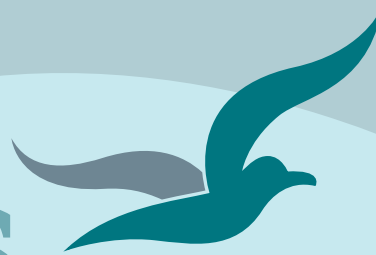


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## New enrolment scheme locks Bream Bay children out of Otamatea High School

Most Bream Bay children will be prevented from attending Otamatea High School next year as the Ministry of Education has imposed an enrollment scheme on the school.

In 2021 many children moving on to Year 7 from Waipu Primary opted to travel over the Brynderwyn hill to Otamatea rather than down the highway to Bream Bay College.

Otamatea's roll has jumped to 560 and rather than building new classrooms to accommodate all the extra students expected in 2023, the Ministry of Education has imposed an enrollment zone.

The zone includes Glenmohr Rd. and Durham Rd. but excludes all areas north of these roads. The exact boundaries can be viewed on the Otamatea High School website.

Students already enrolled will be able to continue to attend the school and, as with all zone enrollment schemes, the school's board of trustees will determine the number of places likely to be available in the following year for out of zone students and allocate these according to a list of priorities. Number one priority will be given to children who are siblings of current students.

The enrolment scheme will be in place from 1 January 2023.

## GAS Bream Bay joins nation wide protest



Beverly Brocke and Barry Singh, who both work at GAS Bream Bay, joined the nation wide protest on Monday 28 November, asking the Government to take more effective action against the criminals who rob small businesses and threaten business owners and their staff with violence.

The protests, where small retail businesses across the country closed their doors for two hours from 12.30pm to 2.30pm, were sparked by the death of Janak Patel, who was stabbed when he tried to prevent a robbery at Rose Cottage Dairy in Sandringham, Auckland on Wednesday evening 23 November.

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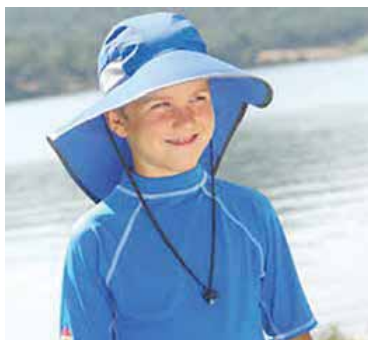
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## Stay smart when out in the sun this summer



Living in New Zealand we are often bombarded with messages about the dangers of sun exposure. And rightly so. With our high rate of skin cancer (melanoma in particular) it is often hard to fathom why we go out into the sun at all – especially during the summer months as we get enough vitamin D by doing outdoor activities outside of peak Ultraviolet Index (UVI) times.

According to Sunsmart, over 300 New Zealanders die of skin cancer every year and it is by far the most common form of cancer in this country. Our unique environment means we are particularly vulnerable to ultraviolet rays which cause sunburn. All types of sunburn, whether serious or mild, can cause permanent and irreversible skin damage and can lay the groundwork for skin cancer in later life.

Sunburn occurs when living tissue, like your skin, is overexposed to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) causing it to change in colour from slightly pink to severely red or purple. Sunburn can appear from one to six hours after exposure and the skin feels hot to the touch. Severe sunburn may cause blistered skin and even a fever, nausea and dehydration. Your eyes may also be painful or irritated due to overexposure to UVR.

The best way to prevent sunburn is to use sun protection. It is particularly important to use sun protection from the start of September until the end of March, especially between 11am and 4pm. Sunscreen is one type of sun protection - ask your community pharmacist which sunscreen is best for you. You should also always wear protective clothing during this period, as well as a hat and sunglasses. In addition, try to keep in the shade whenever possible.

However, if you have the misfortune of getting sunburnt there are a number of ways you can help treat the condition:

- Use cold compresses on the burnt areas, for example a wet, cold towel.
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- If blistering occurs, do not burst them as you may get an infection. Instead cover with a gauze or a bandage. If your blisters do burst, see your community pharmacist for treatment options such as antiseptic ointment or hydrocortisone cream.
- If you are in pain you can take aspirin, paracetamol or ibuprofen. Aspirin is not recommended for children. Ensure you follow the directions carefully.
- Avoid alcohol and drink plenty of water to help rehydrate your body.

If the sunburn is severe, your eyes are extremely painful, or you have blisters accompanied by a fever or nausea, see your community pharmacist or doctor immediately. And remember that there is no such thing as a "safe" tan – any change in the colour of the skin is a sign that damage has taken place.

