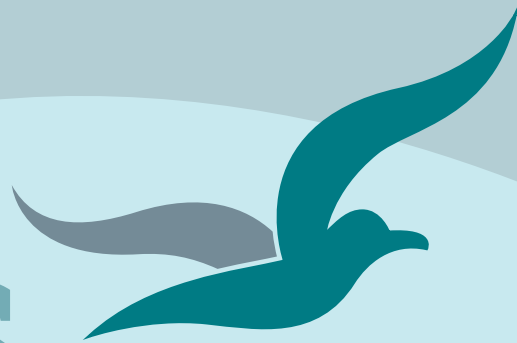


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Stop Co-governance meeting moved to Ruakākā Recreation Centre after Waipu hall booking cancelled

A meeting organised by the Stop Co-governance campaign due to be held in the Waipu Coronation Hall was called off after the hall committee cancelled the booking. The meeting will now go ahead as a private gathering with a Police presence at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre on Friday 24 March starting at 7pm.

Julian Batchelor, will be speaking as part of a planned tour of New Zealand spreading his message that the rights of 99.5% of New Zealanders are being slashed by the Government's imposition of co-governance.

Asked to confirm the Ruakākā meeting Mr. Batchelor emailed the Bream Bay News to explain that on Police advice the meeting would be private with only those in possession of a ticket able to enter. He said the tickets are cheap and available from "any stationary store." Stop Co-Governance campaign members would also be handing out tickets at the door to people they discerned "as genuine people coming to listen and take part," rather than protestors.

The email advised, "We have every right, legally, to accept or reject people. If anyone gets in (in other words we might miss detecting a protestor) and they play up in the meeting, the Police will move them on and, if necessary, charge them with trespass. The bouncers will stay around patrolling the outside of the building to make sure the protestors don't go around

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Well prepared for a day at the Waipu Car and Bike Show



Mike Spencer and Kim Bryham of Ngunguru with their 1966 Ford Thunderbird. at the Waipu Car and Bike Show, which after two cancellations was finally able to be held in the Waipu Caledonian Park on Saturday 11 March

Mike said it took six year to restore the car replacing "every nut and bolt and then painting it as well in a shade called *Thunder Metallic*."

Mike and Kim keep a couple of deck chairs and a picnic hamper in the boot of the car and are well prepared for travelling in style and attending car shows.

More car show pictures on pages 12 and 13



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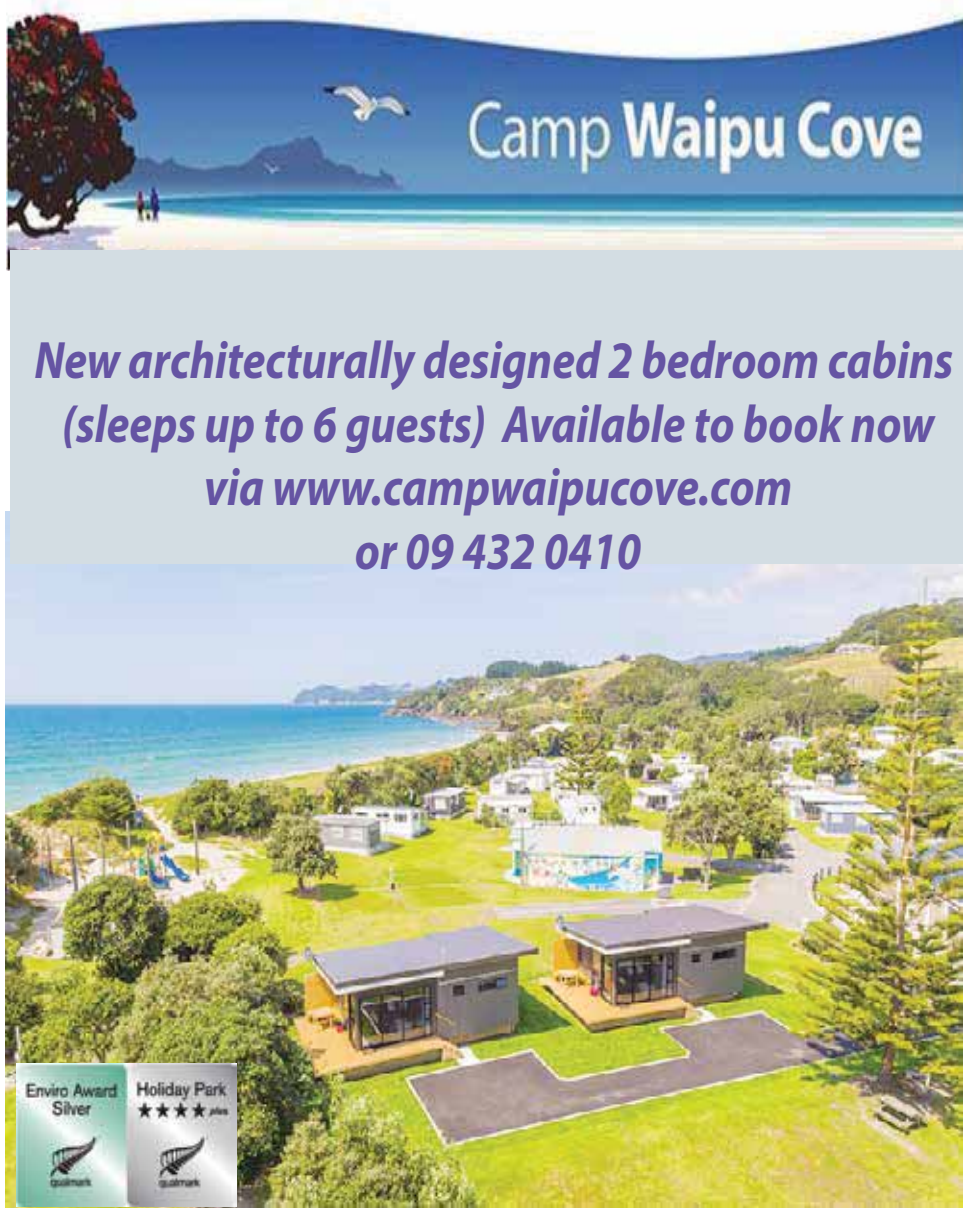
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EDITORIAL

