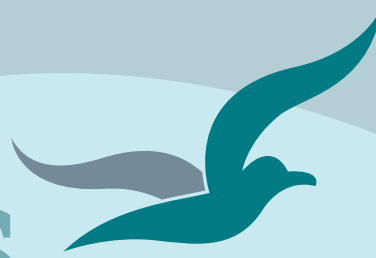


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Vehicles ban at the Waipu Estuary

Vehicles are no longer permitted to drive within two kilometers of the northern side of the Waipu Estuary. The newly adopted Northland Regional Plan has established vehicle exclusion zones to protect wildlife and shore ecosystems in Northland. Along the shores of Bream Bay there are three such zones: at Langs Beach, on both sides of the Ruakākā Estuary: i.e. in the Ruakākā Wildlife Refuge and the beach either side of the Waipu Estuary, extending from Waipu Cove to a point two kilometres north of the river mouth.

The Ruakākā Refuge and Langs Beach were already vehicle free zones under a Whangārei District Council Vehicles on Beaches bylaw but now have an extra layer of protection. However, the rule for vehicles driving to the northern edge of the Waipu Estuary has been a bit less clear.

The Waipu Wildlife Refuge already had an overlay of protection under the Wildlife Act 1953 but, despite what would seem to be some obvious breaches, it has been difficult to establish the high level of evidence of disturbance needed to take a prosecution under this act. Consequently the Waipu Wildlife Refuge has been a battleground over recent summers with beach drivers arguing and sometimes threatening conservationists trying to protect shorebird-nesting sites there.

The vehicle exclusion zones came about after a number of appeals to the Environment Court made after the release of the NRC's proposed Regional Plan in 2017. In June 2023 the Environment Court released its final decision directing the NRC to implement vehicle exclusion zones on beaches around Northland as it found the impact of vehicles in these areas is "a risk to significant ecological sites and threatened species".

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Blue sky and sunshine for the Ruakākā Christmas Parade

Photo by Kevin Wigmore



Kirsty Sadler-Bridge takes aim with a water piston from the Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club's float entry in the Ruakākā Christmas parade which made its colourful procession from the car park outside the Recreation Centre, down Peter Snell Rd and back on Saturday morning 9 December. The annual parade is run by the Marsden Lions Club.

More parade photos on page 6



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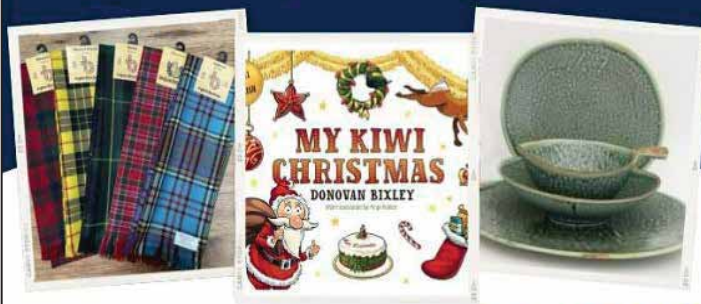
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EDITORIAL

See you at the Waipu Parade

It's nearly the end of the year but with so much happening it doesn't feel like there is any winding down. There is the Brynderwyn closure and search for the best bypass option, the Kāinga Ora plan to build 50 new homes in the Ruakākā Village, the adoption of the NRC Regional Plan, which finally places a ban on vehicles driving in and near the Waipu Wildlife Refuge and that's just in Bream Bay. With the coalition's government's headlong rush to repeal everything the previous Labour government enacted there is a lot happening on a national level as well.

I am very concerned about the new Minister of Transport, Simeon Brown's statement that cycling and walking initiatives are "a waste of time" and his directive to the NZ Transport Agency to push the pause button on all cycle and walkway initiatives across the country. There are two cycle/walkway projects under way in Bream Bay. The Waipu to Waipu Cove trail is two thirds complete and, after ten years plus of hard out fundraising, planning and negotiation easements by the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway Trust this really needs to be finished. In its present state, with cyclists and walkers having to compete with traffic on the middle section of the trail it is dangerous. I am particularly worried about this situation when Cove Rd becomes State Highway One when the highway over the Brynderwyns will close for two months for repairs early in the New Year.

There is also strong support for a shared path between Marsden Cove and the Ruakākā Towncentre and a group has formed to get this project underway. Without any central government funding on offer I hope we can find the resources within our communities to complete these two projects.