## EDITORIAL

### Touch series an important community event

I went along to watch the children play touch in the Caledonian Park last Thursday afternoon. It's lovely to see them all out there on the field running around and having fun.

I watched one little girl, the tiniest in her team, sprinting to the try line with everyone watching and cheering her on. It can be quite surprising who excels at this sport. Just by the way they were moving and running so freely you could tell all those children were enjoying themselves. For this old lady with arthritic knees it was beautiful to watch.

Later the senior game took over the fields. Young men and women were warming up, passing the ball around as I left the park at around 5.30pm. Sixteen senior teams and 26 junior teams are taking part this year adding up to a total of 450 players. I imagine each of those children and young people goes home feeling buoyed up, connected to their teammates and their community and good about themselves and the world. This is what sport and exercise does for us.

I agree with Lisa Jones that sport is the answer to many social ills. I congratulate Lisa and her supporters for organising this eight-week series each year.

With the younger children I know it also takes a commitment from parents. For working people, tired after a hard day on the job, this can be difficult but children are blessed who have parents who make this effort.

We all know parents who don't try very hard and the poor kids never get to experience what it means to belong to a positive, supportive community. There are many reasons why those parents can't get off the couch but usually it comes down to mental illness often due to drugs and alcohol and sometimes addiction to video games, which keep them up all night. It's the children I worry about. I do know that living in our communities we have many kind families who make a bit of space in the car for the kid next door whose parents are otherwise engaged.

I often wonder at the recklessness and lack of empathy of those youths who drive stolen vehicles through shop front windows in ram raids to steal cigarettes and money. Recently three young men, who had driven here from Auckland in a stolen car, walked into the petrol station at the SH1 Ruakākā roundabout at closing time with their faces covered by balaclavas and threatened the business owner with a hammer. One was aged 13, the other two were 15-year-olds, and each of them already had a long list of previous encounters with the Police. If they had experienced playing in a touch team in games organised for them by a caring, supportive community would they be doing this?

To Lisa and all her helpers I just want to say – thank you for all your efforts. The annual Waipu touch series is wonderful and more important than you probably realise.

Marilyn

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## GAS Bream Bay joins nation wide protest

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Barry has frightening memories of having a gun pointed at him in a raid on the GAS station two years ago and Beverly had only just left work around 7pm on 17 October this year when three teenage boys entered the store their faces covered and one carrying a hammer, demanding cigarettes and money from station owner Chris Elavia.

Chris said he has lost count of the number of times the station at the roundabout on State Highway One at Ruakākā has been robbed. He has been informed that the perpetrators of the October aggravated robbery, three youths aged 13 and 15 years, are remanded in the care of Oranga Tamariki in West Auckland awaiting charges. Youth Justice has invited him to restorative justice meetings with each of the three young men but Chris has declined as previously when he took time off work to go to such a meeting the young offender and his family just "sat their sniggering" at him.

He is also annoyed at the amount of taxpayer money being expended on the young offenders. He said each of the three young men has at least two people assigned to his case, which Chris thinks is a complete waste of money.

Asked if he had taken advantage of a Government offer to help business owners install security measures such as fog cannons in their stores, Chris said he had looked on the Police website to see how he could access this help but was unable to even find where to start.

## Cycle lanes for Peter Snell Rd. .

Cycle lanes will be painted on both sides of Peter Snell Rd., a new median strip will be installed and traffic lanes will be narrowed, if a proposal sent out to the road's residents for consultation by the Whangārei District Council is adopted.

The consultation letter says that Peter Snell Rd. was formed as an entry to a large-scale industrial development which never eventuated and that the width of the road has been "taken advantage of with frivolous road behaviour."

Over the past 10 years there have been 30 reported motor vehicle crashes on Peter Snell Road and its intersections, including 23 non injury crashes, five minor crashes, one serious crash and a fatality in 2018.

The 900 metres of straight wide road from Tiki Place to the Ruakākā Racecourse entrance has housing on both sides and for many years there have been concerns about it being used to race cars. A petition was presented to the Council signed by 170 residents who asked that measures to reduce vehicle speeds be taken to make the area safer for all road users.

The Council's consultation letter stated that the cycle lanes will be part of a wider cycle network proposed between Ruakākā, One Tree Point and Waipu. It states and that the proposed changes already have the support of local business, Bream Bay College and the Bream Bay Police.

Submissions received from residents showed strong support for any proposed changes that would reduce speed along that stretch of road. Weather permitting the new road design will be in place by the end of this year.

Work began at the start of October on a \$550,000 project to redesign the road alongside Bream Bay College. With the aim of slowing traffic the slipway from Marsden Point Rd has been removed and traffic reduced to a single lane in both directions. A row of phoenix palms has been removed, new raised pedestrian crossings, lighting, kerb and channel and improved footpaths have been built.

