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Lots of Meridian managers at the Ruakākā Ratepayers meeting

"Lots of managers" was a comment from the floor at a presentation by Meridian Energy staff at the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers AGM finally held (after two cancellations) on Tuesday 13 June. Indeed there were - six in total, five who had travelled up from Wellington and another from Auckland, all there to talk about a proposed 170 hectare solar farm and an, already under construction, battery storage system to be collectively known as the Ruakākā Energy Park.

Project Director for the battery construction Alan de Lima said after an early morning blessing by Patuharakeke, excavation and preparation of a four hectare area on what was formally Rio Tinto land at the corner of Port Marsden Highway and Mair Rd., construction of the battery electricity storage system (BESS) had begun The BESS will be capable of storing 100 megawatts of electricity, enough to supply the whole of Northland's 60,000 homes with two hours of electricity on the coldest night of the year.

Mr. de Lima said energy could be taken from the grid and stored when the hydro lakes in the South Island are full and would help to reduce New Zealand's dependency on carbon fuel generation.

Eighty storage batteries will be contained in 80 shipping containers. There will be cabling underneath to connect them to the Bream Bay sub station. The site will be raised high enough to withstand a one in a

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Celebrating new classrooms at Bream Bay College



Kit Singleton who taught science in Bream Bay for 27 years from 1962, first at the Waipu District High School and then at Bream Bay College, was given the honour of cutting the ribbon in front of the new Bream Bay College science laboratories at an opening ceremony for three new science laboraties and six new Year 7 and 8 classrooms on Thursday afternoon 15 May 2023. Kit said he would like to return to see the new laboratories in action and he was invited to do this by the college's Head of Science Laura Ionta who is standing behind Kit in this photograph.

More photos of the new classrooms opening ceremony on page 9





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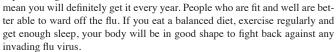


How to prepare for the flu season

Now that winter is here - shorter days, cold weather and unfortunately, the flu season.

The flu viruses that circulate can change from year to year.

The official flu season runs from May to September, and although anyone can get the flu, it doesn't



So, how do you get the flu? The flu is a viral infection passed from person to person via infected droplets commonly spread by sneezing and coughing. Symptoms of flu include:

- a fever greater or equal to 38°C
- at least one respiratory symptom, like a cough, sore throat, or runny nose
- rapid onset with at least one systemic symptom, like a headache, aches and pains, sweats or chills, or fatigue.

Flu symptoms are severe and are not to be confused with cold symptoms – with the flu you often don't have the energy to get out of bed.

Some people are more at risk of getting the flu than others. The Ministry of Health has identified that the following groups are at higher risk of developing complications from flu viruses and are therefore eligible for a free flu vaccine. They include those who:

- are pregnant
- are significantly overweight
- use asthma preventers
- have diabetes
- are aged 65 years or over
- have heart disease
- · have kidney problems
- have a serious medical condition, like cancer.

If you are unlucky enough to get the flu, you should stop the spread of flu germs by:

- staying in bed and not going to work or school
- covering your mouth when you cough and sneeze
- regularly washing your hands and drying them thoroughly
- avoid crowded settings.

This may all sound like doom and gloom, but flu prevention is better than cure. Help prevent flu by:

- washing your hands thoroughly and often and avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
 - eating a balanced diet with fruit and vegetables rich in vitamin C
 - getting enough sleep
 - reducing your stress levels
 - getting regular exercise.

And remember that flu can cause serious complications, like pneumonia, which can be deadly. So look after your health – it is your most cherished possession.

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EDITORIAL

Phenominal spaces offering endless possibilites

There was a joyous atmosphere at Bream Bay College on Thursday afternoon when the school's new-year seven and eight year classrooms and science laboratories were officially opened.

There were speeches but none of them too long and beautiful singing by the school's Kapa Haka group. The up beat music of the school's steel pan band, which played in the courtyard afterwards fitted the occasion perfectly.

Those attending the ceremony were shown through the new buildings by staff and students and a very proud Principal Wayne Buckland.

With some new music rooms opened a few years ago, an upgraded horticulture centre and the whare where bilingual classes are based insde the front entrance, Bream Bay College must be one of the most modern, best equipped schools in Northland. Mr. Buckland, who is retiring at the end of this term, can leave on a high note.

"These are phenomenal spaces. They offer endless possibilities",

Head of science Laura Ionta and Victoria Foster, Head of the Year Seven and Eight department, told the students who were seated on mats in the courtyard.

The new classrooms are spacious with big windows, colourful furniture and a variety of workspaces in each. They have giant heat pumps, which may not need to be turned on very often as in line with the best modern designs they are designed to capture and hold the sun's warmth. On the walls outside there are silhouette shapes of birds, which are backlit at night. On the connecting footpaths are coloured diamond shapes, which artist Mike Tupaea of Whetu Design explained represented patiki (flounder), a symbol of abundance. He said the birds and the patiki shapes would give guidance.

Each classroom has a set of lounge style furniture, which I believe is very popular, with students piling on top of one another to sit there.

I asked one group of students if the arrangement of a semi circular shaped couch allowed for much school work to get done and they assured me they only sit there while receiving instructions from their teachers and then go to another part of the room to complete the required task.

These are open plan classrooms with two normal sized classes of around 30 students in each. Doesn't this get a bit noisy? What if you prefer to work alone? The students tell me there are "break out rooms" you can go to if you need a quiet space and they described how they are getting some "very cool" lamp shade cone of silence devices you can pull down over your head.

