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Unwanted cats and puppies getting dumped at Uretiti

People need to stop dumping their unwanted animals in the day visitor park at Uretiti says Cindy Hosking the campground manager.

Since she and her husband Ray took on the job two years ago they have trapped no fewer than nine domesticated cats in the vicinity of the car park and, once, while they were away and a reliever was in charge, a litter of four abandoned puppies was found there.

The most recent cat Cindy and Ray have found was a young female, which was dumped several weeks ago. Cindy said she looked as though she had kittens but they looked around and couldn't find any.

Cindy asks that instead of dumping their unwanted cats in conservation areas people take them to a newly formed organisation in Mangawhai called Paws.

Janine Boulton, one of Paws founders said, "We only got started a few weeks ago and we were planning to spend some time getting organized but people found out about us and we are already getting lots of calls."

Paws take in unwanted cats, holding them in a cat proof property in Mangawhai until they can be rehomed. They arrange for the cats to be desexed, micro-chipped and inoculated and charge the new owners \$60, which she says is only part of the cost of all these procedures. Some funding comes from an animal rescue group in Auckland (as some of the cats dumped in Mangawhai and Bream Bay come from Auckland) and the rest from donations.

A recent call out has been to a rented property in

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Wacky hair and colourful clothing to celebrate diversity



From left: Lennox Wilson aged 8, Nate Cunis - 8, Aoife Inglis - 6 and Mia Alison - 8, line up for a photograph with their wacky hair styles

Last Friday 22 March, children of One Tree Point Primary joined in a Colour Your Day initiative to raise money for the Mayor of Christchurch's "Our people, Our City" fund for the families of the victims of the terrorist attack on the Al Noon Mosque and Linwood Islamic Centre a week earlier. Children came to school in colourful clothing with wacky hairstyles, gave gold coin donations to the fund. The school also observed the national two minutes silence on Friday afternoon.



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EDITORIAL

What violent extremists have in common is “a toxic masculinity”

Two days before the Christchurch terror attack my son had lunch with a friend who had returned from visiting her family in Indonesia. Although this girl was born in Indonesia, she is of Chinese ethnicity. She described how there had been some frightening anti Chinese demonstrations outside the apartment building where her family lives and I said to Robbie, “Thank goodness we don’t have that kind of racial hatred in New Zealand.”

All that complacency has now been shattered.

I listened to an interview with the author Kamila Shamsi on RNZ yesterday morning. She is a Muslim Pakistani woman and every time she travels to the United States she is pulled out of the custom and border protection line at the airport to be searched. Those border officials need to do some data analysis, which I think would tell them that the ones they should be looking out for are ultra conservative white men who own guns.

I have always known there are some pretty deluded people out there. You meet these men: usually poorly educated, ignorant as sin but incredibly arrogant with a strong sense of self-entitlement. They can come up with the most outrageous theories blaming other people because their lives haven’t panned out the way they imagined they would, none of them to do with their own poor decision-making. They are lonely and angry and sometimes, in the dark recesses of the Internet, they find other people and movements they can adhere to so they feel as though they are important and belong somewhere.

Kamila Shamsi described this as “a toxic masculinity.” In this respect Mark Taylor, “the bungling jihadist”, who went off to join Isis and now wants to return to New Zealand and the Christchurch terrorist, despite being poles apart in religious allegiances, have a lot in common.

I have been thinking about how, a few years ago, there was a bit of racism going on here in Bream Bay. When members of Auckland’s Chinese community visited Bream Bay in their hundreds to fish for crabs, some pretty ugly racist attitudes came to the fore.

But there were also some brave, good people who stood up and called this out for what it was. I recall at a public meeting at the Bream Bay Trust, young Lucy Goffin denouncing statements made on a local website. Sergeant Simon Craig had a word with the website’s founder warning him to take down posts that were overtly racist and inciting violence. Constable Martin Geddes engaged with the Chinese crab fishing

community to hold beach education days and Brent Cooper and a troop of local volunteers has run a beach ambassador programme throughout the past four summers making sure everyone on the beach is safe. This community handled that potentially ugly situation brilliantly. But after what happened in Christchurch, lets not get complacent.

The most important job we as a community, particularly but not exclusively, those of us who are parents, can do is to look after our children. We need to help our young people find ways they can become happy and well adjusted, contributing members of society. We need to try hard not to let any of our young men fall through the crevices to head down that terrible, dark, deluded and lonely path of hatred and violence.

Many lives took a tragic turn as a result of the Christchurch terrorist attack. The story that haunts me the most is that of Salwa Mustafa, whose 15-year-old son Hamza phoned her from the Al Noor mosque to say, “Mum there is someone shooting at us”. She heard his voice grow weaker and then he stopped talking. She rang his phone over and over and eventually someone picked it up to tell her he was dead. Her husband Khalid was also killed and her younger son Zaidi was wounded.

They were refugees from Syria. They should have been safe here.

