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Getting ready for the holiday crowds

Last week the people who run Bream Bay's motels and camping grounds were a bit unsure if a vaccination only mandate would apply for the visitors they are expecting when the Auckland border comes down on 15 December. They are also wondering how they would go about enforcing any vaccination rule.

Steve Farrow, who manages the Uretiti Department of Conservation campground, said he was receiving lots of bookings and at least three times a day he and his fellow camp manager are asked what the vaccination policy is but without any directive from the Department of Conservation head office it was difficult to say.

"We are getting it from both sides. Some people ask if it would be OK if they get a Covid 19 test a few hours before they arrive, others want to know that all the people in the camp are fully vaccinated."

There is plenty of space in the camp so groups can stay separated. Any socializing is likely to take place outdoors where the Covid virus is not so easily transmissible. Use of the showers and toilets and visits to the reception would need to be managed.

Steve said that's easy enough to do when you only have 100 people here but when we get 1,000 or more as is expected from December 27 to January 2 it becomes a big issue. We will be doing our best to keep everyone safe."

A big New Years Eve party is a tradition at the Uretiti Camp but Steve has doubts that this will be able to go ahead this summer.

Lucy Trist, who manages Camp Waipu Cove with her husband Anton, is also working out how the camp will deal with Covid 19 safety requirements. Lucy said

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Scoop the poop



From left : Addison Wells, aged 9, Kohana Pirini -10, Myllah Samu - 10 and Quinton Showler -11 displaying the signs they each designed. Standing behind is Grant Alsop of the Whangarei District Council.

Four children from Ruakākā Primary have designed signs asking people not to leave their dog's poo on the beach.

"Your dog, your job", Says one of the signs "Scoop the poop "Bag it, tie it, bin it" says another

One, by Myllah Samu features a big pile of poo with a picture of a fairy in the centre with a line across this image – the implication being there is no dog poo fairy to magically clean up the poo.

The signs inform dog owners that they could face a \$300 fine if they leave their dog's poo on the beach. Teacher Michelle Parson Sims said the children were asked to come up with a problem and then to find a

solution. Dog poo on the beach was the problem they identified.

They submitted their sign designs to the Whangārei District Council and four which had clear messaging and would print up clearly were chosen.

Grant Alsop, the Council's Waste and Drainage Field Officer said he was proud of the work the children had done and working with them made a nice change as he spends a lot of time dealing with complaints.

Two copies of each sign have been made and installed at entrances to the beach at Te Kamo St., the Ruakaka Surf Club entrance, Tip Rd. and Mair Rd.



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EDITORIAL

It's going to be tricky this Christmas

It was exciting to get my vaccine passport on my phone: my ticket to travel and visiting family members around New Zealand, going to markets, concerts, movies and theatre.

But its going to be tricky this Christmas. I don't pretend to understand those people who have dug their heels in and refuse to have the Covid 19 vaccination. It seems such a small thing: a short sharp needle in your arm, perhaps a slight ache for a day or two and a repeat in three weeks' time. Take a book to read while you wait. It's not hard.

My understanding is that the vaccine gives your immune system a code so it can react quickly if you should happen to breath in droplets carrying the Covid 19 virus. It doesn't contain the virus itself, DNA, fetal material, blood products or microchips. After around two weeks all the injected material has left your bloodstream. So why are some people making such a fuss?

I like to hold big family gatherings at this time of the year. My immediate family: my husband, children, grandchildren and siblings all have the good sense to get vaccinated but I have several sisters-in-law, a niece and a great nephew who are in the anti vaccination camp. There are some amongst us with medical conditions that place them more at risk if they catch the virus. Should I ban the unvaccinated from our party? It seems like a horrible thing to do at Christmas time. I imagine this is a dilemma for many families.

Checking passports and evicting those who don't have them is a big burden for businesses to carry. Last week most of our accommodation providers were waiting for clear guidelines from the Government.

The One Tree Point School Christmas market has been called off because the school's PTA didn't want to place members in a position where they would be arguing with unvaccinated people at the school gates.

I asked Sue Tisdall, that dear lady who runs a monthly market at the One Tree Point school and uses all the proceeds from stall holder fees to make up care packages for children in Whangārei Hospital, about how she would cope with the new regulations.