Can common ground be found in the Tip Rd. beach access debate?

I have been reading through the comments sent in to the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers consultation on the Tip Rd. beach vehicle access. Many of these are very thoughtful and put forward some good suggestions. They deserve to be read and considered carefully.

Although as I have often declared and will declare here once again I am totally opposed to vehicles on the beach, I do have sympathy with a man who emailed in to say how much he enjoyed taking his small 4wd onto the beach with his kontiki and his BBQ onto the beach, finishing by saying, "Please don't take this last bit of enjoyment away from me."

If there is some way we can limit general access while allowing elderly fisher people to drive onto the beach we should try for this solution. I have been in touch with the Department of Conservation asking if a locked gate with key access for some people might be possible but have received the reply that this would not be an option. Either the access is closed to everyone or left open for all comers. I think the reasoning behind this is that DOC cannot be elitist. I would argue that having an access way that can only be used by four wheel drive vehicles is in itself elitist, particularly considering DOC doesn't seem to be in any hurry to restore the pedestrian access at Mair Rd. or Te Kamo St.

Some have asked that the Tip Rd. access be kept open with more policing – Sergeant Simon Craig OIC of the Bream Bay Police has said that Police need to prioritise looking after traffic on the roads to prevent serious accidents and casualties. Others have suggested more signage would solve the problem but expensive signs erected at Tip Rd. explaining the importance of protecting vulnerable shorebirds and keeping out of the wildlife refuge beside the estuary are routinely vandalized and destroyed.

One woman described being harassed by motorbike riders while swimming alone near the estuary. I have experienced similar harassment more than once myself. Just try telling someone they shouldn't be driving their vehicle back and forth in front of the Uretiti campground while children are playing on the beach. The sense of entitlement some beach drivers have is astounding.

The New Zealand Fairy Tern Trust points out that if the shorebird habitat at the Waipu Wildlife Refuge had better protection it would provide an additional nesting area for this critically endangered species. Auckland Zoo is helping with the fairy tern recovery programme and young birds reared at the zoo are being released so more nesting space will soon be needed. But dogs transported to the estuary on board 4WD vehicles kill chicks and destroy nests.

David Lourie puts in a heroic effort in trying to protect those nests. Over the summer shorebird-breeding season he spends every spare moment at the estuary turning vehicles away from the wildlife refuge. He says most people are respectful when they understand what he is trying to do but a few become aggressive. He has had people drive directly at him, swerving aside at the last minute. I phoned David one evening at around 8.30pm and he was still at the refuge putting up shorebird nest protection fencing that had been knocked over. He had earlier that day completed a 10-hour shift working as a fitter and turner at a local industrial plant. He sounded exhausted.

The dunes north of the Waipu Estuary look like a moonscape with trail bike riders treating this area as a playground. Dunes protect land from incursions by the sea and are going to be increasingly important as a warmer climate brings more frequent and violent storms. Have a look at how well the healthy dune, which has been restored and is cared for by the Waipu Cove Domain Reserve Board, stood up to the big cyclone.

I could go on and on with a long list of reasons why in 2023 heavy, deisel burning, four wheel drive vehicles should not be driving in the fragile beach environment but at the Waipu Resident and Ratepayers Meeting scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 29 March in St Peters Anglican Church in Nova Scotia Rd., I hope we can find some common ground.

Just about everyone agrees emergency service vehicles need a safe access point to the beach, so this is a start.

Two bottom lines for me are: - we need better protection for the Waipu Wildlife Refuge so that it can be habitat for fairy tern and other shorebirds and that vehicles should be prevented from driving in front of the section of beach in front of the Uretiti Camp, the busiest DOC camp in New Zealand, at the height of the holiday season.

If we can achieve these two outcomes I will be very happy.

Marilyn

Getting that broken stair structure off Ruakākā Beach

Photo by Tommy Ryan of Northport



Rae McKay of Hansen Drainage and Earthworks directs the removal of the damaged Te Kamo St beach steps.

