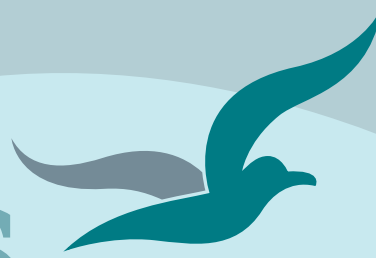


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## Rural Delivery drivers compile a long list of potholed and slumping roads

After months of rain there are lots of potholes and slumps on Bream Bay's roads. Waipu and Ruakākā Rural Delivery drivers have compiled a list of some of the worst problems.

They say, "All the gravel roads are awful. Millbrook Rd, Helmsdale Rd. are both full of potholes with a slump on Helmsdale Road. Shoemaker Road has a big slump across it at the top of the hill approaching the Mountfield Rd/Caves Rd intersection. The top of Ormiston Road has a big channel right across the road. Waipu Caves Rd has lots of potholes on both its sealed and graveled sections and Pyle Road in Ruakākā has some terrible pot holes down the middle."

Watch out for the big pothole on Mountfield Rd at the intersection with Doctors Hill Rd., another as you go down the hill into Langs Beach from the Waipu Cove direction and still another as you come off the bridge in McLean Rd.

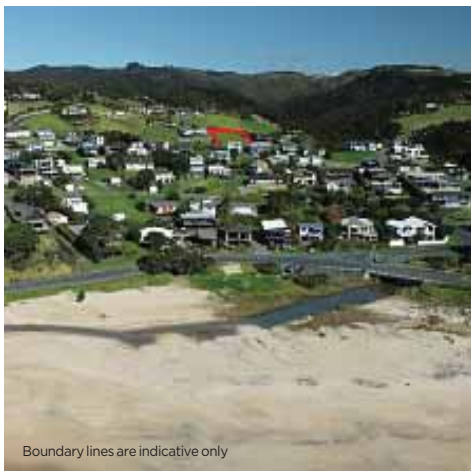
The Mountfield Rd. pothole has been there for months. Former Councillor Neil McLeod who lives nearby recently penned a letter to the Whangārei District Council on behalf of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association complaining about poor standards of road maintenance. The letter questioned how much benefit the Whangārei District had gained from joining the Northland Transportation Alliance, which for the past

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## Stocking up on some school holiday reading



Kinai Pirini, aged 11, gets advice from Wendy Rowsell on books he might enjoy reading over the remaining weeks of the school holidays. Wendy and her mother Gladys Rowsell run Bream Bay Learning Community Swap a Book stalls for children in both Ruakākā and Waipu every school holiday. Children are also invited to submit book reviews and win prizes. This latest stall was held in The Centre, Waipu on Friday 20 January



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In New Zealand, biting insects do not carry diseases such as malaria, dengue fever or lyme disease, as they do in other countries. But the result of an insect bite is frequently intense itching, as the insect injects a small amount of an anti-clotting substance so that the blood may be fed on more easily. This often develops into a raised reddened lump at the site of a bite, and may also blister. The major problem with these bites is that the itching results in scratching the area, causing infections and sores to develop, which may take some time to heal, and may also cause scarring.

In order to treat an insect bite you need to relieve the itch. There are many preparations available from your community pharmacy that will help to treat the itch, as it may continue for several days after the bite if you are particularly sensitive to that insect. Often people that are new to an area may have a more severe allergic response to the insects that inhabits that region. Travellers or those on holiday often have a more severe reaction to insects than those that live locally, as an immunity to the insect appears to develop with repeated exposure or bites in the past.

Preparations that your community pharmacist may advise you to use to treat the itch of insect bites include soothing, numbing or mild steroid creams and lotions. If there are many bites, or your reaction is severe, then antihistamine tablets may also be helpful to deal with extended periods of itching. The itch of bites tends to worsen at night when you are in bed and this is when antihistamine tablets are particularly helpful.

As with all preventable conditions, the best treatment of insect bites is not to get bitten in the first place. Regular flea treatment of cats and dogs and good household and personal hygiene will help to remove fleas and bedbugs. It is also helpful to remove or cover pools of water to deter mosquitos.

Your community pharmacist is also able to advise you of suitable products to use to repel biting mosquitos, sand flies and other insects; as well as advise you about how to discourage insects from being attracted to you or your surroundings.

### THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 9 February  
The deadline for all copy is 4pm on  
Wednesday 1 February

## EDITORIAL

### We need a break from celebrity politicians

I was pleased to learn that our new Prime Minister likes to garden. I think there are some major divisions amongst people in this world and one important one is between those who grow dahlias and tomatoes and those who pave their back yards with concrete.

For me Chris Hipkins being a gardener is a big plus. If he can spend a few hours now and then digging the soil this will help him to keep his composure and if everything goes pear shaped in the lead up to the election at least he can console himself by observing how well his cabbages are growing.

Apparently he is also a cyclist. Great, getting exercise will help him to sleep well at night despite the myriad of issues that must swirl in a prime minister's head.

We know that he is a competent and hard working politician but not too much more about him, which I count as another plus. I hope he can manage to keep his private life private. Posing for the cover of Women's Weekly with a smiling spouse and well-washed children shouldn't be a requirement for our prime ministers.

I feel we all need a rest from the era of celebrity politicians. I hope we can get back to concentrating on track records and policies. Neither of the current leaders of our two major political parties appears to be media super star material, so perhaps this time has come.

I have just finished reading a biography of Angela Merkel, who retired in 2022 after holding the office of Chancellor of Germany for 16 years. Under her leadership Germany emerged as the economic and moral leader of Europe.

She was very strict about keeping her privacy. She never conducted interviews from her home and her husband; a scientist as she had been in an earlier career, was rarely seen in public. He once turned down an invitation to dine in the White House with Barack and Michelle Obama in preference to attending a pre-arranged meeting with some fellow chemists.

Although she enjoyed a close relationship with Barack Obama and Emmanuel Macron, Merkel distrusted Obama's soaring rhetoric and Macron's flair for the dramatic and reformist ambitions. She always spoke plainly and she once told Macron, "We understand one another. You like to break things and I am here to mop them up."

Like Jacinda Ardern, Angela Merkel is revered around the world for her leadership but at home faced a barrage of threats and insults from women haters and extremists. The actor Sam Neill was quoted in Saturday's NZ Herald describing all those on-line warriors taking to facebook on news of Ardern's resignation as "a disgraceful and embarrassing pile up of bullies, misogynists and the aggrieved." Where do they all come from? I wonder if Ardern will continue with her work on *The Christchurch Call*, asking political leaders to put pressure on social media companies to control the way their algorithms work, so that the purveyors of misinformation and hate speech are denied the free rein and influence they have at present. There may be ways to restrict the creation of the skewed online fantasy worlds these vicious attackers of our women politicians crawl out of.

I believe a lack of education makes people vulnerable to this stuff. This could get worse with so many teenagers staying away from school, preferring to spend all day surfing the Internet. How are they allowed to get away with this? I have come across a few of these stay all day at home youngsters and have seen them grow in arrogance and ignorance in equal proportions as they get sucked deeper and deeper into whirlpools of misinformation.

Chris Hipkins has a special interest in education so perhaps he will do something about this problem. I would like to see civics introduced as a compulsory subject. This would help young people understand how our society operates and to better realize their place in the world. It could be a bit tricky as teachers would need to avoid indicating a preference for a political party but I think (if we leave anarchists out of the mix) some common ground can be found.

Teaching discretion – how to sort out what information is reliable and what isn't is another skill our young people need to help them negotiate the online world.

Marilyn

### Please return those trophies

The Bream Bay Sports Trust requests that anyone still holding a trophy from the previous Bream Bay Sports Awards held in 2021 please return it to either the Waipu Pharmacy or Orrs Pharmacy in the Ruakākā Towncentre so these can be engraved with the names of the 2022 Bream Bay Sports Awards winners in time for awards night on 31 March 2023.



## Potholed and slumping roads

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A big pot hole on Mountfield Rd at the Doctors Hill Rd intersection. It has been there for months

seven years has managed maintenance and upgrades on all the rural roads in the Whangārei. Kaipara and Far North Districts.

Councillor Phil Halse said he has always believed "We (meaning the Whangārei District Council) could do it better. He chaired the Council's Works and Services Committee for 12 years.

"We have been in this alliance for seven years now and it is what it is."