From behind her mask Sue looked a bit worried.

"I suppose I will have to have someone on the gate checking", she said.

"I am mindful that we are running our market in a school so we have to be extra careful. I will have to study up on the new rules."

As I write this, the big Waipu market we were all looking forward to on Sunday 19 December is in doubt. It all depends where we are in the new traffic light system. Organisers Judy and Graham Boulton said if it does go ahead they will need around 20 people standing at all the entrances to the Caledonian Park turning away people without the passports- not a job I think people will be lining up to volunteer for.

Marilyn

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Beach wheelchair helps Arlen walk again

Arlen D’Ath – Newton had a good day on Saturday 20 November.

For the first time since he was involved in a horrific accident on March 31 this year he managed to walk.

The 23-year-old was knocked off his bicycle while riding to work in the half light of the early morning. The ambulance crew that picked him up and flew him to Auckland Hospital weren’t sure he would live. His right leg was smashed up and at one stage when the healing was slow he was told it might need to be amputated.



Arlen D’Ath - Newton coming out of the water in the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club’s beach access wheelchair. His grandfather Jerr D’Ath is pushing from behind.

Arlen was badly in need of some positive news.

When his grandfather Bream Bay St John ambulance officer Jeff D’Ath was staying in a cabin at Camp Waipu Cove and providing medical cover for the rookie training camp that was running at the surf club, he took Arlen and his younger brother Ash along and asked if they could use the surf club’s new beach wheelchair.

Arlen said he was a bit embarrassed to be pushed by his grandfather and the chair itself with its big wide wheels wasn’t his idea of cool. However he is a former member of the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club and was also a keen surfer and he really wanted to get back into the waves.

“These days I have to set all these things in motion if

I want to go for a swim.”

The water was cold on his good leg and he felt a tingling on his injured one. Arlen thought to himself “What’s the worst that can happen. If I fall over I will only splash into the water.”

He did fall over but he also walked for around fifty metres. It felt like a miracle.

His brother and his grandfather shared in his elation. The experience completely changed Arlen’s outlook. He couldn’t stop smiling for the rest of the day. He now believes he will walk again and hopes he can get back to surfing and perhaps be able to drive once more. He is working on a modification of his car to make it easier for him to operate with his weak leg.

Could the \$60 million allocated to Oruku Landing be diverted to a new hospital?

The Whangārei District Council voted on Friday 27 November not to put ratepayer funds into the Oruku Conference Centre.

The vote was split 9-5 with Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors Tricia Cutforth, Shelley Deeming, Jayne Golightly, Greg Martin, Anna Murphy, Carol Peters and Simon Reid voting to abandon the project.

Deputy Mayor Greg Innes and Councillors Gavin Benney, Vince Cocurullo, Ken Couper and Phil Halse voted in favour of ratepayers making a \$70 million contribution to the development.

A Government grant of \$60 million had been allocated to the project from the Provincial Growth Fund, however when the Whangārei District Council invited public submissions on whether it should make a \$70 million contribution involving a 7% rate rise, 78% of submitters said the Council should not proceed with this.

Mai Sheryl Mai has asked the Government if the \$60 million can instead be allocated to a much needed new hospital in Whangārei.

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Mr. Red is missing - presumed dead

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Mr. and Mrs. Red with a foster chick in 2017

The Fairy Tern known as Mr. Red hasn't turned up to his usual breeding location on the Waipu sandspit this summer and is presumed dead.

Mr. Red turned 12-years-old this year and had been nesting at Waipu since the 2011-2012 breeding season (8 years). For many of those years he was paired with a female who became known as Mrs. Red, who died last year at the ripe old age of 20.

The name Mr. Red came about because of his red identification leg band.

Mr. Red was infertile. When fairy tern

Department of Conservation rangers held a candle to the eggs produced by any of his mates there was no embryo inside.

However DOC rangers were able to substitute fertile eggs for him to help hatch and then rear the resulting chicks from abandoned or endangered nests elsewhere. Together Mr. and Mrs. Red fostered eight chicks of which six successfully fledged.

Doc Biodiversity range Ayla Wyles said, "This feat

has helped this critically threatened species continue to survive."