Marilyn

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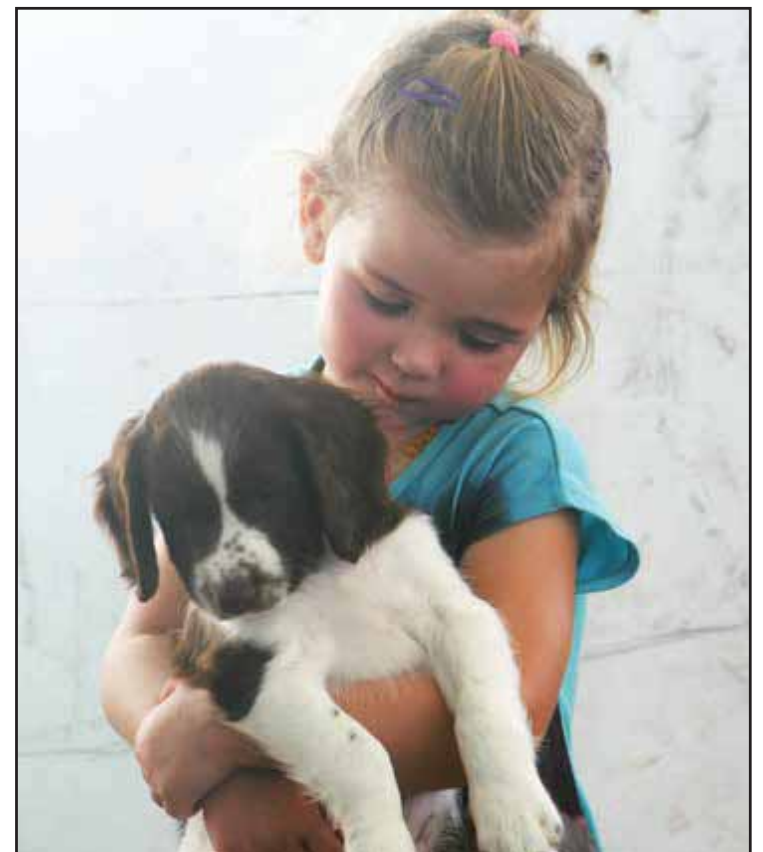
Tammy D'ath entertained the crowds at the Ruakaka School Gala held at the school on Saturday 23 March.



Ray and Judith Joass and Rickie Henderson spent the morning making crispy fried bread to accompany hangi meals



Caleb Laurence-Goss, aged 8, proved to be a to be a skilled driver of the dodgem cars



Kyla Martinovich, aged two and a half cuddles a sprnger spaniel puppy in the petting zoo. Kyla's family brought three puppies from a litter of 11 along to the gala. The petting zoo also had chicks, sheep, donkeys, goats and rabbits.



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Did anyone see this happen?

Anybody who witnessed the incident at Waipu Cove in the evening in early January in which a dog running at high speed along the beach toppled a young child sitting on the water's edge could you please call 0800 932 463 and share your information with Dog Control.

Angus McCulloch
Waipu Cove

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Unwanted cats and puppies getting dumped at Uretiti

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Bream Bay Drive, Ruakaka where a colony of cats remain after the tenants moved out. The tenants lived there for four years and kept cats that were no de-sexed.

So far the Paws team has managed to trap a mother cat and four kittens as well as a teenage cat. Bream Bay Drive is adjacent to the Ruakaka Wildlife Refuge where ground-nesting shorebirds such as dotterel and oystercatchers attempt to raise their chicks.

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Council investing to improve the quality of Ruakaka's water

The quality, quantity and taste of water coming out of taps in Ruakaka, Marsden Bay and One Tree Point homes was an issue raised at last weeks annual plan meeting in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre.



Sergeants Hill, the site of the Ruakaka water treatment plant

Linda and John Perry and Barry Kirk, all of Seadune Place Ruakaka told the Whangarei District Council's Works and Services Manager Simon Weston, they often had discoloured water and bad tasting water coming out of their taps.

Mr. Weston said this problem was due to an algal bloom growing in the Wilsons Dam. He said the Council's water services department sometimes directed water from the dam to the Marsden Point Refinery where the colour and taste of the water isn't so critical and using water from the Awaroa River in Waipu for the domestic supply. The Marsden Refinery takes around 65% of all Bream Bay's water supply. This winter some scrappers will go into the Ruakaka water treatment plant's clarification tanks on Sergeants Hill. Andrew Venmore, the WDC's water Services manager explained to the Bream Bay News that these are like big paddles which will be installed at the bottom of the tanks to push sludge into recesses in the tank floor so that it can be removed. The sludge build up at the bottom of the tanks had been accelerated by the algal bloom in the dam.

The scrappers are being especially built in America at a total cost of \$750,000 for the two. The first is expected to be installed in June and the second around September. The WDC has been working with NIWA to try to solve the algal bloom problem and just before Christmas 2018 a compressor was installed to pump oxygen through a pipe into the middle of the the dam.

Mr. Venmore said he thinks, while there was perhaps a bit less algal bloom in the lake this summer than there was over the 2017/2018 summer, the compressor really needs to be at work in the Spring to stop the first growth of algae and he is hopeful it will be more effective next summer season. The water temperature at the dam remains at around 21 – 22 degrees and the algae is still going strong. The temperature needs to fall to below 15 degrees before it starts to die off.

Tony Watkins told Mr. Weston that he had recently moved to Marsden Cove from Auckland and had noticed that the water pressure there was much lower than he was used to.

He said this was a problem that he could see getting worse as more and more houses are built in the area and asked if the Council had any plans to remedy this situation. Mr. Weston replied that the low pressure is a result of the flat terrain and Mr. Venmore agreed with this explanation. He said the treatment plant on Sergeants Hill was the highest available land but it wasn't high enough to give strong pressure. He said that as big new residential developments come on stream more water pipe capacity would be built. A pipeline from the treatment plant to Marsden City would eventually be extended to One Tree Point and sometime within the next ten years an old 55mm water pipe along Pyle Rd. East would be replaced with a large pipe.

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The lack of footpaths a big concern for Ruakaka residents

A lack of footpaths in many residential areas was a big concern for Ruakaka people who attended a meeting on the Whangarei District Council's proposed annual plan in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre on Tuesday 12 March.

