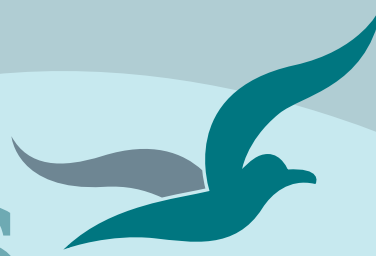


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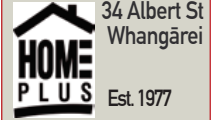


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Decision on McCallum Brothers Bream Bay sand mining application due by October 1

By October 1 2026 we should know whether the McCallum Brothers Fast Track application to mine 8.5 million Cubic metres of sand from Bream Bay over 35 years has been successful or not.

The expert panel appointed to hear and decide on the application held its first meeting on Tuesday 13 April.

Minutes of this meeting have been published on the Environmental Protection Authority's Fast Track Approvals Act website website under the Heading Bream Bay Sand Extraction application.

The members of the panel are: Catherine Somerville - Frost (Chair), Troy Brockbank, and Dr. Malcolm Green Both Mr. Brockbank and Dr. Green are nominees of the Northland Regional Council

Ngātiwai Trust Board and Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board suggested a fourth member with planning experience would be helpful but this recommendation was declined by Fast Track panel convener Helen Atkins who said she was satisfied the three appointees collectively held "appropriate expertise and experience in relation to environmental and resource management law, coastal and marine science, civil engineering, and te ao Māori and Māori development."

The panel plans to make site visits to land based "places of interest" as well as, weather permitting, take boat trips out to the proposed sand extraction area. For the first boat visit it is intended that McCallum's and mining vessel the William Fraser will be at the site and, while some of its machinery may be turned on to give the panel members an idea of how this all works, no sand will be extracted.

By next Tuesday 28 April the panel will issue invitations to comment to persons or groups, which are not already included as statutory participants. Invited persons comments are due on Tuesday 26 May.

Statutory participants are relevant iwi authority and treaty settlement entities, the Department of Conservation and the Northland Regional Authority

The panel will decide whether or not to accept several unsolicited letters sent for its consideration, including one from the Bream Bay Guardians which points out that

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Part of the job for a mayor?



Photo by Peter Davies

Mayor of Whangārei Ken Couper contributed to the Waipu Primary Carnival fund raising effort by agreeing to sit underneath a flushing toilet.

Carnival story and more pictures on pages 10 and 11



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EDITORIAL

A better use for drones

The beach this morning was almost empty. The lack of human presence was in sharp contrast to the crowded streets of China where I have been for the previous three weeks.

I was only there for a short time and although I covered hundreds of kilometres on bullet trains my experiences were limited to the southwestern cities. China is huge and diverse so I can't speak about China with any kind of authority. But here are some of my impressions.

With my son's partner Jie as our interpreter and guide we visited many tourist destinations including: the Ganden Sumtseling Tibetan Monastery, the Chendu panda park, Cuiping mountain in Yibin with both Buddhist and Daoist temples, the flower city of Kunming, the Jinsha Site Museum with 4,000 year old artifacts from the Shu Kingdom. I was humbled in front of these beautiful, intricate and strange brass objects denoting thousands of years of civilization and human achievement.

I was also interested to learn about Chinese people's day-to-day lives. Here and there I was able to get a few glimpses.

In the cities people live in blocks of high-rise buildings. These are set around parks with playgrounds for children, tree lined avenues, well maintained gardens and spaces for people to meet. Communities form in these complexes.

We stayed for a in Yibin in Jie's sister and brother in laws apartment. There was a Tai Chi class in the park there every morning at 9.30am. I joined in a few of these. Afterwards groups of ladies would pat spaces on the park bench to indicate I should join them. People would come up to me and say "Welcome to China,

Welcome to Yibin". I wish New Zealanders were this hospitable.