Only around 40 New Zealand Fairy Tern remain. Last summer, after the loss of his long-time mate, Mr. Red raised two foster chicks with a new female. This female has returned to the Waipu sandspit with a new male. The pair are sitting on two fertile eggs, which are due to hatch this week.

Send in your nominations for the Bream Bay Sports Awards

The Bream Bay Sports Trust is calling for nominations for this year's Bream Bay Sports Awards.

Despite the fact that many sports programmes have been disrupted due to Covid 19 restrictions the trustees are hoping for a good number of nominations so we can hold a celebration of the importance and value of sport in our community at the awards night in the Waipū Celtic Barn on Friday 11 March.

This year's guest speaker will be pole - vaulter Eliza McCartney who won a bronze medal at the Rio Olympics.

Nominations are invited across eleven categories and celebrate both sporting achievement and all the work that people put into running our sports clubs and

supporting our teams and sportspeople.

Awards are: Junior Sportsperson of the Year 2021, Male Sportsperson of the Year, Female Sportsperson, Masters Sportsperson, Senior and Junior Teams of the Year, Referee of the Year, Sports Administer of the Year, Coach of the Year, Sports Leadership and Services to Sport.

Nominations forms can be downloaded from the Bream Bay Sports Trust website and returned to: breambaysportstrust@gmail.com

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Red light cancels Ruakākā Parade

The Ruakaka Christmas Parade, which was to be held on 19 December, has been cancelled after the announcement that Northland will be under Red Traffic Light rules, which limit gatherings to 100 people and require vaccinations passports for people attending both indoor and outdoor events.

Organiser Maree Gutry said it would be impossible to check if everyone who came out to watch the parade had a passport. At the time of going to press no decision had been made on the Waipu Parade on Christmas Eve or the Waipu Market due to be held on Sunday 19 December.

Covid cases in Ruakākā

There have been three new cases in Ruakaka recently notified to the Public Health Team at the Northland District Health Board.

One case was notified on Thursday 25 November; this was initially unlinked but has now been linked to an existing case. Two cases were notified on 27 November; these are linked to an existing case.

Positive wastewater tests have been returned for samples in Ruakaka, which was expected due to the cases isolating in the area.

In response a pop up testing centre was set up at the Ruakaka Racecourse up until last Monday 29 November. On going testing is available in Whangārei where a Northland DHB Community Testing clinic is open 7-days at 20 Winger Crescent in Kamo. A full list of testing clinics and opening hours is available here: <https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/community-health-services/community-health/northland-covid-19-commu->

nity-testing-centres/

The latest locations of interest in Ruakaka are:

- New Fresh Choice, Ruakaka - Saturday 20 November, 12:35 pm - 12:50 pm

- New Ruakaka Liquor Centre, Ruakaka - Saturday 20 November, 12:15 pm - 12:30 pm

Mark McGinley, Incident Controller with the Northland District Health Board advises, "If you visited a location of interest on the date and at the time specified, you should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days after you were exposed at this location. If symptoms develop, get a test and stay at home until you get a negative test result and until 24 hours after symptoms resolve."

To view a full list of Northland locations, visit the Northland DHB website: <https://www.northlanddhb.org.nz/home/covid-19/northland-locations-of-interest/>

Getting ready for the crowds

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the main concern was about the use of indoor facilities such as the laundry and bathroom blocks.

Ann Marie Abel of the Ruakākā Beach holiday park, with 350 sites the biggest of the three Bream Bay camping grounds, said she was working on a health and safety plan to deal with the risk of Covid spread and was waiting to hear from the Government and public health authorities what the requirements would be. Ann Marie said, as always, the camp is fully booked over the Christmas Holiday period but keeping local people safe was at the forefront of her mind.

Jed Smith, the manager of the Ruakākā Beach Front Motel said Northland District Health Board sometimes used the motel and all the people who work there are required to be vaccinated. Just one employee was vaccine hesitant but she was due to retire anyway so left a few months earlier than she had planned.

Jed said during the long months of lockdown there had been several waves of cancellations by Aucklanders realizing they wouldn't be able to come north for a week-end break. Instead he had taken bookings for working people – truck drivers, Northpower staff, building and landscaping companies, NIWA technicians.