## Alex joins his schoolmates for a day at the beach



When year five and six classes at Ruakākā Primary spent a day at the beach last Monday 28 November, Alex Ostermann, who uses a wheelchair, was able to join in the fun thanks to the beach access wheelchair his school borrowed from the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club.

Alex's mother Kylee, pictured above pushing the chair into the sea, said Alex's normal wheelchair gets stuck in the soft sand and even a walk on the beach can be difficult.

She and Alex have previously used the chair at Waipu Cove and Alex enjoys the water as long as the waves are not too splashy. He also loves to be amongst his classmates who are very considerate and kind towards him.

The Waipu Surf Club has both an adult and a child sized beach access wheelchair, which are bookable by contacting Camp Waipu Cove 09 432 0410. The chairs were funded by a Sport Northland Active Aotearoa grant.



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### Can you help with a survey on seaweed strandings in Bream Bay ?



The Waipu Cove Reserve Trust Board has commissioned Cawthron Institute to design a monitoring programme of algae on the shore and in the water column in the area.

This is a citizens science project and local people are encouraged to record any sightings of the nuisance seaweed they come across

If you would like to participate please contact the Waipu Cove Reserve Board  
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## LETTERS

### No longer possible to access the beach from Manaia View Rd.

Last summer 2021/2022, The Whangarei District Council received Resource Consent to dismantle a wooden sea wall at the beach access off Manaia View Rd. and to replace it with stones.

We have lived in Shearwater Street since 2007 and every summer the local ladies have at high tide, gone down through the walkway and down the stairs to swim in the sea which has been a lovely social time for us. Other times we would go down to walk the beach at low tide.

Since the Council has done this work we are not even able to go down the concrete steps onto the Beach. If we want to go swimming now we have to get in the car and drive around to the front of One Tree Point. This is not good enough

When they were working on the beach, the contractor under the instructions of the Council, removed all the sand around the steps and replaced it with rocks, covered them in smaller rocks and then a bit of sand over top. As this is where the storm water comes out, the water has washed the sand away from the rocks and the smaller rocks are all over the beach. The steps are now disintegrating and falling apart as they have no sand under them to hold them in place

The Council promised to look into putting a hand rail in to hold on to and a table after removing the one that was built down there and this has not been done.

Here is a photo I have taken of the mess at the bottom of the stairs showing it is impossible to get on the beach.



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## Constant rain causes delays on farms and drowns some maize crops

It's been raining a lot this spring.

Dairy farmer Graham Hargreaves has measured 300mm of rainfall for the month of November on Wednesday 23rd and said this is the wettest Spring he has experienced in the 22 years he has farmed in Helmsdale Rd., Waipu.

The constant rain is causing delays in harvesting silage and planting maize.

Graham has held off cutting his silage waiting for the paddock to dry out but this is taking some time and now the grass is running to seed, which lowers the quality of the silage.

He lost some maize seed in

the wet ground and also, for the first time ever, to wild pigs which came out of the bush to Hoover up the rows of seeds. His seed supplier will cover the loss and last week he was hoping for some sun and wind to dry things out so he could replant.

He explained that maize thrives in hot weather and fields planted on October 20 can be ready for harvest in late March, just a couple of weeks behind those planted on November 20.

But time is marching on so he is considering planting

sorghum, millet or Sudan greens which mature faster and have the added advantage of not being as attractive to pigs in some of his cultivated paddocks

Graham said maize is a pretty hardy plant and where it has already germinated it should survive the wet weather if it is not sitting under water in a flooded paddock for an extended period of time as is the case in some low lying farmland around Bream Bay.

Graham said that, "Looking on the bright side there is plenty of grass around."



## Unlikely to be any water shortages this summer

With summer approaching Andrew Venmore, manager of Whangārei District's water services said the Wilson's Dam has been full for some time so there are unlikely to be any water shortages this summer. Added to this with the closure of the Marsden Point oil refinery, which was using around 4,000 cubic metres of water per day, means there is plenty of water to spare.

The closure of the refinery put the price of water for

customers across the whole district up. The price of water for domestic use in 2022 -2023 is \$3.03 per cubic metre.

Asked if the Council had any plans for all this surplus water Mr. Venmore said, "We are talking to a number of developers and industries about what their future demands might be but as yet we have no definite plans for new users other than the normal subdivision development."

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## New changing shed and toilets won't be ready for this summer

The new changing shed and toilets at Ruakākā beach won't be ready for the summer holidays as was hoped but are now scheduled to be built by mid May of next year – 2023.