He agrees that it is time to review this arrangement

Both he and Councillor Ken Couper say that the current situation isn't good enough and local people who pay rates and road user charges "deserve better." Councillor Couper said he has had people phone him distraught that their vehicles have been damaged on our badly corrugated and pot holed roads. Many can't afford the needed repairs but have no other means of travelling to their jobs.

"I feel for people in these situations. We all know what it's like."

He said, "We (councillors representing rural areas) have been trying to get extra money into the roading maintenance budget so we don't have to put up with this situation."

Councillor Halse said the new Council elected in October 2022 is much more amenable to putting more money into the roading budget. Exactly how much depends on a number of factors including the amount of subsidy that can be secured from the National Transport Agency – Waka Kotahi but At the last Council meeting of 2022 Councillors agreed to increase the amount of money spent on roading by around \$1million.

Councillor Halse also says something has to change as regards excessive expenditure on traffic safety management.

"Of course we have to make sure that road workers are kept safe but this has really got out of hand."

He said, for some contracts a third of the price is traffic management and that each road cone is charged out at \$2 for each day it remains on the road. Recently he counted 400 cones laid out each side of a small pothole repair alongside his family farm at Mata.

## Hunks of metal dropped on roads causing punctures



Darren Webb of Bream Bay Tyres holds up several of the metal items he has recently extracted from vehicle tyres. Darren says metal strewn on the side of the highway has become a real problem and everyday motorists come in with punctures caused by nails or pieces of metal that they picked up on the roads.

He said in the past the sides of the highway would regularly get swept but this hasn't happened for some time.

Also with all the heavy rain lots of potholes have developed and drivers are swerving to avoid these might be moving to the roadside where these other hazards lurk.

A spokesperson for Waka Kotahi said roadside sweeping is carried out on an as needed basis. Asked if there are legal penalties for those who leave items likely to cause damage to the vehicles of other road users, Waka Kotahi replied "Most litter on state highways comes from people throwing items from their vehicles. The team that operate and maintain Northland's network can't penalise or fine litterers, but it can provide details to Council who can impose fines. To report rubbish on state highways in the Whangārei District people can contact Waka Kotahi on 0800 44 44 49.

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## LETTERS

### In support of local industry

I read in the Bream Bay Times that a locally owned and operated industry is being harassed by a developer who has purchased adjoining land on which he wants to build a residential development.

After the developer has been given the green light from WDC, it seems they have supposedly only just realised that right next door is a long standing business in the shape of a timber mill, which because of its processing type, is a wee bit noisy.

I ask you, who needs the support in this argument. The mill, or the developer? Who caused the problem? The WDC.

I think maybe the WDC's focus was a little clouded by the thought of all that rates money that would come from a housing development.

North Pine is a well run operation and an employer with a good track record. They put a lot of effort into supporting local "not for profit" community groups, which is something our fair council should take notice of.

Give local business your support.

Colin Coutts

One Tree Point

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## Ute in the Waipu Wildlife Refuge evicts nesting terns

By Cheryl Laurie

The North side of Waipu River mouth, a wildlife refuge and home to nesting dotterels, oyster-catchers and white-fronted terns could easily have become a car graveyard when the weather settled after Cyclone Hale.

Residents who overlook the river were surprised to see an abandoned vehicle partly submerged in wet sand early on the Saturday morning. Closer inspection showed registration plates and sticker had been removed



The ute abandoned in the Waipu Wildlife Refuge

although there was still an amount of food, tools and the odd sock left in the cab.

Surprise turned to concern as the word got out on social media and people realised it would fast become a pollution hazard. Not only that, but what was it doing there in the first place given the special nature of the bird habitat?

David Lourie of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust has spent more time than anyone monitoring human and avian activity in that part of the refuge. He says "Some people have the idea that it is their right to drive not just on the beach but through the refuge as well. They do not understand the way shorebirds use the space. They need the wet sand to feed, shorebirds do not fish like sea birds. They need to take their fledglings down through the wet sand to feed. When nesting they are particularly sensitive to disturbance."

Lourie has dedicated the last five years to protecting the area by patrolling the entrance to the reserve and requesting drivers to stop and walk. "Most people just turn around" says Laurie. "They are not actually interested in the refuge, they are just out for a joy ride." This has been a difficult season for birds with severe weather causing waves to crash over the spit, more than once washing out nests and eggs. A colony of around 200 white-fronted terns managed to survive Cyclone Hale only to have the vehicle and its occupants invade their space.

