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Ruakākā Ratepayers shocked to learn no funds are budgeted for cemetery development

Although the purchase of land for a Ruakākā Cemetery, can go ahead once resource consent is granted, there is no money in the Whangārei District Council budget to develop the new burial ground, which has come as a bit of surprise to the members of the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association who have been advocating for a local cemetery since the 1980s.

After writing to Whangārei's Mayor Sheryl Mai complaining of the Council's lack of commitment to this project, the association received a reply from Council CEO Rob Furlong explaining that while just under \$600,000 had been budgeted in year two of the Long Term Plan - July 2022 - July 2023 for the land purchase and development, no funds are budgeted to develop the new facility and this would have to wait for an allocation in the next LTP. He suggested the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers work towards securing funding for the cemetery in 2024 when the LTP is due to be reviewed.

Mr. Furlong said if the resource consent is granted the Council will have up to ten years to develop the cemetery.

In his letter to the Mayor, Richard Morris, RRRRA Secretary pointed out, "A number of locals who had expressed a desire to be buried in their own community have sadly passed without their wishes being able to be fulfilled."

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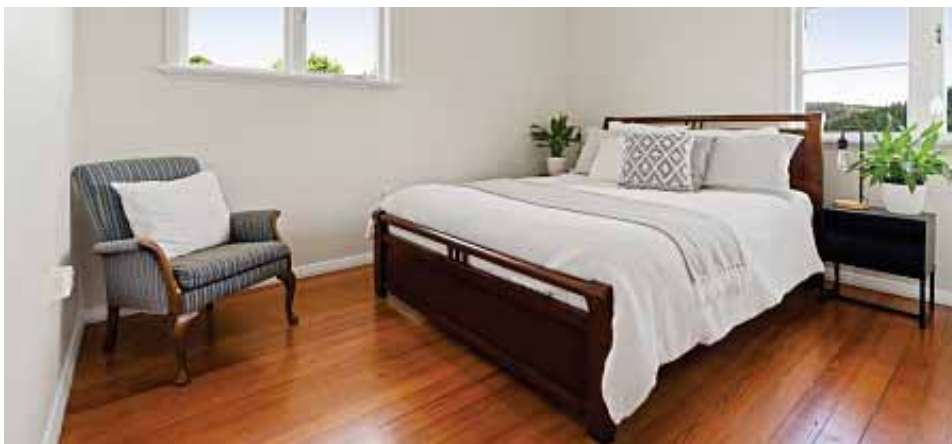
Flooding on State Highway One at Ruakākā

Photo by Geoff Spencer



After a night of thunder, lightning and torrential rain State Highway One at the Prescott Rd intersection was flooded on Monday morning 21 March, preventing many of the road's residents from travelling to work or to school. Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland sent out a message to say that some teachers were "flooded in" so would be conducting their classes on Zoom.

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Refinery staff should be proud of their work and expertise

After 58 years the Marsden Point Oil refinery is closing down. For those who have worked at the refinery and who have been proud of its history and importance to the Northland and national economy this is a sad time. Some have worked there for decades and have developed a high level of skills around its operation. You can sense this pride and sadness in the letter from a long time employee of Refining NZ on page 4 of this issue.

I hope the people losing their jobs will find some good opportunities elsewhere and that things work out well for them. The labour market is buoyant. I am running more situations vacant adverts in the Bream Bay News than I have for some time. In this issue there is an advert from Carter Holt Harvey in calling for staff for the Ruakāka LVL plant, where less than two years ago workers were being laid off. Refinery jobs were particularly well paid and many will have specialized skills that may not be easily transferable. But sometimes a shock like losing a long held position can be a catalyst to move you on to a brighter future.

When me and my husband were thinking of moving to Bream Bay around 20 years ago I remember a friend trying to dissuade us saying that the industrial aspect of the place – the refinery, in particular, detracted from the landscape and the desirability of the area. Perhaps, but on the other hand it is exciting to be living in a community, which plays such a vital part in the working engine of our country's economy. We do need to move away from fossil fuels but, as the Page 4 letter writer points out, this will take some time.

I am the proud owner of an electric car but it wasn't cheap to purchase. I used the entire proceeds from my Kiwisaver fund to buy it when I turned 65. Whenever I drive somewhere I play a *count the other EVs* game and, while they are becoming more common, they still only make up a small proportion of vehicles on the road. The trucks, which take logs to the port, deliveries to our supermarkets or locally produced products to markets in Auckland and beyond, have diesel driven engines, which cannot easily be replaced by electric motors.

The world is constantly changing and we need to adapt. New refineries in South Korea and China have made it difficult for our refinery, as well as older refineries in Australia to compete.