Sometimes I would see very frail elderly people in wheelchairs attended by what I took to be their adult children who had brought them outside to enjoy the spring sunshine and the flowers and trees in the parks. Elderly people are revered in China. Seeing my grey hair lovely young people would stand and offer me their seats on buses and subway trains. People would exhort me to watch the step getting in or out of buses and trains. I was very well looked after.

In every town or city I travelled to I saw groups of older women dancing in city parks. One evening I was persuaded to join one of these groups by Jie's mother but I felt very clumsy and ungainly. I think it is lovely, though, to see these older women displaying such dignity and grace.

I was surprised to see much of China is covered in forest and how much importance is placed on looking after air and water quality. There is a nation wide, decades old tree-planting programme. The China Daily carried a story about President Xi Jing Ping planting a tree in a Beijing park and exhorting people to follow his example.

Most of the vehicles are electric so the cities are smog free. It is common to see electric trikes loaded high with piles of cardboard or polystyrene blocks, which I am informed can be traded in for income.

Chendu, a city of around 10 million people, must be the tidiest city on earth. Every time a leaf falls from a tree an older man or woman in a city care vest swoops with a grabber stick to pick it up. Jie told me that retirees could supplement their pensions by putting in a few hours here and there helping to keep up this standard.

On a four-hour drive up to Shangri La in the Tibet-an autonomous prefecture of Diqing I was amazed at all the bridges, tunnels and viaducts that have and are been built in that mountainous region. I think getting over, around or through the Brynderwyn Hill would be no major problem for these brilliant Chinese roading engineers.

Yibin is celebrated as the place where the confluence of the Jinsha and Min rivers form the Yangtze and there are spectacular light shows here at night. One evening we viewed a display where 500 drones formed a series of colourful images in the sky above the river. Clever stuff!

I am a political person and I was interested to learn how the Chinese people I met viewed their government. As also happens here in New Zealand, most people are a bit uneasy when I introduce this subject. However, a taxi driver who took us to the airport at Mianyang talked animatedly about how Xi was cracking down on some of that city's corrupt officials. I asked Jie what their crimes might have been and she told me they had purportedly been taking bribes from companies, which they then rewarded with lucrative contracts.

One home I visited had a portrait of Xi on the wall with Chinese characters around it, which Jie told me said something like *Live a good and happy life*.

When we visited some of Jie's relations in the small town of Xingwen outside Yibin, an aunt took me by the elbow and led me down the road to show me how the Chinese government was building big concrete stop banks on the river to prevent flooding in the town... which had suffered torrential rain in 2025.

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A drone display over the Yangtze River in Yibin

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Big crowd gathers to protest the Bream Bay sand mining application under the Fast-track Approvals bill



A big crowd gathered on the grass reserve at Ruakākā Beach before making its way down onto the sand. Bream Bay Guardians organised the protest to demonstrate the strength of local opposition to McCallum Brothers Ltd's Bream Bay sand mining proposal.

Hundreds of people turned up to the protest at Ruakākā Beach opposing the McCallum Brothers Fast Track sandmining application on Sunday morning 15 March. The event was organised by the Bream Bay Guardians, a group formed specifically to oppose the application and to quote from the group's facebook page to "save Bream Bay's beaches".

Politicians both local and national addressed the crowd. Mayor of Whangārei Ken Couper said with no benefits from the proposed sand extraction coming to Northland and uncertain environmental consequences the McCallum Brothers proposal needed "very careful scrutiny".

He later lead a group of bagpipers on the beach in support of the protestors. Green MPs Huhana Lyndon and Steve Abel told the crowd their party would repel a consent if it was granted while Labour's spokesperson for Climate Change Dr. Deborah Russell said Labour would need to have a look at the financial implications of cancelling a consent before giving a guarantee it would do this if it is voted into government in October. She referenced the \$671 million loss to New Zealand taxpayers when the Coalition Government cancelled a contract for a mega ferry with the Hyundai Mipo Dockyard.

Three elected members of the Northland Regional Council were also in attendance. Chairman Pita Tipene said as the NRC had a statutory role in the applications hearings they were present not as protestors but on a mission to gather information about how local people felt about the proposed sand mining.