I can hear everyone over the age of 50 saying like me, "It's a far cry from when I was at school". I can remember as a student at the Dargaville High School having to endure a daily hour- long Latin class with a teacher who demanded everyone stay seated bolt upright at their desk, who pounced if your attention strayed even so much as for a quick glance out the window while she recited Latin conjugations. I struggle now to remember any of what she was attempting to teach, so maybe this new way of learning: make yourself comfortable, find a group of friends to work with if you want or sit under a cone of silence if you prefer, is better.

I have an earlier school days memory of sitting at a little two-child kauri desk with an inkwell at Tangowahine Primary in a big old wooden classroom which had a steeply pitched roof, a fireplace and no windows at eye level. The teachers would sometimes lead us over the paddocks to where our new school was being built; a 1960s style three-classroom block with windows all along its north facing walls, a netball court and acres of playing fields. I think about all the resources that have gone into education in this country over so many years, both from local communities and the Government, i.e, all of us taxpayers. But where better to put our resources than into our public schools and our children's future?

So no excuses kids. Go to school everyday you can. Work hard. We expect great things from you. ${}_{\text{MAr}}{}^{\text{fly}^{\text{fl}}}$

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Planning underway for re-development of Ruakaka Village Kāinga Ora homes

Asked about progress on the redevelopment of Kāinga Ora homes in Ruakākā Village Jeff Murray the manager of the government housing authority in Northland replied that "the redevelopment is underway at the planning stage

".We're waiting on some documents and images to share with the public, and expect to start engagement very soon.

"Our first order of priority is our existing customers, whose homes are part of the redevelopment. As well as talking through the plans with them, we will have further discussions with mana whenua and local groups such as the Residents and Ratepayers' Association.'

Bream Bay News has been sent a blurry image of a plan showing a development on lots currently occupied by seventeen Käinga Ora houses in Tiki Place, Peter Snell Rd. and Tamingi St. The proposal appears to be to build 36 new housing units, a mixture of two, three and four bedroom units in two stories. The image was taken on a phone at a presentation given at the Takahiwai Marae.

Kāinga Ora has requested a meeting with the Ruak \bar{a} ka Residents and Ratepayers Association so the public will have an opportunity to get a clearer picture of what this development will look like then.

A chance to comment on the Council's dog rules

The Whangārei District Council is seeking public comment on a review of its Dog Management Policy and by law. The feedback will inform a new draft bylaw that will be formally consulted on later in the year. Under consideration are:

Where you can and can't take dogs, where dogs are allowed off leash, dog exercise areas, beach access rules over summer, nuisance and dangerous dogs and dog welfore

You can fill in a survey on the Whangārei District Council website page "have your say", drop a pin on an interactive map to say where you would like to be able to take your dog or where you would like dogs to be banned, email BylawsConsult@ wdc.govt.nz or talk to someone in person at the Whangārei Central Library on 28 June 10am to 1pm or 6 July 10am to 2pm.

You need to get your comments in by 5pm on Monday 31 July 2023.

The Council is required to review its Dog Policy and by-law every 10 years.

Request for bus service to OTP

The Thursday return bus service which travels between Kaiwaka and Whangārei stopping off at Mangawhai, Waipu Cove, Waipu and Ruakākā is the most successful Bus Link service in Northland Councillor Rick Stolwerk said at the Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers AGM last week.

He said around 24 people used the service each week, some perhaps travelling between Mangawhai and Waipu and others into Whangārei.

There have been requests to run the service through One Tree Point and Councillor Stolwerk said he was looking into this possibility.

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LETTERS

Morning scene from the OTP Boat Ramp



Allen Lappin took this shot from the One Tree Point Boat Ramp on Monday morning 12 June. Allen said it was a beautiful morning with a clear blue sky apart from a single anvil shaped cloud above Limestone Island

Service centre site predicted to flood

Anyone passing a site with earthworks along Port Marsden Highway not far from the State Highway 1 roundabout must have noticed how waterlogged this area has been. This is hardly surprising given that it is flood plain adjacent to the Tauroa Stream, a tidal tributary of the Ruakākā River. After all the latest hazard maps produced by the Northland Regional Council and published in April 2023 show this same area flooding at least every 10 years and even as far back as August 2020 the Ruakākā Management Plan shows the site of the proposed service centre predicted to flood as the result of climate change!

So how come the Whangārei District council has renewed its resource n=consent instead of cancelling it. . Such activity is contrary to advice given by a number of New Zealand's most distinguished scientists such as Sir Peter Gluckman, Professor Bruce Glavovic and Professor Jim Salinger, who have all spoken against development on low lying coastal land. We know sea level is predicted to rise and with global warming well underway we are likely to experience more extreme rainfall events. Just look at what has already happened in Hawkes Bay

It must be particularly worrying for neighbouring homeowners that this planned development will divert rain and flood water onto their properties. In fact I understand this has already happened. Surely this is a breach of provisions in the Resource Management Act 1991 whereby in Part 3 Section 17 it is an obligation in law to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects. How are the developers proposing to achieve this I wonder?

I have grave misgivings as to the long - term sustainability of such a project, especially as it appears to ignore all the latest scientific reports. Is this not a case of the wrong project, in the wrong place at the wrong time? What is the point of a project that is predicted to be flooded out in the not too distant future?

Margaret B Hicks Ruakākā

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In a few years time could we be making a fast trip to Auckland on board an all electric flying machine just 10 metres above the ocean and travelling at speeds of 300 kmph?

The New Zealand start up company Ocean Flyer has signed a \$700 million deal with the American development company Regent to bring 25 all electric sea gliders to New Zealand from 2026. Ocean Flyer hopes to use these craft to set up passenger services linking regional coastal centres around the country.