Lynda Peni told the meeting that having no footpaths made life difficult for her husband who is in a wheelchair and also when it came to wheeling her grandchildren around in pushchairs.

The Council's Works and Services manager Simon Weston told the meeting that more money had been allocated to footpaths in this year's plan then had been for some time and some of that money would be used in Bream Bay.

From the annual plan consultation document \$417,000 will be spent on new footpaths in the 2019/2020 financial year.

Councillor Phil Halse said (and Mr. Weston confirmed) that there was a long list of requests for footpaths across the district and even with the increase in

spending this was not going to meet anywhere near the demand.

Jules Flight said that he understood Council staff had failed to include the footpaths as a resource consent in the WFH The Landing development, currently under construction, and he hoped the Bream Bay share of the annual plan footpath funding wouldn't go into providing this subdivision with paths. He said there were other places that had a higher priority.

The Bream Bay News asked the Whangarei District Council for confirmation that provision of footpaths had been left out of the resource consent requirements for The Landing but had not received a reply at the time of sending this issue to print.

Marsden Point High Tides

	AM		PM	
Thu 28 March	1.59	2.6	2.15	2.4
Fri 29 March	2.53	2.5	3.08	2.3
Sat 30 March	3.50	2.4	4.06	2.3
Sun 31 March	4.49	2.4	5.05	2.9
Mon 1 April	5.45	2.4	6.03	2.3
Tue 2 April	6.36	2.4	6.55	2.3
Wed 3 April	7.22	2.4	7.41	2.4
Thu 4 April	8.03	2.5	8.23	2.5
Fri 5 April	8.42	2.5	9.03	2.5
Sat 6 April	9.20	2.6	9.42	2.6
Sun 7 April	8.58	2.6	9.21	2.6
Mon 8 April	9.37	2.6	10.01	2.6
Tue 9 April	10.18	2.6	10.43	2.6
Wed 10 April	11.01	2.6	11.28	2.6
Thu 11 April	11.47	2.5	~	~
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Understanding Headlice and Nits



What are Headlice and Nits?

Headlice are small, wingless insects that feed on blood from the scalp. Nits is the name commonly used for their eggs. They are found worldwide and have been around for thousands of years.

Spotting Headlice or Nits

Check your child's hair weekly for headlice or nits.

Nits (eggs) are usually easier to see than headlice. Use a bright light or torch and look at the hairs behind the ears, at the nape of the neck, or at the base of a pony tail. New eggs are usually found close to the scalp. They are small and hard – like a grain of salt – and are usually yellow white to brown in colour. Unlike dandruff, they are firmly attached to the hair and hard to remove. Older, hatched eggs are usually transparent and found further from the scalp.

Headlice are brown or grey in colour and approximately 2-4 mm long. If you part the hairs on the scalp you may see them quickly crawl away to a more hidden area. It may be easier to see headlice if you apply conditioner to dry hair, wait ten minutes, then comb through with a nit comb, wiping the excess on a tissue. The dark lice are easily visible against the white tissue. This technique is called "wet combing".



Treatment

Headlice treatments are either chemical or non-chemical and available as shampoos, lotions, mousses or sprays. What treatment you select really comes down to your personal preference, time available and previous treatment success. Speak to your Pharmacist about which product best suits you.

Chemical treatments.

These contain pesticides deemed safe for human use. They kill lice directly, without harming the person being treated.

Non-chemical treatments.

These include products that contain benzyl alcohol, herbal ingredients, or essential oils. Most work by suffocating the headlice, preventing it from breathing properly and can be as effective as chemical treatments.

Both chemical and non-chemical treatments are more effective at killing headlice than nits. This means the majority of products need repeating in seven days time. Always apply the treatment strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; Treat ONLY those members of the household who appear to be hosting headlice. Talk to your Pharmacist about treatment options if somebody is pregnant or breastfeeding before using any of these products.

Failed treatment

Headlice are fairly resilient and sometimes difficult to treat. Reasons for treatment not working include:

- not applying the product correctly or not leaving it on long enough
- lice that are resistant to treatment
- not re-treating hair after seven days
- re-infection from people who have not treated their hair for headlice.

Further Advice

- Use a close-toothed metal nit comb (not plastic).
- If one treatment hasn't worked it may be best to switch to a different treatment. Ask your Pharmacist for advice and how many days to leave between treatments.
- One person left unchecked in a household, may be the source of further infestation.
- Check that the school has been notified and children in the class checked.
- Use extra precautions such as washing bed linen and towels.
- If using a chemical treatment DO NOT use conditioner or 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner for at least 24 hours after treating.
- DO NOT use a hairdryer on chemically treated hair. The heat breaks down the active chemical.



Helpful hints for treatment

If using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair. For shampoos, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible. Apply the product to all areas of the scalp and coat all the hair from root to tip. Use a nit comb to comb the product through the hair.

Leave the product on the hair for 20 minutes or the time specified on the packet. If the treatment has worked, lice will be dead within 20 minutes.

Recomb the hair with a nit comb, removing as many dead or live headlice and eggs as possible. Wipe the comb with a tissue each time. Repeat this until the whole head has been combed at least twice.

Most products are more effective at killing headlice than nits. This means almost all cases require a second treatment seven days later.

If no lice are found at the second treatment, no further treatment is required. If lice are found at the second treatment, in seven days time, either treat a third time, use the wet comb technique, or see your Pharmacist. Remember to check all members of the household daily for a period of three weeks.