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there is an existing sand extraction consent held by Channel Infrastructure, which needs to be considered as well as a current ban on scallop dredging which the letter said also has relevance.

A Joint Memorandum between McCallum Brothers Ltd and Te Parawhau Ki Tai has been included in the McCallum application.

Under this memorandum McCallum Brothers Ltd would make various contributions to Te Parawhau ki Tai up to a total amount which is blanked out on document provided on the website. There would also be "Employment and economic opportunities for Te Parawhau ki Tai and the wider Te Parawhau hapū across all business interests of the McCallum Group."

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Police Report

Woman found safe and well by morning jogger

A 38-year-old woman who was reported missing from Ruakākā on Sunday evening 19 April was found on the beach safe and well by a morning jogger on Monday 20 April just as a search and rescue operation involving The Coastguard, Police and the Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club jetski was getting underway

Sergeant Andrew Glendinning appointed as relieving OIC in Bream Bay

Sergeant Andrew Glendinning has been appointed as relieving Officer in Charge at the Bream Bay Police Station. Sergeant Glendinning said he is enjoying being out of the office and back in the community after working for four and a half years as a Police prosecutor. He has also worked with the Police Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB).

Ruakākā/One Tree Point CCTV system to go live this week

Sergeant Glendinning praised the work of Constable Dean Gillingham of the Bream Bay Police for collaborating with the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association sub committee to set up a CCTV system for Ruakākā and One Tree Point. He said the surveillance system would be installed at the Bream Bay Police Station this week. He recalled how he had been involved in setting up a similar system for the Karekare Peninsula in the Far North in 2022. He said there had been a marked drop in the crime rate there once this was in place.

Spate of vehicle thefts from OTP

There has been a spate of vehicle thefts in the One Tree Point area over recent weeks. Sergeant Glendinning said it appears the thefts are by Whangārei based criminals who steal vehicles in Whangārei who drive them to One Tree Point where they swap them for another they steal from the side of the road. He warns people against parking vehicles on the street overnight and suggests taking extra precautions such as installing steering locks if this is unavoidable

Scrap metal thefts

There have been a number of scrap metal thefts from industrial sites in Ruakaka and Marsden Point.

Northland Regional Council scholarships for undergraduates

The Northland Regional Council invites applications for its Tū I ora Scholarships.

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The scholarships are reserved for undergraduates studying in areas that relate to the NRC's environmental and regulatory activities and for those who live in Te Taitokerau or have family connections to this area. **Two scholarship packages are dedicated to Māori students who whakapapa to Taitokerau.**

Applications close on Monday 11 May 2026.

More details are available on the Northland Regional Council website.

“Physical changes” to the road needed for even a very small roundabout

The Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association has received this response from the Whangārei District Council to its request that a small roundabout be installed at the intersection of Nova Scotia, South and Cove Rds. on the eastern side of Waipu township.

“Thank you for contacting the Whangārei District Council. Regarding the Waipu roundabout proposal, short-term options have been considered; however, all temporary solutions would require physical changes to the road. Council does not currently have budget for these works within the existing Long-Term Plan (LTP).

As part of the 2027–2030 LTP, staff will submit a funding request for a short-term solution to be implemented as a trial, with the potential for a more permanent solution in the future.” The association’s chairman Richard Cole said it seems that adding a roundabout, however small requires a “physical change” to the road.”



A simple painted on the road roundabout as suggested by the WRRRA.

One suggestion from the WRRRA is that a circle simply be painted in the centre of the intersection, which would allow trucks and larger vehicles to drive over it but give other traffic more guidance as to who has right of way.

Lots of feedback on Control of Vehicles on beaches bylaw review

The Whangārei District Council received 1226 items of feedback on its Control of Vehicles on Beaches Bylaw review as well as a petition with 191 signatures from Langs Beach residents and 413 colour coded pins were placed on a map at the A and P show in Whangārei in December

Council staff have analysed this public feedback and will be presenting a findings and options report at a

Council briefing on 28 April. This report should be made available to the public on Council’s agendas and minute’s webpage from 26 April.