Memoranda of Understanding have been signed with Northport and Northland Inc. (The Northland regional development agency) for a service between Whangārei and Auckland.

On Friday 16 June an event was held at the Marsden Cove Marina to mark the signing of these MOUs.

Northport has agreed to assist with the design and development of the infrastructure needed to operate an Ocean Flyer service from Whangārei. Northland Inc. has agreed to support Ocean Flyer and Northport in engagement with the community, local authorities and businesses.

Ocean Flyer also envisages setting up its headquarters, a training centre and a seaglider haul-out and maintenance facility in Northland.

The Seaglider begins its journey floating on water, as it gains speed it rises up on foils and then up into the air. It uses a phenomenon called in-ground effect to reduce drag and increase range.

Ocean Flyer Chief executive Shah Aslam said a sea glider service would provide improved connections between Auckland and regional New Zealand that are "fast, affordable and sustainable."

"We've seen in recent times the havoc that bad weather can create with our transport infrastructure. Northland wasn't the only region to have been cut off completely by road and rail. Our seaglider connections will add an important extra layer of robust connectivity to New Zealand's transport infrastructure."

He said the electric seagliders will cost considerably less to operate than a comparable aircraft, resulting in an affordable seat price.

Mr. Aslam is also owner and CEO of Air Napier. His new company Ocena Flyer is a New Zealand start up.

Northland Inc. chief executive Paul Linton said the new connection would offer Northland residents and businesses fast and affordable travel options not currently available by air, and which would otherwise involve lengthy road journeys that emit greenhouse gasses.

"Such a service would improve supply chains, reduce downtime in businesses and enhance efficiency and productivity without adding to road congestion or greenhouse gas emissions," Mr Linton said.

The first five sea-gliders are schedulted to arrive in New Zealand in 2026. Ocean Flyer plans to start operations with Regent's 12-seater Viceroy model. This has 12 electric motors and a crew of two pilots. At a later stage it hopes to intro-

duce 10 Monarch vehicles, each with 100 seats.

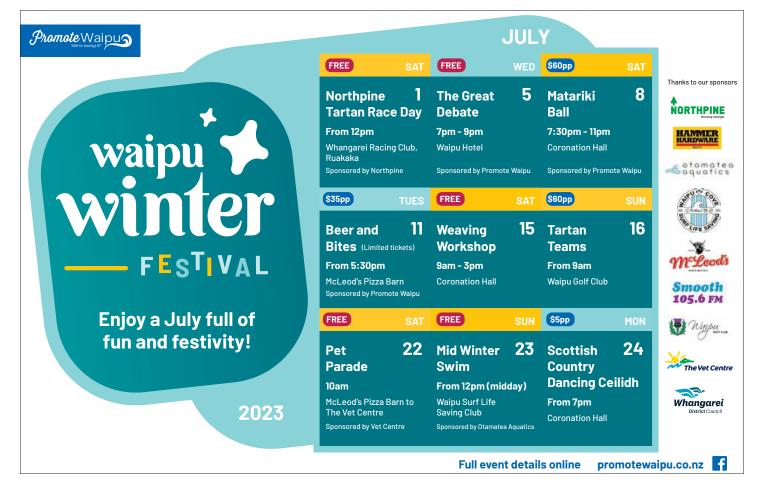
Northport chief executive Jon Moore said the service Ocean Flyer was proposing meshed perfectly with Northport's objective of providing better infrastructure and services for Northland. The proposal is that the Seaglider service would operate from Marsden Point with a ferry service link to Whangārei. The Seagliders will be regulated by Maritime New Zealand.

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thousand year flood. The battery installation is expected to be complete in another 12 months time.

Asked what the life of the batteries would be Mr. de Lima said the prediction is that their useful life would be about 20 years. After this time they are expected to have degraded to 60% of there capacity when Warren Daniel commented that rows of shipping containers could be unsightly and Mr. de Lima said a buffer zone would be planted along the road verge to screen the site. He also pointed out that the site is zoned as industrial, which allows for 35 metre high structures. The shipping container would be only 20 feet high. Benjamin Mossman, the Battery Project Development Manager said the Marsden Point site was chosen because of its proximity to the Ruakākā sub station, which is well equipped to connect to the battery system.

Asked about the dangers of the lithium iron batteries catching fire, Mr. Mossman said the probability of this happening is very low but the containers will be spaced apart so that if one does over heat it will be isolated. There will be large water storage tanks on site and Meridian is consulting with the Ruakākā Fire Brigade about the best way to handle a battery fire if one does occur.

In addition to the 105 hectares purchased from Rio Tinto, Meridian has purchased two plots of land totaling 200 hectares on both sides of McCathie Rd., one of these running alongside Marsden Point Rd. opposite the Ruakākā Towncentre.

The plan is to use most of this land -170 hectares for a large solar farm, the first grid connected solar farm in New Zealand. The balance would be restored, as wetland and a four-hectare area of kanuka forest would be retained. Project Manager Micoh Sherman, said extra land was needed to make the solar farm viable. A comment came from the audience that there have only been ten sunny days in Ruakākā since Christmas.

Mr. Sherman said some test panels have been installed on the land to determine the amount of radiation at the site as well as how much dust and salt spray was deposited there. He said once all this information has been gathered and contracts for installing the panels had been firmed up the Meridian Board would consider whether or not the project would proceed.