Sue Hodge, the Whangārei District Council's Manager of Parks explained that back in March building companies were invited to tender for the job of building the new facility with a preferred completion date of 2 December. However, two companies invited to put in quotes withdrew from the process just before it closing date for tenders on 4 August.

The remaining quote came in way above the \$250,000 price tag Council parks staff had estimated. Council altered some material specifications and asked Kerr Construction (the only company to submit a quote) to reassess their tender which resulted in a slightly lower price.

Council put the procurement process on hold and invited another registered builder to quote for the job but after a four week period this company advised it

was unable to do this as it was unable to get sub-contractors to commit to prices.

Sue Hodge said, "We have re-convened the procurement process and have awarded the contract to Kerr Construction to the value of \$415,371.

"It has become evident during this project that building material prices and the demand on the building industry contractors currently is driving prices upwards. Parks Field Officer Grant Alsop said he had based his original cost estimate on toilet blocks installed at other locations in the district but these had been pre-built modules and not built on site with no excavation involved, so the price was not really comparable.

Sue Hodge said both the building consent and resource consent for this project are approved. The contract was awarded mid-November. Work will commence in mid January after the busy holiday period and the project is expected to be completed by mid-May 2023.

Temporary portaloos will be made available at the beach over the summer.



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## Criticism for Waka Kotahi at Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers meeting

When Representatives of Waka Kotahi – The New Zealand Transport Agency came to the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers November meeting to explain highway layout changes underway on State Highway One, despite the contractors already being on site and at work and the time for comments and objections having expired they received plenty.

Truck driver Keith Newey said he thought the median strip barrier currently being erected between Sandford Rd and the Ruakaka roundabout would cause accidents. He could imagine someone who needed to turn into a driveways along that stretch of the highway attempting a U turns where the fence ended and driving into the path of a logging truck

However, Clint Hangar, the consultant who has designed the new layout said the affected householders had welcomed the change. Many of them had told him that rather than making a right hand turn across the highway lane they usually drove up to Sandford Rd. to turn anyway.

Councillor Phil Halse said with State Highway One over the Maungamukas still closed and likely to be for some time Waka Kotahi had its priorities all wrong. He also said that there were far more accidents on the southern side of the Brynderwyn hill and this is where safety improvement efforts should be concentrated rather than from Ruakaka to the northern edge of the Brynderwyns.



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## New mural on Ruakākā toilets



The toilet block at the Ruakākā Town Centre has had a spruce up. Artist Melinda Butt was given a commission by the Whangārei District Council to paint a mural on its walls.

It took Melinda four days to finish the work, included putting graffiti guard over it. Melinda said she managed to get it done in between the bad weather.

The colour palate and imagery were inspired by the town's name, with two kākā one on the back and the other on the front of the building

Melinda said she also wanted "the imagery, shapes and colours to flow in nicely with the area, school, shops etc."

## Consent issued for new Ruakākā Recreation Centre building

Building Consent has been issued for the new multi purpose building to be built alongside the Ruakākā Recreation Centre.

Project manager Paul McDonald said, "This is great news and now the process of finalising prices and schedules for the physical works is underway. A Last minute detail on selection of materials and carpark configuration is also being completed." He said, the Ruakākā Recreation Centre Committee is working on and awaiting the outcome of funding applications to add to the \$2.5 million announced in July 2020 as part of the Government's Shovel Ready project fund and an additional \$1million in the 2021 – 2031 Whangārei District Council annual plan earmarked for the development of a carpark alongside the new building.

Mr. McDonald said, "When the prices and supplier information is clearer we will have a huge update for you in terms of timing and final plans. We do hope that the community is eager to be involved in some way during the project."



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## Road works contractor smooths out the bus stop car park

Joe Treadwell, Maintenance Manager for Wharehine Group, says that the holes in the parking area alongside the Ruakākā roundabout were the worst he has ever seen in a carpark. He felt sorry for the young people catching school buses having to jump over all the puddles as well as for the mums, dads and grandparents dropping them off and picking them up. As Wharehine had machinery on site for the State Highway One Ruakākā safety upgrade he decided to do something about it.

"I have scavenged metal from where ever I can get it. Some came from our quarry and some was left over from other jobs," he said.

It has taken five truckloads and around 120 ton to fill up all those holes and the job is not finished yet.

The carpark area is owned and paid rates on by Ilia Petro, who also owns the commercial building complex alongside. While Ilia allows the public to use the parking space he gets no support from the Whangārei District Council to help with maintenance of the parking area, which is used by commuters to park their vehicles and share rides to jobs in Whangārei, as a drop off and pick up point for the Inter City bus service and for the school buses transporting students to Whangārei.

