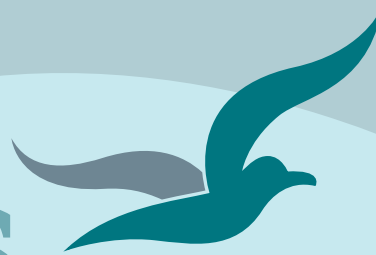


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The wettest winter in memory

If you want some figures to back up what we already know – this is the wettest July for many years. David McKenzie of Applecross Rd, in northern Waipu has been keeping rain records since 1974. Over this time the average rainfall for July has been 151mm. By 24 July this year he had already measured 244mm with more rain forecast over the coming week.

The record to break is the rain that fell in July 2007 when we had 408mm throughout July. Much of this fell in a single big storm resulting in a huge slip on Ormiston Road, which took the Whangārei District Council three months to clear.

This year the rain has been more constant. Twenty of the 30 days of June had rain and, up until 23 July, there had been rain on 13 days of this month.

The constant rain is making life difficult for farmers. Jeanette Bryham said the ground has become completely saturated and any additional water just sits on the surface.

Sharemilker Lisa Jones said dealing with the mud and rain is hard both physically and mentally. Her vehicle keeps getting stuck, as she takes feed around to her calves.

Dick and Jan Pivac said this is the wettest winter they can remember on their farm alongside State Highway One at Uretiti, where Dick has lived his entire life. . They have been feeding out daily to their herd of 300 beef animals and Dick was considering moving them all onto some sandy ground at Marsden Point.

Bruce Paton, who farms at Ruakākā, described the weather as “shocking”.

“It could be the worst winter we have ever had and we

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Mid winter swimmers

Photo by Geoff Spencer



In defiance of the season's cold, wind and rain from left: Kaye Lindsay, Kathy Worthy and Annette Vernon dressed up in tartan finery for a mid-winter swim at Waipu Cove on Sunday 10 July.

The swim is an annual event organised by the Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club as part of the Winter in Waipu festivities.

Coming up this week is *The Great Debate* in the Waipu Celtic Barn Foyer on Friday 29 July from 7pm with the topic under consideration - *Waipu should have its own Time Zone*.

The following day on Saturday 30 July there is the Vet Centre's Pets in Tartan Parade with the parade assembling outside the Pizza Barn at 9.45am and starting its progress through The Centre to the Vet's Corner at 10am.



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EDITORIAL

Will today's seven year olds ever learn to write? Does this matter?

Two very impressive young people feature in this issue of the Bream Bay News: Pianist Mirabella Uphof and bagpiper Logan Dobson. Both bring a lot of enjoyment with their musical abilities at community events and both are Bream Bay College students.

Bream Bay College gets a bad rap from some locals. There is a story I have heard over and over again about a cooking competition where students were asked to bring cakes to school. The story goes a student brought along a cake laced with a drug of some sort and the teacher who was judging got ill as a result. This story, which I first encountered a few years ago, gets recycled as a reason why so many young people are bused to Whangārei or elsewhere for their secondary schooling. Sure there are problems at Bream Bay College as there are at every school. Drug and alcohol abuse are widespread and sadly some of our young people have these illnesses in their families to contend with. I believe it is incumbent on our schools to do their utmost to steer students away from these dangers so their lives do not become blighted.

The Bream Bay community is very diverse and it must be difficult to cater for the aspirations of everyone. I once attended a meeting where parents were up in arms about the appointment of a new Maori head of department. I was surprised at the passion of those parents who felt it was of the upmost importance that their children get the very best in Te Reo and tikanga Māori education. Meeting the priorities of all its students and their parents must be an almost impossible task for the college. Education is so important, perhaps more important than we realize. I heard a radio interview yesterday where a prominent Australian doctor suggested that more than improvements in science and in public health, the growth of education, particularly the education of girls, could be responsible for health gains and for people living longer. He gave the example of two European villages – one where girls went to school and another where they did not. Because women usually take on responsibility for the health of their households when girls are educated and given a better understanding of the nature of disease and are no longer subject to superstitious beliefs everyone in their families benefits.

Education continues throughout our lives, of course. What this old lady learns listening to Kim Hill's Saturday morning interviews is a case in point.

Some young people don't get excited about learning until they are in tertiary education but they do need to get the fundamentals in place to reach this stage. Maybe more important than reading, writing and basic mathematics, is that schools teach discernment: the ability to understand the difference between facts and dross and to weigh up evidence carefully.