Prevention

- Avoid head-to-head contact.
- Brush hair daily.
- Check the hair of everyone in your family at least once a week.
- Discourage children from playing with each other's hair.
- Don't share brushes, combs, hats or other items that come into contact with hair.
- Take action if a child is scratching a lot – check their head carefully.
- Tie long hair back or plait it.

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Ruakaka should be in credit

The Ruakaka Ratepayers put up a list of 33 items they would like to see the Council fund in Ruakaka. Only three of these made it onto the Council's Long Term plan.

"That's a slap in the face for the people of Ruakaka," Peter Hope the Chairman of the Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association told representatives of the Whangarei District Council at a public meeting to discuss the Council's draft annual plan held in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre on Tuesday evening 12 March.

Mr. Hope said over the last few years a lot of money has been spent on the central city. I am not decrying this as it was needed. But this is a fast growing area and now its time for a bit more expenditure here."

Warren Daniel asked what involvement the Ngunguru community had in the skate park, which will be for them in the next financial year.

Simon Weston said that while some of the local young people had helped with the design the facility was be-

ing funded by the Council.

The Ruakaka skate park was funded in its entirety by the local community. The sum of \$79,000 had been put aside for this project but the skatepark was built before this money became available.

Mr. Daniel pointed out that the Ruakaka Recreation Centre's proposal for a new multi purpose centre had received "absolutely no encouragement whatsoever from the Council."

Ngairie Kramer asked if that money which had been destined for Ruakaka could now go into some other Ruakaka project.

Councillor Phil Halse commented that the Council had saved a further \$80,000 it had planned to spend on the sealing of the Ruakaka carpark as this work will now be undertaken by Town Centre Properties, the owner of the Ruakaka towncentre.

He said the Ruakaka community had worked hard to get these items onto the Councils long term plan.

"We should be in credit by around \$160,000.

Will Bream Bay be getting that bus service?

Will Bream Bay still be getting a bus service?

Asked about a bus service at the public meeting in Ruakaka on Tuesday 12 March, NRC Councillor Rick Stolwerk explained that, as budgeted in the Northland Regional Council Long Term Plan, a Bream Bay bus trial is planned but it is important that people make use of this service otherwise it would be lost.

He said a trial bus service had been set up in Kaikohe but only two or three people were using it and it was proving horrendously expensive.

Dean Mitchell the NRC's Transport Project Manager said after the failed Kaikohe experiment it would be difficult to persuade NRC councillors to try the same thing in Bream Bay and he is looking at options that might have more chance of success.

"The realty is that people think they would like a bus service but then when they ride on a bus a few times and the realty of what that is like and how long it takes to get from Ruakaka to Whangarei sinks in, they are not so enthusiastic."

He said a bus service would need to be flexible and wondered if an arrangement such as the Community Vehicle Trust, which operates in the South Island could be set up in Bream Bay with support from the NRC.

There are 13 community vehicle trusts in the Canterbury region, serving people who live outside the urban public transport network. The transport trusts receive funding support from Environment Canterbury but rely on volunteer drivers and administrators to run the service.

Using the Geraldine Community Transport Trust as an example: this trust has five minibuses and a car. It runs a taxi service staffed by volunteer drivers taking residents around the town during trading hours. It provides an on demand passenger transport service to destinations outside Geraldine, generally to Timaru and Temuka. The vans are also available for hire by private individuals, local schools and preschools, rest homes as well as sports and service clubs

Have our say on Council annual plans

Consultation on the Whangarei District Council's draft annual plan is open until 4 April 2019.

The consultation document is available to view on the Whangarei District Council website along with a promotional video and a feedback form.

The document and feedback forms are also available at the Council's service centres including in Takutai Place, Ruakaka and at Forum North.

The second of the Council's Bream Bay meetings to discuss the plan was due to be held on Wednesday 27 March in St Peters Church in Nova Scotia Drive, Waipu starting at 7.30pm.

The Northland Regional Council's annual plan consultation follows a similar timeframe. Feedback on this plan closes on 5 April. The NRC also has a draft User Fees and Charges proposal along with the annual plan.

This is a complicated document encompassing a broad range of services the NRC charges for, including: resource consent hearings and applications, monitoring of the conditions of resource consents, checks on moorings and coastal structures, charges for water use rights and charges for information supplied under the Official Information Act.



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Giant kumara from a Waipu home garden



Barrie Warrell with his two giant kumara

Barrie Worrell of Waipu has grown some big kumara. The two giants both came from the same plant, which he planted along with 14 others in a boxed garden near his house in The Braigh in Waipu. The largest weighed in at 2.4 kg while the smaller weighs a mere 2 kg.

Did he put in a lot of fertilizer?

Not really Barrie said, although he has been putting compost into the plot for quite a few years. Barrie says he is not really a keen gardener. His late wife used to look after all of that. He usually grows potatoes but he bought the kumara plants at the Waipu market in October and watered them to get them started. They grew like crazy with the creepers covering the whole garden and reaching up and over the confines of the boxing.

As well as the two giants Barrie harvested quite a few kilos of big kumara, which last week he was drying out to store through the winter.

He already has the plot dug over and planted with brocolli and is keen to see how big this will grow.

Four new tsunami warning sirens for Bream Bay

Northland's tsunami warning sirens will be tested on Sunday morning 7 April.

The sirens are tested twice a year, coinciding with the start and finish of daylight saving.

Two hundred sirens from Te Hapua in the North to Mangawhai in the south and Ruawai in the west will at 10am for 10 minutes and then again at 10.30am for 10 seconds.