Something to celebrate though is a \$25,000 grant from Foundation North to the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust to get a weed control programme underway on the conservation land along the Bream Bay shore. I am dreaming of the day when the whole coastline can be planted in beautiful native trees rather than all that gorse, tobacco weed, wild ginger, Sydney golden wattle and every other weed known in Northland that grow there at present. Pohutukawa all around Bream Bay are looking glorious at present. How about a big pohutukawa planting bee on the Matariki public holiday next July? I haven't heard yet that the Matariki celebration is on the list of things to be repealed by our new government.

At the Waipu Christmas Parade on Christmas Eve I will give a big sigh of relief and look ahead to a short break before the New Year when it all begins again.

I am so pleased that the Promote Waipu group has managed to twist a few arms and to keep this Christmas Eve tradition. After being told that there were no traffic managers available to work on Sunday evening they found some.

There is always such a wonderful atmosphere at the Waipu parade. People all over Bream Bay take part. or come along to watch. All the university students return to be with their families. Grandchildren have arrived. The holiday homeowners have turned up and everyone is happy.

Marilyn

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Strong demand for proposed new Kāinga Ora homes from local people

Many of the people who attended the Kāinga Ora drop-in sessions at the Bream Bay Community Trust over the past two Thursday mornings (7 & 14 December 2023) were interested in finding out how they could apply for a home with the NZ Housing agency. Kāinga Ora Regional Director for Northland, Jeff Murray, said hearing about the reality of those without a suitable place to call home is always tough.

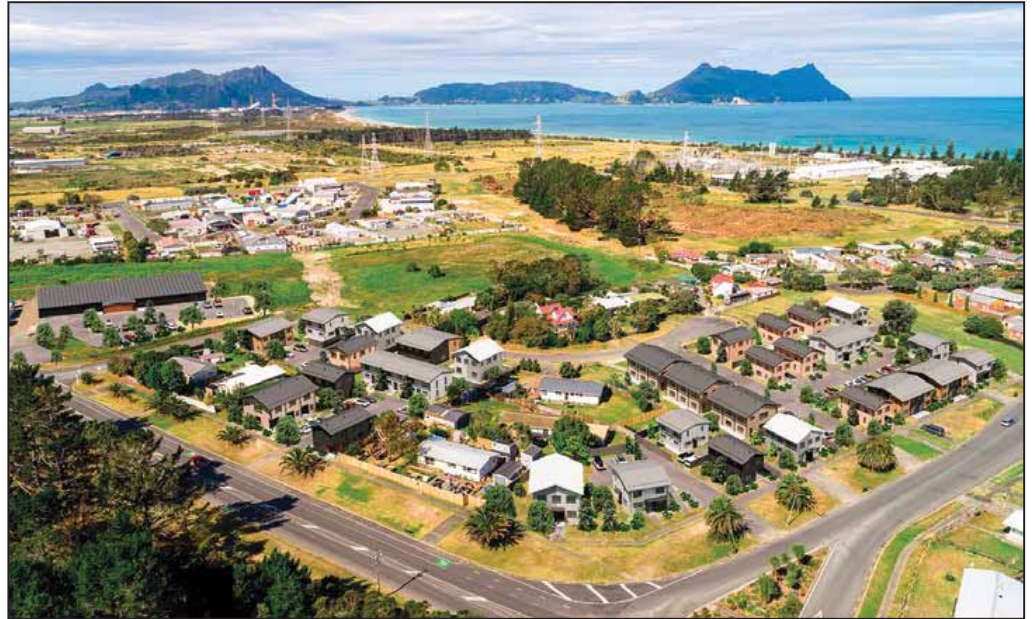
"We heard about overcrowding and accommodation intended for one person that was now home to many. Unaffordable rent and a shortage of homes were commonly referenced issues, and the desire to stay in Ruakākā because of whanau, friends, work, and school took priority over nearly everything else," he said.

At the drop-in mornings Kāinga Ora staff discussed the proposal for 50 new state homes on Tiki Place and Tamingi Street in Ruakākā. Sixteen old homes would be removed from the site and relocated.

Kāinga Ora also has six standalone homes currently under construction at the racecourse end of Peter Snell Road. These will likely be

used for some of the Kāinga Ora tenants whose current homes would be demolished.

Mr. Murray said, no relocations will take place for at least six months and customers required to relocate would be given the choice to return to one of the new homes on completion should they wish.



An artist's impression of the proposed 50 home development for Tiki Place, Peter Snell Rd and Tamingi St.

He said, "We are committed to keeping in regular contact with the Ruakākā community as our plans progress and would like to thank everyone for the constructive conversations had to date."