Lourie went down to the estuary on Thursday 12 January to see if the birds had survived Cyclone Hale. He was pleased to find the tern nesting colony remained

and did a head count.

However, when he returned on Saturday 14 he found the water-logged vehicle, tyre marks, human and predator footprints all over the nesting site and just one remaining nesting tern. Abandoned eggs were scattered around where the colony had been.

He says the small minority of drivers who insist it is their right to drive into the refuge, claim it does not include the intertidal area but he has obtained documents from the National Archives which show the boundary of the reserve, formed by proclamation in 1953 by Sir Bernard Ferguson, does go down to the low tide mark. "As far as we know, this has never been revoked" he says.

Yvonne Jackson, Chairperson of Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust says "Although 'beach' is listed in the Land Transport Act as one of the areas where Police can enforce road rules, this does not mean all beaches are roads. Is it sensible to have a road running through a bird nesting area designated as a wildlife reserve or though places where children play?"

The abandoned vehicle was removed by Tony Connell and Roy Bradley (Waipu Earthmovers) who brought a heavy-duty tractor to tow it back to Tip Road, at their own expense. So, the pollution hazard is gone, but so are the terns.

The Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association is running a survey to find if local people would support closing off or limiting access through the Tip Rd vehicle beach access. Email your thoughts to: [waipurra@gmail.com](mailto:waipurra@gmail.com)

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## Police Report

### CCTV footage helps Police find prowler

Police have arrested a 19-year-old Ruakākā man after he was seen on CCTV footage prowling around a residential property in Ata Mahina Way. Police were shown video footage by the homeowners and then called to the property at around 10pm on 19 January after he appeared once more on their camera. Police located their suspect nearby and were able to use the CCTV footage to confirm they had the man they were seeking. He will be appearing in the Whangārei District court on a charge of being on a property unlawfully.

### String of burglaries in Marsden Point Road

A number of items were stolen from garages in Marsden Point Rd between 14 -17 January. Police are following a strong lead after householders were able to provide details of a suspect's appearance as well as his vehicle registration number.

### Waipu man faces drink driving charge

A 69-year-old Waipu man was pulled over by Police on State Highway One at Uretiti around 3pm on Tuesday 17 January. On being breath tested he returned a reading of 472 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The legal limit for those over the age of 20 is 250 micrograms of alcohol.

### Boating accident at One Tree Point

A man fell from his boat in the water just off Manaia View Rd. in One Tree Point at around 11am on Sunday 8 January. Despite being injured by the propeller of his boat he managed to swim to shore and was attended by a St John Ambulance crew. An onlooker also safely rescued his boat.

### Sixteen family harm incidents

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Kevin Tebbutt's entry at this year's Northpine Waipu Car and Bike Show will be this lime green 1937 Model T Ford replica roadster. Kevin was at the very first car show back in 2015 with a gleaming black Mustang and has taken along a variety of unusual vehicles since then. At the 2021 show he displayed a collection of his home made pedal cars.

The Ford 10 roadster was a prize in a New Zealand hot rod raffle. Kevin wasn't the lucky winner but purchased the vehicle two years ago and drove it back to his home in Waipu from Christchurch.

The car has no doors, so you have to be pretty agile to ride in it, and no roof so you need to be prepared to get wet if it rains. This has happened to Kevin while he was out on a drive.

"That's just part of the experience. The water warms up after a while", he said.

It has very fat tyres which as it is a very small car makes it look quite comical from the back.

Kevin went for a drive to Parua Bay and it certainly turned a few heads.

He will also be bringing along his 1976 Ford Granada cruiser, which he is reluctantly putting up for sale.

He just doesn't have any space for it in his garage. His 2023 project is a 92 Chevrolet. This was built for the show circuit with all its big engine all airbrushed and shining. Kevin wants to make it road legal and has used his sign writing skills to paint fiery design over the bonnet. All going to plan, this will be his entry at the 2024 Waipu Car and Bike Show.

The 2023 Northpine Waipu Car and Bike Show will be held on Sunday 5 February in the Waipu Caledonian Park. The gates will open to the public at 10am and the show will finish at 2pm. Entry is \$10 per person. Children under 12 get in for free and a \$30 family pass is available. This year most of the funds raised will go towards the extension of the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway.

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## A wedding at the Bream Bay Retirement Village

The residents of Bream Bay Retirement Village in Ruakākā celebrated the wedding of two of their number on Saturday 21 January.