My little grandson stayed with us for a few days last week. He was practicing a speech he had written to present in front of his seven-year-old classmates. The assignment was to talk about the superpower he would most like to have. He chose invisibility so he could "play tricks on people". I suggested to him that being able to read and write might be a superpower he could work at attaining. He was unconvinced. He is a child of the modern technological era. His mum was delighted when the spelling and grammar in the text messages he was sending her showed a sudden, marked improvement. But I overheard him sending those messages. They all began with him addressing the phone with the words *Hey Siri*. No painstaking tapping out of letters and punctuation marks in the correct order involved here. Will these children ever learn to write? Does this matter as much as it once did?

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River walk opening a tri-cultural affair



Jewel Foote, to the left, and Lucy Bowey, on the right side of the new Waipu River Walk entrance sign, took turns reading the legends it displays in Maori and English. To the left of the photo is Lydia Draper, who chaired the project group through its first two years. Also pictured Taryn Shirkey and Ari Carrington of Patuhakakeke, who led the opening ceremony.

The official opening of the Waipu River Walk and the unveiling of some new entrance signs on Saturday morning 16 July was a tri cultural affair with the sign legends written in English and Māori and being read out in both languages by Lucy Bowey and Jewel Foote. Adding to the cultural mix Ari Carrington of Patuharakeke conducted the ceremony, there was a short welcoming speech in Gaelic by Peter Blanch, Patuhakaeke artist Marino Duke explained the concepts behind his design at the base of the sign and Peter Grant told how a member of his whanau, a professional graphic design artist now based in London had provided the Waipu River Walk logo: a stylised heron or kotuku as a gift to the project. The new walkway

from the Waihoi Park along the south eastern bank of the Waihoi and Waipu River to Nova Scotia Drive has been a three year project of the Waipu River Walk group and is funded by a \$100,000 allocation from the Whangārei District Council Community Led Projects scheme. With much of the work so far carried out by volunteers and some generous donations and discounts from local business there remains money in the kitty. Waipu River Walk Committee Chairman Nigel Taylor has said he thinks focus should now turn to trying to make the track more weather proof. Heavy winter rainfall has rendered some section of the track very muddy.

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are a bit limited with what we can do. We can't leave the animals in the paddock."

He said on his farm they are better off than most with feed pads and stand off areas and a big supply of maize silage "but eventually you have to put the cows back on grass." The winter has been warmer than usual with some good grass growth but that all gets lost in the wet.

"We do all this work in the autumn to get the paddocks looking good with new grass.

"It's not much fun and you have to look after your staff."

Bruce said the shortage of useable grass would eventually have an effect on milk production and on profits, which will impact on how many improvements can be made on the farm.

"But I have been in this game long enough to know you eventually come out the other end and I tell myself every day brings us a bit closer to summer."

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Waipu's young piper



Logan Dobson at the Waipu Golf Club's Ambrose Cup competition

Fifteen-year-old piper Logan Dobson has been in demand at a number of local events lately. He played his pipes in the Ranburn Retirement Home at the birthday party of 100 year old Frank Gradwell.. Mr.Gradwell commented that this was "marvellous". He piped people into the Presbyterian Church Hall after the Waipu River Walk opening on 16 July and he cut a sticking figure beside the big wooden thistle as he piped for the golfers as they went out to their various tee off points around the course at the Waipu Golf Club's Ambrose Competition on Sunday 17 July.

Logan took his first bagpiping lessons when he was just 10 years old from David Moon, former President of the Waipu Caledonian Society. Logan moved to Auckland to attend Mt. Albert Grammar for a few years and while there joined The City of Auckland band but is now back at Bream Bay College and taking lessons from Bain McGregor. He plays with both the Waipu and Northland Caledonian pipe bands.



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Homes cut off by floodwaters



Four houses at the end of Dune Lake Place in Ruakākā were cut off by floodwater last week, with home owners praying that the rain stop so the water did not rise further and inundate their homes.

Alan Jones, one of the affected residents, as a retired civil engineering contractor, thinks the Whangarei District Council needs to carry out regular dredging of the lake to prevent it flooding in winter and drying out in summer.

Another problem is that the right of way leading into the four homes is too low Mr. Jones said swales put in

place to stop the lake silting up have already been filled with silt and that a pipe running under the concreted right of way is also half full of silt.

With heavy rain on Sunday 24 July night and all day on Monday 25 July the flood got deeper. Mr. Jones said his car would no longer start after he drove it through the water. He said on Monday afternoon the floodwater was only about 100mm from the level of the lowest lying of the four houses. The floodwater is expected to stay in place for days as there is no effective outflow from the lake.