Kāinga Ora plans to lodge resource consent with the Whangārei District Council in early 2024.

Mr. Murray said, the proposal is currently in the early stages and no decisions have been finalised.

The final community drop-in session for 2023 is planned for 9am this Thursday 21 December, at the Bream Bay Trust building, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā.

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An end of year message from Councillor Phil Halse

The end of the year is upon us and I feel there are several issues that I wish to highlight. Waka Kotahi has received submissions and people have hooked up to their webinar giving direct feedback on their proposed closure of the Brynderwyn Hill SH1. With the efforts of your Ward Councillors Ken Couper and myself, and our Mayor Vince Cocurullo, this closure has become a major discussion point. When the closure will happen will be decided shortly. As this is a State Highway Waka Kotahi will be making the call.



Councillor Phil Halse

With Mayor Vince and other Northland Political leaders we have personally met with the

Former Minister of Transport David Parker shortly before the elections and, in his first week of business, with the National Transport minister Simeon Brown. Improvements to the road as proposed are necessary, however our main point was to get the minister to understand that a new bypass route must happen. We now have a commitment that this is underway. We have advised the minister of the concerns our tourism industry and businesses have, and we have provided him with the detail that its costs over \$2m to Northland's economy for every day this highway is closed.

Increased costs on just about everything, especially construction and roading, has necessitated councillors working extended hours to go through the many scenarios in developing our Council's Long-Term (10 year) Plan. This is due out for consultation in March.

Our biggest debate is do we pay as we go or load the plan with increased debt and place the future generation in a very difficult position?

Difficult times bring out the best in people and as communities struggle good people stand up to help. This is what makes us special. It is time to say THANK YOU to the many volunteers in this ward who have the vision and energy to make this a better place. Both Ruakākā and Waipu ratepayer associations have boosted their memberships this year, creating a wider debate on community issues and submissions to council's plan and comments to other entities. Our retirement Villages, Saorsa and Stonehaven have trustees giving their time to plan and manage their governance. We also have the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway group and a newly formed Marsden to Ruakākā group getting formally established as well as yet another group leading a charge into the Kaipara. I also acknowledge there are many more volunteers out there. Passionate people make things happen so once again Thank you all. Let's make this Christmas holiday time the best we can.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Kind Regards Phil
Bream Bay Ward Councillor
Whangārei District Council.

Vehicle ban at Waipu Estuary

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The ban came into force on Tuesday 12 December 2023 when Councillors voted to adopt the regional plan. The plan, with the addition of the beach exclusion zones, had earlier been signed off by the then Minister of Conservation, Willow-Jean Prime in October.

Under the new regional plan vehicles also cannot drive on pipi, tuatua, toheroa or cockle beds, over shorebird nesting sites or areas of indigenous vegetation such as saltmarsh or mangrove aerial roots. Anyone breaking these rules is subject to a fine of \$500.

While the NRC exclusion zones extend only up to the mean high water mark, at the Waipu estuary the beach area above this point and the dunes behind are a Department of Conservation reserve where, under The Northland Reserves Bylaws 2007 Section 13(1) it is illegal to operate any vehicle with a fine of up to \$5000 applying. Although the various laws and bylaws applying to the beach north of the Waipu estuary are complex, the situation has now been simplified – no vehicles are permitted on the beach (or in the dunes) two kilometres north of the river mouth. (To be clear vehicles are not permitted in dunes inside Conservation Reserve areas along the length of Bream Bay).

Exceptions to the vehicle ban in the exclusion zones include: Council and Department of Conservation activities, environmental monitoring, kaitiaki monitoring, access to customary marine title, rescue of stranded marine mammals, burial of dead animals, removal or recovery of wrecked vessels, coastal restoration, access for people with mobility disabilities and surf lifesaving operations.

NRC General Manager of Regulatory Services Colin Dall said, "Bream Bay is one of the first areas we'll be focusing on for publicity and education on the vehicle exclusion areas."

He said NRC staff are currently working with other agencies to make sure there's a coordinated approach.

He aims to have signage in place early in the New Year.

If you see a vehicle inside one of the exclusion zones you can phone the NRC Incident Hotline on 0800 504 639. You will need a date, time and location, the make, model and registration of the vehicle and if possible a photograph showing the vehicle and distinctive landmarks.

Because the initial focus is education, the first action will likely be getting in touch with the vehicle owner and explaining what the new rules are and where they apply. The full Northland Regional Plan is available to view on the NRC website at: www.nrc.govt.nz/newregionalplan.

Sand ladder installed at Mair Rd.