Linda Ash and Ian Matheson met in Paihia, where Linda was living at the time and commuting to her job as a Medical Social Worker at Whangārei Hospital.

Ian is a high voltage electrical specialist who still does some occasional consultancy work.

Ian persuaded Linda the Bream Bay Village was a fun place to live so she made the move.

Both Ian and Linda are widowers with their respective spouses having died of cancer. Ian lost his wife five years ago and Linda's second husband died just over a year ago. Knowing he did not have long to live he had urged Linda not to waste time in finding another partner.

Linda's first husband had died at the age of just 42, also of cancer.

"What are the chances of finding someone nice who you can get on well with at my age?" asked Linda. She is 68 and Ian is 70.

Unfortunately, Linda has herself recently been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and when she told Ian this news he said, "Well lets not waste any time. Lets get married and do all those things we have planned." Ian has a motorhome so they hope to travel together.

The staff and residents of the village rallied to help with the big day. Village administrator Heather Beaton made the wedding cake, and residents decorated the hall and the wedding car: the village mini bus on loan from Oceania, the company which now owns Bream Bay Village. Linda was driven to the venue in the decorated van from her former home at Takahiwai.

A group of residents also organised and set out a magnificent buffet wedding breakfast.

"We are having a beach theme with a boat full of drinks", Ian told the Bream Bay News.

Kaye Jensen, the village Manager was the celebrant.



Linda, nee Ash, and Ian Matheson exchange wedding vows at a ceremony held in the Bream Bay Village hall and presided over by village Manager Kaye Jensen. The hall was decorated by village residents using lots of spinifex seed tumblers to enhance a beach theme.

## A book lover's paradise - The big Bream Bay annual Book and Puzzle Fair

Right: Rachel Boyle, Sandra Nink and Liz Hedley, organisers of the big Bream Bay Book and Puzzle Fair, held in the One Tree Point School hall on Saturday 21 January. By lunchtime the puzzle collection was getting a bit thin but there were still thousands of books piled up on tables around the hall. Sandra commented. "We have actually been quite busy. The tables might still be full but we can tell we have made lots of sales because all the boxes underneath, which were full of books when the fair began are now empty."

All items were priced at just \$2, so there were some great bargains to be had. Proceeds from the fair will go to the Waipu and Ruakākā Fire and Rescue brigades and local toy libraries.





## Tennis Champion



Peri Woods of Ruakākā has won the Aotearoa Māori Tennis Tournament in the 55yr plus age group doubles. He was also runner up in the singles. The tournament was held in the Waikato Tennis Centre at the end of December 2022.

## Why all those green crosses on the highway?



One of the green cross *Your Producers Group* protest signs just south of the Doctors Hill turnoff.

If you are wondering about what all those green crosses on the side of the highway are about – they were put there by a group called *Your Food Producers* as a protest about new government regulations affecting farmers.

The idea was copied from a similar campaign by German farmers.

The *Your Food Producers Group* wants to highlight the agricultural sectors various concerns including regulations over carbon emissions and requirements for higher standards of animal welfare.

The *Your Food Producers Group* website stages, “New Zealand Food producers have one of the lowest carbon footprints in the world. We support regulations which achieve the desired outcomes without compromising the New Zealand Economy.”

## Try Something New sports festival taking shape

The Bream Bay Sports Trust's *Try Something New Festival of Sport* is shaping up well with a number of sporting codes already nominating dates for their free *have a go* sessions

The trust hopes there will be a variety of activities available for people of all ages and invites clubs and other local not for profit sports organisations, who have not done so already, to apply for a \$250 grant, which will be available to participating clubs to help with the costs of holding the session. Clubs need to describe how their session will run and then send a message to let the trust know how it went afterwards.

The festival will run from February 11 to March

14. Applications with nominated dates need to be sent to [info@breambaysportstrust.co.nz](mailto:info@breambaysportstrust.co.nz) before 5pm on 27 January to have your session included in the festival calendar.

The Sports Trust also invites nominations for the 2022 Bream Bay Sports Awards. These can now be posted on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website, where there is a full list of categories.

Nominations are due in by 28 February..

Tickets to the Awards Night on 31 March are also available on the website. guest speaker will be Laura Andrews who recently completed a 3,000 kilometre hike to the South Pole with the Antarctic Heritage Trust .