Strategic Planner Will McNab said, all going to plan, the Council will adopt a draft proposal in June for public consultation, which would start in August so that any new rules could be in place by the start of next summer.

ANZAC services

ANZAC Day on Saturday 25 April will be commemorated in Waipu with a dawn service at the Waipu Cemetery commencing at 7.29am with a welcome speech by a representative of the Waipu RSA, a raising of the flag with a rendition of The Last Post and then a recitation of The Ode to the Fallen. All are welcome.

Later in the day will be the annual ANZAC parade and service at the Waipu Memorials. To join the march you need to fall in at the parade on South

Road a 10.30am.

During the service at the War Memorial will be a fly past by the Whangārei Aero Club and Lieutenant Commander Noel Davies ONZM RNZN, who has a residence at Langs Beach and who has participated in Waipu’s ANZAC day previously, will be guest speaker.

There will also be a service at 10am at the Takahiwai Marae. All are welcome to attend.

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Census records an improvement in tara iti population - now at 50 will eleven breeding pairs

The latest tara iti (fairy tern) census puts the number of New Zealand's rarest endemic breeding bird at 50 birds over a year old in the wild and eleven breeding pairs. This is a considerable improvement on the situation in 1983 when there were just four breeding pairs.

In addition ten chicks incubated and reared at Auckland Zoo have been released into the wild. The Department of Conservation's Programme Lead Ayla Wiles puts the increase in population down to the strength of DOC's partnerships and the mahi of volunteers to protect tara iti and the effort to constantly learn, adapt, and improve. DOC works with hapū and iwi groups including Patuharakeke and Te Uri o Hau, Auckland Zoo, The Shorebirds Trust, NZ Fairy Tern Charitable Trust, Birds NZ, Auckland Council, Tara Iti Golf Club, NZ Nature Fund and local trapping groups.

"What we're seeing is a net increase off the back of two good seasons," Ayla says. She said next breeding season's numbers are looking promising with the potential for 15 (or more) pairs, in comparison to 11 this year, plus up to 10 more fledglings to join the adult population. Identifying tara iti requires keen eyes. It is the smallest of New Zealand's terns, weighing in at approximately 70g, roughly the size a blackbird. They have distinctive yellow bills and orange legs which separate them from the more commonly seen white-fronted terns. Each tara iti has unique colour-bands on its leg, so keep an eye out for small terns with fancy leg bling.

Morris and Morris funeral home plans to open an office in Waipu

Funeral Home Morris and Morris is about to set up an office in Waipu in the space currently occupied by Ray White Real Estate.

Bream Bay News received a tip off about this by a local resident who was concerned about the lack of parking space for a funeral parlour. A spokesperson for Morris and Morris confirmed the company is in negotiations to take over the office space but said this would be for an office only where people can call in to make funeral

arrangements.

She asked that we hold off publication of this news but, as our mission is to bring accurate and timely information to the Bream Bay public, we did not agree to this pause.

Morris and Morris was founded in Northland but is now owned by Australian Company Propel Funeral Partners, which owns funeral homes, cemeteries, crematoria and related assets in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and New Zealand.

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Three more kiwi released in the hills behind Langs beach

By James McCullough

The distinctive call of kiwi will ring out a lot louder in the hills behind Langs Beach with the recent release of three kiwi into nearby native bush.

Near the end of March, over 100 people including representatives from the Piroa Conservation Trust, Kiwi Coast, Northland Regional Council, Department of Conservation, QEII National Trust, local hapū (sub-tribe) and other community members met at Te Waorahi native forest reserve at Langs to welcome the kiwi and subsequent release.

The three Northland Brown kiwi were reared on Limestone Island in Whangarei Harbour by Ngāti Hine then transported to Langs for their release. The kiwi, two female and one male, are aged between 2-3 years and are yet to start breeding.

