our online survey is available [here](#) and feedback can be provided until 31 May 2023.

For more information visit the Whangarei District Council website [www.wdc.govt.nz/Placemaking](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/Placemaking).

## \$45,000 raised at Easter Carnival

The Waipu Easter Carnival make approximately \$45,000 for the Waipu Primary PTA.

Organiser Davinia Field said, "We are extremely happy with this. We have lots of things to work on for next time though."

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## After 22 years in the job, Wayne Buckland is retiring as Principal of Bream Bay College



Retiring Principal Wayne Buckland is very pleased and proud of the new classrooms near completion at Bream Bay College

After more than 22 years in the job Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland will be retiring at the end of this school term.

He was planning to retire at the end of 2022 but there is an exciting project underway at the school that he wanted to see through. Thirteen new state of the art classrooms are being built in the school grounds. These include six large open plan classrooms for year seven and eight students, three science laboratories and a new horticulture classroom and potting shed. The prefabs, which have served as classrooms will all be removed.

Asked what is he most proud of, Wayne says there is not anything in the school that has not been overhauled and rebuilt since he took office.

He said he has been lucky to have had a good relationship with successive Boards of Trustees made up of competent people who have recognised their role as governance, leaving the day to day management of

the school to the Principal and other senior staff.

Wayne has always been interested in digital devices and he came into his own during the Covid 19 crises when the schools students needed to stay at home and engage in online learning, joining daily Zoom classes. He realized very quickly that many families did not have home computers and arranged for chrome books to be handed out in the school car park. Students then could join classes on a daily basis throughout the weeks of lockdown.

Bream Bay College continues to hand out chrome books at the rate of 70 to 80 a year along with carry bags, which has reduced the amount of damage these suffer.

In recognition of this success Bream Bay College was given a \$100,000 grant to develop a "hybrid learning project" with side-by-side classroom and online teaching. Around \$40,000 of this was spent in salaries paying teachers for the time they needed to spend learning

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about and helping to develop this hybrid model. The remainder went on Quest software (security, back up and recovery), web cams, speaker systems etc.

For the past two years Wayne has led the Kāhui Ako grouping of schools and early learning centres in the Bream Bay area, which has given him a Bream Bay wide focus. As an illustration of how this works last week teachers from all Bream Bay Schools were meeting at Bream Bay College to discuss changes to the school curriculum. Bream Bay College has hosted open days to help the transition of primary school children to secondary school.

He has also had a Te Tai Tokerau (Northland wide) focus, involved in a programme to improve the NCEA pass rate of Māori students. Under this programme, which was funded, by Te Puna Kōkiri (the Māori Development agency) and the Ministry of Social Development the pass rate of students in the programmed improved from 45% to 75% at NCEA level 2.

Asked if he has any major regrets he says not taking time to celebrate and enjoy achievement is one.

Wayne describes himself as “a forward looking person. Once one project has been complete I am on to the next thing.”

Another thing he has learned along the way is that you get more out of people if you let them follow their own ideas. For example, some years ago there was music teacher at the school who was enthusiastic about Steel Pan Bands. The school found funding to purchase a set. However shortly after the drums arrived, the teacher in question found a job somewhere else and the drums were left in storage for a while until current music teacher Scott Brown became interested and the school now has a much-celebrated Steel Pan Band. So it worked out in the end.

He says he is a very different person than he was 22 years ago.

“If you are working in education and you don’t learn and change over time there is something wrong.”

When asked why so many people choose to send their children to schools in Whangārei or elsewhere he says, of 130 students in Year 6 at Bream Bay’s three primary schools last year 108 have come to Bream Bay College. He acknowledges more students may choose to leave Bream Bay at the end of year 8

“But there will always be choice. Some people prefer the single sex schools; some go to Huanui College, which is a private school, and some to Pompallier College, which is a Catholic special character school.” With so much excitement, and so many challenges how will he adapt to retirement?

Wayne says he has had several sabbaticals over those 22 years and finds it takes three or four weeks to get off the treadmill, so he knows what to expect. Being Principal of Bream Bay College means he is always on call and there are frequent issues he needs to deal with even while supposedly on holiday so retirement will be a major adjustment.

What about taking on some contract work?

Wayne said he does not need to work and has nothing lined up but he might consider supporting a new school principal into the role as mentoring is something he enjoys doing.

He has lots of hobbies and a shed full of tools he hasn’t been able to use as much as he would like to and he will be more available for his family. He and his wife Beverly plan to stay in Ruakākā as they have children and grandchildren living here.