Like Ann Marie he was waiting to hear how any vaccination requirement rules would work and how businesses would be equipped to enforce the mandate.

Stu Neal who runs the One Tree Point Motel with his wife Kate said they are able to operate without needing to come into contact with any of their guests.

"If any of us were to come down with Covid we would need to shut the motel and we wouldn't have a business, so we need to look after ourselves and our staff." People book in on line or by phone and the key is left out for them.

"Once they are settled in we give them a ring to make sure everything is OK."

The motel rooms each had their own bathroom facilities and separate ventilation systems so there is no danger of the Covid virus spreading amongst guests.

Air B and B accommodation is also being snapped up by Aucklanders since the announcement they would be able to leave the city come December 15 was made. Only those people with vaccination certificates will be able to come north although how this rule will be policed is still not certain.



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POLICE REPORT

Missing five - year - old found playing with his dog

A five - year -old boy went missing from his home at the Marsden Cove Marina on Friday morning 26 November. Police mounted a search and the boy was found playing with his dog in a private garden in Albany Rd. two hours after he disappeared. He was returned to his mother unharmed. Police want to thank all those people who responded to a facebook post and helped with the search

No tolerance for drink driving

Police responding to a report of a vehicle being driven erratically on Marsden Point Rd. on Thursday 25 November pulled the car over and breath tested the driver. A 48 -year-old Ruakākā woman will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on 15 December after returning a reading of 438 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath.

Extra Police staff will be deployed to Bream Bay over the summer period and Senior Sergeant Simon Craig advises that his expanded team will be conducting additional patrols to prevent people endangering the lives of others by driving under the influence of alcohol

Disqualified driver refuses blood test

Police pulled over a vehicle on State Highway One at Mata on 20 November and found a 27- year-old Mangawhai man whose license had been disqualified. He also faces a charge of refusing to undergo a blood alcohol test after also refusing a breath test.

Bail hearing for 12 arrested in Police raids

The 12 arrested in Police raids in Takahiwai and Kepa Rd., Ruakākā as well as Morningside, Rawhiti and Whananaki on Friday 12 November remain in custody awaiting a bail hearing at the Whangārei District Court on Monday 13 December. Charges they face include: conspiring to import methamphetamine, MDMA (ecstasy) and pseudoephedrine and participating in an organised crime group.

Motorbike crashes while rider fleeing Police

Police received reports of a man riding a motorbike recklessly in Ruakākā Village at around 9.30pm on Thursday 25 November. When Police attempted to stop the rider in Peter Snell Rd. he sped away only to crash into a traffic island and fall off his bike. A 46 - year - old Ruakākā man will be appearing in the Whangarei District Court on charges relating to the incident as well as a charge of refusing to undergo a blood alcohol test.

Tamure Place vehicle break ins

Several vehicles were broken into in Tamure Place on 16 and 18 November. Nothing was reported stolen

Sixteen family harm incidents

In the fortnight 15 to 29 November Police were called out to 16 family harm incidents.

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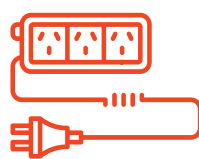
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Waipu Lifesaving Club hosts a rookie training camp

The Waipu Surf Lifesaving club hosted a rookie training camp over the weekend of 20-21 November. Around 40 teenagers from four clubs: Waipu, Ruakākā, Mangawhai and Whangarei Heads participated.

Volunteers from the Brynderwyn / Piroa weed and pest eradication programme also got in on the act along with the Department of Conservation fairy tern ranger and held some conservation based activities for the young people between 5pm and 6pm on Saturday evening.



Sam Drucker, aged 13 of Mangawhai and Mosese Hurley – Brown 13 also of Mangawhai being shown a frozen toad by Kathryn Clark of Waipu Kiwis.

The Braigh road rehabilitation ahead of schedule

The contractors working on the road rehabilitation project in The Braigh, Waipu are ahead of schedule and hope the work can be finished before Christmas. Jeff Devine, Strategy and Planning Manager for the Northland Transportation Alliance said the work is programmed to be completed by 22 January.