Local contractors came to the party once again to remove cyclone damaged steps from the beach at Ruakākā

Greg Blomfield, Northport's Terminal Facilities Manager said, Te Kamo Rd beach steps like the two earlier removed sets of steps at Mair Road, were "a Department of Conservation structure that had substantial damage following the dramatic coastal erosion effects of cyclone Gabrielle, posing a public safety risk."

"Northport, Hansen Drainage and Earthworks staff were keen to support the public safety initiative and worked alongside DOC staff to safely remove the structure and some of the fencing that was undercut,

Support was also provided by Damian Dixon at Quad Farming, supplying a tractor and operator to access the beach, and the Ruakākā Racecourse, provided safe access onto the beach.

Speed Golf at the Waipu Club

The North Island Speed Golf Open Tournament will be held at the Waipu Golf Course on Saturday afternoon 25 March from around 4.30pm and Sunday morning from 7.30am.

The competition is open to all abilities and ages. There are male and female divisions plus a masters section (50 years plus) with a prize table of \$3000. Entry fee is \$50. Entries can be made at: <https://form.jotform.com/230507627609054>

Jamie Reid the New Zealand and World Speed Golf Champion will be present.

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Depression

At some point or another everyone feels down after a stressful or upsetting situation. This is perfectly normal. But if your mood doesn't lift and it persists for an extended period of time, then it's a good idea to get some help as you may have depression.

Depression is a condition where a person suffers from a continual low mood, sadness and/or physical characteristics like disturbed sleep, low energy or anxiety. Key signs that you may have

depression are constantly feeling down or hopeless and having little interest or pleasure in doing things you used to enjoy.

Depression affects approximately one in four women and one in ten men. The earlier depression is diagnosed and treated, the greater the chance of recovery. People with depression usually make a full recovery.

The exact cause of depression is unknown but it has been shown that there is a genetic link to this condition. Relatives are shown to have an increased risk of developing depression, with the risk increasing three fold if a parent, sister or brother has the condition.

Other suspected causes include:

- major stressful life events, such as divorce, job-loss or childhood abuse
- altered levels of thyroid hormones or cortisol
- altered brain function.

Depression can affect people of all ages. The most common age of onset is during the mid-20s and it is also more common in people who are aged between 25 and 45 years old.

Different people experience different combinations of symptoms. Not everybody will suffer from low mood or sadness and in severe cases, symptoms of psychosis may also be present.

Possible signs that you may have depression could include:

- irritability or restlessness, feeling tired all the time, or general loss of energy
- feelings of emptiness or loneliness
- no longer being interested in your favourite activities
- sleep problems – too much, or too little
- weight loss or gain
- low self-esteem
- problems with concentration
- reduced sex drive
- thinking about death a lot not wanting to get out of bed in the morning, or wanting to go to bed during the day
- feelings of great sadness and uncontrolled crying – this is more common in women.

People who suffer from depression may also find that they worry about everything more than usual - this is known as anxiety. Anxiety can cause physical symptoms like pain, a pounding heart or stomach cramps. Feelings of anxiousness may come and go but it is important to seek help immediately.

There are many different forms of treatment for depression, including antidepressant, antipsychotic, mood stabilising and anxiety medications, psychosocial therapy and complementary therapy. Antidepressant medication, with or without counselling, is the most common form of treatment for depression. Remember that treatment must not stop without the advice of a health care professional.

Recovery from depression varies from patient to patient. Most patients make a complete recovery, while some may never make a full recovery. Community pharmacists can help patients understand their treatment and educate them about what to expect from their treatment plan – particularly what results to expect and when to expect them. Patients taking antidepressant medication for the first time may feel anxious about taking their medicine. However, if medication is taken as instructed by a community pharmacist, and the patient tries to learn more about the treatment plan, recovery is likely to be quicker.



LETTERS

Cyclone Relief Sale clears space in opportunity shop for more donations

The Waipu Op Shop would like to thank the Waipu and Bream Bay community for its contribution to our Cyclone Relief Sale which was a great success. The proceeds will be given to the Red Cross to assist their relief program in Northland and Hawkes Bay.

Our volunteers worked hard during the week so now the racks and shelves have space for donations.

We appreciate the goods we receive but would ask that they be clean and in good order. We prefer that they be given during shop hours and not left on the porch where they often get wet.

Thank you all for your continued support. Our funds go to organisations which provide services to Northlanders.

Sue Hancock
Waipu Anglican Opportunity Shop

How big should the Northland Regional Council's 2023/2024 rates increase be?

Northlanders are invited to send in their views on the Northland Regional Council Annual Plan for 2023/2024.

The NRC is considering three options; sticking to its original plan of two years ago (which would mean an average annual rates increase of \$40.65 or an 8.9 percent boost to its total rates take), making some proposed changes (an average rates increase of \$47.30, a 10.2% increase in its total rates take) or doing even more (an average rates increase of \$53.50 or an 11.4% boost to its total rates take).

Feedback can be made until Friday 21 April.