In the Bream Bay area five new sirens have been added since the last round of testing. These are on Ruakaka Beach Rd., Surfside Rd., Ata Mahina Way and Bream Bay Drive and one on Cove Rd. Waipu near the intersection with Hamon Rd.

Plug in indoor sirens are available for purchase at a cost of \$155.25 by those who live in siren evacuations zones in Northland but for whatever reason are unable to hear their nearest outdoor siren. These must be purchased in person, at the Northland Regional Council (NRC) Water Street, Whangarei office. Purchasers must have a brief face-to-face introduction to the siren's use before taking it away. The indoor sirens are tested at the same time as the outdoor network.

Victoria Harwood of Northland Civil Defence said the siren testing is an opportunity for Northland residents and visitors to find out if they live, work or play in a tsunami evacuation zone, and plan their evacuation route, by checking out Northland tsunami evacuation maps at www.nrc.govt.nz/evacuationzones

Mrs. Harwood added that people should also be aware of the risk of local source tsunami (those generated on or close to the coast), which could arrive ahead of any official warning. "Everyone who spends time on the coast needs to know the natural warning signs of tsunami – a strong earthquake that is hard to stand up in or one that lasts longer than a minute, or out-of-the ordinary sea behaviour, such as sudden rise or fall and/or unusual noise."

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Police Report



The Ruakaka Police Station along with rural stations around New Zealand has undergone a facelift, with some new signage. The station also has some new carpets inside and one way viewing glass on the station's street-side windows. A strengthened glass barrier has been installed at the reception

Truck driver charged

The driver of a refrigerated truck and trailer, which overturned at the Ruakaka State Highway One roundabout just before 9.30am on Friday 15 March has been charged with careless driving. The accident caused traffic delays at the major roundabout as the vehicle was righted and the butter and oil, which had spilled onto the road was cleaned up. The driver was treated for minor injuries by St. John Ambulance staff.

Marsden Cove showhomes burgled

From early this month have been a series of burglaries of Show Homes at Marsden Cove with television sets and other appliances stolen.

Bicycle stolen

A bicycle was stolen from a garage in McCathie Rd overnight on 12 and 13 march. The bike is described as a blue and silver Giant Alias

Nine family harm incidents

Police were called out to nine family harm incidents in the last fortnight, a relatively low number, for the Bream Bay Station.

While things have been pretty quiet in Waipu and Ruakaka, Bream Bay Police have been kept busy with a series of burglaries in Kaiwaka

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People wanting to hand in their military style semiautomatic firearms need to first fill in a Hand in Firearms form on the NZ Police website. Alternatively you can phone 0800 311 311 and arrange for a handover.

Prime Minister Jacinda Adern announced last week that military style semi automatic rifles, along with parts that can be used to convert guns into semiautomatics have been banned in New Zealand following the massacre at the mosques in Christchurch.

The Prime Minister has said there will be a buy back scheme, the details of which are still being worked through. In the meantime holders of these weapons need to register on the Police website.

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Anita Mitchell explains what it takes to be a national beer competition judge?

Anita Mitchell, who is assistant to brewer Jason Bathgate at Waipu's McLeod's brewery, has just returned from judging at a nation wide beer and cider competition.

The New World Beer and Cider Awards were held in Wellington earlier this month with over 600 entries from 102 different breweries and cideries from New Zealand as well as oversea.

The New World Awards is something brewers look forward to each year as the 30 top beers are then marketed through New World supermarkets around the country.

Anita has had a bit of practice. She has been a judge for the Breweries Guild of New Zealand and at its Australian counterpart. She says working as a brewer is a good qualification for this job as making beer involves tasting the brew right through the process.

Anita described how at the New World Awards, judges are seated at tables of four, with a captain, the most expert beer judge at each. There were also two brewers (Anita being one) and a representative from New World there to learn more about the products the company will be selling.

The tasting is completely blind. In a back room a team of stewards pour the glasses, which are served in 100 millilitre samples to each of the judges.

"We are looking for a good appearance, which, of course, varies according to the style of the beer. Then we look at the foam at the top of the glass, then the aroma and then we take a sip. We are sampling 40 or more beers in a day so we have to make an accurate assessment on just a little bit of a taste.

The judges assess how the beer feels in their mouth and at the back of the throat. Is the bitterness momentary or does it linger?

"It's the full experience we are judging."

Having good tastes buds and a strong sense of smell helps but beer tasting is also a skill that can be honed.

"As you become more experienced you can taste more things. To start with you might say that's a fruity taste but as you learn more you might say that is an apricot taste or a peach taste."

Do the judges always agree? Anita said most of the time there are just slight variations. If the four judges opinions vary markedly, this is usually a sign that something has gone wrong.

This happened with one sample beer at the recent competition. Anita and her fellow brewer agreed that this was an excellent beer and worthy of being placed in the top 30 but the table captain, a man famed for his exceptional sense of smell thought it was completely rubbish. They called for new samples and this time the captain agreed with the brewers. Anita surmises there may have been something in the glass.

Does the judging process help develop her skill as a



Anita Mitchell at work at McLeod's Brewery in Waipu

brewer?

Anita thinks it must.

"Obviously you don't want to copy someone else's beer but you might think that's a particularly nice flavor or mix of sweet and sour."

Does thinking that carefully about how beer tastes, smells and feels make you think about and appreciate other things?

Anita says, as she walks through a supermarket or the Whangarei Growers market she enjoys the scents of the various fruits on offer. She likes sampling the sub tropical fruits available in Northland and has tried using cherimoya in a brew.

Making good beer is an endlessly fascinating and challenging job.