The Department of Conservation has installed the much awaited sand ladder to replace the beach access steps that were smashed in Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023 has been installed at the end of Mair Rd. just in time for Christmas.

The ladder is to the right of the car park as you face seaward, up a short track to a spot where the sand cliff is a bit less steep. It consists of a line of half round posts bolted onto two lengths of heavy duty chain stretched down the sand cliff to the beach.

Abigail Monteith, of the Department of Conservation said, the ladder "should provide a weather-proof option for access moving forward."

She said a planned sand ladder to replace the smashed Te Kamo St access steps is not needed at this stage as there is comfortable access to the beach.

However DOC "will monitor this entrance and if things change will relook at installing the ladder."

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Changing of the guard at the Ruakākā Fire Brigade

See also Darrell Trigg reflects on his 35 years with the Fire Brigade Pages 8 & 9

There was a changing of the guard last week at the Ruakākā Fire Station with Warren Marshall officially appointed as Fire Chief replacing Darrell Trigg and Bryce Imms appointed as Deputy Fire Chief - Warren's former position. Corey Matchitt, Group Manager of the Kaipara District which Ruakaka comes under and Wipari Henwood District Manager for Northland spoke at the ceremony congratulating Darrell on his 35 years of service in the Brigade.

Mr. Henwood said the name of Trigg is synonymous with the New Zealand Fire Service. He had trained under Darrell's father. He congratulated Darrell on having a succession plan in place.

Mr. Marshall said it's an honour and a privilege to be the Ruakaka volunteer Fire Service's Chief. He said he was well aware he is "stepping into some



New Ruakākā Fire Chief Warren Marshall is congratulated and presented with his new helmet by Corey Matchitt, Group Manager for Kaipara while Wipari Henwood, Northland District Manager looks on.

big boots".

He said he thought the Ruakaka Brigade would only get bigger and better as the community grows in size.

College pool open for public use

The Bream Bay College 25 metre swimming pool open to the public on weekends from 10am to 5pm and weekdays from 11am to 6pm.

Paid lifeguards are in attendance and swimmers are asked for a gold coin donation.

Uretiti public toilets closed due to ongoing vandalism

The public toilets at Uretiti Beach north of the camp are closed due to ongoing vandalism

Tip Rd. pot holes under repair

The Department of Conservation contractor began work filling potholes at Tip Rd. Waipu this week just ahead of the busy summer period. Work will also be undertaken in the New Year on the public access road north of the Uretiti camp and also a repair of a large washout area at the turn into the camp amenity area..

Surf patrols

There are Surf Lifesaving patrols on the beach in front of the surf club houses at Waipu Cove and Ruakākā Beach daily from 11am to 5pm throughout the months of December, January, and February.

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The Lifepoint Church singers and musicians entertained the crowd at the towncentre after the parade

The Ruakaka Christmas parade on Saturday morning 9 December enjoyed a clear blue sky and sunny weather. It started at 10.30am from the Recreation Centre with the pipe band leading the floats down Peter Snell Rd. to Takutai Place and back with an enthusiastic crowd of spectators lining the roadside.

The Bream Bay Trust won first prize in the float competition, Educare was second and Ruakākā Primary was third.

Afterwards the party moved to the Ruakākā Town Centre Mall with funny money handed out for people to spend in the local shops and music by Lifepoint Church singers.

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Police Report

Not just the bad stuff

Sergeant Mathew Nicolson, the Officer in Charge at the Bream Bay Station, has been busy introducing himself to local people. On Sunday morning after delivering the Police Report to the Bream Bay News he was heading to the Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club to meet club members and discuss any issues. He said Police work is not all about "the bad stuff" and that sometimes Police can support community initiatives for positive change.

Lots of reports of dangerous driving

The station has been receiving a lot of calls from people concerned about erratic and dangerous driving. One such tip off led to a 20-year-old Whangārei man being stopped by Police on State Highway One at Ruakākā last week. He was breath tested and found to have a breath alcohol level of 732 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The legal limit for drivers over the age of 20 is 250 micrograms. He was also found to be driving whilst disqualified. His car was impounded and he will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on 10 January.

No extra Police for Bream Bay this summer

Due to a shortage of Police officers in Northland there will be no extra officers assigned to Bream Bay for busy Christmas holiday period this year, although if they are needed additional police can come in at short notice. Sergeant Nicholson said his team would be on the look out to shut down any anti social behaviour while Highway patrols will be out enforcing drink-driving laws and trying to keep the roads safe over the festive season.