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# Kit Singleton and his wife Elizabeth arrived in Waipu 60 years ago intending to stay just three years They never left

Almost every day eighty-three-year-old retired schoolteacher Kit Singleton buys an ice cream and sits on the seat outside the Waipu Four Square watching people go by. He particularly enjoys meeting and chatting to some of his former students.

"When I first arrived in Waipu 60 years ago I would see these three old men sitting outside the grocery store talking to everyone who walked past. I never imagined I would someday be one of them."

He likes talking to the young check-out operators at Waipu Four Square and was pleased to hear if any have won the fifth form science and seventh form biology awards he bestowed on Bream Bay College when he resigned from his position as Head of Science there.

Kit and his wife Elizabeth came to Waipu in 1962 intending to stay for just three years. Kit had recently completed his teaching degree in the UK.

"We had just got married and we wanted an adventure. They were advertising for teachers in New Zealand so I went along and signed up."

He asked one of his lecturers if she felt he was letting the side down by taking his training overseas but she told him he would be all the more valuable a teacher when he returned with the experience he would gain. The Royal New Zealand Air Force flew Kit along with 59 other teachers, many of them new graduates, to New Zealand.

He took a job at the Waipu District School. As he walked to work on his first day in the job he recalls a young boy asking him, 'Are you Mr. Singleton our new science teacher?'

"In those days a newcomer arriving in Waipu was big news and the people in the town valued education. We were made to feel very welcome."

Kit was born near Bolton in Lancashire in 1939, a month after war was declared. His father was a Congregational Minister and the family lived in Manchester during the blitz. He has memories of bomb shelters, blackout curtains, food rationing and "no lollies".

When the war was over, to improve their nutrition British children were all issued with supplies of orange juice and cod liver oil. School lunches were provided from this time.

Kit said his Dad was very good at the preaching and the organizational side of his job but not so keen on the practical work such as visiting old ladies, so he left the ministry to become a youth worker before landing a job he loved as a Talks Producer with the BBC. The family moved to London when he took up this position. Kit was nine-years-old. He has a younger brother (who became a police officer who just recently visited Kit in Waipu). He also had an older sister who sadly died of cancer just before she turned 50.

Kit became involved with the Scouts and joined a youth group where he met Elizabeth.

"She was very pretty with these striking, well defined eye brows. She was 15 and I was 14 when we met and became friends."

Kit took up rock climbing as a hobby and has photographs of himself clinging to the near vertical slopes of Napes Needle in the Lake District. Elizabeth also enjoyed these excursions. She trained with Barnardos as a nanny but chose to work in orphanages rather than for wealthy people.

They both loved children and, shortly after their arrival in Waipu, their twin boys Kim and Kevin were born. Kit has a large black and white photograph of the two



Kit counts his home alongside the Waihoihoi River as a blessing

little blond toddlers playing in the sand at Waipu Cove. "They were real kiwi kids, outside all day long, not wearing much in the way of clothing."

They also had a daughter Keri and adopted another, Karen. They purchased a house at Waipu Cove where they lived for 51 years.

Kit said he especially enjoys teenagers and preferred teaching the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> forms (Year 12 and 13 students in today's language) rather than the younger third and fourth formers. He enjoyed the questions the older students would ask.

"I was teaching biology so that would raise a lot of issues. They would ask questions about evolution and that sort of thing. I really enjoyed that."

He taught in the Bream Bay district for 27 years and remembers the controversy that surrounded moving the Waipu District High School to Ruakākā and the establishment of Bream Bay College. At that time it was thought that Waipu would stagnate and Ruakākā was set for some massive growth. He recalls the then Chairman of the Waipu School Committee Bert Worthy storming out of a meeting with Ministry of Education officials calling them all "a pack of bastards."

Kit was the president of the local PPTA in 1972 when the transition took place. The teachers threatened to strike, as the new school was still incomplete with no outside seating, no water fountains and no seats on the toilets when they were expected to move in at the beginning of the year. Local volunteers got down to work to get the school ready and they were able to move in a week later, working through an extra week in the May holidays to make up for the last week at the start of the year.

Kit took early retirement in 1991 in his mid 50s and set up a caravan as a science laboratory, which he drove

around Northland giving science lessons to home schooled children. He visited One Tree Point School where children came into the caravan to conduct science experiments.