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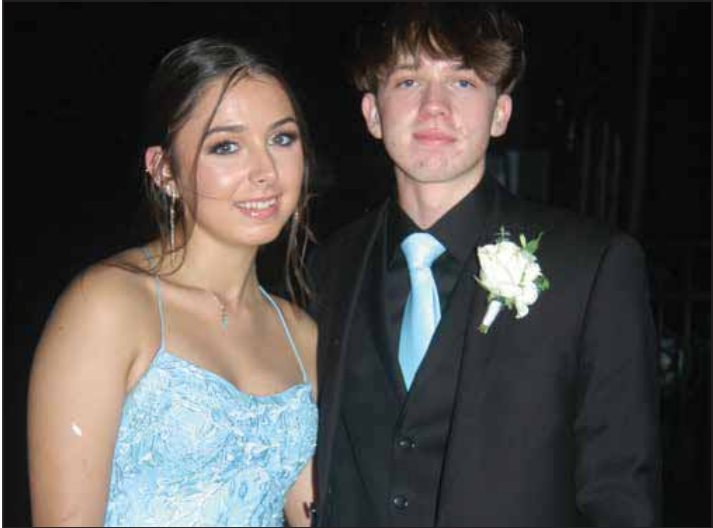
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## Tropical armyworm returned this autumn in force



The armyworm moth

Carolyn Newey of Marsden Bay said she returned recently from a trip to Wanaka to find the crops in her vegetable garden destroyed by this pest.

"All that was left of my broccoli was just bare stalks". Carolyn has since been on a campaign to rid the caterpillars from her garden.

She found clusters of armyworm eggs under the lower boards of her house and caterpillars on the lawn. She purchased a pyrethrum spray along with some granules to sprinkle on the lawn.

She has seen trails of a caterpillars walking across footpaths in the neighbourhood.

"People need to be aware of this and vigilant in getting rid of it."

Tropical armyworm is also known to attack broadleaf pasture plants such as plantain, lucerne and chicory in pasture. Dairy farmer Graham Hargreaves said while he had noticed the caterpillars around the house they weren't present in large numbers in the pasture of his Helmsdale Rd farm he had however grown a crop of maize in Cove Rd and armyworms were present eating broadleaf plants there.

They also eat cabbage, silver beet, beans and celery and many other garden plants.

Nigel Taylor President of the Waipu Garden Circle said the club members had reported the pest in their gardens.

And Dean McCarthy of Waipu Hammer Hardware said lots of customers were asking for advice about how to deal with the pest.

The AgPest website says warmer than average summer and autumn temperatures allow for additional generations of caterpillars and flooding during summer can reduce the number of predators such as caterpillar eating wasps that live in or near the soil.

Hopefully the cold snap last week will put an end to this autumn's invasion but if you want to be ready for next year – sprinkling neem or pyrethrum granules around the garden will deter them. Spraying your vegetables once a week with a neem oil mixture helps as well.

The moths can be spotted in the evening flying around flowering plants and look out for tiny clusters of cream coloured eggs covered with a protective layer of scales. Typically the eggs are laid in clusters of 100 to 200 in sheltered places such as the undersides of leaves, gutters or on the walls of buildings. Eggs are laid in clusters of 100 to 200. Spraying pesticides on the eggs will have no impact. If you spot eggs, it is best to scrape them away and wash them down the drain, as well as wash the area with soapy water.

An early call to action are tiny holes made by the newly hatched caterpillars in your brassica plants.

The full-grown caterpillars burrow into the soil to pupate. Those chocolate coloured wriggling capsules you can sometimes find in the soil are overwintering armyworms waiting to emerge as moths in the late summer. A warning, covering your brassicas with nets against the white cabbage butterfly won't work against armyworms as the moths emerge out of the ground.

## Mystery of missing defibrillator solved

The defibrillator usually located outside the Waipu butcher shop disappeared last week raising questions about who could have taken it. However it was tracked down to the Pizza Barn where it had been used on Thursday evening 11 May to assist someone who had suffered a medical event..

The patient has recovered and the defibrillator has been returned to Bream Bay St John. After undergoing some maintenance it went back in its box outside

the butcher shop on Tuesday 16 May.

Another St Johns defibrillator is located at the gym at 270 Great South Rd. These lifesaving devices are purchased for the community with donations made to Bream Bay St John.

You can use an AED location app to find the closest defibrillator if you need one urgently. Not all the AED's installed locally belong to St. John but those that do are available 24/7.

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## George Williams

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### A life at sea



George Williams as a Captain with the Union Steamship Company

George was born in Fiji in 1933. It was an idyllic place for a young boy to grow up. He loved fishing and sailing and, along with brothers Ian and Ron, he took part in the pioneer days of the Royal Suva Yacht club.