Anita said, "New resources and tools are coming out all the time that we can use to our advantage."

The McLeod's Brewery has a core range of seven beers but the brewers also get to experiment.

A recent creation is named *Red Red Rose*. For this they used malt that gives a red colour and an enzyme, which breaks down sugars to make them easier for the yeast to consume, resulting in dry champagne like beer.

This year McLeods Brewery is set to expand, which Anita said is "pretty exciting" and good that the whole operation will remain in Waipu employing local people.

Do brewers need a good understanding of chemistry?

Anita says they also need to understand biology.

"The hardest workers in a brewery are the yeasts."

Anita worked in IT for nine years and then packed her job in and went travelling. While volunteering at a brewery in Northern France she fell in love with the craft of beer making.

BACK in New Zealand, she got a job at the *Three Boys Brewery* in Christchurch. Initially this was just stacking bottles but she worked her way up to becoming involved in the brewing process.

Next she took a brewer position in Melbourne but says this didn't really work out. She and her partner were both homesick for New Zealand, so when they were both offered jobs at McLeans Brewery and The Pizza Barn – Anita as assistant brewer and her partner in administration and events management for the brewery, they leapt at the opportunity.

Being a brewer is a hard job physically. It involves lifting 25kg bags. By the end of each day Anita says her body is pretty tired but she can't see herself ever going back to her old desk job.

Anita says she likes "opening people's eyes to the intricacies of beer."

A woman might come into the pizza barn and say she doesn't like beer and Anita will suggest she try a particular brew, pointing out some of its particular aromas and flavours.

How about holding a beer appreciation evening for initiates at the Pizza Barn?

"I might suggest that to the events manager" said Anita.

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Waipu Tennis Club Prize Giving



The Waipu Tennis Club held its finals day on Sunday 24 March. Some excellent close games were played in very hot conditions. At the completion of the games Prize Giving was held which was attended by junior, intermediate and senior members and their families. A shared meal concluded the day. The club would like to thank its sponsors this year and were pleased to have several present on our Finals day: Bennetts Chocolates, Hansen Drainage, Waipu Reality, BBS Timbers, Sawmill Beer, Pizza Barn, PG Wrightsons, McLennan Agrispray, Waipu Fertiliser, Millers Meats, McCoy & Thomas, Farmabull, Sloane Livestock.

Prize winners were: Junior Girls Champion - Ngatiira Mead, Junior Boys Champion - Ben Donaldson, Intermediate Boys Champion - Harris Lymburn, Senior Mens Champion - Greg Miller Senior Mens Doubles Champions - Chris and Greg Miller.

Special Awards: Junior Sportsperson - Jed Green, Junior Endeavour - Arya Setiawan, Junior Most Improved - Emily Stuart, Intermediate Sportsper- Niamh Goosemam, Intermediate Endeavou- Harris Lymburn, Intermediate Most Improved -Noah Martin, Senior Most Improved-Yann Gublin, Peggy Huntly Most Valuable Club Member -Paul Ramsay.

Surf Life Saving Gold Medal winners



The winning masters team from left: Dan Welch, Rick Stolwerk, Gordon French and Martin Morris.

Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club sent two canoe teams a masters team and an under 19 girls team and one individual competitor Josh Baker to The National Surf Life Saving Championships held at Mt Maunganui on 21-24 March

the Mens Masters team won a Gold Medal in the Masters Short Course Event.

Club Captain Kath Manning said, "The girls had a lot of fun and enjoyed the experience of their first National event,

"Josh Baker made a couple of finals, and has started planning his training for next season, and setting himself some new goals.



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After a few weeks of lying flat on his back under the shelter of the Celtic Barn verandah, the Waipu piper is back in place with his "one hundred thousand welcomes" to Waipu greeting alongside State Highway One just south of the Waipu turn off.

Pat Hadlee and a team of local artists spent over 100 volunteer hours cleaning, restoring and repainting the piper and giving him a new set of livery. It was his first makeover in thirty years.

The restoration and reinstallation team from left: Don Ewens, Ken Couper, Lynne Stewart, Megan Toole, Maggie Wistrand and Richie Guy/ Seated: Richard Wilson, Pat Hadlee, Lenore Potier and Juanita McGoldrick. Sue Welford, who also helped with the repaint, was behind the camera.

Resene paint and sealer was donated by Waipu ITM

Open night for potential recruits at Waipu and Ruakaka Fire Brigades

Both the Waipu and Ruakaka Fire Brigades will be holding open nights for potential recruits to come and have a look around their respective stations, meet some of the fire crews and have a look at the equipment. The evenings at both brigades will be held simultaneously on Monday 8 April from 5-7pm.

Ruakaka Fire Brigade member Warren Marshall said fire brigades are the first responders in local emergencies. They now attend more medical events than they do fires. Warren said it is a good feeling to know you are helping your community. He said there is a lot of camaraderie amongst fire brigade members who look after one another and for young people it can be a good leg up into a career. They get to know and meet local business people and "It looks good to have that you are a member of a fire brigade on your CV."

Both men and women over the age of 16 are eligible to join the fire brigades. Young people and their parents are invited as well as anyone else who is considering joining up.

Warren said the "more the merrier" but, at present, the Ruakaka Brigade could use around ten trainees and he expects the Waipu Brigade to be in the same position. Similar open invitation events were successful for brigades in the South Island so are now being tried in Northland.

Light refreshments will be served on the night.