Asked if electricity generation from wind is not more economically viable than solar generation, Mr. Mossman agreed that it was but said New Zealand needs to have a range of options for its future energy needs Consenting Manager Andrew Guerin said one of the solar farm blocks is on industrial land while the second is classed as rural. Resource consent would be needed from the Whangārei District Council and from the Northland Regional Council, which would be looking at sediment control and wetland protection. Meridian would need to provide screening around the solar farm to prevent glare.

Deputy Mayor Phil Halse said that the rural land was there to provide a buffer between the heavy industrial land and land zoned residential and commercial. He was also concerned about the integrity of the Bercich Drain, which he said is important for stormwater control in that area.

Sarah Simperingham asked what benefit the Energy Park would bring to local people.

Kate Gullery, Environment and Sustainability Specialist had already told the meeting Meridian tries to employ 50% of its workforce from the location its projects are located in as well as keeping 15 percent of its spend local.

Mr. Mossman said that while the Energy Park would not provide a large discount to local people's energy bills there is likely to be a small reduction in the lines component of power bills for Ruakākā residents as Meridian would be paying a proportion of the cost of operating the substation and the electricity lines.

Ngaire Kramer asked that Meridian consult more widely with local people.

"We are all iwi even if we don't belong to a particular group."

Another question from the floor was would there be public access by way of boardwalks into the wetland and forested areas alongside the solar farm and Mr. Mossman replied Meridian would be prepared to consult with the community about this.

At peak output the solar farm would be capable of supply 130mgw. It would have the capacity to provide 50% of Northland's total yearly energy requirements.

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Police Report

who had run our of petrol to fatal crash at Mata find her car was stolen

At 3am on the morning of Monday 5 June Police received a call for help from a woman who said the vehicle she was driving had run out of petrol on the Brynderwyn Hill. When Police arrived to assist they discovered the vehicle was stolen and the woman was disqualified from driving. The 58-year-old from Kaitaia has been charged with receiving a stolen vehicle and driving while disqualified.

Four car nose to tail crash north of SH1 Roundabout

Earlier on Friday 9 June at around 4pm there was a four-car nose to tail crash just north of the Ruakākā SH1 Roundabout. No one was seriously injured but one of the vehicles was destroyed and last week remained on the side of the road.

Car crashes into ditch

On Tuesday 13 June at 4pm a car crashed into a ditch on the side of State Highway One at Waipu. No one was seriously injured.

Fifteen family harm incidents

In the fortnight 3 June to 17 June Bream Bay Police were called to 15 family harm incidents.

Police arrive to assist women Seventeen year old dies in

A 17-year-old youth died in a two-vehicle collision on State Highway one at Mata on Friday 9 June at around 7pm. The youth was a passenger in a vehicle, which collided with another just north of the Mata Hall. The drivers of both vehicles were taken to Whangārei hospital one in a critical and the other in a serious condition. Traffic diversions were in place for several hours following the accident.

Men in Kilts rugby is back

After three years in the wilderness, Golden Oldies Men in Kilts rugby is back.

Match organiser Steve Jones has managed to find a team willing to face Waipu.

Steve said, "We will be playing Mid Western at Caledonia Park on Friday night the 28 July, kicking off at 7.30."

He sends out an invitation to any over 35-year-old players who want to be part of the Waipu team.

"This is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to lace up the boots one more time."

There will be a couple of training runs, the first of these on Wednesday 5 July at 7 pm at the Waipu Rugby Club.

Efforts are also underway to finalize a golden oldies netball game against Mid Western in the Celtic Barn on the same night before the rugby. Anyone keen to play can contact Steve Jones on 027 235 2506.





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Celebrating new classrooms at Bream Bay College



A big moment for Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland as he cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Year Seven and Eight classrooms at Bream Bay College at an official opening ceremonny held on Thursday afternoon 15 June. Alongside Mr. Buckland is Victoria Foster, Head of Department for the school's Year Seven and Eight. Mr. Buckland is retiring after serving for 22 years at the college at the end of this term. He stayed on for and extra two terms to see the completion of this project which delivers six large open plan classrooms for year seven and eight students, three science laboratories and a new horticulture classroom and potting shed.

Selina Gordon Bream Bay College Board of Trustee Chairwoman paid tribute to Mr. Buckland at the opending ceremony saying his "ongoing enthusiasm and dediction over 14 years" had made the new classrooms a reality. She said the development is a complete refiguration of the school giving it a total of 14 new spaces and dispensing with seven old refabs.

She hoped the new learning spaces would foster an environment of creativity and help the school to nurture the minds of its students "to gain the knowledge that will shape their futures."

The new Year Seven and Eight block has been named Te Wao Nui a Tane (the great realm of the forest god Tane) and the science block: Nga Kaitiaki o te Moana - The guardians of the ocean.



Welcome to our space is the message on the whiteboard put there by Year Seven and Eight students in prepartion for the tour of their new classrooms by dignitaries following the official opening ceremony. Showing visitors around were: from left Shiloh Cordell - Hunt, Guilherme Martins, Ava Mewett, Xaria Bird, Olivia Hay and Cheyenne Watts



Inside one of the new Year Seven and Eight classrooms

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Bizz-e Bee - "more meaningful, engaging and natural resources for children"

Amie Tullett had her hands full at her stall at the Kings Birthday weekend market. Her three children were there as she displayed and explained her range of Bizz-e Bee wooden resources for children. She describes herself as "a Māori mama of three" and she says she wanted to give her children, and other people's children more "meaningful, natural and engaging toys" and to help reduce the amount of plastic in the world.

She designs wooden toys, many from a Māori perspective. Most are crafted locally.