Follow up on family harm incidents

Things have been relatively quiet in Bream Bay over the past few weeks with just two family harm incidents. Having said that, one of these incidents involved three separate visits to the address by Police and a session with Oranga Tamariki and other relevant agencies to see if some wrap around support can be put in place for the family concerned.

Crash on Brynderwyns closes south bound lane

At around 3.30pm on Friday 15 December a south-bound driver crashed into the bank on the Brynderwyn Hill near the waterfall. The southbound lane of State Highway One was blocked for around an hour and the woman driver was taken to Whangārei Hospital by ambulance with suspected broken ribs.

Strong wind tips trailer

During high winds on Tuesday 12 December, a trailer flipped over on State Highway One at Ruakākā at around 1pm. The incident did not cause too much disruption on the highway as the trailer ended up in the roadside ditch and the Ute towing it was undamaged.

Crash following a medical event

On 14 December there was a single car crash at Paparoa after the driver suffered a medical event. The car went off the road and crashed into a ditch. The man was taken to hospital by ambulance.



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After 18 years with the Ruakākā Fire Brigade Fire Chief Darrell Trigg has stepped aside to allow others to step up

Darrell Trigg has stepped down as Ruakākā's Fire Chief after serving 18 and half years with the Ruakākā Brigade and, prior to that, 17 years with Kamo.

He was born into the job. His father Bruce was a professional fire fighter in Whangārei and for the first five years of Darrell's life he lived behind the fire station.

Darrell said, "I grew up surrounded by the brigade and brigade life. I had my own short length of hose, which I ran out, coiled up and ran out all day long. I was hooked."

Firefighting runs in the family. Darrell's father went on to become Kamo's Fire Chief and, as a young man, Darrell joined this brigade. His brother Steve also has a long and distinguished career in the fire service and is currently Fire and Emergency Community Risk Manager in the Nelson/Malborough region.

Darrell said his dad, who died in 2013, taught him about leadership telling him. "No matter what, your people come first."

When he is asked to recount his most memorable call out over those 35 plus years, Darrell tells of when as a young recruit he attended a fire at the Kamo New World supermarket. The blaze began after some young people thought they would have some fun setting a bin full of cardboard alight at the back of the building. When the brigade arrived the supermarket was well ablaze. Darrell entered the storeroom in full fire fighting gear with Ray Davidson, another Kamo Brigade member who was also a professional fire officer for the Marsden Point Oil Refinery. Darrell's job was to carry the hose while Mr. Davidson directed the water.

Darrell said, "I heard a thud and turned to see Ray lying on the floor. There were boxes piled high in the storeroom and all the water we were spraying around had softened the cardboard. Some cans



Darrell in action as Chief Fire Officer at a recent Ruakākā Brigade training session

of baked beans had fallen and hit Ray's helmet, knocking him unconscious."

Darrell dragged the unconscious man out of the burning building. He was taken to hospital where he spent the night in intensive care but was discharged the next day with no serious long-term effects.

Darrell said, "Unfortunately that time we didn't save the building. The supermarket was demolished to be replaced by a Four Square store. Darrell pays tribute to his wife Marlene who has supported him in all the years he has been involved in the brigade. He joined up in June 1988 and met Marlene in August 1988.

"For the entire 35 years we have been in it together, it's been a hell of a ride that we would not change a minute of. She is an amazing person that always puts the interests of others ahead of herself and works tirelessly to support the brigade and brigade life. There is absolutely no way I could have achieved anywhere near what I have, without her total and unwavering support."

Darrell is the managing director, founder and owner of Trigg Construction, one of Northland's leading commercial building companies, which he and Marlene founded in. He is also a director of the Master Builders Association. How has he managed the role of Ruakākā Fire Chief alongside all this?

He says the trick is not to micro-manage.



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Darrell with his wife Marlene, mum Lynn and daughter Amy at his last training night on Monday 11 December 2023

"I came to understand that my main task as Fire Chief was just to create an environment people wanted to be in. If I was going to micro manage its not going to work. When people join the brigade they want to do something. If you don't let them do their jobs they don't stay around. I support them 100% and if they have a problem I can be there but for the most part I just stood out of the way and watched them flourish."

He encourages members of the brigade to get "outside this station and the red trucks to really experience what being a firefighter really means. Waterway competitions, conferences, stair climbs, even courses all allow you to make new life-long friends as I have. These experiences are where you really learn and improve yourself and bring new knowledge back to the brigade and community."

He said being a fire fighter connects you to a worldwide community. On a recent trip to Italy he met up with a fire fighter from New York and they had a great chat together.