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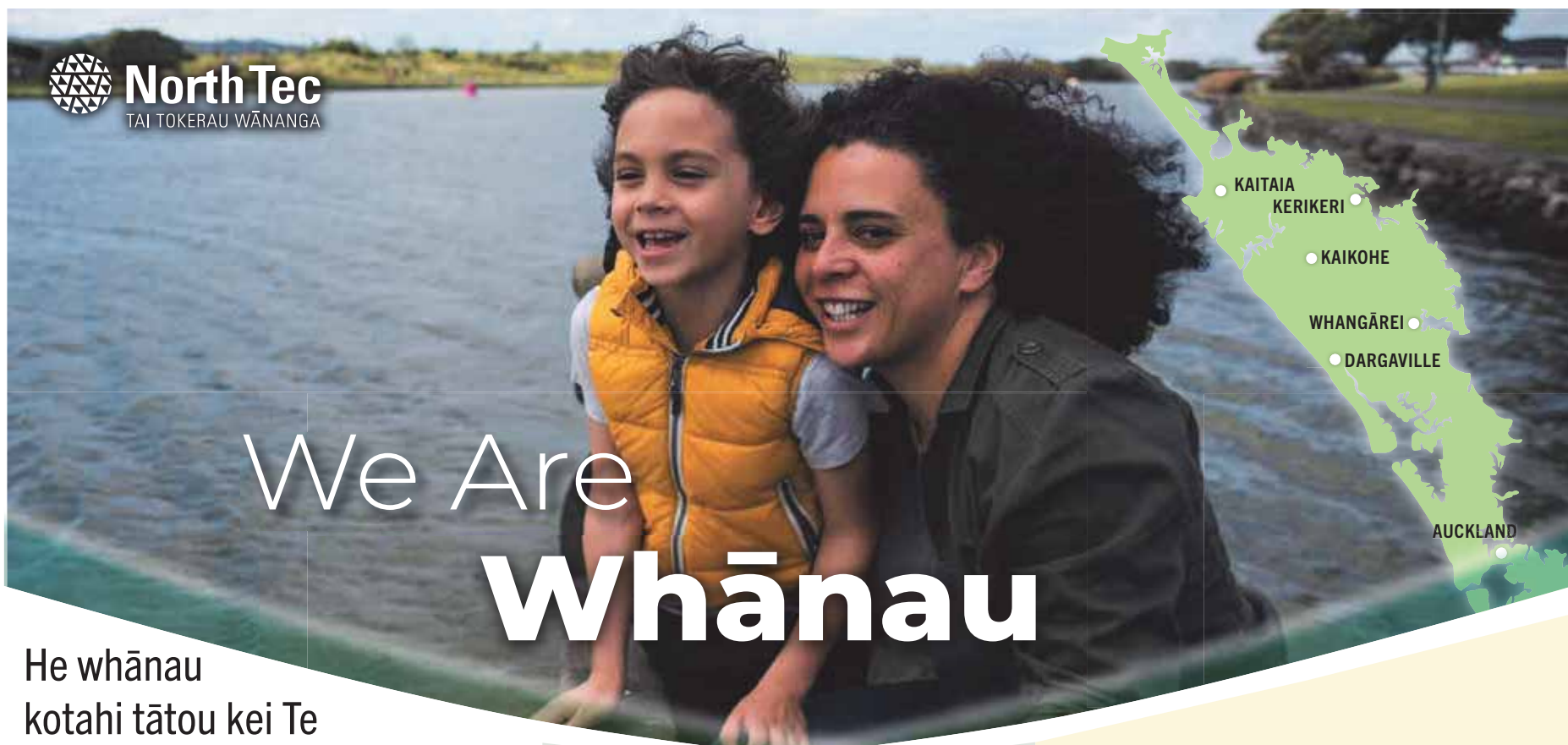


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Green light for \$5M-plus flood works

A \$5.1 million project to better protect against damaging flooding in and around Otiria and Moerewa could be underway within months after more than 40 affected landowners recently gave their blessing to a proposed new Pokapu Rd bridge and an associated spillway.

News construction of the bridge could begin in April next year has been welcomed by Taumarere Flood Management Working Group member Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon for whom the build can't come soon enough.

Pamela-Anne, who represents the Otiria Rugby Club on the five-year-old working group, says it met recently at Moerewa to receive the news members had been hoping for; that the project would go ahead.