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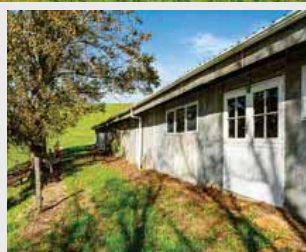
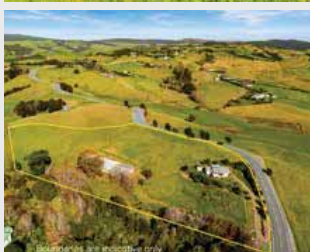
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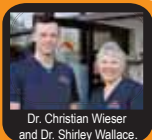
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Making the case for the Ruakākā Energy Park

Project managers working on setting up a Ruakākā Energy Park attended the Ruakākā Resident and Ratepayers July meeting to speak about their respective assignments. Benjamin Mossman Project Manager for a battery storage facility and Micah Sherman - Project Manager for a giant solar farm told the meeting how the electricity supply and generation company Meridian has purchased 105 hectares of industrial zoned land at Marsden Point from Rio Tinto.

Mr. Mossman said the Bream Bay sub station at Rama Rd would be used to supply electricity stored in the batteries into the grid and is reason for siting the battery storage system here. The battery facility would be capable of storing 200 mw hours of energy and supplying 100 mw of electricity an hour for two hours.

The storage plant would provide electricity in an emergency, it would enable more hydro power to be obtained from the South Island as electricity could be stored in the batteries at times of low usage. It would help prevent future black outs as electricity could be provided instantly from the batteries. It would be able to supply electricity both regionally and nationally.

The battery storage system would help to reduce dependence on the coal fired power station at Huntly Power Station and assist New Zealand to meet its commitment to phase out fossil fuel electricity generation completely by 2030.

Resource consents for the battery storage plant had been lodged with the Whangārei District Council and the Northland Regional Council.

Meetings including one with the CEO of Meridian attending via video link had been held with The Patuharakeke Trust Board and the New Zealand Archeological Society had been consulted. Mr. Mossman said he expected consents to be granted within the next two months and for construction to begin early next year. The battery storage facility would take up approximately two hectares at the South East corner of the 105 hectare block.

The solar farm would occupy the balance of the land. An additional 41 hectares of light industrial land on McCathie Rd, has been purchased for this project, which would be the first large scale solar farm to be built in New Zealand.

Mr. Sherman said building the solar farm would be expensive and it made good economic sense to scale it up.

He said there would be employment opportunities while the solar farm is being built. Whereas wind farms and hydro electricity plants require people with specialized skills to build building a solar farm did not require this level of expertise.

Shirlane Shirkey asked how local people could get involved in the project

Mr. Mossman said Meridian would be looking to establish relationships with local businesses.

Mr. Mossman said Meridian prided itself on its community involvement and wherever it build hydro or wind farms it set up a contestable fund which local community groups could apply to each year.

Sue Tisdale asked how long before the panels would need to be replaced. Mr S said he expected them to last at least 30 years. He said the aluminium and silica glass used can be recycled so would not end up in landfill

Waka Kotahi speaker at Waipu Residents and Ratepayers AGM

A Waka Kotahi representative Gina Cain-Treleaven will attend the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Annual General Meeting this week on Wednesday 27 July at 7pm in St Peters Anglican Church in Nova Scotia Road, Waipu.

She has replaced Jon Pheloung as Waka Kotahi's Northland

Engagement and Partnerships advisor and will give an update on the proposed safety improvements on State Highway One through Waipu.

This is a late change of guest speaker as Evania Arani, who was to talk about Civil Defence, has Covid.



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Keith Newey asked about how the lithium batteries in the storage unit would be disposed of when they reached the end of their life. He said lithium batteries in electric vehicles seemed to degrade quite quickly. Mr. Mossman said he didn't know the answer to this but would look into it. He later told the Bream Bay News that Meridian would be asking its battery suppliers what plans they had in place for the batteries' disposal in 20 years time.

Mr. Newey asked how the site would be maintained. Mr. Mossman said Meridian placed a lot of emphasis on sustainability and grazing methane producing sheep under the solar panels might not be an option. He said it might be possible to grow manuka or other native coastal species but these would need to be kept at a height that did not cast shade over the panels.

RRRA President Jules Flight said in Ruakākā people are used to projects that don't seem to eventuate. The Rio Tinto purchase was perhaps one of these. He asked how likely this project is to proceed.

Mr. Mossman said it was up to him and Mr. Sherman to make a case for each of their projects to take to Meridian's directors. While Meridian has a strong focus on providing renewable energy to help combat climate change, if the projects don't stack up financially they would not proceed.