Such is the importance of their arrival at Te Waorahi, which translates as 'abundant bush', they have each been given a name by the hapū involved in their rearing and release. Local hapū, Patuharakeke named the male kiwi 'Rangiora' which references one of their pa in the Takahiwai Hills and that of a noble chiefly bird. Te Uri o Hau named one of the female kiwi 'Matahiapo' which means 'highly prized treasure' whilst Ngāti Hine named the third kiwi 'Hinekiuta'. A fourth hapū, Te Parawhau was also involved with the release.

Tanya St George from the Piroa Conservation Trust which is dedicated to restoring biodiversity in the Piroa-Brynderwyn area, said the three kiwi will help strengthen the local population of at least 49 kiwi which were released into adjacent native bush between 2013 and 2020. Tanya says each kiwi has been fitted with a transmitter and will be tracked with the hope that eventually the public will be able to follow their progress. At this stage there are no plans to release more kiwi into the area.

Ari Carrington of Patuharakeke said the release provided a meaningful opportunity to unite the four hapū and highlighted their collaboration with community conservation organisations working to restore kiwi populations across northland.

Te Waorahi is a 195 hectare reserve of regenerating native forest that had been previously tagged for residential housing but was saved from being turned in asphalt and concrete by Bruce and Janine Copeland who purchased the forest in 2020. Since then Bruce and Janine along with assistance from their ranger Steve McKee, the Piroa Conservation Trust, Northland Regional Council and Kiwi Coast, have worked tirelessly to encourage the return of native bush and to create a haven for kiwi and other native flora and fauna.

Te Waorahi, which is located on Cove Rd just south of Langs Beach, is open to the public however Bruce asks that visitors respect the property and that dogs are kept on a leash at all times. Dogs are the primary cause of adult kiwi death in Northland.



Todd Hamilton of Kiwi Coast with one of the kiwi

The final section of the Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle and walking trail



Wharehine Construction is progressing with the final section of the Waipu to Waipu Cove cycle and walkway. The work involves realigning a section of Cove Rd between the Waipu Cememtry and Riverview Place to make way for the cycle/walkway. All going to plan the project will be completed next month - May 2026.



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By Lydia Draper



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WDC confirmed that they are currently upgrading the Ruakākā WWTP, which includes allowance for the Waipū community when the Waipū WWTP reaches capacity. This upgrade will be part of a larger project due to start in 2027 and complete in 2030.

If we turn our sights then to the Ruakākā WWTP, we might be surprised to find that it is also suffering from a lack of capacity. WDC has confirmed that they are unable to grant any further connections to it. At present, it discharges into two areas of the dune network, one near to the treatment plant and one at what is known as the Rama Road block. The discharge is treated, which means solids are removed (paper, sand etc) and put through a settlement and aeration process that supports beneficial bacteria to consume much of the harmful microbes. The treated wastewater meets the current consent conditions for discharge to land.

For those of us concerned about environmental impacts, WDC is trialling a new method of biosolid treatment using oioi reed beds which will help divert the sludge from landfill. Planting will begin soon at the Whangārei WWTP and WDC will be selecting the optimal plant species (locally sourced) based on the uptake rates. The oioi reeds break down the biosolids, removing organic material and pathogens over a period of eight to 10 years. They will also enhance the soil-like nature of the biosolids, remove water and produce a higher quality product with very low risk of odour. This end-material can be suitable for many uses, including horticulture and land remediation. Reed beds are already used extensively in other countries.

WDC is proposing to continue the discharge of treated wastewater to the currently operational disposal fields (Rama Road and Zone 3) as well as adding two new disposal fields (Zone 6B and Zone 7) as an interim solution. The location of the fields can be viewed in a document hosted on the Department of Conservation website here: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/getting-involved/consultations/2025/whangarei-district-council/whangarei-district-coun->

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The works that are already underway at Ruakākā include a treatment plant upgrade and a new treated wastewater discharge facility via ocean outfall and/or an alternative discharge solution. When asked for details of the alternative discharge solution, WDC responded: ‘Once we have a clear preferred option for alternative discharge then it can be weighed up against the ocean outfall to identify which is the best practicable option. We expect to be engaging with the community on evaluating the options around the middle 2026.’