Wharehine has the contract to widen the centre lane between the bridge north of the Doctors Hill Rd intersection and the Ruakākā SH1 roundabout. A wire fence like the fence on the Brynderwyn hill will be installed between Ruakākā Primary and the roundabout and flexible safety posts like those on SH1 at Oakleigh will run down the centre of the road between the school and the Lagoon Bridge. Gaps will be left to allow vehicles to turn out of driveways and into and out of Marsden Point Rd and Doctors Hill Rd.



Joe Treadwell, Maintenance Manager for Wharehine Group took pity on the school students and the mums and dads dropping them off in the Ruakaka Roundabout carpark

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## Student health professionals visit Bream Bay Medical Centre

Seven tertiary students studying to be health professionals visited the Bream Bay Medical Centre on Thursday 17 November and met with Doctor Katie Griggs of to find out what it is like to work in a rural practice. The students were taking part in a Rural Health Careers Promotion Programme. As well as visiting medical practices they spoke at secondary schools about their chosen career paths.

Alexander Nebesky, Communications Advisor for Hauora Taiwhenua (The Rural Health Network) said, "The programme is integral to our efforts to address the chronic health workforce shortages throughout New Zealand, which are being felt acutely in rural areas.

"The students have been

drawn from tertiary institutions all over the country and from a variety of different disciplines including optometry, paramedicine, medicine, speech therapy, pharmacy, physiotherapy, nursing, psychology, and more.

"The rural health careers promotion programme aim is



From left Harrison Edwards, a 3rd year medical student at the University of Auckland, Daniel Lee, a 5th year medical student from the University of Auckland, Dr. Katie Griggs of the Bream Bay Medical Centre, Sunwee Oh, a 2nd year medical student at the University of Auckland, Kato McDonald a 5th year medical student at Otago Medical School, Rika Yusa, a 4th year physiotherapy student from Otago University, Dharin Natarajan, a 4th year pharmacy student at the University of Auckland and Bella Cham, who is in her 4th year studying to be a speech and language therapist at Canterbury University.

to inspire the next generation of health professionals, encouraging graduating high school students to consider furthering their studies in health or encouraging medical students to get immersed in rural communities. Our goal is to ensure that we have an enthusiastic, resilient, and robust

## 324 new building consents this year

It seems like there are a lot of new houses being built, in particular in Waipu and One Tree Point so to get a gauge on this we asked the Whangārei District Council if it had a record of building consents issues so far this year.

The figures supplied are from 1 January 2022 to 20 November 2022.

Waipu (which includes the Langs Beach area) topped

the list with 149 new consents. There were 60 new consents in Ruakākā and 115 in One Tree Point.

As well as new houses and commercial buildings, building consents are needed for some alterations, the installation of woodburners and air conditioning, retaining walls higher than 1.5 metres, swimming pools and decks, platforms or bridges that are more than 1.5 metres above the ground.

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- Where: Marsden Cove Marina
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## New Gallery at Ruakākā art centre



Magarita Wilson showing off the artworks on sale in the new gallery

The Bream Bay Combined Arts Group has opened a gallery in its Ruakākā club rooms featuring work by its members. The gallery display will be changed every month. All the items on sale are "one off" works of art, and include: pottery, fibre work and paintings.

From now, through to the 20 December the gallery will be open each Tuesday and Wednesday between 10am and 12.30pm. All sales will be cash only although this will change in the new year.

Look for the sign on the corner of Lakeside Park Rd, (at 458 Marsden Point Rd). If the sign is displayed, the gallery is open.