You can read our consultation document which has information on the issues and options: at www.nrc.govt.nz/annualplan2023

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the outside banging on the walls and the windows."

Asked about the Waipu cancellation Juanita McGoldrick, the Coronation Hall Committee Chairwoman said, "We cancelled the booking over concerns for public safety and the possibility of potential damage to the hall after a very heated meeting held in Dargaville where the Police were called." According to an RNZ report around 150 people who held opposing views attended a meeting where Mr. Batchelor spoke in Dargaville on 9 March and Police were called in to keep the peace.

However in his blog on a Stop Co-Governance website Mr. Batchelor claims the RNZ story was inaccurate. He said there were around 50 protestors and the meeting was not broken up by the Police but continued with back and forth interjections, which he had enjoyed.

He went on to say that the RNZ reporter was "under the heavy influence of the \$55m Public Interest Journalism Fund."

The members of Waipu Hall Committee are not the only people nervous about what might happen at one of Mr. Bachelor's speaking engagements. In his blog he said, "We have had to move the Kaiwaka meeting three times due to woke hall managers."

When will the beach access be restored?

When will beach access at Mair Rd and Te Kamo St., near the Ruakākā Village be restored?

People who live near these locations who want to go down for a quick dip or a walk on the sand have to navigate a three or four metre cliff face after two sets of stairs built at the end of Mair Rd by Refining New Zealand and the stairs at Te Kamo St alongside the Ruakākā Village were destroyed in Cyclone Gabrielle . The broken structures have since been removed by Northport and other local companies working alongside the Department of Conservation.

An enquiry to the Department of Conservation solicited the following generic response from Casey Spearin, DOC Marine Communications Advisor Kai-tohutohu Whakapā Moana:

“We continue to assess facilities for safety and reopen them if we can. We are prioritising the most accessible and high-use sites first.

“It will take time to understand the scale of the damage and make decisions on repairs. Some sites will need initial checks, formal assessments, and then full engineering inspections.



We are asking everyone to be patient as we continue to conduct these assessments. We are reopening sites as they are inspected and deemed to be safe, this information is being updated daily on the DOC website.

Problems with Tiki Place’s aging sewer pipes

There has been a problem with a sewer pipe in Tiki Place, Ruakākā.

A hole or tomo opened up in the driveway of a residential property in mid February and the Whangārei drainage service company Hydrotech has been working in the street for the past five weeks.

A spokesperson for Whangārei District Council’s waste and drainage department explained “We began the renewal of this section of reinforced concrete sewer pipe on Friday 17 February 2023, and appreciate it has taken longer than expected.

“We discovered a tomo (sinkhole) at the upstream manhole where approximately 12m3 of sand drained into the broken pipe hole causing a blockage. The first two-meter section was repaired, with the plan to flush then sleeve a PVC liner to seal and renew the pipe.

During the flushing sand that had entered the pipeline caused further obstructions and needed removal. Then during this process we came across another unidentified tomo, requiring excavation with additional shoring and dewatering.

Another complicating factor was the watermain supported in the trench (alongside the sewer pipe) needed to be protected.

Asked by the Bream Bay News if the sewer line break posed any risk to public safety, the reply was an emphatic NO in red capital letters with the explanation – “the watermain was secured and bypass pumping put in place”

Asked how much longer will the repair take? The spokesperson said, all going well the work would be completed within the next ten days.

And to a question about the age of the pipes-“ We estimate the age of these pipes to be circa 1970 –, yes these are old pipes, and they have now been prioritized due to the discovery of the first tomo.”

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A hongigi with the King



Reanne Poutama of Takahiwai greets King Charles with a hongigi

This photo of Reanne Poutama, a young Takahiwai woman now living in London greeting King Charles with a hongigi featured on the front page of The Times in London last week and has since appeared in newspapers around the world.

Reanne has been in London for the past four years. She works in administration for architecture firm and in her spare time belongs to the Ngāti Rānana London Māori Club where she has risen to the rank of leader.

This group was invited to perform at Westminster Abbey to mark Commonwealth Day and greeted the King and Camilla Queen Consort with a traditional powhiri as they arrived for the service.

Afterwards three members of the group, including Reanne, were invited to Buckingham Palace to meet members of the royal family and other auspicious guests.

In an email message to her mother Tracey Poutama, Reanne said, "I made sure they knew I was from Takahiwai."

Tracey said Reanne had recently returned to Ruakākā for her brother's wedding and had to fly back to London in time for the big occasion.

Tracey said she was very proud of her daughter as

were all her whanau.

"She was representing all of of us at Takahiwai, in Ruakākā, in Bream Bay and, in fact, all Māori in New Zealand."

Reanne attended Takahiwai Kohanga Reo and Bream Bay Kindergarten, One Tree Point Primary, and Bream Bay College, spending her final secondary school years at Whangārei Girls High School.

She got an early taste of standing up front at official ceremonies as she was chosen to open the bilingual unit at Bream Bay College and as a small child took part in the opening ceremony for Northport.

In an email to the Bream Bay News she had a message for all young people living in Bream Bay - "Never did I think as a young girl in Ruakākā that I would make it to the other side of the world to meet the King. I hope this shows all rangatahi of our area that these opportunities are what waits them in the world too."