For many years though most of the fuel driving this country's industry, moving people and goods around the country, flying planes and powering ships came from Marsden Point and I think the people who have lost their jobs should take this with them – you have played a vital role and made an important contribution to all our lives and to our country. I, for one, am grateful for your work and expertise and all those years of New Zealand refined fuel available at the pump whenever I needed it.

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This time the nuisance seaweed ended up on Ruakākā Beach

Brown feathery algae, which were thick in the waves at Uretiti on Sunday 13 March by the middle of the following week, had washed up onto the beach at Ruakākā along with piles of kelp. More commonly the algae, which has become a common late summer and autumn occurrence in Bream Bay floats down to Waipu Cove to become trapped in the estuary



Seaweed stranding on Ruakākā Beach last week.
Photo by Ann Van Engelen

at the southern end of the beach and to piled up on the beach putting off a strong stench as it rots and making swimming in the sea there unpleasant and causing big problems for local businesses.

The Waipu Cove Reserve Trust Board has commissioned the Cawthron Institute to run a survey looking at when and where the algal blooms occur. The survey is designed as a citizen science project with Bream Bay residents encouraged to participate by recording any algal blooms they encounter in the bay by completing a questionnaire at <https://arg.is/1Hm91L>.

Photographs of the stranding or the red/brown bloom in the waves are also requested.

Javiah Atalah, the marine ecologist overseeing the survey said

“The idea is to collect data for a couple of years as a minimum to gather sufficient data. This will allow us to describe spatio-temporal patterns of the stranding and relate this to data on environmental drivers collected by the Northland Regional Council.



Not everyone regarded the seaweed as a problem. When Lois Mouldy of Mangapai saw it piled up on the beach at Ruakaka she thought the opportunity was too good to miss and she purchased some black rubbish bags from the nearby dairy and enlisted the help of her brother Murray Wolland, who was visiting from Masterton to fill them with kelp and that brown feathery algae. Lois said she would dry it all out on the plots she will leave fallow in her winter garden before digging it into the soil in the spring.

Foster child can't be vaccinated against Covid 19 because birth parent won't agree

A local couple who care for a foster child is upset that they cannot take that child to be vaccinated because the child's birth mother won't agree to this.

The couple have children of their own and say it feels wrong that they have arranged for their own children to be protected by way of vaccination but can't do the same for their foster child.

They think that having uplifted the child from the mother's care Oranga Tamariki should be able to over ride her decision on the Covid 19 vaccination..

They have contacted MP and National Party Health spokesperson Dr. Shane Reti on this issue who in turn contacted Kelvin Davis who holds the position of Minister for Children.

The Bream Bay News also made contact with Kelvin Davis and got this reply from his parliamentary office – “For kids aged five to eleven years, consent must be sought from the parent or guardian of a child before a vaccine is given.

“The Minister is aware that Oranga Tamariki is working closely with parents and guardians to make them aware of the importance of vaccinations.”

Annabelle Tukia from the Oranga Tamariki media team said, “vaccination is a guardianship decision, which is why birth parent's consent for any vaccination is sought. Only in some extreme circumstances (for example, where not receiving the vaccination may result in serious health concerns for tamariki or rangatahi) do we seek to override a guardian's decision. This can only be done through an application to the Court that is granted.”

Asked how many foster children in New Zealand were unable to be vaccinated against Covid 19 because of a birth parents objection she said, “This would require a manual search of records to determine the exact figure, but we do anticipate it to be a very small number.”



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LETTERS

Spare a thought for those who will be made redundant by the closure of the Marsden Point oil refinery

On 17 March the hydrocracker began its final descent. On 20 March it stopped production for the very last time. No longer will New Zealand be able to refine some of the world's poorer quality (cheaper) grade crude oil. This will be quickly followed by the rest of the refinery until all production is no more. NZ will be at the mercy of the refineries throughout Asia to provide finished products to a relatively small market.

RNZ has constantly been referred to as a world class facility, through its versatility, low down time, and efficiency. Throughout the lockdowns, and changing Covid levels, thanks to some smart decisions and a unique agreement with its customers RNZ has managed to stay financial.

So, it is with anger and sadness mixed with frustration and confusion that I question why the decision to close down the Marsden Point Refinery has been made.

Despite the \$100s of millions of tax revenue the government has collected from the refinery, and the money the refinery has paid out for supplies of electricity, natural gas, council water, internet etc the government hasn't stepped in to save it. What will happen to all the business that employs extra people because the refinery exists? Pre Covid it was believed a little over 9% of Northlands GDP was from RNZ.

Despite all that, despite all the money this current government has spent or cost business through the decisions it's made to mitigate Covid, it wasn't willing to help keep RNZ going. Between 1 and 2 cents per litre until the world got back to some kind of normal, was all experts said it would take. The oil companies also could have taken up the challenge and done something similar. Throughout these lean times the fuel retailers in NZ are still posting fantastic profits.