Mr. S said the viability of the solar farm was dependent on factors both national and international. The price of importing thousands of solar panels was influenced by shipping costs, the future of the Tiwai Point aluminium smelter would impact NZ's electricity requirements as would the uptake of electric vehicles.



A 300mw big battery storage system in Moorobool, Victoria Australia.

A fire occurred in this battery while it was under construction in 2021. A subsequent investigation by Energy Safe Victoria found this was due to a leak in the cooling system, which caused a short circuit resulting in overheating that led to a fire in a nearby battery compartment.

Large lithium ion batteries cannot be put out with water but need a special foam and the fire blazed for several days.

Mr. Mossman said he was aware of the Victorian battery fire and was looking into the causes and asking questions of potential suppliers about this. He said Meridian had some experienced engineering consultants on board and would be designing the Ruakākā battery storage system in such a way as to minimise risk to nearby communities and the surrounding environment.

Save this date to meet local body election candidates

Promote Waipu and the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association have combined forces to organize a meet the candidates evening in the lead up to the local government elections which will be conducted by postal vote from 16 September to 3 October 2022.

Save the evening of Wednesday 7 September from 7pm in your diary. Candidates who have put their names forward for election as Mayor of the Whangārei District, to represent the Bream Bay and the Māori Wards of the Whangārei District Council and to represent the coastal south area on the Northland Regional Council will all be invited to the meeting.

Each candidate will be given an allotted speaking time and will be asked to answer three questions put to them by the meeting organisers.

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New set of signs to help travellers around back roads when diversions are in place

Bream Bay Community Patrol has some new signs, which will help travellers find their way around our back roads when there is a diversion in place on State Highway One.

Patroller David McKenzie is aware of how confusing it can be for people when they are sent over Ormiston Rd., down Waipu Cove Rd. or around South and Glenmohr Roads to avoid incidents on the State Highway. David said there are many intersections on diversion routes that can confuse people. He has stood at the Ormiston Rd. / Waipu Caves Rd. intersection to direct traffic and has prevented people from turning up the winding and treacherous Caves Rd.



Bream Bay Community Patrollers Glennys and David McKenzie with the new signs.

erous Caves Rd.

He said sometimes travellers just assume the driver of the car in front of them knows where he or she is going and can be led astray if this is a local person heading home.

The signs will be mounted on patrollers' vehicles and the patrollers themselves will be available to give out information to anyone who asks.

Both signs and fittings were donated by individuals and some businesses.

POLICE REPORT



High number of drink driving incidents "disappointing"

Senior Sergeant Simon Craig said Police are extremely disappointed with the amount of drink driving they have detected recently and will be putting more effort into breath testing drivers over the coming weeks.

- On 9 July at 8.30pm Police stopped a vehicle, which was weaving around on Nova Scotia Rd. When the driver underwent an evidential breath test he returned a reading of 1375 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath, more than five times over the legal limit of 250mcg per litre of breath. A 24-year-old Taipuha man will be appearing in court as a result of this incident.
- On 15 July at 10pm there was a nose to tail crash on Marsden Point Rd. Police attended the accident and one of the drivers involved returned a reading of 554 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. A

34-year-old Ruakākā man will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on 17 August to face a drink driving charge.

- Also on 15 July, Police breath tested a young man whose vehicle had become stuck in a grass verge on the side of Marsden Point Rd. The driver, an 18-year-old Ruakākā youth returned a reading of 111 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The alcohol limit for drivers under the age of 20 is zero.
- There was a collision between a tractor and a Ute on Nova Scotia Drive at 11pm on 20 July. The driver of the Ute failed to see the tractor as it turned out of a side road. Police attended the incident and one of the drivers returned a breath test result of 931mcgs of alcohol. A 30-year-old Whangārei man will be appearing in court on a drink driving charge.

Youthful driver reached speed of 150kph while fleeing Police

When Police attempted to stop a vehicle on Port Marsden Highway at around 8pm on 13 July it was driven away at speed. The fleeing vehicle reached a speed of 150kph but was found parked at a Ruakākā address a short time afterwards. A 17-year-old Ruakākā youth is facing a number of charges in relation to this incident

Eight family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police were called out to 12 family harm incidents in the fortnight 8 July to 22 July.

A spate of vehicle thefts

There has been a spate of vehicle thefts over the past few weeks.