## Bream Bay College Year 13 graduates plans for 2023

- Chasedy Agustin will study commerce and law at either Auckland or Victoria University.
- Karli Babe Vercoe will begin a Bachelor of Sport and Recreation at Auckland University of Technology.
- Xavier Bird will study music technology at Massey University
- Kiera Carroll will study for a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at Victoria University.
- Nadine Connolly will study for a Diploma in Tourism with Air New Zealand
- Josh Elisar plans to travel
- Paia Esekia will study for a Bachelor of Commerce at either Auckland or Massey University.
- Chantelle Evans will work towards a Certificate of Vehicle Collision Repair at Weltec.
- Esme Fleming is heading to the University of Hawaii to study psychology and legal studies.
- Niccolo Godfrey will take up an apprenticeship as a tattooist
- James Gomez is seeking employment.
- Niamh Gooseman will study for a Bachelor of Science at Auckland University
- Casey Gravatt has won a prestigious University of Auckland Top Achievers Scholarship worth \$22,000 and will begin a Bachelor of Science majoring in physiology.
- Hayley Griffiths will study to become a primary school teacher at Otago University
- Korama Hita-Duval will begin a Bachelor of Health Science at Massey University.
- Zara Jacobson will study for a Bachelor of Commerce at Auckland University.
- Georja Loft will study for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Animal Management and Welfare at Unitec.
- Alex Lynch will begin study for bachelor degrees in both science and commerce at Auckland University.
- Amber McCollum is seeking employment
- Abbey McKeeg will study for a Bachelor of Nursing at Auckland University
- Maya Newing Peters will study horticulture science and primary industries at Northtec
- Connor Owen will begin training to be a pilot.
- Stella Panui-Park is planning a gap year and seeking employment
- Danielle Robinson will study for a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Massey University in Wellington
- Joseph Rogers has a cookery apprenticeship at a local restaurant
- Michael Ryland has an electrical apprenticeship with Fonterra.
- Deane Sands is seeking an apprenticeship.
- Amy Swanson has an apprenticeship with Laser Electrical
- Carys Tuhiwai plans to work in early childhood education.
- Mirabella Uphoff has won a University of Auckland Top Achievers Scholarship worth \$22,000 and will begin studying for a Bachelor of Biomedical Science for consideration into the Auckland Medical School.
- Jayde Van Gelder is planning a gap year and seeking employment.
- Theo Wallace will head to AUT to study for a Bachelor of Arts.
- Zona Wassell will attend the Elite School of Beauty and Spa in Wellington.
- Dakota Watts is seeking an apprenticeship.
- Max Whitehead will study law at Auckland University.
- Saniru Wickramasinghe will study for a Bachelor of Engineering at Auckland University.
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| Sat 3 Dec  | 4.06  | 2.4 | 4.35  | 2.5 |
| Sun 4 Dec  | 5.10  | 2.4 | 5.31  | 2.5 |
| Mon 5 Dec  | 6.09  | 2.4 | 6.25  | 2.5 |
| Tue 6 Dec  | 7.04  | 2.5 | 7.15  | 2.5 |
| Wed 7 Dec  | 7.53  | 2.5 | 8.03  | 2.4 |
| Thu 8 Dec  | 8.38  | 2.5 | 8.47  | 2.4 |
| Fri 9 Dec  | 9.20  | 2.6 | 9.30  | 2.4 |
| Sat 10 Dec | 10.00 | 2.6 | 10.10 | 2.4 |
| Sun 11 Dec | 10.39 | 2.5 | 10.49 | 2.4 |
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### THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 15 December  
The deadline for all copy is 4pm on  
Wednesday 7 December

## A party to celebrate the opening of the Waipu Community Nursery

By Melinda Butt



A fun gathering was had by Waipu locals to celebrate the opening of the Waipu Waters community nursery on Saturday afternoon.

Motivated by a collective goal of improving the health of our rivers, the Waipu Waters Community Nursery was formed. The Nursery was initiated on May 2022 by the conservation group Waipu Waters.

Working with Piroa Conservation Trust, the nursery aims to produce 20,000 native plants annually for riparian margins, wetlands, and the restoration of migratory paths.

Dave Brown of Tahamoana Angora goat farm has allowed the use of a discarded nursery on his land for the project.

The first working bee was held on June 12, 2022. Over twenty volunteers took on the task of clearing the weeds and rubbish from the previous nursery, which had been dormant for around a decade. Dave also helped with logistics and landscaping.

After a successful start a regular gathering was established. Volunteers have been turning up every second Sunday of the month to continue clearing weeds, repair growing sites and develop a sustainable working nursery. All seeds are eco-sourced locally as

there are variations of every species within a small radius of a few kilometres.

Coralie Roberts took on the role of nursery manager and created a seed potting operation, which morphed into 'Potting Thursdays'. On average about five people have attend these productive, social gatherings which have resulted in nearly 5000 native plants being potted. The potting sessions run from 5.30pm to 8pm every week with a shared dinner afterwards. The nursery would welcome new volunteers - if interested please contact Coralie [kirkhouse@xtral.co.nz](mailto:kirkhouse@xtral.co.nz) or phone 027432 0293. "It's ideal to know how many people are coming so work can be organised around skill level and numbers," says Coralie.

Volunteers are also wanted for the second Sunday of every month - contact Peter [pg@ecoprojects.nz](mailto:pg@ecoprojects.nz). Currently the nursery is growing plants for the Waipu River Walk, the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway and for local farmers who are interested in planting their river banks. Recipients wishing to obtain plants must either pay for the trees or put in some time to produce and plant them. All plants that leave the nursery must be planted in the ground and not left for the landowner to plant at their convenience.