It doesn't help, that daily announcements of the government spending amounts for covid related issues but RNZ is not seen as something worthwhile, despite Covid playing a major role, in its plight

It is unlikely the refinery will be repurposed for anything other than the use of the land. Hydrogen production has been gossiped about but even if it was viable 2030 is the earliest that would happen. By then anything useful in the way of equipment will have deteriorated to no longer be viable.

At some point the refinery will be demolished (in 10 years time perhaps), but it is unsure who will pay for that, as RNZ will not exist and the Import Terminal Channel Infrastructure is a new company and this won't be their problem, so I suspect the taxpayer will pick up the tab.

Fossil fuels should eventually be phased out. Unfortunately, NZ is not ready yet, and until we sort out our power situation, amongst other things, battery vehicles will cause a lot more issues than NZ is ready for. What has become so apparent is what a waste RNZ will become.

Spare a thought for all those who will be made redundant, for a few the timing will be great but for most rent, mortgages, and other financial commitments will still need to be resolved.

Lastly to those of which there are many, who see the flare, and on the odd occasion see it give off black smoke along with a large flame, prompting them to call RNZ or comment on social media about the detrimental effect that it is having on the environment, consider this - what you are seeing is a safety device in operation. This is designed to burn up any excess gas from overpressure due to part of the plant tripping. Just imagine if we didn't have that. The explosion would be devastating to the environment. Consider that from April onwards the fuel you put in your cars, vans, motorbike, lawn mowers etc, will come from countries that don't have resource consents to operate, don't have to adhere to anything like the environmental rules that we expect in New Zealand. Their normal running will have a much bigger impact on global warming than RNZ will ever have.

I will miss working at an awesome facility with some exceptional people. What a

A long term employee of Refining NZ

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Eight tara iti chicks fledged this season

Photo by Shelley Ogle



A chick hand reared at Auckland Zoo leaves the aviary

Eight tara iti (fairy tern) chicks have fledged this summer, which makes this the most successful breeding season for the critically endangered shorebird since 2014-2014.

Two of the eight were hand reared at Auckland Zoo before being transferred to an aviary set up at a fairy tern-breeding site where they practiced flying and diving for fish before being released.

This follows on from last season when a single chick hand reared at the zoo was released.

Most of this summer's chicks, however, were reared by their parents at the Mangawhai sandspit, where of six nesting pairs, five succeeded in raising chicks.

This success has been attributed partly by the Department of Conservation to a new strategy, which involves setting up fairy tern favoured nesting sites away from places where storm events are likely to wash eggs away. Fairy tern eggs are disguised as shells

to protect them from aerial predators. By clearing vegetation and placing shells of a similar size and colour to tara iti eggs in more sheltered spots the bird are deterred from choosing exposed locations where their nests are likely to be lost in the first storm.

Ongoing predator control is another factor and each summer Department of Conservation rangers and volunteers monitor the nests with the option of removing eggs to incubators at the zoo if the nest is under threat.

In addition to the Mangawhai sand spit tara iti continue to nest at Papakānuī Spit, Pākiri Beach and on the Waipu sandspit. They were once widespread around the North Island and the eastern South Island.

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Olympic medal winning pole vaulter Eliza McCartney in Waipu

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Eliza McCartney speaking in the Waipu Celtic Barn

The Bream Bay Sports Awards were called off for the planned date of 11 March but the star attraction Olympic bronze medal pole vaulter Eliza McCartney came to Waipu anyway and spoke in the foyer of the Waipu Celtic Barn to an invited group of the awards sponsors and representatives of local sports clubs.

Eliza told her audience that she believed pictures often spoke louder than words and she ran a photo display on the wall behind.

Eliza grew up on Auckland's north shore with two brothers in a sports oriented family. Her father had competed as a high jumper.

When she was just-ten-years-old she had found out about pole vaulting at the north Island championships.

She said growing up she had played all kinds of sport including touch rugby and netball and had found it hard to give up the netball in particular to concentrate on pole vaulting.

Just six months after taking up pole vaulting she was winning titles at national competitions and had been identified as a future star. An athletics coach had told her that she should train for the world youth

athletics championships which were two years away. "I was only about 13 years old and two years seemed like forever but I got stuck in and trained."

She was placed fourth in the 2013 championships and in 2014 set a world junior record of 4.64 metres at Auckland's Mount Smart Stadium.

She was just 19 years old when she won the Olympic bronze medal, the youngest medalist ever in this event. Bruce Larsen asked if she had overcome the archilles hamstring injury, which had prevented her from competing at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.