Amie started the business in 2017 and in the intervening years she has built up a large catalogue

Some Bizz-Bee products include: Māori and Pacific Island peg families, weaving boards, puzzles, busy boards to help children with fine motor skills, wooden marae sets, Matariki fridge magnets, wooden sandpit toys, board books and musical instruments.

Amie is a hairdresser by trade and has no formal Early Childhood Education but says once her first son was born she learned all she could a and she has always had creative flair so her Bizz-e Bee

business brings both these interests together.

She has built up a loyal customer base over the years which includes parents of young children, as well as kaiako in early childhood centres, kindergartens, kohanga and primary schools around New Zealand.

She offers free local pick up for customers in Bream Bay and can ship her educational resources New Zealand wide. You can find her business page on Facebook-Bizz-e Bee and her website is www.bizzebee.



Amie with her children, from left to right::Hartley, Aura-Grace and River.



Some Bizz-e Bee products

Football for girls

Starting in Term 3 – there will be a series of free Tuesday afternoon 4-5pm football training sessions for girls aged 7 to 12 years at the Bream Bay United fields alongside Takutai Place, Ruakākā. The sessions are being run by Northland Football with the support of Football New Zealand as part of its drive

to capitalize on the FIFA Women's World Cup with games played in New Zealand and Australia between 20 July and 20 August.

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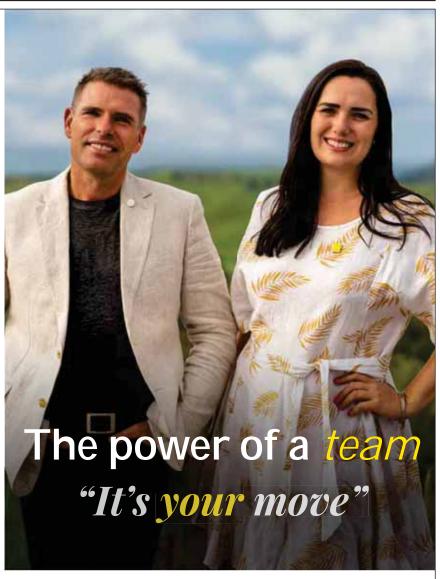
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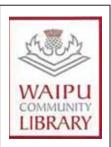
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A hundred years old and sharp as a tack



Four generations: grandaughter Kate Mitchell, great granddaughter Sofia, June Mackwell and her daughter Margaret Mckechnie

June Mackwell celebrated her 100th birthday at the Ranburn Retirement Home on Friday June 9. All four of her children, her three sons and daughter Margaret joined her for the party as did some of her grandchildren and great granddaughter, two-year-old Sofia. One son had travelled from America for the occasion and another from Australia.

On display on a table in front of where June was seated was a card from King Charles and Queen Camilla, a chocolate birthday cake and a scrabble board as June had once been scrabble champion.

June grew up in Hamilton and attended Whanganui Collegate as a boarder from around the age of 10 years. She became a primary school teacher and during the years of the Second World War was made the sole charge teacher at Whangamata.

However when her brother enrolled at Medical School in Otago she decided to join him there and enrolled for a degree in physiotheraphy.

She divorced her husband, the father of her children, when Margaret the oldest was 17 years old and she never re-married. She sometimes tells people that the reason she has lived to such a great age is that for over

50 years she has not had to wash someone's socks. She worked in her profession at St Helens Hospital and at North Shore Hospital. She studied part time after work and gained a second degree in psychology. Following her retirement June took on a part time job with Age Concern organising weekly outings for elderly people.

Prior to moving to Waipu she lived in a retirement village in Auckland but moved here when Margaret and her husband built her a two - bedroom unit on their property in South Rd.

But after spending several weeks at the Ranburn Rest Home while Margaret and her husband were on holiday, she decided she would like to move their permanently.

Kate Mitchell June's granddaughter said her grandmother has always been as sharp as a tack and very intelligent and independent. She has been a fantastic grandmother to me and a fantastic great grandmother to my children."

The birthday party continued over the next day with 28 family members attending a reunion in the Waipu Coronation Hall.

It's the turn of Ruakākā School to host this year's Matariki Festival

Ruakākā School will host this year's Bream Bay Matariki Festival on Thursday 29 June from 3.30pm to 7.30pm. There will be kapa haka performances by Ruakākā School, One Tree Point School, Waipu Primary, Bream Bay College and Bream Bay early

childhood centres all held under the canopy in the school forecourt.

Hot food will be available and if the weather is terrible a postponement date has been set as Thursday 27 July.



Te Whānau Harakeke, the Māori immersion unit at Ruakākā School.nThe kaiako and organisers of the Marariki event Tracy Krivan, Jacob Rangi, Alex Murrie, Charlene Morunga and Steph Te Wake are in the back row.



Is there a future for your community hospice?

Hospice NZ last week highlighted some key issues for the future of community hospices and North Haven Hospice is no exception. We are now at risk for the future.

Contracts with Te Whatu Ora and government ministries contribute about 55% of the funding North Haven Hospice needs to care for the dying in our Whangārei and south Kaipara communities, and to provide an in-patient unit for the whole of Northland.

We still need to find money for doctors and nurses, petrol for cars, equipment that we deliver to homes such as beds, mattresses, drip pumps, and in-patient unit patient meals and laundry, and these need regular maintenance and replacement.

We are your hospice, and a community charity, so we carefully scrutinise expenditure to ensure those with a life-limiting illness in their care do not suffer from North Haven Hospice's lack of available funds.

Our volunteers contribute an incredible gift of time estimated at \$4 million each year but our average volunteer age is 70 years. These volunteers already give significant amounts of time and energy in the community, the North Haven Hospice shop and at our in-patient unit in Tikipunga. As they age, it's understood they reduce the volunteer time they can contribute.