The work of the Ruakākā Fire Brigade has doubled in the 18 years he has been a member. In 2005 there were 81 call outs. By Thursday 14 December 2023 with two and a half weeks of the year still to go there had been 165 call outs. These are fires, vehicle accidents and "purple call outs": life threatening medical events such as chokings and heart attacks where they assist St John. But Darrell sees his stepping down as another means of letting the Ruakākā Brigade's men and women who he has helped train, get on with it.

"If I stayed around as a firefighter I would be like a ghost fire chief and its better if I just step aside. I am not going anywhere. I will still be here if I am needed"

He is gratified to see some of the young recruits both men and women stepping up in their roles and taking responsibility.

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No beach ambassador patrols this summer



The beach safety seminar at Uretiti

There will be no Beach Ambassador Patrol this summer. Constable Martin Geddes set up the patrol in 2015, following a spate of drownings along the eight-kilometre stretch of beach between the Ruakākā Surfclub and the Waipu Estuary. Three of the drownings were Asian men who had been attempting to retrieve crab pots. The Beach Ambassador patrollers drove the beach in a Gator utility vehicle and handed out leaflets written in English and Mandarin with water safety messages and advised those entering the water to wear lifejackets. Constable Geddes said it was getting harder to recruit volunteers for the patrols, as most people prefer to be on holiday themselves over the Christmas season.

Also the number of sizeable paddle crabs in the sea has dropped off and there aren't the same numbers of people arriving to fish for them. However there were

lots of juvenile crabs so things might change over the next few years.

He invites local people interested in beach safety to get in touch and if there is enough interest he would look at reviving the patrol next summer.

Although there will be no summer patrol Constable Geddes and the Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club participated in a drowning prevention seminar at Uretiti on Saturday 9 December.

An earlier beach seminar had been held in November. The seminars are organised by Drowning Prevention Auckland and constable Geddes said the day had been very successful. He believes the water safety message has spread and been widely adopted amongst the Auckland Chinese community.



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WAIPU HIGHLAND GAMES

New Years Eve

4:00pm
The Helen McGregor Memorial Medley: A Piping Extravaganza!

8:00pm - late
Ceilidh Extravaganza in the Celtic Barn. Twisty Willow band, Waipu Highland dancers. Traditional Haggis ceremony.

New Years Day

9:00am - 3:30pm. (Free entry for kids 17 and under)
Street parade from 9am. A full day of family-friendly fun, kids' races, family activities, music stage. Plus fierce competitions & tug of war.

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Volunteers needed at the games

The Waipu Caledonian Society is gearing up for its big New Year celebration of Waipu's Scottish heritage with three family friendly events.

On New Year's Eve, 31 December starting at 4pm in the Waipu Celtic Barn The Helen McGregor Memorial Medley invites pipers to "flair their fingers" playing whatever they like within an eight minute time limit. Judging is by popular assent with an eminent piper adding his or her points as well. Supper will be served and bar sales will be available. Entry is \$10.

Also on 31 December and also in the Celtic Barn bit a bit later at 8pm there is a Celidh with Celtic band Twisty Willow and guidance for those who need it through traditional and contemporary reels. There will be demonstrations by the Waipu Highland Dancers, a traditional haggis ceremony and the bells of the Presbyterian Church on the



other side of the Braigh will ring out at midnight. Entry price is \$20.

The main event, the Waipu Highland Games starts at 8.30 on 1 January with a clans assembling at the Waipu monument to march into the park led by the pipe band. Shortly afterwards at 9am the various competitions - heavyweights, piping, and drumming, and fiddling begin. Followed by the highland Dancing competitions at 9.30am

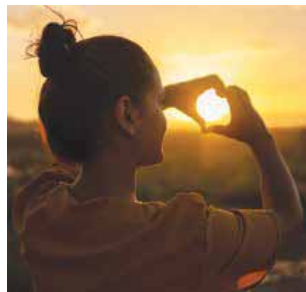
Kids running races start at 10am so children need to start assembling at the track from 9.30am. The massed pipe band and massed Highland fling is scheduled for 12.25.

An adult tug of war will be staged at 1.30pm and a kids tug of war at 2.10pm.

From 3.15pm the last event of the day an attempt at a New Zealand record for the Farmers Walk with competitors carrying 160lb weights

The full days programme can be found on the Waipu Highland Games website. The Caledonian Society is on the look out for volunteers to help with the big day- The Waipu Highland Games on 1 January 2024. Enthusiastic people are needed to help with the setup and clean up afterwards and to assist with the various activities.