He continued to drive a school bus until he reached the age of 70.

He said, "I enjoyed meeting the children and seeing where they lived and I have always liked driving."

But one morning coming down a steep section of Massey Rd. with 50 children on board, a cliff on one side and a sheer drop off on the other he suddenly felt unsafe and decided it was time to give this job up.

Elizabeth and Kit became committed Christians after a prayer they made together helped Elizabeth to recover from a debilitating illness. As the Northland representative of the New Zealand Bible Society Kit has spoken in most of Northland's churches.

"I played guitar which was quite useful if they didn't have an organist."

He had been a folk singer playing at local RSA clubs and events before turning his talents to gospel music. Kit and Elizabeth assisted with the construction of the Encounter Church building in Marsden Point Rd. Kit now serves as an elder in the Waipu Presbyterian Church.

He ran the McLeod's Own Cub pack for 11 years from 1963, starting in the old Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall before the Scout Den was built and was given the Chief Scout's Award for his work.

He and Elizabeth ran girls adventure camps for the Scripture Union during the eighties and nineties from their Waipu Cove property and were given the Elizabeth Tayler award for volunteerism.

"Wonderful memories!" said Kit.

Another interest has been the Waipu Museum where



he served as the Museum board's secretary for 13 years. He involved in the development of the Heritage Precinct with its collection of historical buildings.

Elizabeth died seven years ago and four years later Kit suffered a stroke and is now unable to play his guitar.

He remains cheerful and active.

Three year's before Elizabeth's death they sold their Waipu Cove home and built a new house alongside the Waihoihoi River in Market Garden Way. Kit regards this home in central Waipu as a blessing.

Once a week he drives up to Whangārei to take in a movie and to dine with his daughter who lives there. Apart from science fiction and animated movies, which he avoids, Kit is familiar with all the latest releases.

He plays croquet as a social member of the Waipu club.

"It's a great sport for older people."

Since his stroke he is unable to work with tools, but he still calls in for morning tea at the Waipu Men's Shed on Tuesday mornings. He was a founding member and one of the initiators of the shed, just another of the many local institutions Kit has been involved with since his arrival in Waipu all those years ago.

Kit has 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



Almost every day Kit enjoys an ice cream on the seat outside the Waipu Four Square

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Thu 2 Feb	6.08	2.3	6.19	2.3
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## New Zealand's youngest coffee judge



Benji at work at Feoh Espresso in Waipu

Benji Taiaroa, aged 22, is New Zealand's youngest coffee judge. In 2022 he judged at the national latte competition and was a sensory judge at the New Zealand barista championships.

He has also competed in latte art competitions placing 7<sup>th</sup> in New Zealand in 2020 and gaining a first place and several second spots in a few smaller product promotional contests.

He works Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends at his family's Feoh Espresso shop in Waipu. If you strike Benji at the controls of the coffee machine there you might be lucky enough to find a sea horse, a rabbit or a winged Pegasus in the froth on the surface of your cup. Benji trained as a barista under Chris White at Altura in Albany, Auckland. Mr. White is well known in coffee connoisseur circles and acts as shadow judge, checking on the consistency of the judging panels at national

competitions.

Benji has decided for the time being to concentrate on judging as it is a known biological fact that young people aged between 20 and 40 have more sensitive taste buds than those of older people.

"Some like to compete while they are young and then take up judging as they get older but I think this is the wrong way around."

Benji enjoys the camaraderie of the coffee competitions. People tell him they are glad when his name comes up in the list of judges, as they know he will be joking around and they will all have a good time.

"That's more important than winning competitions for me: making sure everyone has a good time."

The Feoh Espresso shop is located at 86, The Centre, Waipu and is open from 6.30am – 11.30am on weekdays and 8am – 1pm weekends.

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## Celebrating the arrival of summer at last at the Bream Bay College swimming pool



The paint job on the Bream Bay College swimming pool has been completed and the pool is now available for public use. It will be open from 10am to 5pm seven days a week with lifeguards in attendance.

All children under the age of 12 years need to be accompanied by an adult and the price of entry is a gold coin.

Bream Bay College has funding from the Lotteries Commission to cover the cost of the lifeguards and additional funding from the Whangarei District Council for pool maintenance.