It seems that the ocean could be selected as the preferred discharge option, given how tricky it seems to be to find viable land-based solutions in Te Ākau. How does the community feel about our (treated) wastewater being piped into the ocean? Bearing in mind that the population is only going to increase. Can we try to find a better solution? Surely we can take our Number 8 wire mentality and apply it to the increasingly important issue of wastewater management?

What can you do?

Clue yourself up on the details of the Ruakākā Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade, link here: <https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Council/Projects/Ruakaka-WWTP>. WDC has stated that they will engage with the community to understand our views before finalising their plans in mid-2026. We need to make sure this is a robust engagement, so please do some research and come along ready to share your thoughts. Also it wouldn't hurt to follow the mantra: ‘If it's yellow, let it mellow. If it's brown, flush it down.’ Less wastewater can only be a good thing!



The Waipu wastewater treatment ponds in the dunes north of the Waipu Estuary



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The Waipu Primary School Easter Carnival raises \$45,000

Photos by Peter Davies



Colourful bouncy castles and slides brighten the scene

The Waipu Primary Easter Carnival, held in the Caledonian Park on Sunday 5 April, raised \$45,000 for the school.

The carnival committee said in a press release, “The 45,000 total represents a significant contribution to the school’s future” and is “a testament to the generosity of residents and visitors alike.”

“The success of the carnival truly rests on the shoulders of our wonderful community. We are incredibly grateful to our major sponsors and local businesses for providing the vital support needed to make the day possible”

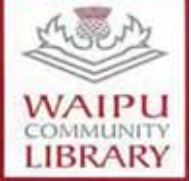
The funds raised will be allocated to several key projects at the school focusing on areas that will directly benefit the children’s learning and wellbeing.”

Sarah Tesniere, the Waipu Easter Carnival Coordinator said this year’s fundraising result is right on par with previous successful years.

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She said, “Maintaining this level of support speaks volumes about how much the Bream Bay community values the carnival and the school.”

We have a mix of immediate and long-term goals for these proceeds. In the short term, the funds will provide immediate value through new sports gear, outdoor toys, and play equipment, as well as vital support for classroom technology and learning resources. Longer term, we are building a fund for “big ticket” capital projects, specifically a new playground and additional shelter for the students.

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Sat 2 May	7.51	2.5	8.24	2.6
Sun 3 May	8.31	2.5	9.03	2.6
Mon 4 May	9.09	2.5	9.41	2.6
Tue 5 May	9.47	2.4	10.19	2.6
Wed 6 May	10.26	2.4	10.58	2.5
Thu 7 May	11.07	2.4	11.40	2.5
Fri 8 May	11.50	2.3	~	~

Another successful Family Fun Day by the Bream Bay Learning Community.



The Zumba team poses with Bream Bay Learning Community Mascot Puka Peter. and Fun Day organiser Sharon Booth in front.

There was face painting, Zumba dancing, live music, lessons in tying knots, free sausages, and book giveaways at the Bream Bay Learning Community's free Family Fun Day held at the Ruakākā Village Green on Tuesday morning 14 April. Bike Northland brought along a trailer load of kids bikes and the skate park alongside became a bicycle obstacle course with bike riding tips from the experts. The rain held off almost all morning although the sky darkened and everyone needed to dash for shelter at around midday. Organiser Sharon Booth estimated around 100 local children attended the morning.



Face painting is always popular. Here Summer Teleiai decorates the face of six-year-old Alex Wong

Is food a challenge for you? You're not alone.

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a fellowship of people who share experiences, strength, and hope as they work towards recovery from compulsive eating, undereating, and other food-related challenges. A free public information meeting will be held in Whangārei:

Date: Saturday May 23rd 2026
 Time: 11.00-12.00, followed by tea/coffee chat
 Venue: Whangārei Care Centre
 1 Mill Road, Regent, Whangārei 0112

This informal session is open to anyone who may be struggling with food, as well as those concerned about a family member or friend. The OA programme (based on the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous) will be introduced, with members sharing their experiences. There will also be time for questions and informal conversation over tea and coffee.