Eliza said the team at New Zealand High Performance had identified what was causing a longstanding problem with her archilles and by training in a different way. Who is feeling better then she has for a long time and is confident she can get back to competition at an international level. She has to make up the strength and fitness she has lost while unable to train but has the 2024 Paris Olympics in her sights.

Asked about the most famous athlete she had ever met – Eliza laughed and said, "It's a funny story."

She told how she was lining up for photographs with the gold and silver medal winners after the completion of the Rio Olympics women's pole vault event when

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Above: Eliza poses with local young people: Kiaralee Doak-Smith, Michael Doak-Smith, Grace Fetelika and Kaylis Cooper

the photographers started shouting at them to get out of the way.

We protested but we have just won medals. What do you mean get out of the way.

Hussein Bolt was running past at the time.

"I never met him but I was standing beside the track as he ran past."

Alana McCathny asked Eliza how she maintained her motivation. Eliza said she has been through some difficult times and tried out all kinds of complicated techniques but had decided what works best for her is just making sure she enjoys what she is doing. She likes to train with other athletes

"Its just about joy for myself and other people."

Left: Eliza donated a signed Athletics New Zealand singlet to auction at the end of the evening. The winning bid of \$1,000 was placed by Clayton Gwynne of the Waipu Pizza Barn

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"A number of locals who had expressed a desire to be buried in their own community have sadly passed without their wishes being able to be fulfilled."

He said the RRRA members were shocked to find the cemetery development is not funded in the current LTP and that Mr. Furlong's email seemed to suggest it is the RRRA problem to get the project into the next LTP, "rather than Council striving to meet the needs and wishes of ratepayers. It demonstrates an abject lack of commitment from Council."

He suggests that the Ruakākā Cemetery development

be included in the 2022/2023 annual plan, and that given under-spending elsewhere in the Council's capital programme, it should be possible to move to detailed design of the cemetery and have procurement documentation developed for its construction.

"We ask that Council accelerates development of this high priority facility as part of the current Annual Plan."

RATS now available at local pharmacies

The Marsden Cove Pharmacy, Orrs Pharmacy in the Ruakaka Town Centre and the Waipu Pharmacy are all collection points for free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATS) and now have supplies to hand out free of charge to Bream Bay residents who meet certain criteria.

People who have symptoms or are a household contact of someone who has tested positive are eligible for the free test kits. Border workers who are required to have regular tests also qualify.

You need to register on line at the Ministry of Health's Covid 19 Request RATS page or by free calling 0800 222 478 to arrange your order.

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someone who has tested positive the pharmacies request that you don't call into the stores in person but wait in your car outside and phone to let the pharmacy know you are there.

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They also can administer supervised RATS tests for people who need these to travel overseas and for unvaccinated people who need to travel within New Zealand or attend appointments. There is a charge for the tests for those travelling internationally but the tests for unvaccinated people are free.

Former Councillor urges people who own property in Bream Bay to register to vote in this years Local Government elections

Former Bream Bay Ward Councillor Neil McLeod is urging people who own property and pay rates but don't live in Bream Bay to register to vote in the Whangārei District Council and Northland District Council upcoming Local Government elections.

Mr. McLeod points out that many residential properties here are holiday homes whose owners live elsewhere.

In the last 2018 census a third of the residential houses in Waipu, Waipu Cove and Langs Beach -597 houses, were unoccupied on election night. In Ruakākā there were 297 unoccupied houses, around a quarter of the total number in this area.

Mr. McLeod said if these people were to register to vote this could help to give Bream Bay quite bit more influence around the Council table.

People who pay rates in a district but who are registered on the electoral role somewhere else are able to vote in both their place of residence as well as a district they own property and pay rates in but need to register to do this

If yours is the sole name on a rates notice for a property you own and you are not already registered to vote in the Whangārei District you can apply to be placed on the district's electoral role. If the property is in joint ownership and there are two or more names on the notice only one of the owners can register to vote and people who own more than one property only get one vote.

You need to register before 12 August 2022. The local government elections will be by postal vote from 16 September to 8 October.

LETTERS

Very little written about local Maori history.

Recent letters to Bream Bay News concerned with the lack of recorded local Maori history are well founded. During the Pandemic I have been doing a bit of research into the history of Bream Bay. I found very little written about local Maori history.

Maori histories written from a Maori perspective are beginning to emerge, though unfortunately nothing specific to Bream Bay. If there is something out there it would be great to read it! From what I have been able to piece together it would be an epic story.

Possibly 15-20 generations in Bream Bay, numbering in the hundreds at least, roaming a huge area searching for resource to make a home here.

So for hundreds of years before Europeans arrived Bream Bay had people in it. I for one would love to know the story of these people, especially pre-European as there is nothing written about that.

*Peri Woods
Ruakaka*

United against COVID-19



Are you due to have your 2nd dose?