Add to this rising wage costs, increased supply costs, increased competition from other worthwhile causes and limited budgets for marketing and fundraising, continually raising funds becomes a constant tightrope walk.

"It's heart-breaking, it's tough to be asking more from the community. Many are already struggling to cope with the rising cost of living. We just have no alternative. We need to find around \$8,000 a day every year to meet the funding gap and there's no way we can do it on our own," says the Chair of North Haven Hospice Inc., Dr Ann McKillop.

"We do have a small number of regular donors and are exceedingly grateful and humbled by this and the occasional gifts in wills we receive. Foundations and trusts are readily supportive where we meet their criteria. We often just need the cash for day-to-day operating expenses. The withdrawal of cheques dropped our newsletter donations by close to 60% and haven't recovered. People carry less cash, and this impacts collection boxes and events."

Future community demand for hospice services is only going to increase. It is predicted that the number of people needing and wanting the wrap around and holistic care community hospices provide will increase 50% by 2040.

North Haven Hospice provides this care and support in our communities, not just to the patient, but also to the family and whānau of that person. And the support continues as needed beyond the death of the patient. There is no charge, making North Haven Hospice freely accessible to all regardless of age, illness, ethnicity, gender, or faith. But we don't know how long this will last.

Helen Blaxland, CEO, expresses her concern, "With less funds, what do we cut? Less staff means less services. Fewer volunteers potentially mean more staff and higher costs, or less services and less opportunities for fundraising. Less fundraising means less donations which means less services. Less family and bereavement support means more difficulties for everyone with a loved one with less than a year to live. Do we only look after those with less than a year to live? Or do we change it to those who likely only have 3 months left? There are no good answers for those relying on our overworked and underfunded GP's, hospitals, and aged care homes. Our services belong to the community and the people who deserve and want more. If we can live well, we should also be able to die well."

It's a tough subject as most people don't want to talk about dying, let alone think about it, sometimes not even when it's happening. But it's something all of us share and we're all going to do it.

North Haven Hospice is here for our community, Whangārei, Te Tai Tokerau Northland, our people, our family and whānau.

North Haven Hospice sadly depends on your donations and contributions today for us to have a future tomorrow. Whether we are able to help you live every moment and die well at the end of life. Whether we are able to support and care for your loved ones through this and when they are left behind. Whether we are able to choose where we want to die and who with. Your future choice may well be decided by what you choose to do today, or not.



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WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET Next on Sunday 25 June from 12 noon to 3pm. In the Paparoa Memorial Hall
- MATARIKI FESTIVAL Thursday 29 June from 3.30 7.30pm under the canopy at Ruakākā School. Kapa Haka performances by Ruakākā School, One Tree Point School, Bream Bay College, Bream Bay early childhood centres and Waipu Primary. Hot food available.
- RUAKAKA RACES Next on Saturday 1 July, the Northpine Waipu Cup on International Tartan Day so dress up appropriately. Then on Saturday 15 July The Norther Winter Champs. Free entry. Gates open 11am. The Ruakākā racecourse is located at the end of Peter Snell Drive.
- THE GREAT DEBATE. Wednesday 5 July. 7pm 9pm at the Waipu Hotel.

 Teams arguing for and against the moot 'Living in Waipu for 5 years is long enough to gain local status' Waipu Winter Festival event
- MATARIKI BALL Saturday 8 July 7.30pm to 11pm in the Coronation Hall.
 \$60pp. Waipu Winter Festival event.
- SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CELLIDH Monday 10 July \$5pp from 7pm in the Waipu Coronation Hall. Waipu Winter Festival event
- **BEER AND BITES** Tuesday 11 July from 5.30pm at the Pissa Barn. Beer tasting matched with local artisan produce. \$35pp. Limited tickets.

Waipu Winter Festival event

- **WEAVING WORKSHOP** Saturday 15 July 9am 3pm in the Coronation Hall. Waipu Winter Festival event
- TARTAN TEAMS at the Waipu Golf Club Sunday 16 July from 9am. Waipu Winter Festival event
- PET PARADE Saturday 22 July Leaves from outside the Waipu Pizza Barn at 10am. Waipu Winter Festival event
- MID WINTER SWIM Sunday 23 July from miiday 12 noon at the Waipu Surf Life Saving Club. Waipu Winter Festival event
- WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET Next on Sunday 9 July from 9am -1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- .• ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET Next on Sunday 16 July Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward. Sunday 18 June from 9am-1pm. One Tree Point School field.
- THE KAURI MUSUEM The Kauri Museum is open 9am-5pm every day except Christmas Day. 5 Church St., Matakohe.
- WAIPU MUSEUM 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am-4pm.

The Waipu Winter Festival



Festival Organisers, Angela Bird and Alana McCarthny with Promote Waipu Chairperson Peter Gibbs

There are nine events in this year's Waipu Winter Festival which will run through the month of July. The programme includes some new events such as the Matariki Ball in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 8 July and some old favourites such as the Pets Parade on Saturday 22 July and the mid-winter swim at the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club at midday on Sunday 23 July.

The festival begins with the Northpine Tartan Races on Saturday 1 July with punters encouraged to wear their best tartan attire.

This year's moot at the Great Debate to be held in the Waipu Hotel at 7pm on Wednesday 5 July is - 'Living in Waipu for five years is long enough to gain local status'"

Beers and Bites at the McLeod's Pizza Barn is an evening of beer tasting matched with some local artisan produce. Local food producers will be present to talk about their products.