King Charles said at the service that the Commonwealth can be a force for good, "promoting values of tolerance, respect and solidarity" amongst its 56 member states

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New priest appointed for Bream Bay Anglican Parish

The Reverend Dr. Mark Henrickson has been appointed as the new priest for the Bream Bay Anglican Parish.

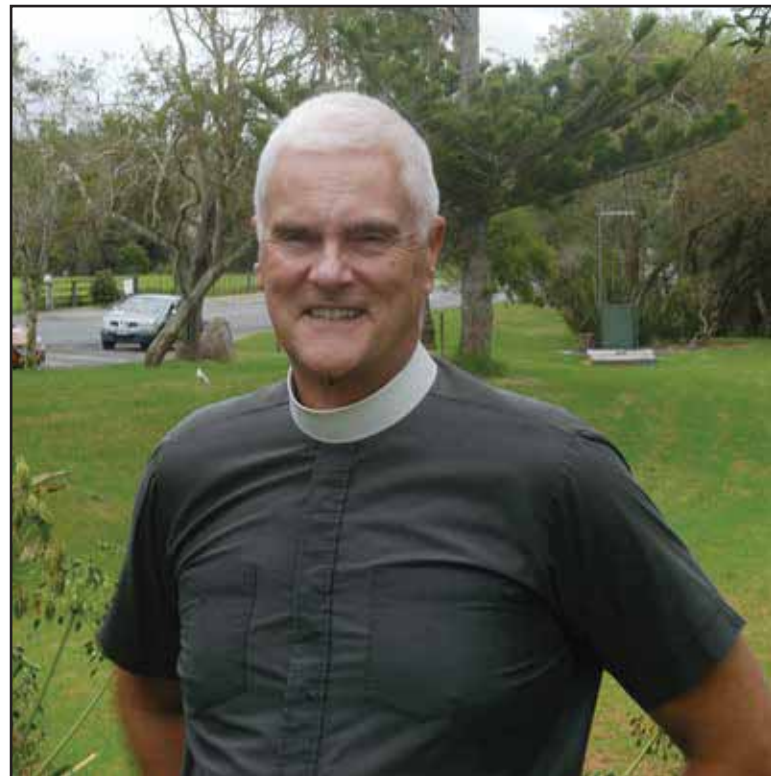
He has been a part of the Bream Bay Anglican congregation for three years and has roots in the region. His father grew up in Whangārei and his father's mother is buried in the Maunu cemetery.

However, Mark was brought up and educated mostly on the East Coast of the USA. He was ordained as a priest 42 years ago and is also a qualified social worker registered in New Zealand. He earned his PhD in social work from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1996 and for the past 20 years has been teaching social work practice and research at Massey University's Auckland Campus, all the while serving as priest associate at various Anglican churches.

He will continue in his current role at Massey until his students complete their research projects, working there two days a week and spending another two days as Bream Bay's Anglican priest.

He will preach at Ruakākā's St Paul's Church on the first and third Sunday of each month and at Waipu's St Peter's Church on the second and fourth Sunday, with all services starting at 9.30am.

The Bream Bay Anglican Parish has not



The Reverend Dr. Mark Henrickson

had a paid priest since the 1970s when the Reverend Gary Blundell was based here. Since that time the Anglican Church here has operated with a shared ministry with the late Reverend Des Olney as well as Reverend Idabelle Webb and Steve Goldthorpe taking services.

Waipu Easter Carnival is full steam ahead

The Waipu Easter Carnival crew is pushing ahead with preparations for the big day - Easter Saturday, 8 April in the Caledonian Park. The carnival was cancelled in 2022 due to the threat of Covid to the community.

"We are so excited to be back in 2023" says Carnival Coordinator Dee Field. "While the situation with the road conditions in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle isn't ideal, we are hopeful the Brynderwyns will be open to both north- and south-bound traffic in time.

Waka Kotahi has advised that all going to plan both lanes of SH1 over the Brynderwyns will open on 31 March for the duration of the Easter break to prevent further wear and tear on bypass roads by heavy Easter traffic.

The Carnival will run from 9am until 2pm. Entry will

be by koha.

It is in its fifteenth year and is a fundraiser for Waipu Primary School. Proceeds this year will go towards improving resources and expanding opportunities for children in the school.

Organisers say they are focused on creating "a fun village vibe" with free entertainment, food stalls, tractor rides, a White Elephant stall and lots of games.

They are also keen to find locals who might like to volunteer to help out for a few hours on the day. Volunteer or sponsorship enquiries can be made to: waipucarnival@gmail.com.

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Trying out the new wheelchair accessible swing in the Waipu Waihoihoi Park



From left: Jack Pollock, aged 13 years, Charile Bonner Germain a founder of the Children with Distabilities group with her daughter Tiggie, Kylee Ostermann (also a founder)of CWDNZ with her son Alex, aged 11 ,on the swing, Mayor Vince Cocurullo and Glen McMillan CEO of Children with Disabilities NZ.