The bridge – which will have three 20-metre spans – will replace an existing smaller structure and be built from April, with construction of the spillway likely to begin in about a year's time in late 2022.

Pamela-Anne says in heavy rain the Otiria and Waiharakeke Streams flood at Otiria and Moerewa because their natural flows are affected by roading and railroads in the area.

In a big flood, about 80 percent of the water from the Otiria Stream spills over nearby land as does 70% from the Waiharakeke Stream.

The regional council plans to restore the streams' natural flows by replacing the existing Pokapu Rd Bridge and building a new three span 60-metre-long single-lane bridge.



Pamela-Anne Ngohe-Simon, left, and NRC's Chantez Connor-Kingi discuss the proposed floodworks

The spillway will skim the flood flow from the Otiria Stream and restore natural flow towards the Waiharakeke Stream. (Currently the flow is deflected towards houses and two marae and then eventually flows to the Waiharakeke after going through houses and the marae.)

Pamela-Anne says while the works would not stop flooding altogether, they would deliver 'enormous' benefits, including reducing the severity of a typical flood by about 75% and importantly reduce the risk to currently flood prone marae and the rugby club.

"The residents of Otiria are supportive of the spillway."

The council says \$2.8M of the project cost will be met by the central government's regional development organisation Kānoa – RDU, another \$1.6M from the NRC and the balance –about \$600,000 – via a local rate on about 2300 properties in the affected area.

Pamela-Anne says over the past several years, the working group had workshopped about 20 flood mitigation projects and shortlisted three.

- Turntable Hill Bridge SH1 flood mitigation works – completed this year (A New Zealand Transport Agency/NRC project)
- Otiria-Moerewa Flood Mitigation Spillway – under way
- A Kawakawa flood deflection bank – approved in the NRC's Long Term Plan and scheduled for 2024.

She says the regional council had shown considerable patience as it worked through the issues with the community, something she wanted to see acknowledged on behalf of locals.

"I really think some of our people don't realise just how beneficial this will be. It's been a long time coming and we've all worked hard to get to this point."

"We're only paying \$600,000 of the \$5.1M involved." That meant the scheme would cost ratepayers just \$52 annually, or roughly one dollar a week, for 12 years.

Working Group members include iwi/tangata whenua, KiwiRail, business, farmers, the New Zealand Transport Agency and others.

Meanwhile, the regional council has acknowledged local siblings Emma Mathews and Sydney Baker who were instrumental in organizing whanau support for the project.

It will be the third bridge built on what was their family land with the current bridge built in the 1940s.

That replaced an older bridge Sydney Baker remembers catching eels from as a child.

KAIPARA MOANA APPOINTMENT

Justine Daw has taken the reins as Pou Tātaki or head of the programme to restore the health and mauri of Kaipara Moana, the world's second-largest natural harbour.

The Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme (KMR) is an ambitious \$300 million, decade-long plan to reverse ongoing environmental degradation by halving sediment loss from land to sea.

Justine is an experienced executive leader and director who has worked in international relations, commercial consultancy, the environmental sector, and the science and innovation system.

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Aupōuri locals protect landscapes from wilding pines

A dazzling sandspit, sacred to Te Aupōuri, is one of Northland's treasures that's now better protected from the threat of wilding pines.

Northland Regional Council (NRC), Te Aupōuri, community groups and private landowners have worked together since mid-2020 to remove wilding pines from locations around Aupōuri Peninsula.

Wilding pines are self-seeded, unwanted pine trees that spread from plantation forests, shelter belts or legacy plantings. At Kokata Spit, wilding pines were spreading across the white silica sands, choking out native vegetation.

Niki Conrad, pou takawaenga taiao (environmental manager) for Te Aupōuri, says Kokata Spit is culturally significant to Te Aupōuri, because it's an ongoing food source for the iwi and also contains wāhi tapu sites.

"Kuaka [bar-tailed godwits] return here from Asia and Russia, and Te Aupōuri have a deep historical affinity with these birds," he says.

"Having those noxious wilding pine trees growing out there, then getting it back to what it used to be like – it means a lot to our people."