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Still time to enter a float in the Waipu Christmas Parade

It's not too late to enter a float in the Waipu Christmas Parade and there are some good prizes on offer - \$1,000 float judged the best, \$500 for the second best and a number of \$100 runner up prizes. To register phone Penny Reynders 021 530 803 or email: secre-

tary@promotewaipu.co.nz

The Parade will be held at 7pm on Christmas Eve, 24 December down the main street of Waipu behind a pipe band. Prizegiving will be in the Caledonian Park at 7.30pm.

It's not just thoroughbred racing

The Trigg Family Fun Race Day on Friday 5 January is not just about thoroughbred racing. Down on the track there will also be kids competitions with sprints, three legged races and the now traditional tug of war between Ruakaka Surf Lifesavers and everyone else. There will be a free kids zone with the Rockup Team with their Adventure Climbing Wall - suitable for children and adults alike and the Pirate Ship Adventure bounce and play area (suitable for 3 years to 12 years). Our local hero award winner Sharon Carroll with the help of her mum will be supervising chil-

dren's activities including some quieter activities like colouring in the shade.

Tammy D'Ath will be singing in the Corona Courtyard between races and the food court will have a variety of trucks on the hill, including Mr Whippy, Sweet Chimneys Hungarian Fried Bread, Lola's Kitchen with Asian/euro offering and more.

The gates open from 11am - 5pm. There will be seven races, including the 2200m Dargaville Cup with \$35,000 in prize money. Entry is \$15 and free to under 17 year olds.

Planning a heated swimming pool in Waipu

Despite a revised total cost of over \$5million the committee established with the aim of building a heated swimming pool alongside the Shred Gymnasium in South Rd., Waipu is keen to proceed.

A staged build is now likely to make the project more feasible and to deliver a result in a faster time frame. The committee acknowledges support from the Bream

Bay Community will be a major factor in its success and invites donations, sponsorship and investments. An event is planned for February or March 2024 to present the project and update the community.

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Menzshed membership grows as the search continues for somewhere to build a new base

The Waipu Menzshed celebrated a year's work at its Christmas party held on Tuesday morning 12 January. On display were examples of wooden trellis, a chicken roosting box and the Menzshed speciality: lots and lots of rat and stoat trap boxes. Representatives of the Bridge Forest Trust had turned up to collect their latest order a truck load of 90 boxes. They have purchased hundreds of these boxes from the Waipu Menzshed and said the quality was very high. They said boxes purchased from other suppliers often have flaws that need to be retro fitted.



Some of the Waipu Menzshed products: a live catch cat trap and a chicken roosting box


The Bridge Forest Trust works on predator protection for three kiwi populations in Rodney. They supply traps to private landowners or maintain trap lines themselves over an area of 50,000 hectares.

Piroa Brynderwyn Landcare also buys the predator trap boxes from the Menzshed. The Menzshed supplies kitset packs that school children can put together themselves. Other products are tank stands for kauri dieback spray stands, park benches were too large to carry around.

The Waipu Menzshed lease on the Masonic Lodge building expires in May and the group is looking to build a new base somewhere in central Waipu. They are hoping to get the go ahead to build on some Whangarei District Council owned land.

Chairman Gordon Walker said with their membership now at 60 it is getting difficult to fit everyone into the lodge anyway.

The Menzshed members meet every Tuesday morning to get to work on their various projects. There is also now a women's Menzshed group which meets on Fridays and contributes to the



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Greetings from the Churches of Bream Bay



Christmas Services

Anglican Parish of Bream Bay

St Paul's Church, 25 Karawai St., Ruakaka

Christmas Eve Service -8.00pm Eucharist

Christmas Day Service - 9.30am

(No services at St Peter's, Waipu, which reopens in February.)

Catholic—Holy Family Church, Bream Bay

Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka

Sunday 24th - 10.30am Liturgy of the Word

Christmas Day - 10.30am. Mass

LifePoint Church 300 One Tree Point Road

Christmas Eve - Sunday service 10.30am

Christmas Day - 9.00am Celebrating the Birth

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Waipu Presbyterian Church—10.15am

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Christmas Eve - 10.15am - Listen for the message

Christmas Day - 10.15am - Christmas story

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Sunday 24th - 10.00am Christmas Celebration

Greetings to you all from the churches of Bream Bay.

The world is a very difficult place to be in right now. Conflicts and wars are everywhere: the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, and countless other places. Every day we read about some new oppression, or a terror attack somewhere. In our own communities we are increasingly aware of violence in our homes and our streets. It is so hard to know what to do because it all feels overwhelming. It is much easier to turn our attention back to doing the breakfast dishes, cleaning our teeth, putting out the rubbish. Anything but having to deal with today's news.