As of Friday, 18 March 2022, there were more than 4,000 active COVID-19 cases in Northland, and 25 people were in hospital.

Being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 reduces the risk of passing COVID-19 onto others.

If you are due your 2nd dose, get it now before winter and before you catch COVID. No appointment needed – go to [Northlanddhb.org.nz](https://www.northlanddhb.org.nz) to find a vaccination clinic near you.

Do it for yourself, your whānau and your community, and as a bonus - you'll go in the draw to win a brand new Renault once Northland reaches the 90% vaccination rate.

Why do we need a booster shot?

People aged 18 and over can now get a booster three months (93 days) after their second dose.

Current evidence shows your protection against infection after two doses slowly decrease over time.

A booster dose will give you greater immunity against COVID-19, including Omicron. A booster also helps reduce the chance of more serious infection, and it will be less likely that you need hospitalisation.

Vaccination after a COVID-19 Infection

If you've had COVID-19 but you need your first, second, (or third) dose to complete your primary course, it's recommended you should wait at least four weeks after recovery.

If you've had COVID-19, but you still need a booster, it's recommended you have this three months after recovery.



Our Northland - Tō Tātou Taitokerau

Stories and updates on the great work happening around the region to help our environment, economy and people thrive. Brought to you by Northland Regional Council.

Time running out to apply for Whakamānawa ā Taiao Environmental Awards

Time is running out to apply for the fourth annual Northland Regional Council Whakamānawa ā Taiao – Environmental Awards which recognise the environmental work being carried out in Northland.

Numerous groups have been recognised since the awards' inception in 2019 for the difference they are making in Northland and those keen to join their ranks have until Sunday 10 April to apply.

"Applying to the Environmental Awards helps tell the story of the environmental mahi happening in Northland and shows that collectively we are making a difference," Council Chair Penny Smart says.

Penny says the awards are an opportunity for Northlanders to be recognised for their work and for the wider community to learn more about the details of a project and the reasons for it.

Up for grabs is a prize package including \$1000 cash, a handcrafted trophy designed by a local artist and a professional project promotional video and photography package.

The awards cover nine categories: community, pest management, education, water quality improvement, industry, leadership, kaitiakitanga,



climate change and a new category youth environmental leader.

This new category was introduced to celebrate and recognise the many youth who are making a positive difference to the environment now and for the benefit of future generations.

It recognises a young individual or group, aged 12 - 24, whose leadership, support of others and willingness to share ideas is making a significant contribution to Northland's environment.

An organisation doing outstanding mahi across the rohe that was recognised at last year's awards is Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR).

They won the 'Environmental action in the community award' and received the highest recognition of the night - the 'Te Tohu Matua – Supreme Award', which all category winners are eligible for.

EMR has run its popular marine engagement programme for 20 years, focusing on restoring marine ecosystems by giving people the opportunity to see the effects of marine protection first-hand.

This year will also see a new special award that recognises specific mahi supporting Kiwi Coast.

Dubbed the Kiwi Coast outstanding group or project award, it recognises high achieving Northland groups and projects who have proven their commitment to restoring the health of their local native forests and wildlife, including kiwi.

Kiwi Coast Coordinator Ngaire Sullivan says Kiwi Coast is offering this award to recognise the dedication and achievements of Northland's hardworking community many of whom are amongst the longest running community led projects across Aotearoa.

ENTER ONLINE
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SCAN ME

Regional council election nominations opening soon

People keen to make a difference and help continue to make Te Taitokerau a great place to live are being urged to consider running for a seat on the Northland Regional Council at this year's local body elections.

In a change from previous elections, this year will be notable because as proposed it will see voters elect a nine-strong council that will include two Māori councillors representing Te Raki, a new nationwide Māori constituency.

Chair Penny Smart says the proposed changes have yet to be formally signed off by the Local Government Commission but include a specific Māori constituency which is designed to ensure Māori are at the decision-making table itself when the new council takes office later this year.

She says as proposed seven general councillors will be elected from seven general constituencies

(one from each) and two Māori councillors elected from the region-wide Māori constituency (Te Raki), the latter with an electoral population of approximately 48,000.

The general constituencies will be Far North, Coastal Central, Coastal South, Kaipara, Mid North, Whangārei Central and Bay of Islands-Whangaroa.

Aside from the Te Raki constituency, which only those on the Māori electoral roll can vote for, other proposed key changes from the current model are:

- The proposed Whangārei Central general constituency is smaller and confined to the city centre. There will be a single councillor (instead of the current two) recognising that people living in Whangārei have easy access to the council's main office, services and councillors unlike some more remote parts of the region

- The outer fringes/suburbs of Whangārei are reflected in the surrounding constituencies
- A new Mid North general constituency incorporating Hikurangi, Towai, Kawakawa and Moerewa to ensure these communities are well represented
- A new general constituency specific to the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa area which has been identified as a clear community of interest and experiencing considerable growth.