It was intended that the pool be open after Christmas but the wet weather held up the completion its repaint. Last weekend families made good use of the pool as a means of cooling off and celebrating the final arrival of summer sunshine/

Left: Friends from left: Jessica Lindsay, Khloe White and Ava Green - Swanson, all aged eleven, had fun together at the pool on Saturday morning 21 January.



Thumbs up for the newly painted Bream Bay College swimming pool from Kaia Wilson, aged six, in the pink swim suit and Kahvalli Wilson, aged seven who were practising their water confidence with their Dad in the water alongside on Sunday 22 January.



Levi Noall, aged 5, was proud of his new found confidence in floating with a rubber ring with his parents nearby but not actually holding onto the ring.

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## Students invited to meet international musicians before Waipu jazz concert

There will be an opportunity for local young people to meet with and learn from some of the international musicians who will be on stage at the Tahamoana Jazz, Funk and Soul Concert scheduled for Saturday February 4 from 6.30pm. From around 4pm Brazilian musician Nanny Assis and his band will be holding a sound check on stage and invite questions from students with an interest in music. The students will be able to watch and learn about how a show is put together.

Those interested in taking advantage of this offer need to register by emailing [maggiegouldphotos@gmail.com](mailto:maggiegouldphotos@gmail.com) or by phoning Maggie Gould 021 035 6296. The students are also welcome to attend the show free of charge. On stage with Nanny



Nanny Assis was named best male vocalist for the Brazilian Press Music Awards in 2017

Assis will be Ronald La Pread, original vocalist with The Commodores, Cuban percussion artist Miguel Fuentes with New Zealanders: Maggie Gould – vocalist, Kevin Field – keyboards and Alex Griffith – bass.

Tickets are available from Eventfinda for \$40 or at the gate - \$50. BYO food and drink.

## Special early bird fee offer for Art'n Tartan entries



Last year's winner *Hope and Deliverance* by Carole Heberd, modelled by Robert Spriggs and Marilyn Humphrey

The Waipu Art'n Tartan Wearable Art Awards has a special early bird \$30 entry fee up until January 30th. No details are needed at this stage, just the name of the designer and his or her contact details. Fees can be paid directly to the Waipu Museum and interactive forms downloaded from the museum website. The awards will be held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on 29 and 30 September 2023.

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## WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **JAZZ ON A SUMMERS DAY** at Tahamoana Farm, 566 Cove Rd. Saturday 28 January 2pm to 6.30pm. Tickets on Eventfinda or at the gate.
- **WAIPU STREET AND PARK MARKET** Auckland/Northland Anniversary Weekend. Sunday January 29, 9am - 2 pm The Centre, the Celtic Barn & Caledonian Park, Waipu. Over 150 Stalls of crafts, fashion, art, jewellery, food, novelties, and produce Most products made by Northland artisans. Live music - Food trucks - Entertainment for all the family.
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- **THE WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW** Sunday 5 February in the Waipu Caledonian Park. Gates open to the public at 10am. Closes at 2pm. \$10 entry. Kids under 12 Free. \$30 family pass. Sponsored by Northpine. This year's major beneficiary is the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway.
- **RODS AND ROCKERS CONCERT** at Tahamoana Farm 5 February from 3pm to 11pm. After the Waipu Car and Bike Show. A line up of local musicians including Tempest Fujit, The Recliner Rockers, The Legendary Hot Rods and Phil Madsen. Tickets on eventfinda or at the gate.
- **BOWIE BOWIE! TRIBUTE BAND.** At Tahamoana Farm on Saturday 11 February from 8pm to 11.30pm. Tickets from eventfinda or at the gate.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 12 February from 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **BREAM BAY SPORTS TRUST TRY SOMETHING NEW FESTIVAL** From Saturday February 11 to Sunday March 12. Local clubs will be inviting people of all ages to come and try a new sport.
- **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.
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward. Sunday 19 February from 9am-1pm. One Tree Point School field.
- **PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 26 January from 12 noon to 4pm, In the Paparoa Memorial Hall
- **THE KAURI MUSEUM,** The Kauri Museum is open 9am-5pm every day except Christmas Day. 5 Church St., Matakōhe.
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## BREAM BAY



### MORNING

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
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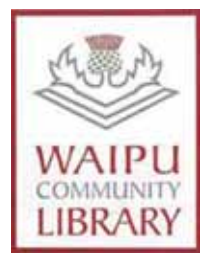
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