- A car was stolen from the Cove Café car park some time between 11-13 July. The stolen car is a silver Nissan Tida registration RJAUI96.
- On 9 July a silver Ford Courier Ute was stolen from Uretiti Rd. The registration number is CTL439.
- Between 15-17 July a number of vehicles were interfered with in the Ruakākā Village. Some of the cars had been stolen but were recovered nearby. Police believe local youths are responsible and are following up on some strong lines of enquiry.

New operators take on both Bream Bay Rural Delivery runs

Joe and Keri McNamara, who recently purchased Waipu's Rural Deliver run, have also bought the RD2 Ruakākā run, which they will be taking over from 21st August.

Joe is really enjoying the Waipu round since he took this on at the beginning of July. He is finding Waipu's rural box holders a friendly bunch and Keri said he leaves for work each morning with a spring in his step.

Joe moved to One Tree Point with his family when he was just six-years-old. He has worked at the Marsden Point Refinery for the past 25 years and was considering heading to Australia to work on an off shore oilrig after the refinery closed down. However, his son Sam suggested he buy the Waipu rural delivery round. Sam works as a builder with



Keri and Joe McNamara

Marcus Jones, the son of Steve and Lyn Jones who have operated this business for the past 35 years and wanted to retire.

Joe said as a 12-year-old he had a job delivering the Advocate around the One Tree Point area, so taking on the rural delivery is a bit like going back to his roots.

Keri grew up in Maungakarama. She has also worked at the refinery for the past 25 years and is staying on in a clerical role for the new fuel importing company Channel Infrastructure. However, Keri said, as she won't be working on Fridays and Saturdays she is keen to learn the delivery runs. She will also be handling the bookwork, paying wages etc. for their new businesses.

Both Keri and Joe have a long history of community service.

Joe is a life member of the Ruakākā Fire Brigade where he was a volunteer fire fighter for 33 years and Keri put in 20 years as a volunteer with Bream Bay St. John.

They have three children, two grown up sons – Sam and Andrew and a daughter 16-year-old Amy.

Joe said he is relieved and grateful that all the Waipu drivers will be staying on to work with him and Keri. Two local women have been found to work with them on the Ruakākā run. He said Steve and Lyn have been very helpful as they handed over the reins and have said they will be available at the end of the phone if they are needed.

Ruakākā Beach changing sheds to go ahead despite funding application being declined

The Whangārei District Council hopes to build the new changing shed and toilet block at Ruakākā Beach before Christmas despite an application to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund being declined.

Sue Hodge, the Council's Manager of Parks and Recreation, said while it would have been nice if the project didn't have to be funded by ratepayers the Council still planned to go ahead with the build and she hoped the work would be complete before the summer holidays, adding "it's difficult to guarantee anything at the moment with supply chain delays and a shortage of skilled people."

She said her department has made contact with potential contractors to let them know the work is coming and she understood a building consent application had been submitted.

Ruakākā beach was the scene of some big events last summer such as a national volleyball and surf life saving competitions with organisers having to arrange for port o loos to be brought in to cater for the crowds.

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Waipu Lions mid- winter Sunday roast for seniors



At the Waipu Lions mid winter lunch: Renee Hales, Rae Finlayson (obscured), Alice Judd, Peg Hills, Gae Babe and Jeanette Bryham being looked after by Evelyn Lunjevich who offered to help out as her mother was ill.

The weather outside was horrible but there was the warming smell of a roast dinner and lots of good cheer inside the Waipu Coronation Hall for the Waipu Lions annual seniors' lunch.

There were a few empty tables with some perhaps choosing not to venture out in the wind and rain but those who turned up donned colourful party hats and were enjoying themselves.

The extra food was packed into take home packs for those who didn't mind eating the same meal two days in a row.

Help available for those suffering from rising cost of living

There is a lot of publicity at present about inflation and the rising cost of living so we thought we would ask some of our local emergency food and budgeting providers if they were seeing an increase in the numbers of people seeking help. We got a mixed response.

Anoek of the Bream Bay Anglican Foodbank said the number of food parcels needed had actually decreased lately but she attributed this to fewer people needing emergency housing being sent to live in the Karawai Lodge in the Ruakākā Village. She had however noticed an increase in requests from families. She said this wasn't surprising given the high cost of rentals.

A May report by the Tindall Foundation funded data agency Figure NZ showed the median rental price for Northland as \$540 per week. This is likely to be higher in Bream Bay.

Anoek – "How is a family supposed to survive when they are paying out this much in rent. Many people just get by on a tight budget but then something happens – their car breaks down or someone gets sick and they need to reach out for help."

Donna Young of the Bream Bay Community Trust said the trust is seeing more working families who are finding it hard to cope.