The Matariki Ball will celebrate the start of the Māori new year in the Coronation Hall on Saturday 8 July There will be live music by Tasman Az (a Kiwi and Aussie covers band). Grazing platters will be circulated and McLeod's Brewery will host the bar.

information about each event is on the Promote Waipu website - promotewaipu. co.nz/events. Scroll down the page.

Most events are free but some: the Matariki Ball, Beers and Bites and the Weaving Workshop require tickets, which can be purchased at the trybooking website.

One event, the Scottish Country Dancing Ceillidh has changed dates since the festival calendar was printed and will now be held at the earlier date of Monday 10 July at 7pm in the Coronation Hall.

Senior Net News

Latest News from SeniorNet Bream Bay

We are encouraged by the high number of new members approaching us for help with their devices. We are already over half way towards achieving our 2023 New Member goal.

Many people are looking for help with phones and tablets so our "Getting to Know" courses are in hot demand. We cater for both Apple and Android devices

We also have 4 week courses for the Windows 10 and/or Windows 11, as well as 2 hour workshops for those upgrading from Windows 10 to Windows 11.

By Nancy Edge

Security is the theme for Term 2. Our monthly Coffee & Tech sessions have been focusing on Security. It is so important for our age group to become familiar with how to keep themselves and their devices safe in this relatively new digital world.

Members can access private sessions to address their own particular needs. These can range from 30 minutes to 1 or 2 hours at a very reasonable charge for dedicated 1-on-1 help.

The Camera Group meets monthly to learn about photography skills, camera settings and editing techniques. All the photos on the Bream Bay Calendars come from this group.

All in all, we have a lot of fun at SeniorNet so if you are struggling with your device, don't hesitate to reach out. We advertise regularly in the Bream Bay News.

Our volunteers are "Seniors teaching Seniors". We take the time to explain in detail and in many cases, provide written material for students to keep for future reference.

The 37th Northpine Bream Bay Classic Golf tournament

The Northpine Bream Bay Classic will take place at the Waipu Golf Course on Saturday and Sunday 8 and 9 July.

This will be the 37th time the 54 Hole Gross Strokeplay tournament has been played at the club.

The competition has three divisions: Open with a maximum handicap of 7, Masters for 40 plus years with a maximum handicap of 9 and Ladies – a maximum handicap of 9.

Entries will close at 5pm on Monday 3 July. Spectators are welcome and the clubhouse café and restaurant will be open.

Bream Bay Swimmers at NZ Division Two Championships



From left: Coach Richard Dunkerton QSM with swimmers: Blake Forsyth-Hall, Mahko Linton, Lawrence Reade, Fidel Poulsen and Jackson Whitehead

Lawrence Reade led the way for the Bream Bay team with a win in his age group's 1500m freestyle event. He was also in finals for four other freestyle events. Coach Richard Dunkerton said, "This achievementsmust be considered excellent as Lawrence missed about five weeks of training through important reasons beyond his control." Fidel Poulsen also had a top meet making finals for 50, 100 and 200m butterfly and backstroke and earning six personal best times.

Jackson Whitehead qualified for three events and made the final for the 100 backstroke with a big personal best. Mahko Linton left the blocks with some excellent fly kick and led his heat well for a good PB in the 50 butterfly. Blake Forsyth-Hall also picked up a PB in his 50m freestyle. Blake and Jackson also qualified for the NZ Age Groups in 50m breaststroke and 50 m backstroke respectively.

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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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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		
4.35pm	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)		
4.50pm	Arrives	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall		



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BREAM BAY ANGLICAN FOODBANK

If you would like assistance or know someone that does, perhaps we can help Please phone Janet 433 0045 Or Anoek 021 141 3409

SITUATIONS VACANT

BREAM BAY NEWS DELIVERY PERSON NEEDED

Twice monthly For the Ruakaka Village area. Earn money while you exercise. Phone or text Marilyn 027432 0070. or email:breambaynews@xtra.co.nz

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🌄 Safeman Safe family Men's Centre

Safeman Safefamily offers a safe place for men to talk privately without judgement and with complete confidentiality.

We are peer led and professionaly supported and offer a range of services and support for men and their families.

The services we provide are as follows:

- **Advocacy Navigator**
- Court support
- FGC Support
- Probation Community Service Provider
- Legal Advice
- Marriage Celebrant
- House and property blessing
- One to one counselling
- Drug and Alcohol support
- Anger management group sessions
- Supervisor for court ordered access
- Work brokers/ help with employment

opportunities.

No appointments are necessary, we have an open door policeu - if you need help or know someone that does just come on down to: 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā. We are right next door to Jimmy's Barber Shop or I can be reached by phone 021 121 0763 - Phil Paikea

Bream Bay Community Support Trust



Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone: 09 432 7197

Services we provide:

- · Registered Social Workers
- Family Support Workers
- Youth Workers
- Youth Hangout Space (watch this space...)
- · Community Connectors (Connecting community to various services)
- Driver Mentor Programme
- Free Whanau Ora Medical Clinic with Ki A Ora Ngatiwai. Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon, by appointment only phone 09 435 4586
- Free Budgeting Service Tuesdays 10am-12pm by appointment
- Mana Wahine Wahine Toa, women's group
- Ha Tane men's group
 Listening Ear need to talk? Mon-Fri 9am-4pm no appointments necessary, cuppa and a listening ear available

Waitata Sessions 12:30pm every Wednesday, in our hall, come along for a sing along in collaboration with Whangarei Salvation Army.