Two wins to Waipu in first games of the season



Ben Tau throws the ball into the lineout during the Waipu Premiers first game of the season, played against Kamo in the Waipu Caledonian Park on Saturday 23 March. Waipu dominated the game against the club, which defeated them in the final of last year's competition and came away with a 24 - 3 win. Earlier the Waipu Reserves had a 28 - 24 win against Kamo, scoring the winning try in the last six minutes.



The referee ducks for cover as Wise Faiane takes a shot at goal for the Waipu Premiers. Club President Steve Cunis said the win on Saturday bodes well for Waipu's success this season and is all the more remarkable as the team's captain Sam McNamara did not take part in the game due to a niggling injury. He his hopeful Sam will be back on the field for next Saturday's game against Old Boys Marist.



GREAT START WAIPU!



"It's nice to get two good teams on the park so early in the season. If we continue to play and gel this well, we are going to see some good rugby," said Waipu Rugby Club President Stephen Cunis after wins by both the Waipu Premiers and Reserve teams against Kamo in the Caledonian Park last Saturday.

Mr. Cunis said Saturday's success is a tribute to how well coaches Leon Clyde and Graeme Dewes have worked with their teams in the pre season.

He said there is a good balance of experienced and new players in both teams and had particular praise for the Reserves who scored a winning try just six minutes before the final whistle and managed to hold on to take the win.

The final score in the Reserves game was 28 -24 to Waipu, while the Waipu Premiers pulled off a convincing 24 - 3 win.

PREMIER GRADE FIXTURES

- Saturday 30 March - Northpine Waipu v Old Boys Marist @ Old Boys. Kickoff: 2:15pm
- Saturday 6 April - Northpine Waipu v Kerikeri @ Caledonian Park. Kickoff: 2:15pm
- Saturday 13 April - Northpine Waipu v Hikurangi @ Hikurangi. Kickoff: 2:15pm
- Thursday 18 April - Northpine Waipu v Wellsford @ Caledonian Park. Kickoff: 8pm
- Saturday 27 April - Northpine Waipu v MidNorthern @ MidNorthern. Kickoff: 2:15pm

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What's On in Bream Bay

- **Te Reo cafe at the Waipu Pizza Barn.** Starting up again for 2019 on Thursday 28 March from 6pm to 8pm. Held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Anyone who wants to practice speaking Te Reo welcome.
- **MARSDEN MATERIAL GIRLS** Annual challenge *Zip It* exhibition. Quilt work incorporating zips. In the foyer of the Ruakaka Library and Whangarei District Council Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka.
- **CHICS@THE CHICKS.** Women's fishing contest based at Marsden Cove 29 and 30 March, with a briefing at the fishing club in the Marsden Cove Marina this afternoon 28 March at 4.30pm and a Saturday evening dinner included in the \$60 per club member or \$70 entry ticket..
- **CLASSICS AT THE COVE** 7 April, 2.30 - 5pm Opera and musical theatre classics. With Ridge Ponini, Emma Couper and members of Opera North. 566 Cove Road, Waipu \$25 Children free. gate sales and tickets from eventfinda.co.nz
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET.** In the Waipu Coronation Hall. Next on Sunday 14 April from 9am - 1pm
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next market Sunday 21 April from 9am - 1pm. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina

Classics at the Cove



A relaxed picnic atmosphere at Classics at the Cove

Ridge Ponini, winner of the Dame Melvina scholarship is returning for the third year running to sing with Waipu singer Emma Couper and Opera North at Classics at the Cove: an afternoon of opera and musical theatre classics held on the property of Debi and David Brown, overlooking Bream Bay at 566 Cove Rd., Waipu. There will also be solos from Northland tenor Tony Clemo and rising star Rishi Lyer soon to feature in a cameo role in Whangarei Theatre Company's Phantom of the Opera

Young performers this year include Katrina Poyner and Emer Lea: both winners in the 2018 Northland singing competitions and Abbie Franklyn will sing a song from the up coming production of Bussy Malone, in which she plays the role of Blousy. Tickets are available from Eventfinda, Waipu Hammer Hardware, or at the Gate. They cost \$25 per adult and children are free. Classics at the Cove will be held

Te Reo Café at the Pizza Barn

Te Reo Cafe is starting again in the Waipu Pizza Barn on Thursday 28 March from 6 to 8pm. Organiser Mary Love said, "We are hoping to run it through to the end of the year on the fourth Thursday of every month, except for June as the Pizza Barn is closed for that month." Anyone who wants some practice with speaking Te Reo is welcome to come along.

Chics @ the Chicks

The 10th Annual Chics @ the Chicks Ladies Fishing contest is on this weekend the 29 and 30 March, with a briefing at the fishing club in the Marsden Cove Marina this afternoon 28 March and a Saturday evening dinner included in the \$60 per club member or \$70 entry ticket.

Margaret Mitchell described how she first came up with the idea for the competition. "We had a very, very small group, only about 15 of us and we used to meet at the marina on a Friday night. There was a lot of discussion about holding all these fishing competitions and I said, 'How about a fishing competition for ladies.' Jimmy Miller said, "I will back you on that", so that's how it started."

Margaret said there are lots of ladies competitions around for top women anglers, but the Chics @ the Chicks competition has a fun element to it. "We do have some serious anglers but we also get girls who say, 'my husband goes fishing all the time so I want to see what its all about.'" "They might get hooked or they might say 'well that was a fun weekend but its really not for me.'" Margaret said the Marsden Fishing Club places a big emphasis on sustainability. "We want to make sure our children grandchildren and great grandchildren can still go fishing."

Anglers in the Chics @ the Chicks competition tag and release most of what they catch, recording the fish's length on a measurement map before they do so.