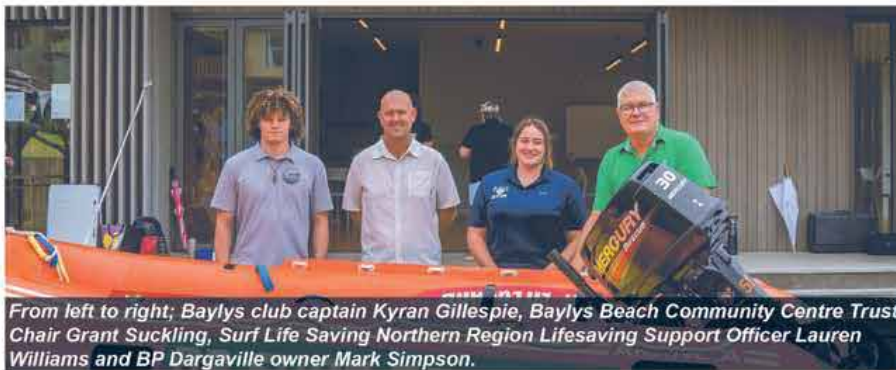
The council says at its heart, the proposed changes are about how best to achieve fair and effective representation for Northlanders, within the legislative requirements councils are bound by.

Information for would-be candidates is expected to be released by the council in several months.



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Baylys Beach Surf Lifesaving officially joins the club



From left to right: Baylys club captain Kyran Gillespie, Baylys Beach Community Centre Trust Chair Grant Suckling, Surf Life Saving Northern Region Lifesaving Support Officer Lauren Williams and BP Dargaville owner Mark Simpson.

Christmas came early for the team keeping people safe at one of Northland's most challenging holiday spots this summer with the arrival of \$120,000 worth of new surf lifesaving equipment.

Surf patrol operations at Baylys Beach on the Kaipara coast have previously been administered by the club at Ruakākā, but this year that changed as Baylys became officially affiliated with Surf Life Saving NZ as the newest club in the country.

"The big change is that we now get to run our own operations, and control our own resources", says Baylys club captain Kyran Gillespie.

Those new resources included two IRB rescue boats, a beach all-terrain vehicle, funding for a new ute rescue vehicle and other associated rescue and communications gear.

The new Baylys Beach club included 20 volunteer lifeguards that patrolled the west coast beach over summer until Waitangi Day.

"It's been awesome to be able to do our job with such great new equipment. That, and the fact we are now our own club, really had a positive effect

on everyone's morale", Kyran says.

Northland Regional Council contributes \$224,000 annually towards funding for surf lifesaving operations at six key locations during the peak holiday period. This contribution comes from the emergency services rate collection. These are:

- Paripari Reserve, Ahipara (Far North)
- Baylys Beach, Ripiro
- Ocean Beach,
- Whangārei Heads
- Ruakākā Beach
- Waipū Cove
- Mangawhai Heads

This summer lifeguards in Northland spent 13,706 hours patrolling these beaches to keep people safe and performed 34 rescues. Weekday patrols have now wrapped up around the region but the message to all of us from our lifeguards remains the same. When around water, check the conditions, don't overestimate your abilities and if in doubt, stay out.

Whangārei Urban Awa programme

There's still time to take advantage of the 80% subsidy on offer for stock exclusion fencing and riparian planting within the Whangārei Urban Awa catchment. By excluding stock and preventing sediment from entering the four main river catchments in and around the city, water quality will be improved. If you have a property bigger than one hectare, and which borders either of the Kīrīkiri, Raumanga, Waiarohia streams or the Lower Hatea River, you could be eligible. Give us a ring to find out more... this is a subsidised chance to not only increase the value of your own property, but to also be part of a community solution working to make the water in our city's rivers cleaner for everyone.



Have your say

We're working hard to support Northland's growth and wellbeing, and there's heaps of amazing mahi underway across the region. But things are changing quickly, and we must adapt.

Reviewing our budget each year ensures we're on track financially for the next year. The Annual Plan 2022/23 is open for consultation from Saturday 26 March, and we'd like to hear what you think about the proposed changes.

Visit nrc.govt.nz/annualplan2022 to learn about the changes and how you can give us your feedback.

Feedback closes Friday 29 April 2022



Solar energy boost for Water St headquarters

Council is to spend up to \$40,000 expanding its solar energy generation at its Whangārei headquarters in a move that clearly demonstrates council's practical commitment to climate change mitigation.

The current solar array at Water Street, pictured during its installation, provides 20kW and has been operational since April 2015 producing approximately 180,000 kWh of electricity. The existing array was designed to produce approximately 15% of the weekday demand.