"There is so much sickness around with Covid and influenza that some people use up all their sick leave if they need to take more days off they have no money coming in at all."

"We don't operate a foodbank but we can put people in touch with the help they need."

Donna said a new cost of living payment which would give working people (who earned less than \$70,000 in the last 12 months and who are not receiving superannuation or a benefit) \$350 over three months would begin on 1 August and this would help a little bit.

Bruce Matheson who runs a budgeting service through the Waipu Presbyterian Church and whose wife Helen look's after the church's foodbank and family welfare service said they were receiving fewer requests for help, which given the rising cost of living, was difficult to explain.

Bruce thought this might be due to WINZ (Work and Income New Zealand) being more generous with emergency payments than in the past.

Anyone who would like to help with donations for foodbank or who needs help themselves can contact Bruce and Helen 432 0239 or to make contact with the Anglican foodbank phone Anoek – 021 141 3409 or Janet 433 0045.

The contact number for the Bream Bay Community Trust is 432 7197.

Expect more container trucks on the highway

The container ship M.V Antwerp Bridge arrived at Northport for her second visit on Wednesday 20 July. Her arrival was delayed by a day due to bad weather here on Tuesday 19th.

She delivered 1,876 containers, a record number for the port.

In addition there were a number of containers that needed to be landed and then reloaded.

Northport has recently removed logs from around 2.8 hectares to make way for its growing container trade.

Earlier this month on 7 July the Frigate Te Mana called in at Northport as her first port of call where she undertook customs and MPI clearances on her return to NZ after completing a major refit in Canada

Bus fare subsidy to continue until end of January

A government subsidy on public transport has been extended until 31 January 2023. This means that the fares charged for the Thursday Bream Bay Link bus service to Whangārei are now just \$4 return from Waipu and \$3.50 return from Ruakākā.

The bus departs from the Waipu bus stop near the monuments at 9.50am and from Peter Snell Rd. opposite Takutai Place in Ruakākā at 10.10am.

The return trip leaves the Rose Street terminal in Whangārei at 3pm.

The bus service is increasing in popularity and the Northland Regional Council is considering extending it to two days a week.

For a fuller list of pick up points and times as well as drop off times between Kaiwaka and Ruakākā see the notice alongside.

Kaiwaka to Whangārei

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9.00am	Departs	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall
9.15am	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
9.20am	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
9.35am	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
9.40am	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
10.10am	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
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3.00pm	Departs	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
3.40pm	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
4.00pm	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
4.10pm	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
4.15pm	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
4.30pm	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
4.35pm	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
4.50pm	Arrives	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall

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Tue 2 August	10.35	2.4	10.54	2.6
Wed 3 August	11.17	2.4	11.35	2.6
Thu 4 August	~	~	12.01	2.4
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Tue 9 August	4.01	2.5	4.53	2.5
Wed 10 August	5.06	2.5	5.55	2.6
Thu 11 August	6.10	2.6	6.52	2.8
Fri 12 August	7.11	2.6	7.46	2.8

Best dressed in tartan at the golf club*Photo by Doug Gordon*

This Brave Hearts team comprising: Darryl Hocking, Paul Cogswell, Rosemary Whitehead and Sandra Palmer, were judged the best dressed at the Waipu Golf Club's Ambrose competition played in a rare window of fine weather on Sunday 17 July.

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“A really good old fashioned Waipu doo” Waipu says thank you to its Rural Delivery contractors of 35 years

“It was a really good old fashioned Waipu doo” commented Lyn Jones after the community thank you afternoon tea organised by Promote Waipu for her and husband Steve to mark their sale of the Waipu Rural Delivery run after 35 years.

Lyn and Steve purchased the business in 1987 from the Pickards. It was a house and business deal with a home on The Braigh in central Waipu being part of the package.

At the time the couple had two young children Marcus, who was aged four and Charlotte - two and a half. They had previously been share milking in Ruawai and bought the rural delivery run because they wanted a business where they could work together.

To begin with their base was the old Post Office – now the Pizza Barn. There were just 150 box holders. This has grown substantially over the three plus decades to 1100.

Delivering Waipu’s rural mail involves travelling 200 kilometres a day, which Steve has calculated adds up to a total of 2.1million kilometres over the 35 years. In the early years they started work at 3.30am but in recent times this has become a slightly more reasonable 5.30am.

Steve and Lyn read out a long list of staff past and present. Lyn said, “We have had the best people working for us.”

Steve said the success of the business depended on good teamwork.

He said he enjoyed meeting new people and no day was ever the same.