He was born with a caul over his head. The caul is a fluid filled membrane that covers the head and or body. Myth has it that this is a sign that the child will never drown at sea and indeed George did go on to enjoy a safe and long life at sea. From a young age he took up work on ships plying the trade of goods and missionaries between the islands. Pay was not good but he gained valuable experience and often made more than his wages by catching fish and selling them on his return to Suva. At 18-years-of-age he was offered a free birth on a yacht sailing to New Zealand and rushed home to pack his bags and say goodbye to his family. He arrived in Whangārei with no passport and no plans but luckily the local authorities were a lot more relaxed than they are today and he was allowed to stay. He continued his life at sea and worked his way up to Ocean Going Captain (1965) with the Union Steam Ship Company. He was working on the merchant vessel Kaitawa in 1966 and was lucky to be rostered off when the ship sank off Cape Reinga with the loss of all 29 lives.

His luck prevailed again when he was rostered off from work on the Wahine when she sank in 1968. George then spent the rest of his working life at the Northland Harbour Board as a Tug Master and Pilot. Life in those days was a lot more relaxed so much so that after taking a ship out of the harbour George and the tug crew would often stop for spot of fishing before returning to the port. He took part in the dramatic rescue of crew from Union East in 1975. The ship eventually sunk whilst being towed back to Whangārei. He often sailed with friends in the Auckland to Suva yacht race and won prizes for the best navigator, using only his old wartime sextant to navigate by the stars. George was fortunate enough to meet and marry Molly Hutchison, a bright young woman from the heart of central Otago. They had four children. Sadly Julia the youngest child died in a car accident at just 18 years George and Molly were deeply hurt by this loss and found some peace in their yearly trips (up to three months at a time) to Fiji where the quiet life and the locals helped them get through. Many of George's fellow sailors and crew at the Harbour Board still speak highly of him. Former colleagues Earl Tute and Don Molly said George was the best pilot they every knew.

He was "so calm under pressure and so in control" and "never blamed anyone for mistakes" George loved his work at sea and never really regarded it as "work" He had a rich and varied life and the family and friends that knew him will miss the sailor, friend and family man that was George



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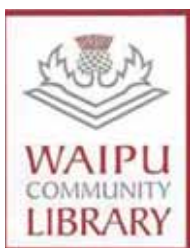
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Sat 20 May	7.49	2.5	8.21	2.7
Sun 21 May	8.35	2.6	9.05	2.7
Mon 22 May	9.19	2.5	9.48	2.7
Tue 23 May	10.03	2.5	10.30	2.6
Wed 24 May	10.45	2.4	11.12	2.5
Thu 25 May	11.28	2.4	11.55	2.5
Fri 26 May	~	~	12.12	2.3
Sat 27 May	12.41	2.4	1.00	2.3
Sun 28 May	1.28	2.4	1.50	2.2
Mon 29 May	2.17	2.4	2.45	2.2
Tue 30 May	3.07	2.4	3.40	2.3
Wed 31 May	3.56	2.4	4.35	2.3
Thu 1 June	4.45	2.4	5.27	2.4
Fri 2 June	5.33	2.5	6.17	2.5
Sat 3 June	6.23	2.5	7.05	2.5
Sun 4 June	7.13	2.6	7.54	2.7
Mon 5 June	8.03	2.6	8.42	2.8
Tue 6 June	8.55	2.7	9.32	2.8
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## Seven fairy tern fledglings released into the wild from Auckland Zoo breeding programme

The series of storms that hit Northland through the summer had a severe impact on the success of wild tara iti/ fairy tern nests over the 2022/2023 summer.

Abigail Monteith, the Department of Conservation's Media Advisor, said in her post breeding season press release, that only one of five chicks bred in the wild survived the summer storms and cyclones. This chick was banded prior to fledging and has since been spotted with the post breeding flock.

However a further eight chicks were hatched in a breeding programme at



A two day old fairy tern chick at Auckland Zoo

Auckland Zoo with seven of these subsequently released onto an island in the Kaipara Harbour. Rangers and volunteers are monitoring this site to ascertain the survival rate.

Tara Iti Senior Ranger Alex Wilson said, "Although

the season has been challenging we are encouraged by the progress we have made in predator control, habitat creation, nest management and captive rearing and release."

## Can we stop the spread of this invasive weed?

There have been several reports of the pest plant mignonette vine (sometimes called madeira plant), in the One Tree Point and Marsden Bay areas.

The plant has been found at sites on the other side of Whangārei Harbour so it is likely its tubers have been washed across to our shores.