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 the interests of participants. Coming up: Friday 9th June - Rongoa - Kawakawa Balm Workshop

Friday 16th June - Indoor Bowls

Friday 23rd June - Ukulele Learners Group

Follow us on social media - facebook and Instagram for updates on what's happening here during the week

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Couper family wish to thank the Waipu community for their condolences and support after the recent loss of Peter Couper - husband, father and grandfather

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE



Justices of the Peace

Ruakākā

Paea Paki 09 432 8262/021 149 1625 Darrell Trigg 09 432 7256/021 332 901 09 432 8215 Ken Orr JM Archibald 021 227 4355 Wayne Buckland 09 432 8226 Ext 703

One Tree Point

Jules Flight 0274 777 210 Sir John Goulter 021 612 442 027 415 9486 MM Jolley Ian Bogue 0274 300 418 027 248 7126 Grant Brown

Waipu

Trevor Vaile 09 432 0400 Mr. D.A. Scott 09 929 9729

or 027229 9752

027 292 0524 Ken Couper 021 823 966 Angela Stolwerk

Jackie Fulton 09 9299200/ 0210 2567355

Make contact with a Justice of the Peace (on any day) and make an appointment to have

CLASSES



CLAIRE NICHOLLS ART ART & WORKSHOPS

- Kids after school art classes
- Casual drop in clay
- Adult clay classes
- NZ sculptures for sale or commission

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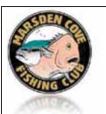


Tablet, Smart Phone, Digital Camera? Training designed for those over 50! Come to our Open Day See our Learning Centre and Talk to our friendly Tutors!

When: Tuesday 27th June 2023 10am - 12noon Where: 7 Kepa Road, Ruakaka

SENIORNET BREAM BAY Phone enquires: - 4327 692 (Please leave a message)

PUBLIC NOTICES



Marsden Cove Fishing Club AGM Sunday 6th August 2023 @ 2:30pm at the Fishing Club Rauiri Drive Marsden Cove RSVP to marsdencovefishingclub@gmail.com or 021 744 594 by Friday 28th July.

Marsden Bay Garden Club



Monthly Meetings held 3rd Thursday of the month.

ALL WELCOME

1:00 pm – Ruakākā Hall - Sandford Rd Contact - Secretary 0210515581





Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm Saturdays: 9am - 12pm Marsden Cove Medical Centre 1A Ngawaka Lane, One Tree Point

Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm

Please advise at time of booking if you require an extended consultation

Ph: 432 8060

New patients welcome

Ruakaka Recreation Centre - AGM

Date: 26th of June 2023 at 7pm Place: Ruakaka Recreation Centre 9 Takutai Place Ruakaka

For more information please contact Christine on 4327962 (8am – 2pm) Everyone is welcome

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Waipu Volunteer Fire Brigade needs you!

Recruitment for Waipu Volunteer Firefighters/ Operational Support is NOW OPEN!

Waipu Volunteer Fire Brigade is looking for guys and gals to join our close-knit team who are passionate about helping their community in a time of need.

Being a Firefighter is an amazing way to give back to your community and be part of an amazing supportive team at the same time.

For more information pop on down to the station on a Monday night from 7:30 to have a chat with our team or phone our Chief Fire Officer, Chris Westlake on 021 890 004 or send us a message on our Facebook page.

BREAM BAY SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Presbyterian Camellia Ave, Ruakaka: 8.45am. The Centre, Waipu: 10.15am. Prayer Service: 7pm

Encounter 223 Marsden Pt. Rd, Ruakaka, 10am.

Anglican 1st and 3rd Sundays - St Paul's Ruakaka 2nd and 4th Sundays -St Peter's Waipu. All services start at 9.30am.

Catholic Holy Family Church, Ruakaka, 10, 30am, Mass or Liturgy of the Word

Lifepoint. 300 OTP Rd,10.30am.

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 6 July The deadline for all copy is 4pm on Wednesday 28 June

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The Vendor's Directive Is Very Clear This home is seriously for sale, our pain is your gain. Expressions of interest ought on or before 22 June 2023. Well maintained, easy care home in La Pointe, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Generous lounge/dining area out to patio & spa. Great street appeal close to all amenities. Price by Neg | bbrealty.co.nz #4129 JANINE GOLDSMITH AREINZ Mob: 021 432 793



This beautifully presented home is on the market for the first time, 3 good sized bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. All bedrooms are kept cosy with a smart vent system & heat pump in the living area. A short drive to beach, shops or school. Price \$865,000 | bbrealty.co.nz #4157





Positioned in a small cul-de-sac & close walking distance to Ruakaka Surf Club. 2 lounges, 2 bathrooms & 3 double bedrooms. Open flow to large outdoor entertainment area for extended family. Strong in brick and Palliside cladding, fully fenced with easy garden maintenance. Price \$1,020,000 | bbrealty.co.nz #4152

FRANCIE STOKES Mob: 022 656 0165





BEST OFFER OVER \$299,000

Level | North facing

Opposite park

PRETTY SPECIAL—BIG IS BEST

For those of you who are looking for that large family home this is it. A full house of kitchen living dining, three bedrooms & a bathroom upstairs, with the added bonus of two more bedrooms & other spaces downstairs. All on a large 618m2 section, walking distance to beach & shops.

Price by Neg | bbrealty.co.nz #4155 JANINE GOLDSMITH AREINZ Moh: 021 432 793



EXCEPTIONAL HOME IN OTP

Perfect for families, retirees or holiday home buyers. Boasting 3 generous bedrooms, 2 well-appointed bathrooms, and a double garage, it offers ample space for comfortable living. A former show home, this property has been finished to a high standard and features many extras. Price by Neg | bbrealty.co.nz #4156

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