The proposed expansion – planned for later this year – will boost the electricity produced to almost 25% of weekday demand.

Contact your local councillor at www.nrc.govt.nz/councillors

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MARSDEN POINT HIGH TIDES

	AM	PM		
Thu 24 Mar	12.47	2.7	1.05	2.6
Fri 25 Mar	1.41	2.6	1.58	2.6
Sat 26 Mar	2.40	2.6	2.58	2.5
Sun 27 Mar	3.44	2.5	4.03	2.5
Mon 28 Mar	4.50	2.5	5.11	2.4
Tue 29 Mar	5.54	2.6	6.17	2.5
Wed 30 Mar	6.52	2.6	7.17	2.5
Thu 31 Mar	7.45	2.7	8.11	2.7
Fri 1 April	8.34	2.7	9.00	2.7
Sat 2 April	9.20	2.7	9.45	2.7
Sun 3 April	9.02	2.7	9.27	2.7
Mon 4 April	9.43	2.7	10.07	2.6
Tue 5 April	10.23	2.6	10.47	2.6
Wed 6 April	11.02	2.5	11.26	2.6
Thu 7 April	11.42	2.4	~	~
Fri 8 April	12.08	2.4	12.24	2.3

Twilight vax event at Takahiwai League Club



The Mahi Pai taniwha on stage on the field at the Takahiwai Rugby League Club

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If you would like a fun time, please join us. We are singing the music of the 60's this year. And we know all the words..... !!!!

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Wendy Boyd 432 1447 or 027 612 0849

"I can remember standing on this very field getting hold of the ball and running. It was a good try too," Lisa Minhinnick, the creative director of the Māori Television children's show Mahi Pai told the children gathered at the Takahiwai League Club last Tuesday evening.

The Mahi Pai taniwha had come to the club to support a Covid 19 vaccination clinic being held there.

Children and their parents and caregivers were offered sausages and prizes along with a free live show. A stage was set up on the field and after a very energetic opening acts by Made2Move the troupe colourful taniwha took the floor.

Lisa grew up in Takahiwai as Lisa Simperingham. Her grandmother, Matire Pirihi was a fluent and frequent

Māori speaker.

She has a background in pre school education and believes that children learn more when they are having fun.

The twilight clinic at the Takahiwai League Club was part of a push by the Northland District Health Board to improve the vaccination rate amongst Northland's children. As of last week just 34% of tamariki in the region aged 5 to 11 years have received their first dose of the Covid 19 vaccine.

Of Northland's eligible population over the age of 12 years 91% have received at least one dose of the vaccine and 88% have had two doses. This is the lowest rate of any region in New Zealand. Of Northlanders aged 18 and over, 69.8% have received their booster shots.



Bella Johnson, aged 6, Dloise Grieve - 11 and Caroline Grieve - 7 posing with Kamaka, the biggest and strongest taniwha in the Mai Pahi troupe.

New youth group aims to get kids outside and off their devices



Members of the recently formed CS Gromits youth group.

Daniel and Emma Harrington have started a new after school youth group.

The group is called CS Groms – CS for Christian Surfers, which the group is affiliated to and Groms being short for grommets a slang term for young surfers. They plan to meet from 4.30pm to 6.30pm on Wednesday afternoons for the remainder of Term 1 and starting up again in Term 4, having a break through the winter to leave space for winter sports.

They go to wherever the best surf is either at Waipu Cove, Langs or Ruakākā. If there is no surf they will meet at either the Waipu or Ruakākā skatepark. A mes-

sage goes out on the Instagram Page: [instagram.com/csgroms/](https://www.instagram.com/csgroms/) to let members know where.

They managed to hold three events with around 25 young people at each before being interrupted by the Covid outbreak. They have now started up again and had an event planned for 23 March.

Daniel said, “The aim of the group is for young people to connect through surfing and skateboarding at beaches and skateparks around Bream Bay.

“We are hoping to make a positive change in the community and get kids out and off devices.”

Sandra Hayward appointed as fifth Deputy Principal of Bream Bay College

Sandra Hayward has been promoted from Ross House Senior Manager to Deputy Principal of Bream Bay College.

Sandra has been teaching at the college for nineteen years, starting in the year 7 and 8 department.

She began her teaching career in Auckland before moving north to Waipu Primary. She served on the Board of Trustees at both Waipu Primary and Bream Bay College prior to being appointed as Head of Department for Year 7 & 8 at the college.

Two years ago she took on the role of Careers Adviser, and said she has enjoyed working with students and their parents to help develop pathways for their futures.

Late in 2021 Health and Safety, Co-curricular and Education outside the Classroom (EOTC) was added to her portfolio.