Thirteen-year-old Jack Pollock had his first ever experience on a swing last Saturday when he tried out the new wheelchair accessible piece of play equipment which was installed in Waipu’s Waihoihoi Park last week.

His mum Keri Angus said the swinging motion had a calming effect on Jack .

“For us it means inclusion. We can come to the playground and Jack can have some real life experience on play equipment that is safe and accessible for him to use.

“I am so happy to see these children enjoying this new equipment. We will continue to work to get more accessible playground equipment said ” Glen McMillan, CEO of the Northland based charity Children with Disabilities NZ.

Janice Germain also tried out the swing and said it was nice.

“It reminded me of when I was a child. When my daughter brings her daughter to the park to play I will be able to get on it.”

Janice has had multiple sclerosis for thirty years.

Children for Disabilities fundraised \$10,000 towards the \$39,479 cost of the swing . The balance was met by the Whangārei District Council.

Whangārei’s Mayor Vince Cocurullo visited the Waihoihoi Park on Saturday morning 18 March to see the new swing in operation.



Janice Germain said being on the swing reminded her of when she was a child.

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Thu 23 March	9.40	2.9	10.07	2.8
Fri 24 March	10.28	2.9	10.54	2.8
Sat 25 March	11.14	2.8	11.40	2.8
Sun 26 March	11.59	2.7	~	~
Mon 27 March	12.26	2.7	12.45	2.5
Tue 28 March	1.12	2.6	1.31	2.5
Wed 29 March	2.01	2.5	2.19	2.3
Thu 30 March	2.55	2.4	3.12	2.3
Fri 31 March	3.53	2.3	4.10	2.2
Sat 1 April	4.52	2.3	5.10	2.2
Sun 2 April	4.47	2.3	5.08	2.3
Mon 3 April	5.37	2.4	5.59	2.3
Tue 4 April	6.21	2.4	6.45	2.4
Wed 5 April	7.01	2.5	7.27	2.5
Thu 6 April	7.40	2.6	8.07	2.6
Fri 7 April	8.19	2.6	8.47	2.6

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Accomplished artist and much loved teacher Aroha Paora has died

Aroha Paora, who a decade ago, gave art classes and ran exhibitions of her students' work at Waipu Cove died at the Jane Mander hospital in Whangārei last month at the age of 84. She had suffered a stroke nine years earlier.

Aroha was herself a highly skilled oil painter with one of her works, a finely detailed portrait of a kakapo, purchased by the multi national company Camalco for display in its New Zealand head office. Camalco at that time was a major sponsor of the kakapo recovery programme.

She was also a dedicated teacher taking a pastoral interest in her students as well as in their artistic development. Waipu artist Pat Couper, who took painting lessons with her for many years said Aroha's use of vibrant colour was what brought them together

Aroha was the daughter of an acclaimed singer Lo Paora of Ngati Whatua whose recordings were often played on the national radio station 1ZB. He joined

the 28 Maori Battalion during World War 2 and was killed in a mine explosion at the Sangro River when Aroha was still a small child.

Her mother was English accounting for Aroha's English mannerisms and intonation despite her Māori name and appearance.

Aroha attended St Mary's Girls College in Auckland where she learned to play the piano and had lessons with Dame Sister Mary Leo.

She went on to study for a fine arts degree in the United Kingdom.

She travelled widely spending time the Philippines, Scandinavia, Mexico and Australia. Suffering ill health in the 1980s she came to live in Northland to recuperate.

She gave painting lessons at the Quarry Arts Centre and then at the Riverside Gallery in the Whangārei Town basin as well as in Waipu.

BB Sports Trust hopes for heated bidding on signed Women's Rugby World cup shirt



The Bream Bay Sports Trust hopes there will be some heated bidding on this Black Ferns Rugby World Cup shirt signed by all the members of the victorious New Zealand team at the Bream Bay Sports Awards evening due to be held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Friday 31 March.

This year's guest speaker is Laura Andrews, a former Bream Bay College head girl who has recently returned from a three month long expedition to the geographic south pole on an Antarctic Heritage Trust expedition.

Tickets for the evening, which include the price of a buffet dinner, are on sale on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website.

The awards celebrate sporting achievements both on the field and in administrative roles over the previous year. However, as last year's awards dinner had to be cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions on gatherings, nominations from 2021 as well as 2022 are being considered this time around.

There are forty-two nominations in total across nine different categories. The judges will choose a Supreme Winner from the winners of all nine categories

There is also be a People's Choice Award which is chosen from votes received on the Bream Bay Sports Awards website.

Proceeds from the evening go towards promoting sport in Bream Bay

To quote from the trust's website: "it is recognized globally as playing a tremendously important role in improving physical and mental health and fostering a sense of community and social inclusion.

"There are barriers to entry to playing sport and the Trust is keen assist where it can help people of all ages participate in their chosen sport. This could be as simple as subsidizing club registration fees or buying a pair of boots."

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GUEST SPEAKER

Laura Andrews has just be returned from a three month expedition to the South Pole. Laura, a former Bream Bay College head girl is one of three young explorers chosen to take part in an Antarctic Heritage Trust expedition. They had to Ski and tow their supplies.