## Christmas Tree display at St Peters Church

St Peter's Anglican Church, Nova Scotia Road is hosting a celebration of Christmas and the holiday season with an exhibition of Christmas trees, flowers and lights.

This is a first for the church. The Presbyterian Church of Waipu, and Ruakaka's Church of the Holy Family are joining in to support the display.

St. Peter's Church is to be decorated with trees and flowers provided by a range of community groups, services and volunteers, whose focus for their activities are in the Bream Bay area.

The display will be open from Saturday 17 December to Monday 26 December from 10am- 2pm, and from

7.00pm - 9.00pm in the evenings. There will be a special area for children and all are welcome to visit and admire.

The church will remain open after the Christmas parade on the 24th, with Carol singing from 11pm, followed by traditional Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.

Sally Haigh of the Waipu Anglican Church said, "This is a new entry into the what's-on-in-Waipu list of events, and it is hoped it will prove popular with visitors and residents alike, generate Christmas cheer, at the beginning of a warm and peace-filled holiday season."



## Thursday night Touch in the Caledonian Park



Cairon Carson, aged five, looks for a gap in the opposition

The Waipu Rugby and Squash Club's touch annual touch series has grown in popularity with 26 junior and 16 senior teams on the fields this year. Each Thursday afternoon from 4pm to 6pm 250 children under the age of 13 are running around in the Caledonian Park. The kids sprint to the try line carrying the ball or race to head off the opposing team all the while cheered on by their supporters on the sidelines.

At 6pm the senior teams, all mixed with at least two women in each and with children as young as 14 qualified to join. This year there are 200 senior players in 16 teams

Chief organizer Lisa Jones gets a lot of satisfaction in seeing so many young people playing sport.

"This is a fun, family friendly social event" the flyer advertising the series stated and a glance around the park confirms it lives up this aspiration.

This is the eighth time the series has been held. Last year it was all ready to go but had to be cancelled at the last minute because of Covid restrictions. It runs for eight weeks beginning in mid October and finishing in early January. It might need to run an extra week this time as one Thursday had to be cancelled due to heavy rain.

Things get a bit busy close to Christmas so Lisa will ask the team's coaches and managers if they want to go that extra week.

She said the organizational side of things has got easier over the years. Teams are all responsible for finding their own referees and for bringing along a rugby ball for their games. Daniel Harrington, Head of Physical Education at Bream Bay College has helped by organizing some of the school's senior students to help out with the most junior teams. Lisa also wants to give a special mention to Kristyn Hoddle who arranged Waipu Primary children into 12 teams.

And while her grandchildren play touch, Maryann Huisman is timekeeper blowing a hooter to let the teams know when half time and full time is up.

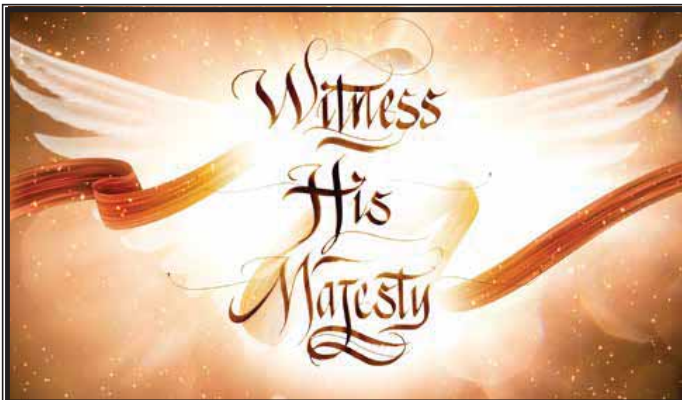


Lisa Jones, the series organiser with timekeeper Maryann Huisman



Charlie Comery, aged 7, playing for the Waipu Primary Blue team, looks determined as she heads for the try line.

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## Community Carols

**Sunday 18th December 8.30pm**

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One Tree Point School field

## Will this be the last Youth Variety Show?

At 4pm on 3 December the curtains will open in Coronation Hall for what is most likely Waipu's last youth variety show. This year's show features the Sistema orchestra from Whangārei, the debut performance of pop band Wysteria and of course our very Circoo Circus.



Circoo Circus performers

The annual event

was that started in 2017 by local circus schoolmaster Achmed Abman and Auckland's Sinfonietta conductor Rosalind Mason with the aim of bringing together classical music and circus. The show line up was expanded to include young performers from dance, drama, popular music and kapa haka: a variety showcase of young talent that gave many students their debut performance on stage.