For more information contact:
 Adrienne 021 648 601
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Waipu Tennis Club - Season roundup

By Paul Ramsay

Double success for our club over the past couple of weeks. Our Waipu Raiders A Grade Interclub team won the A Grade final. The team to take out the final was Wesley Whitehouse, Neil Beaudinet, Anet Tarabova and Nick Wiles. Other squad members are: Peri Woods and Jason Bishop. Waipu Black won the B grade final as well. Alvin Setiwan, James Donaldson, Paul Jobin and Sean McCombe played the final. Kina Hansen was the other squad member. Waipu Yellow B grade had more success in the second half of the season finishing undefeated and top in their group.

Some of us travelled to Albany for the NZ Masters Teams event at Easter. Wesley Whitehouse and Nick Wiles were members of the Men's 45+ team that won the gold medal for Northland. Wendy Jambor playing for South Auckland Women's 35+ picked up a gold medal with her team. Other club members who participated for Northland were Greg Miller M60+, John Bird M60+, Coach Grant Van Dalsum M60+ and Paul Ramsay M70+. Gordon McKay played with Lower North M70+. Neil Baudinet played for North Harbour M60+

Congratulations to Ben and Emma Donaldson along with Chelsea and Emily Stuart who were involved in the Northland Secondary Schools tennis tournament and represented the club well. Ben finished second in the boy's competition and not to be outdone by her older brother Emma was the same in the Girls competition. In the Northland Junior closed tournament Emma

Donaldson with her partner won the Northland U14 doubles.

Junior and Intermediate Club Champs have been completed Well done to all those who took part and made the winners job harder. Winners were:

Junior Girls Champ: Lily Donaldson **Runner Up:** Chloe Slagter

Intermediate Girls Champ: Charlotte Palmer **Runner Up:** Chelsea Stuart

Intermediate Boys Champ: Lachlan Stuart **Runner Up:** Blake Slagter

Junior Girls Doubles Champs: Lily Donaldson + Chloe Slagter

Runners Up: Kaitlynn Rippingale + Breeze Broodkoom-Ridge

Intermediate Girls Doubles Champs: Chelsea Stuart + Emily Stuart

Runners Up: Charlotte Palmer + Emma Donaldson

SPECIAL AWARDS

Junior Most Improved: Sadie Andrews

Junior Sportsmanship: Piper Broodkoom-Ridge and Hunter Mackay

Intermediate Most Improved: Chloe Slagter

The Senior Club Champs are being played as this article is being written.

The Sawmill competition is undecided at the time of writing with just the finals to go— McLeod's and Team Sawmill will contest the final.

Tuesday night will carry on through the winter months. Sometimes we find this a good time to play as the nights are cooler and often there is little wind. It's a good time to make adjustments to your game as well. For those keener players there are a couple of tournaments over the winter months run by the Northland Masters Club. Become a member of this club for just \$25 to be informed of these and the opportunity to play rep matches against Lower North, North Harbour and Auckland.

Remember to check our Facebook page for what is going on at the club and watch for featured committee members.

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Request for a further temporary fisheries closure at Mair Bank and Marsden Bank (Marsden Point), to the take of all shellfish

The Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board has requested a further two year temporary closure at Mair Bank and Marsden Bank (Marsden Point) to the taking of all shellfish, under section 186A of the Fisheries Act 1996.

The approximate area of the proposed closure is 1.46 km². It includes the fisheries waters at Mair and Marsden Banks, starting at the end of the Marsden Point Marine Terminal jetty, proceeding to the Whangarei Harbour main channel port-hand buoys no. 18, no. 16 and no. 14, then proceeding in a westerly direction to the mean high-water mark.

A copy of the request and a map of the proposed area is available on the Ministry for Primary Industries website (www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations).