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Marilyn Dunn is retiring from her job as Principal of Ruakākā Primary School

After 17 years as Principal of Ruakākā School, Marilyn Dunn has resigned. She said she needs a breather and is retiring.

She will be travelling overseas with her sisters for several months and then hopes she can obtain part time consultancy work.

“I don’t know quite what this will be yet but I hope to be able to share some of what I have learned.”

When Marilyn was appointed as Principal in 2005, Ruakākā school had just four classrooms and a roll of 78 children. It now has 21 classrooms and the roll has more than quadrupled.

“It was hard work for those first five years. There were a lot of things to get up to speed. The internet was barely functional. It was on the same line as the fax and when the fax machine was in use you couldn’t use the internet.

“There were no white boards – just blackboards. We went from blackboards to interactive white boards.

“It took a little time for people to believe that Ruakākā was now a school of choice. For a long time it wasn’t.”

With the school’s reputation improving and the roll growing, the school was able to get some nice new buildings.

Bilingual classes introduced at Ruakākā Primary have proved popular but this was also tough going to begin with.

“That first year when we started with just one bilingual class people were hanging back to see how it would go.

Marilyn believed this was what the community wanted and stuck with it. The school now has five bilingual classes, which she believes could soon become six.

A big proportion of the school 110 children from a roll of 315 are now in bilingual classes.

Another feature of Ruakaka school is inclusiveness.

“We don’t turn children away”.

Children throughout Bream Bay in what in Ministry of Education jargon is termed ORS the Ongoing Resource Scheme are welcome.

Marilyn said, “They are just part of the fabric of our school. The children just accept them like everybody else. They make friends with them and look after them.”

“Some of our additional needs seniors will be going on camp this year with their classmates. That’s fantastic.”

From the outside with all its new brightly painted classrooms the school appears to have had some major upgrades but for Marilyn there have been some ongoing frustrations.

Chief amongst these is that for the past five years there has not been a dedicated staff room.

“It is really important for staff to have somewhere to regroup and to have some time in a space without children traipsing though.”

At present the school’s multi purpose room is doubling as staff room. There are plans to convert two classrooms into a staff room when five new classrooms have been completed. Everything got put back with Covid 19.

Another concern is that all these extra buildings are encroaching on the school’s playground area.

One of Marilyn’s proudest achievements is what she sees as the supportive, caring atmosphere she has fostered at Ruakākā Primary.



After seventeen years Marilyn Dunn said she needs a breather

She said, “We have just appointed a new caretaker and he commented to me that coming into the school is like ‘walking into sunshine.’ I thought that was lovely.”

Her advice to anyone in this kind of leadership role is it’s about relationships, relationships, relationships.”

“I have had always enjoyed good support from the Schools Board of Governors and I have tried to ensure we have the right team on board. I have been very, very careful to employ teachers and teacher aides and office staff who fit the culture of our school.

“It’s how we speak to people. There is no yelling or screaming here. It’s every body’s relationship with every child. These are all our tamariki. We support all of them.”

A strategy called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) has been important. Marilyn’s example is, if children are sitting on a mat and one is sitting up straight and alert praise that child and you will see the children next to him or her all sitting up straight as well.

Another strategy is Zone Regulation where an angry child (in a red zone) will be taken somewhere to calm down and asked “what are we going to do to get you to a safe place – (a green zone).”

Talking about all these developments Marilyn says she is going to miss Ruakaka School. “I will miss the kids and the staff.. We have been through a lot together.”

A farewell will be held for Marilyn Dunn on Saturday 25 March at 2pm. If you would like to attend please contact the school office beforehand. There will also be a chance for the children to say goodbye on 31 March from 1.30pm.

Helen Kinsey-Wightman, who is currently a Deputy Principal at Tauraroa Area School in Maungakamea has been appointed as Ruakākā School’s new Principal.

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Third time lucky for the Waipu Car and Bike Show

The sun shone at last for the Waipu Car and Bike Show, which after two postponements due to wet weather and water logged conditions of the turf in the Caledonian Park, finally went ahead on Saturday 11 March.

Numbers were a bit down said organizer Ron Cave, but this is to be expected with all the road closures and having to postpone twice.

“It's not the halcyon days when we had 700 cars.”

This year there were 450 car entries – still a credible showing - and 75 motorbikes.

Ron said there should be a bit of money raised to hand over to this year's chosen charities including the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway Trust

The most unusual entry at this year's show must surely have been Peter Harmsworth of Kumeu's wooden motorbike, made of pine and plywood, which he built in his garage during the Covid 19 lockdowns of 2021/2022. His wife had told him not to buy another motorbike so he built one instead. It has an old tractor seat for a saddle and a recycled Lister Petter LT1 single cylinder 408cc diesel engine.

Peter took his machine for a slow ride around the Caledonian Park, giving a fist pump as he went past a line of gleaming Harleys, whose tough looking leather clad owners didn't quite know what to make of Peter and his home made bike.