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at 7am. Bunker barge for Ports of Auckland loading with fuel at the refinery.

- *Berge Daisetsu* ETA 28 March at 1am. ETD 1 April at 4am. Loading logs.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 28 March at 6am. ETD 30 March at 4am. Loading cement at Portland for Auckland.
- *Capitaine Wallis* ETA 28 March at 7am. ETD 29 March at 7am. Delivering containers.
- *Matuku* ETA 28 March at 8pm. ETD 30 March at 11pm. Loading refined oil products for New Plymouth
- *Aframax Riviera* ETA 30 March at 2.30am. ETD 31 March at 8.30pm. Delivering crude oil to the refinery.
- *Hoihow* ETA 30 March at 6.30am. ETD 31 March at 8.30pm. Loading logs.
- *Kokako* ETA 30 March at 1pm. ETD 1 April at 4am. Loading refined oil products for Lyttelton
- *Tampa Bay* ETA 30 March at 2.20pm. ETD 2 April at 11pm. Loading logs
- *Maipo River* ETA 30 March at 7pm. ETD 1 April at 11pm. Loading logs for China

- *Matuku* ETA 31 March at 12.01am. ETD 3 April at 12 noon. Loading refined oil products for Lyttelton.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 31 March at 7pm. ETD 2 April at 7pm. Loading cement for Napier.
- *Iris Harmony* ETA 2 April at 5pm. ETD 4 April at 5pm. Loading logs.
- *Stellar Stream 11* ETA 2 April AT 11pm. ETD 6 April at 3pm. Loading woodchip for Japan.
- *Remy Enterprise* ETA 3 April at 1am. ETD 4 April at 6pm. Loading logs.
- *Asia Pearl 1* ETA 3 April at 9pm. ETD 8 April at 7pm. Loading logs for China.
- *Moning* ETA 4 April at 9am. ETD 9 April at 11pm. Delivering fertiliser.
- *Capitaine Wallis* ETA 4 April at 11.30am. ETD 4 April at 11pm. Delivering containers.
- *Arawana* ETA 5 April at 10pm. ETD 10 April at 3am. Loading logs.
- *Brilliant Eagle* ETA 7 April at 12 noon. ETD 8 April at 12 noon Loading woodchip for Japan.
- *Kokako* ETA 8 April at 9.30pm. ETD 10 April at 4am. Loading refined oil products for Napier.
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INVITATION TO WAIPU PRIMARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY MEETING

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At this meeting we will discuss the proposed change to the Waipu Primary School's Board of Trustee's election process from a 3 year system (triennial elections) to a mid-term system, with elections of half of the board occurring every 18 months. We will host a Q&A session on this, and the board will then vote to adopt the mid-term election process.

At this public meeting we will also have a Q&A session about the future Principal employment process that is underway and provide information about how you can put yourself forward to be considered for a co-opted HR position on the Board. We will also have a representative from New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) in attendance, to assist in Q&A. NZSTA will also be able to provide resources should you be interested in becoming a board member.

We look forward to your participation at the meeting on 11th April. If you have any queries prior to the meeting please contact any of the current board members who are: Catherine Munro, Anthony Uphof, Nick Wigram, Kylie Welford, Clark Pullan, Gina Murray and Glenice Andrews. If you would like to email the board, you can contact us at:
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Spectacular Ocean, island and rural views come with this amazing, contemporary open plan home. Heated polished concrete floors, seamless indoor / outdoor flow to courtyards front and rear. A kitchen to create in with a huge walk-in scullery/pantry. Set in 1.0205ha of landscaped gardens, complete with your own olive grove and secluded pizza retreat. If privacy, cutting edge style and panache are your requirements, then viewing of this property is essential.

\$895,000 — www.bbrealty.co.nz #3907
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A BRAND NEW HOME

Swim at Marsden Cove canal beach close by. Brand new & tantalisingly awaiting its new owner. High specifications include: Heavy duty carpets, granite kitchen, superior tiling, central vacuum system, security alarm, top appliances, spa bath, 2 1/2 bathrooms, fully landscaped. Design incorporates 4 bedrooms, 2 living areas, large master bedroom, double garage. 10 Year Independent Warranty

\$879,000 - www.bbrealty.co.nz #3880
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CENTRAL AND COASTAL

250m2 of house plus massive garage all on 1600m2! Divided into two lots, this property is central & has loads of potential. Perfect for a big family wanting the benefits of a large section with mature trees or a beach getaway for extended family & friends. Four bedrooms upstairs & rumpus with extra room downstairs. Attached three car garage plus separate massive garage for the lads. **Price by Negotiation. Expressions of interest in the \$700k's** **www.bbrealty.co.nz #3930** **FRANCIE STOKES ph 022 656 0165**
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GARDENERS' DELIGHT

If you love pottering around in the garden you will feel very much at home here. With views of Mt Manaia from the kitchen/dining area this home is a must to inspect. Three bedrooms, with the main having an ensuite, spacious garaging and plenty of room for parking. Lots of extra's completes this easily lived in home. Fruit trees and vege gardens are well established. Close to boat ramps, café and school.

\$699,000—www.bbrealty.co.nz #3932
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MODERN FAMILY LIVING AT ITS BEST!

Designed for a lifetime of enjoyment, the open-plan living areas here offer plenty of versatility. Year-round entertainment is assured with a gorgeous covered patio, encased by a peaceful & tranquil, well laid out rear garden, all fully fenced on a level section of approx. 660m2. Four good sized double bedrooms, two bathrooms, generous kitchen, dining & living areas.

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