Over the years all kinds of things have been found in mailboxes. Snails chewing up letters and papers are common. A broody hen was found incubating a clutch of eggs in a box one spring.

Lyn said they have been given gifts of fruit, veges, honey, fruitcakes, shortbread and other home baking, seedlings, chocolates, nuts, wine, beer, pickles, kawakawa balm, home made wine and home made rum. There have been poems, cards and letters. Joan Lang even crocheted them red matching beanies.

On one occasion she opened a letter box to find a big white cauliflower with an awful black face painted on it. “I remember screaming, and then these little kids ran out from behind a bush laughing! They loved my reaction.”



From left: New RD contractors Keri and Joe McNamara with Lyn and Steve Jones who are retiring after 35 years

Steve spoke of the late, legendary George Phiskie who he and his staff would call in on for lunch and read his mail aloud, as George was blind. George would phone and ask what they would like for lunch – either a pie or a sandwich. Steve had said he would like a sandwich and when he arrived George had the bread laid out on the bench ready buttered. Except that one of the slices was his sponge dishcloth. Steve said George had been an inspiration to him.

On another occasion Steve and Lyn were delivering a consignment of phone books with their children helping. They came back to the van to pick up more books to find three goats had climbed into the van and had munched their way through the remaining directories. Steve said some times they would be met at the gate by college students anxious to intercept their school certificate results before their parents saw them.

He recalled how Ruth Cann, who had been a member of their team of drivers, would take baby piglets with

her on her round so she could give them their four hourly feeds and how all the drivers would regularly pick up wandering dogs and would ride around with them until their owners could be located.

Lynn said, “We came here 35 years ago not knowing a soul. Through all of you people it has become our home”

Steve introduced the new Waipu RD owners Kerry and Joe McNamara. Steve said he knew he knew the RD run was in good hands when Joe suggested they drive up to the house to check on a box holder who hadn’t collected his mail for a few days.

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Waipu Cycleway and Walkway Planting Bee Sunday 31 July



Volunteer tree planters at a previous working bee

Come and join this year's native tree planting on the Waipu Cycleway and Walkway.

Already 2,500 native trees have been planted: this year's number will bring the total to almost 3,500. This year we are aiming to increase the density of the planting, to make a small extension of the wetland, and plant pohutukawa trees.

We will meet at 9am - planting will likely take about 2 hours, finishing with a cuppa and baking. Parking is available onsite at Tahamoana, 566 Cove Rd, Waipu. Bring a planting spade, gardening gloves, wheelbarrow (if you have one), and dress for the weather. For further information or to donate trees for planting contact Ann on 027 432 1833.

Community support for planting has been tremendous with over 120 people turning out over the past two years. Survival of plants has been good given the challenging conditions of low annual rainfall, strong, salt-laden, northerly winds and dominating kikuyu grass.

"It takes us longer to do the ground preparation and lay out the plants than it takes to plant them," laughs Ann Neill, Cycleway Committee Member, "but it's so rewarding seeing locals, young and old, turn up with a spade and a sense of contributing to something really special; it is bigger than any of us on our own and good for the planet."

All the trees have been donated by the community. Thanks to the locals and businesses who have supported the building of this community asset and to Piroa Brynderwyns Landcare and Weed Action who have teamed up with the Cycleway Group to assist with volunteers, advice and materials.

For further information on the cycleway trail visit the website at www.waipu-cycleway.com.

The remaining 3km section between Riverview Place and McLean Road is in the planning and discussion phase now. Some funding is on hand, but more will be needed to finish the job: adding information shelters, bike stands, way-finding signage and further planting.

"We remain positive that locals will champion this community asset and want to support its completion."

Piano recital by talented young musician - Mirabella Uphof



Mirabella Uphof

Seventeen year old pianist Mirabella Uphof will give a piano recital at her family home Black Sheep Farm at Waipu Cove at 4pm on 21 August.

Mirabella has been learning to play the piano since she was three years old. In 2021 she won the Northland Regional Chamber music competition and she is a member of the Bream Bay College band Lilac Purple Day, which won the Northland Rockquest regional final last year. She has accompanied the Opera North choir at many concerts, and Northland students in singing competitions, as well as performing solo at many charity events and public concerts.

Mirabella hopes to gain her ATCL (Associate Trinity College of London) performance diploma before she completes her final year of secondary school. She has a date with a Trinity College examiner in September.

For the Black Sheep Farm concert Mirabella will perform a selection of various classical composers; Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and Debussy in the first half of the concert, which will last approximately 35 minutes. In the second half she will perform her own selection of favourite piano music, including some more contemporary style pieces.