"It really lifts them up," Achmed said. "The first timers get carried along by the others, they feel elated afterwards. It gives them so much confidence and self esteem that it helps them with their real lives."

There has been great community support and over the years the show has been held around 300 students have performed at the variety show, which is one of the few opportunities for

youths get on stage in the wider area of Whangārei.

Behind the stage many people from the community have stepped up to help with each production needing lighting, sound, stage hands etc.

Achmed shared the production with Peter Grant "Being involved in the shows has been creative fun." Peter commented. "The best part is doing the script for the MCs. I'm excited to be working with the gifted 12-year-old Quinn Duffy Jenkins who is fronting up stage on his own this year, having to do some of my marginal gags on stage – he's a brave kid."

The koha show relied solely on donations for the first two years then picked up funding from the Creative Communities Scheme, which along with the donations allowed the performers to be paid, each group getting around \$40.

"It's not much" said Achmed, "but its a big deal for kids to receive money for their performance, it's a reward for their special abilities"

Achmed hopes the youth show will continue, with students taking on the stage production roles to make it another of Waipu's wonderful annual events.

"It's time for Peter and I to step back from producing the show, it would be great if someone else stepped up for this rewarding work," he said

And nothing rewards the young performers as much as a full audience when the stage curtains open.

The show starts at 4pm on December 3rd in the Coronation Hall.

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- **CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY** at St. Peters Church, Nova Scotia Drive, Waipu. From Saturday 17 December to Monday 26 December from 10am-2pm, and from 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the evenings.
- **CAR BOOT SALE** at the Bream Bay Community Trust, Takutai Place, Ruakākā at 3pm on Thursday 1 December. and then Thursday 15 December.
- **FAMILY PICNIC CHALLENGE** at Marsden Cove Marina. Saturday 3 December. \$20 per family team. Visit [www.parafednorthland.com](http://www.parafednorthland.com)
- **OTP CHRISTMAS MARKET.** At OTP Primary School. Next on Sunday 4 December from 9am - 2pm. Free bouncy castle and Santa visits. Call Sue 021 530 153 to book a stall. Profits donated to Whangārei Hospital children's ward
- **SPRING SYMPHONY YOUTH VARIETY SHOW** Saturday 3 December. 4pm in the Waipu Coronation Hall. Entry by Koha.
- **MUSIC CLUB AT THE RUAKAKA RECREATION CENTRE.** Next on Monday 5 December. 7pm - 10pm.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 11 December from 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **RUAKAKA CHRISTMAS PARADE.** Saturday 17 December. Starts at 10.30am alongside the Ruakaka Library. Float prizes, bouncy castle and funny money to spend at the Ruakaka Towncentre shops.
- **CHRISTMAS CAROLS** Sunday 18 December preceded by a free community dinner from 5pm. at Lifepoint Church 300 One Tree Point Rd.
- **COMMUNITY CAROLS.** Sunday 18 December at 8.30pm in the Waipu Presbyterian Church.
- **THE WAIPU CHRISTMAS PARADE** 24 December Christmas Eve down the main street of Waipu. Start time 7pm with prizegiving in the Caledonian Park from 7.30pm.
- **CAROL SINGING** from 11pm on Christmas Eve in St Peters Anglican Church, Waipu followed by traditional midnight mass from 11.30pm.
- **CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** bagels jam and cream cheese. 25 December from 9am at Lifepoint Church 300 One Tree Point Road.
- **THE KAURI MUSEUM.** The Kauri Museum is open 9am-5pm every day except Christmas Day. 5 Church St., Matakohē.
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| 9.15am  | Departs | Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms) |
| 9.20am  | Departs | Mangawhai Heads I-Site                                  |
| 9.35am  | Departs | Lings Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads            |
| 9.40am  | Departs | Waipū Cove Beach Car park                               |
| 9.50am  | Departs | Waipū Monument Bus stop                                 |
| 10.10am | Departs | Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)       |
| 10.50am | Arrives | Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus                      |

### AFTERNOON

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|--------|---------|---|
| 3.00pm | Departs | Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus                      |
| 3.40pm | Departs | Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)       |
| 4.00pm | Departs | Waipū Monument Bus stop                                 |
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| 4.30pm | Departs | Mangawhai Heads I-Site                                  |
| 4.35pm | Departs | Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms) |
| 4.50pm | Arrives | Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall                                    |

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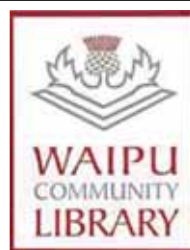
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