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Dean Meyer of Waipu with his speedway bike. Dean won the prize for Best European Bike. He used to race with it at Western Springs but these days just goes for an occasional ride with fiends at Bayleys Beach



Francie Bowler of Waipu with her 1967 Ford Galaxie XL Convertible. "I love her to pieces" said Francie. She purchased the car in Wellington 15 years ago after her husband bought out her share in their 1969 Mustang. Francie said they couldn't agree on anything to do with this shared car so now she has her own.



Louie Berkers won the people's Choice Award and the hotly contested prize for the Best American Car. with this 1957 Cadillac



Brian Cannons of Whangarei with his 1957 Triumph TR3 1957 model. It was in a very poor state when he purchased it. He said the restoration took a while. He recently attended a TR National weekend in Cambridge where Triumph enthusiasts gathered from around New Zealand.

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- **PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 26 March from 12 noon to 4pm, In the Paparoa Memorial Hall
- **THE BREAM BAY SPORTS AWARDS.** Friday evening 31 March with guest speaker Laura Andrews fresh from her trek to the South Pole. Tickets available on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website.
- **MUSIC CLUB AT THE RUAKAKA RECREATION CENTRE.** Next on Monday 3 April. 7pm - 10pm
- **THE WAIPU EASTER CARNIVAL** Saturday 8 April in the Caledonain Park.
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- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 9 April from 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children’s Ward. Sunday 16 April 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., Matakoho.
- **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am- 4pm .

Op Shop Cyclone Relief sale
success



Drawing the Waipu Op Shop Cyclone Relief Fund raffle.

The Waipu Anglican Opportunity Shop held a successful sale and raffle earlier this month, raising \$1891.20 from the sale and an additional \$657 in the raffle. The proceeds will be divided between the Northland and Hawkes Bay Red Cross Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Funds.

Op Shop volunteers say they are grateful for the support shown and the generosity of many customers.

As the sale cleared a lot of stock the Op Shop is now once more has space to take in donations but asks that these be clean and in good order.

The raffle was drawn last Friday 17 March, with the winning ticket – Red A 010 held by Vicki Oosterdikj.

Cat Levine, who happened to be taking a look around the Opportunity Shop around midday last Friday, was chosen to draw out the winning ticket. Cat, who had stopped in Waipu on her way back to Auckland after spending the morning teaching a mental health programme in Whangārei schools, said her bright pink hair had created a lot of interest and opportunities for her.

Also pictured above are Dr. Sue Hancock, Chairperson of the Waipu Opportunity Shop Committee, Bream Bay’s newly appointed Anglican Priest, the Reverend Dr. Mark Henrickson and Op shop volunteer Lynne Ridge.

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

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AFTERNOON

3.00pm	Departs	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
3.40pm	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
4.00pm	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
4.10pm	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
4.15pm	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
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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There has, of course, been amazing accessory entries in the past but this year, all cultures can be represented and although tartan is the main focus, this will not be a compulsory element .

The award for the amazing accessories section will be separate from the main “anything goes” open part of the contest and will not be eligible for the Supreme Prize. This full body open section gives a free hand for art-ists to design and create any garment of their choice. Special awards will be given for different elements of the costume. These will be an-nounced soon.

Entry forms giving full details can be downloaded from the Waipu Scot-tish Migration Museum or picked up at the front desk. Closing date is the end of April but entries do not have to be completed until prelimi-nary judging in August. Contact artntartanwaipu@gmail.com or Pro-duction Manager, Claire, on 021584485 for further enquiries.

Gift baskets for Ruakaka's emergency service volunteers



Instead of its annual Ruakākā Citizen of the Year Award, The Ruakākā Library Committee presented gift baskets to local volunteer emergency services in recognition of the work they carried out during Cyclone Gabrielle and its aftermath. The baskets were presented to: Bream Bay St John, The Ruakākā Fire Brigade, the Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club and the Whangārei Coast Guard. Francie Stokes of Bream Bay Realty, Point Timber, Bream Bay Merchants, The Bach Café, Two Birds Café, JD Lawns, Marsden Cove 4 Square, Slow Beauty, Marsden Highway Liquor and the GAS station at the SH1 roundabout provided the contents of the baskets. The presentation took place at The Land and Sea Cafe in Marsden Cove on Friday 10 March.

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Friday - 7 April, 10am Good Friday Service St Peters, Waipu. Joint interfaith service with walk.

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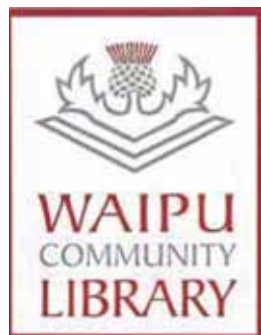
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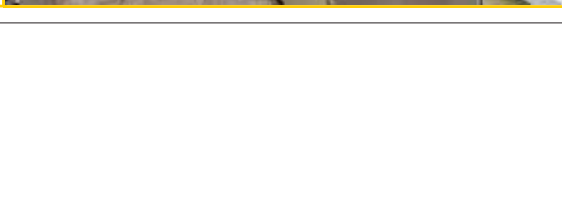
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