Ticket to the concert cost \$25 with the money going towards her examination entry fee. To reserve seats, please telephone (09) 432 0435 or email: lisa@blacksheepfarm.co.nz

The Games are on

The Waipu Caledonian Society held its annual general meeting recently and has confirmed that after two years of cancellations the 150th Waipu Highland Games will be going ahead on 1 January 2023.

The Helen McGregor memorial piping competition will be held on December 31 in the Celtic Barn and the Highland Games will follow on January 1, featuring highland heavyweights, piping, drumming and dancing competitions with a massed pipe band a feature of the day.

Competition entries are open now.

The society is looking for volunteers and sponsors. If you can help please email highlandgameswaipu@gmail.com

New members are also sought. Membership costs \$35, which will get you into all the New Years events. Forms are on the website or email the address above.

A 150th booklet is under preparation and, if anyone has old photos or information that could be used, please email highlandgameswaipu@gmail.com Updated information will be made available on the Waipu Highland Games Website.

John Lang remains as Society Chairperson, Bain McGregor as Chief and Brian McLean as Patron.

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Winners of the shortbread competition

Photo by Maggie Wistrand



From left: Riki Taiaroa, Sheree Watkins and Andrew Whyte

The winners of the Waipu Fire Brigade's shortbread competition were: Open Section - Sheree Watkins, Novelty - Riki Taiaroa, Junior - Rosa Billings, Judges' Choice - Andrew Whyte. Andrew made a plate of shortbread resembling a packet of fish and chips. Judging and prizegiving was held at the Waipu Fire Station on Saturday 9 July. The annual event is part of the Winter in Waipu celebration.



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- **VET CENTRE PET PARADE Saturday 30 July** Pipes and pets to assemble outside Pizza Barn at 9.45am. Parade through Waipu at 10am.
- **MUSIC CLUB** at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre. Next on Monday 1 August 7pm to 10pm.
- **RUAKAKA RACES** Next event Saturday 6 August. The Alibaba's Flying Carpets Kerikeri Cup.. Then on 20 August Northland Breeders Stakes and Ruakākā Cup Day. Racing starts at 12 noon on both days.
- **THE WAIPU SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 14 August. 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- **PIANO RECITAL BY MIRABELLA UPHOF** at Black Sheep Farm, Waipu Cove at 4pm on Sunday 21 August. Ticket \$25 with the money going towards Mirabella's examination entry fee for a diploma in performance with the Trinity College of London. To reserve seats, please telephone (09) 432 0435 or email: lisa@blacksheepfarm.co.nz
- **PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET** Locally produced arts, crafts and food. On August 28 from 12 noon to 4pm, then ongoing on the 4th Sunday of every month. In the Paparao Memorial Hall.
- **OTP MARKET.** At OTP Primary School. Sunday August 28, from 9am - 1pm. Call Sue 021 530 153 to book a stall. Profits donated to Whangārei Hospital children's ward
- **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am - 4pm. New Tangata Whenua exhibition.
- **THE RED DOOR GALLERY.** Open Friday - Sunday 10am - 4pm. The gallery is in the old Waipū Fire Station on The Braigh
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Title:Groundskeeper

Location:Waipu Caledonian Park, The Centre, Waipu

Reporting to: Chairman of Grounds Committee

Hours of work: These may be flexible, as required to achieve required standards.

Position Requirements:

The ideal candidate for this role shall have experience in operating heavy tractors and park mowing accessories as well as ride-on mowers, line trimmers and backpack spraying equipment.

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The candidate should have a reasonable standard of fitness and be in good health as he/she would be working alone for most of the time.

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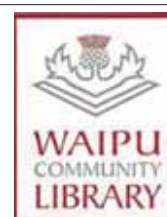
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THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

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The deadline for all copy is 4pm on
Wednesday 3 August

PUBLIC NOTICES

AGM**Waipu Business & Community Incorporated**

Will be held 6.30pm on Monday 15th August 2022
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August 17th 5:30pm
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Linking Hands**AGM**

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Street, Maungaturoto
AGM will start at 11.30 am.
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'Soup and Bun' Luncheon

**WAIPU RESIDENTS AND
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

At 7pm on Wednesday 27 July in
St Peters Anglican Church, Nova Scotia Rd., Waipu.

GUEST SPEAKER

Gina Cain-Treleaven from Waka Kotahi NZ
Transport Agency.

Update us on SH1 / Waipu developments.

**Marsden Bay Garden
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Monthly Meetings held 3rd
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**BREAM BAY SUNDAY
CHURCH SERVICES**

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