Mignonette plant is a woody climbing vine with fleshy rhizomes and usually reddish stems. The leaves are heart shaped and arranged alternately on the stems. From January to April the vine produces drooping heads of numerous fragrant cream flowers.

Mignonette plant can smother other plants preventing the establishment of native plant seedlings. Its multiple tubers can form a thick mass and be difficult to eradicate. The combined weight of its aerial tubers can bring down small trees

This vine tolerates a wide variety of environments, including sandy, salt-sprayed coastal sites.

The Northland Regional Council's Coastal Co-ordinator Laura Shaft said, as there have only been a few reported sightings of this plant so far in Bream Bay there might be an opportunity to prevent it establishing here.

Small plants should be dug out ensuring you remove all tubers both underground and aerial. The tubers should be disposed of in rubbish bags. The stems can be left to rot away on the site.



The mignonette vine

Larger plants will need to be controlled with herbicide with any remaining underground tubers dug up and removed. The Northland Regional Council website recommends drilling larger stems and squirting a herbicide such as Escort into the hole with the warning that when using a herbicide you need to read the label carefully.

The Bream Bay News would be interested to hear from anyone who comes across examples of this pest plant growing along the Bream Bay shoreline.



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## Rally cars on the back roads of Waipu

Photos by Geoff Spencer



Pania Moulton of Ruakaka is a member of the organising committee.



Raana Horan of Auckland and co-driver, Michael Connor of Taupo at the start of the final stage of the rally on Caves Rd., Waipu in their Skoda Fabia

### WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **CARING FOR OUR COAST VIDEO EVENING** Wednesday 25 May at 7pm upstairs at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre. Introduction by Laura Shaft of the NZ Coastal Restoration Trust. Supper provided. All Welcome
- **PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 28 May from 12 noon to 3pm, In the Paparoa Memorial Hall
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 12 June from 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward. Sunday 19 June from 9am-1pm. One Tree Point School field.
- **THE KAURI MUSEUM.** The Kauri Museum is open 9am-5pm every day except Christmas Day. 5 Church St., Matakōhe.
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Driver John Paul Van Der Meys of Mt. Maunganui gives a two fingered hand signal as he takes off in a Ford Fiesta on the climb up Cove Rd. His co-driver was Corine Cutler of Morrinsville.

The International Rally of Whangārei came to the back roads of Waipu on Sunday 14 June, the second day of the rally, with two stages each on Millbrook Rd. and Waipu Caves Rd.

Of 50 registered starters there were only a handful of competitors remaining for the final afternoon stage up Caves Rd. The rally was won for the eighth time by New Zealander Hayden Paddon.



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## Plans underway for Waipu Winter Festival

Angela Bird, the new part time coordinator for Promote Waipu, is making plans for this year's Waipu Winter Festival, which will begin on 1 July with a Scottish themed day at the Ruakākā Races.

Also on the festival calendar so far:

- The Great Debate on 5 July with this year's topic How long do you have to live in Waipu to become a local?
- A beer and bites event at McLeods brewery with McLeod's beers teamed up with local produce from the likes of Belle Chevre Creamery, Feoh locally roasted coffee and the Waipu Chocolate Barn on 5 July.
- A winter ball on 8 July
- The Pets in Tartan Parade on Saturday 22 July and
- A midwinter swim at the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club on Sunday 23 July.

Angela and members of the Promote Waipu group would like to hear from people with other ideas for events before they publish the Winter Festival calendar.

Please email: [Secretary@promotewaipu.co.nz](mailto:Secretary@promotewaipu.co.nz) if you would like to run a festival event.

Peter Gibbs, Promote Waipu Chairman said his committee decided to make the indoor ice skating rink which came to Waipu last year a bi-annual event so this will not be coming back until 2024. The Art 'n Tartan competition will also not be held until next year as the committee, which runs this has decided it also will be held on a bi-annual basis from now on.

Angela has a background in journalism but more recently has worked in data and technology. She has a part time job in this industry but said she was keen to do something locally as well.

She moved to Waipu with her husband and children two years ago from Auckland after migrating from the United Kingdom five years earlier.

Promote Waipu has a grant from the Whangārei District Council to pay a part time coordinator for five months.

## BREAM BAY



### MORNING

9.00am	Departs	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall
9.15am	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
9.20am	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
9.35am	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
9.40am	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
10.10am	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus

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### AFTERNOON

3.00pm	Departs	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
3.40pm	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
4.00pm	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
4.10pm	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
4.15pm	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
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### ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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### ONE TREE POINT BOWLING CLUB NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

35 Pyle Road West, One Tree Point  
Saturday 27th May 2023 @ 10:30AM

Nominations for all positions on the Board are asked for.

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