She said she is excited about the new role and its challenges.”

Sandra is one of five Deputy Principals at Bream Bay College. The other four are: Junie Shelford, Alison Dalgleish, Mark Bayer and Sarah Molloy.



Sandra Hayward

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Bream Bay College surfing championships



Chantel Curtis and Ruby-Rose Harrington at the Bream Bay College surfing championships.

Bream Bay College held its sixth annual surfing championships on the last day of February at Waipu Cove in what the schools Head of Physical Education Daniel Harrington described as "solid two metre surf."

Results were:

Junior Girls (Years 7-10) 1st Shantel Curtis, 2nd Ruby Harrington, 3rd Kezia Curtis 4th Ava Pullan
 Junior Boys (Years 7-10) 1st Quinn Mcclelland, 2nd Jack McCully 3rd Ben Porter, 4th Cruz Harlin
 Senior Girls (Years 11-13) 1st Amy Swanson, 2nd Karli Babe Vercoe, 3rd Jess Andrews
 Senior Boys (Years 11-13) 1st Vinny Carter, 2nd Connor Owen 3rd Connor Williams, 4th Levi Williams

The competition had the premiere surfers from the college competing to be the best in their division.

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Zumba Gold	Thursday 9.30am to 10.15am starts 15 April 2021		\$5 Riz roshumba@gmail.com
Zumba Gold	Friday 9am to 9.45 am		\$5 Riz roshumba@gmail.com
Aerial Yoga	Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm booking essential		\$18 Barbara 0212998840
Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm		\$5 Lu 4328941
60's up	4th Friday of month 10am to 4pm	\$12 annually fee	Joy 021491887
Music club	1st Monday of month 7pm to 10pm		\$2 Holly 021 842 050
Pilates	Tuesday 5.15pm to 6.15pm booking essential	\$12,concession(10x)	Barbara 0212998840
Pilates	Thursday 8am to 9am booking essential	\$12,concession(10x)	Barbara 0212998840
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 Ruakaka - Camellia Ave - 8.45am
 Waipu - 50 The Centre - 10.15am

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Late start for junior league

Junior league competitions will begin later than usual this year in May with the hope that the peak of the Omicron outbreak will be over by that time. Without any competition in the Whangārei District the Takahiwai club's senior team plans to play in the Auckland Rugby League Ray Cranch Premier Championship again this season. Takahiwai was well placed in the rankings when the 2021 competition was cut short by the Delta Covid 19 outbreak in Auckland. Takahiwai Club secretary Juanita Hool said, "We have shown that we could hold our own in the Auckland competition. Hopefully, we will get to play a full season this year."

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Carleen at the RAZZA

Tickets are on sale at Ray Whites in Waipu and at the RAZZA for an evening with entertainment by Carleen Still on Saturday 26 March from 7pm.

Carleen, who is billed as an international country music recording artist wants to let everyone know that she is not just a country singer but enjoys Rock and Roll music and songs from the 60s and 70s as well.

"I hope people will come along and have a great night. We are all in need of a bit of enjoyment."

The evening is a fundraiser for the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway. There will be raffles and



Country music recording artist and rock and roll singer Carleen Still

spot prizes and auctions of baskets of goodies goods as well as the Manta Ray sculpture by Claire Nichols, which was featured in the last issue of the Bream Bay News.

Tickets cost \$15 each and are limited to 100 to meet Covid 19 public health mandates. Vaccine passes are required.

WHAT'S ON IN BREM BAY

- **COUNTRY MUSIC RECORDING ARTIST CARLEEN STILL** at the RAZZA, Waipu Saturday 26 March. 7pm until late. Proceeds to the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway project. Tickets \$15 from the club or Ray Whites, Waipu.
- **COMMUNITY BINGO** Waipu Citizens and Services Club Wednesday March 30. Calling starts 7.30pm Restaurant open from 5.30 The club is open to everyone for this event
- **OTP MARKET.** At OTP Primary school Sunday March 27 from 9am - 1pm. Call Sue 021 530 153 to book a stall. Profits donated to Whangārei Hospital children's ward. Marsden Bay Garden Club will hold a stall at this month's market.
- **THE WAIPŪ SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 10 April, 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET.** Next on Sunday 17 March in the marquee at Marsden Cove. 9am - 1pm.
- **WAIPŪ MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am - 4pm. New Tangata Whenua exhibition.
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9.20am	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
9.35am	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
9.40am	Departs	Waipū Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	Departs	Waipū Monument Bus stop
10.10am	Departs	Ruakāka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
AFTERNOON		
3.00pm	Departs	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
3.40pm	Departs	Ruakāka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
4.00pm	Departs	Waipū Monument Bus stop
4.10pm	Departs	Waipū 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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Waipū	\$6.00	\$8.00
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