The mahi has been funded by the Ministry for Primary Industries' community partnership fund and the National Wilding Conifer Control Programme. It created employment for locals such as Simon Job, owner-operator of Suseco Worx, and helped him take on and train new crew members.

He and his crew whakapapa to the Aupōuri Peninsula, and are passionate about restoring the environment.



Pine control at Great Exhibition Bay

"Going back over the landscapes we worked on, there are no wilding pines, and it's a nice feeling. It's a legacy you want to leave. You can say, 'Yep, we're a part of that.' I'm very proud of it."

NRC's Te Hiku representative Colin 'Toss' Kitchen says during the 2020-21 financial year, local contractors and operators killed 98,114 wilding pines at 61 Northland sites.

"Wilding pines are considered a \$4.6 billion threat to New Zealand's economy – and for every year they're left to spread and grow, the cost of control increases by around 30 percent. Removing wilding pines means more space for the best of Te Taitokerau: our unique landscapes, biodiversity and cultural sites.



New Waipu EV charger expands Northland's network

Whangarei Mayor and EV user Sheryl Mai, left, Northland Regional Council Climate Change Working Party Chair Amy Macdonald and Langs Beach-based regional council colleague Rick Stolwerk check out Waipu's new fast electric vehicle charger.

The \$68,000 project outside the Waipu Museum is the seventh in the Crimson Coast EV highway and the latest in Northland's network. It plugs a gap in a key location for motorists travelling both north and south.

It was jointly funded by the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (EECA) and EV charging network Charge.net and supported by the Northland Regional and Whangarei District Councils and Northpower.

You can locate EV charging stations from www.plugshare.com or the plugshare or ChargeNet apps.

New flood maps released

Newly-released regional maps aim to help Northlanders better understand areas at risk of flooding and the potential impacts it could have on communities.

River flooding is the most common natural hazard in Te Taitokerau and climate change means we'll likely see flooding events become more frequent and more intense.

Council some time ago produced river flood hazard maps for 28 Northland catchments (dubbed 'priority rivers') that were identified as having the highest level of potential flood risk; the latest maps cover the region's remaining rivers.

The new maps have identified an additional 17,178 affected properties in total; 6538 in the Far North District, 7787 the Whangarei District and 2853 in the Kaipara.

More information on flooding is available at www.nrc.govt.nz/floodmaps.

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Benedictus Gerardus Wortelboer 15 March 1931 – 22 November 2021



Ben Wortelboer

Ben Wortelboer was a much-loved member of the Ruakākā community and had a wicked sense of humour. At a Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Meeting he made the case for the establishment of a local cemetery saying he would like to be buried in the place where he had spent most of his life. The room erupted into laughter when he explained that he didn't want to be buried in Waipu as he was concerned all that bagpipe playing wouldn't allow him to rest in peace.

He later, by way of making it up to Waipu's pipers, told the Bream Bay News there was an occasion when he had really

enjoyed a bagpipe concert. This was at a victory parade at the end of the Second World War when the Nazi forces had been expelled from Holland.

"We hadn't heard music for so many years. It was a really joyful time. It was beautiful."

Ben was born in the village of Ter Apel in the northern Netherlands, the oldest child in a big Catholic family with eight children.

An early memory was ice-skating on a frozen lake in winter.

He remembered when Germany invaded the Netherlands in 1940 and Jewish families living in the village disappeared overnight.

"Those poor people. They had nowhere to go."

The Wortelboer family were boat builders and then metal workers and somewhere along the line transitioned to the mechanics trade. Ben's father was a mechanic and ran a taxi service and Ben, along with two of his brothers, also became a mechanic. Ben first came to New Zealand at the suggestion of his father who was thinking of moving here himself. He was just 21-years-old. He was hosted by the Catholic community in Auckland and found his way into a job at the New Zealand Express Company and then at a mechanical workshop in Mission Bay.

After just a year, Ben's father asked him to come back to the Netherlands. However, after the friendly, relaxed atmosphere he had experienced in Auckland Ben found people in Holland a bit distant. One encounter, in particular, on the first day of his return home made him decide to return to New Zealand. He met an old friend of his fathers who made the gruff comment 'Oh you are back', without asking about his experiences in New Zealand.