A long time ago a man and a woman were required to go back to their hometown to participate in a census. While they were on the road the young woman gave birth to a child and laid him in a trough where cattle feed was put out. In that baby God embraced what it means to be human. That birth was hope. The baby's name was Jesus. He and his family spent the next two years as refugees. Local politicians sought to kill that baby because hope was a threat to them. But in a world full of suffering, belief in that hope has endured for a very long time. That baby showed humans how to be better humans: how to care for our neighbours; how to be compassionate to every person; how to have hope when hope seems out of reach.

This Christmas, why not find a local church and hear more about this story? Why not find a place that gives you good news for once? Your local church communities will welcome you. We won't have all the answers, but we can help you ask good questions. And we will have hope. The world might not seem quite so overwhelming when there are people around who can remind you to hope.

A hope-filled Christmas to you from all the churches in Bream Bay.



WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **WAIPU CHRISTMAS PARADE. CHRISTMAS EVE.** Sunday 24 December starting at 7pm by the Pizza Barn in Cove Rd., Waipu. Finishing with a prizegiving in the Caledonain Park at 7.30pm. Organised by Promote Waipu.
- **THE HELEN MCGREGOR MEMORIAL PIPING MEDLEY** New Years Eve 31 December from 4pm in the Waipu Celtic Barn. \$10 entry.
- **CELLIDH** with Celtic band Twisty Willow. New Years Eve 31 December From 8pm until late in the Waipu Celtic Barn
- **THE WAIPU HIGHLAND GAMES** On New Years Day 1 January. 9am - 3.30pm. In the Waipu Caledonian Park. Entry \$20. Free for children up to the age of 17 years.
- **FAMILY FUN RACE DAY** at the Ruakākā Racecourse. Friday 5 January. Gates open 11am. First race 12.26pm. Fun activities for children. Live music between races with Tammy D'Ath. Entry \$15. Children under 18 years free.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 14 January From 9am to 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **MARSDEN LIONS BOOK FAIR** 19 & 20 January 10am to 3pm One Tree Point School hall. Books, puzzles, DVD's.
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 21 January. 9am - 1pm. Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward. One Tree Point School quadrant and field.
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 21 January 9.30 - 2pm at the Marsden Cove Marina
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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
4.30pm	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
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Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone: 09 432 7197

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- Registered Social Workers
- Family Support Workers
- Youth Workers
- Youth Hangout Space (watch this space...)
- Community Connectors (Connecting community to various services)
- Free Whanau Ora Medical Clinic with Ki A Ora Ngatiwai. Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon, by appointment only phone 09 435 4586
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- Ha Tane – men's group
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Community Connections 10:30am-12pm every Friday in our hall. Hot soup and cuppa available. The purpose of these sessions is for the community to get together and partake in different activities together, getting to know one another, sharing talents/hobbies/passions creating connections in the community, building friendships. The session topics are driven by interests of participants. Recommencing Friday 12th January 2024

We will be closed for the Christmas New Year Period from close of business Friday 22nd of December reopening Monday 8th of January 2024. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season. Follow us on social media – Facebook and Instagram for updates on what's happening here during the week.

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Fri 22 Dec	3.56	2.4	4.20	2.5
Sat 23 Dec	5.00	2.4	5.18	2.5
Sun 24 Dec	6.02	2.5	6.16	2.5
Mon 25 Dec	6.59	2.5	7.11	2.5
Tue 26 Dec	7.52	2.6	8.03	2.5
Wed 27 Dec	8.40	2.6	8.53	2.5
Thu 28 Dec	9.26	2.6	9.39	2.4
Fri 29 Dec	10.09	2.6	10.23	2.4
Sat 30 Dec	10.50	2.6	11.04	2.4
Sun 31 Dec	11.30	2.6	11.45	2.4
Mon 1 Jan	~	~	12.09	2.5
Tue 2 Jan	12.25	2.3	12.48	2.5
Wed 3 Jan	1.06	2.3	1.28	2.4
Thu 4 Jan	1.50	2.2	2.10	2.4
Fri 5 Jan	2.39	2.2	2.55	2.3
Sat 6 Jan	3.32	2.2	3.43	2.3
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Mon 8 Jan	5.28	2.3	5.31	2.3
Tue 9 Jan	6.25	2.3	6.28	2.4
Wed 10 Jan	7.19	2.5	7.25	2.4
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