Fisheries New Zealand invites written submissions in response to the request from persons people who have an interest in the species concerned, or in the effects of fishing in the areas concerned.

Further information about temporary closures is available on the MPI website (www.mpi.govt.nz/fishing-aquaculture).

Submissions can be made by **5pm, Monday 18 May 2026**. You can email your submission to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

While we prefer email, you can post your submission to:

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Note that all, part, or a summary of your submission may be published on the MPI website. Most often this happens when we issue a document that reviews the submissions received.

People can also ask for copies of submissions under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The OIA says we must make the content of submissions available unless we have good reason for withholding it. Those reasons are detailed in sections 6 and 9 of the OIA.

If you think there are grounds to withhold specific information from publication, make this clear in your submission or contact us. Reasons may include that it discloses commercially sensitive or personal information. However, any decision MPI makes to withhold details can be reviewed by the Ombudsman, who may direct us to release it.

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New Zealand String Quartet concert in Waipu featuring a rare 18th century violin owned by a local family

The New Zealand String Quartet will give a special concert in Waipu on 3 May to honour the memory of David Craig, who died in October 2024. The concert will feature a rare 18th century Storioni violin, which has been owned by the Craig family for generations.

The violin was crafted in Cremona by Lorenzo Storioni and crossed the Pacific to Fiji and then to its longtime home in Aotearoa.

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In the Waipu concert NZSQ violinist Peter Clark will

perform solo works to showcase the Storioni's newly revived voice as well as joining he Quartet from a programme drawn from its 2026 season.

The concert will be held in St Peter's Church Waipu, 10 Nova Scotia Drive from 3-4.30pm on Sunday May 3.

Tickets are Choose your own price and can be purchased on the website: nzsq.org.nz

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Peter Clark of the New Zealand String Quartet



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- **ANZAC SERVICES.** Saturday 25 April. Dawn Service at the Waipu Cemetery from 7.29am. Waipu ANZAC Parade. Fall in at the South Rd., Cove Rd intersection from 10.30am. Followed by service at the war memorials.
A service at Takahiwai Marae from 10am. All welcome.
- **NEW ZEALAND STRING QUARTET CONCERT IN WAIPU** Featuring an 18th century Storioni violin On Sunday May 3 3-4.30pm in St Peters Anglican Church 10 Nova Scotia Drive. Tickets are *choose your own price* available at: nzsq.org.nz.
- **WAIPU VILLAGE MARKET.** In The Waipu Coronation Hall.9am to 1pm Second Sunday each month. Next on Sunday 10 May
- **BREAM BAY MUSIC GROUP** First Monday of every month starting at 7pm At the new Rec Centre in Peter Snell Road, Ruakākā. Contact Ross or Fulco on 0274 410 584
- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** Fridays 10.30 -12noon, Bream Bay Community Trust Hall, Takutai Place, Ruakākā
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Rubbish collected from Ruakākā Beach

Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust volunteers ranged along Ruakākā Beach on Wednesday looking for plastic and other rubbish that might have blown in or washed up as a result of Cyclone Vaianu. Although it seemed as though the beach was clean, and sand may have already covered some, a good amount of rubbish was recovered in a short time. The working bee was a collaboration with the Department of Conservation, who brought volunteers from Whangarei including a corporate group from FMG insurance whose staff volunteer in the community annually. Plastic bits and pieces accumulate especially on the North side of the estuary where they get caught in branches, leaves and twigs coming down the river. It doesn't take long before they break into tiny pieces turning into micro plastic which could end up in fish and other marine life. After the clean up the volunteer group moved into the wildlife estuary where they spent more time weeding out seedling lupins and invasive coastal wattle. Cheryl Laurie of Bream Bay Coastal Care said, "Working with a group is a great way to get things done but we can all do our bit individually as well." Bream Bay Coastal Care encourages all beach walkers to mark this year's Conservation week (20 – 26 April) and carry a plastic bag and collect any plastic rubbish they might find on the sand or tangled in the seaweed.

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AGM: 7:30 followed by supper.

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