It took him another four years to make the return trip. He got a job in Warkworth and branched out with his own business there. He met his wife Nola on an excursion organised by the Bishop of Auckland for newcomers to that city. Ben turned up in a little red sports car he had built himself and Nola asked if she could have a ride. They were married in 1962.

In 1970 they purchased a site at the intersection of Marsden Point Rd and what is now Marsden Bay Drive to establish a petrol station and mechanical workshop. They lived in a house alongside and established a family. They had four sons: Fennad, John, Paul and Tim.

Ben and Nola retired and moved into a beautiful new home at Paradise Point in 1998. Ben was very happy living there and proud of where he had arrived after his life of hard work.

Four of Ben's siblings followed him to New Zealand. One brother, Theo, also moved to Ruakākā, purchasing the business Ruakākā Motors, which he ran for many years. Carrying on the family tradition one of Ben's sons, Paul now owns and operates Wortelboer Motors at Marsden Point.

A service for Ben was held at Ruakākā's Holy Family Church on Saturday morning 27 November. The Ruakākā Cemetery Ben had advocated for still hasn't been established although money has been set aside in the Whangārei District Council's Long Term Plan for this purpose.

Ben's good friend Andre Labonte said, "He was a really sweet, gentle old guy. He was always smiling. Even in Ranburn when he didn't know who we were he was still smiling. He was a wonderful man. When he had the garage at One Tree Point he helped out so many people in our community. He was a good testament to our Catholic faith."

And Ben's son John said, "Dad was a great man and practiced what he preached!"

Roving market moved to Thursday

The Roving Twilight Market, which was scheduled to be held at Ogotogo Berry Farm at 58 Takahiwai Rd. this Friday 3 December will now be held a day earlier and will run from 3-6pm at the same venue on Thursday 2 December.

Market host Kathleen Kort explained the date change is due to the Covid 19 response rules which are set to change on Friday.

“We know how to work under the current rules and will need some time to figure out what we would need to do under the new traffic light system so the easiest thing was to move the market forward a day.”

Stall holders at Thursday’s market will be: Belle Chevre Creamery, Left Fields (fresh vegetables and flowers), The Waipu Chocolate Barn, Epic Coffee Pinenut Bakery, Nutty for You, Mushrooms and Avos, Ogotogo Gardens, Tasty Tucker, Jo’s Honey and Raw Creations

Waipu butcher shop to close

Cam Miller and Chloe Evans of Millers Meats have announced that they will closing their Waipu butcher shop early in the New Year to concentrate on their Ruakākā store.

Chloe said they felt they would be able to give a better service to their customers and stock a wider range of goods if they could concentrate their efforts on just the one store.

“What we are hoping will happen is that our customers will come see us at Ruakaka. During the transition, there are some items only available at Ruakaka.

“We have a lot going on at the moment, but are still considering the possibilities of making this work for everyone.”

Asked about who would be taking over the Waipu butcher shop Chloe said it would be up to the landlord to find a new tenant.

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Murali joined the Four Square family twelve years ago when he started running Four Square Russell and is looking forward to bringing his experience to Four Square Marsden Cove.

“I’m excited about this new adventure in Marsden Cove. Our team of locals can’t wait to offer this awesome community a new shopping experience.”

Four Square Marsden Cove will be one of the latest design Four Squares in the North Island and provides shoppers with a whole new feel to their Four Square experience providing all the essentials and more, including freshly baked bread in-store, fresh, food-to go, barista coffee, hot chicken and chips, a large walk-in liquor chiller and a Lotto kiosk.

The team have been working hard to get the store open before Christmas and we’re delighted to bring the convenience that a Four Square has to offer.

Owner-operator Murali says, “Ruakākā is such a welcoming community, and we can’t wait to get to know everyone.”

Four Square Marsden Cove officially opens on Friday 17th December, Come along and say hi to your new local supermarket!

Opening day goodies will be given away, with New Zealand’s premium sausage supplier, Beard Brothers, on deck firing up the BBQ.



Murali Krishnamurthi
Four Square Marsden Cove owner & operator

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Sun 5 Dec	8.58	2.8	9.11	2.7
Mon 6 Dec	9.50	2.9	10.05	2.7
Tue 7 Dec	10.42	2.9	10.59	2.7
Wed 8 Dec	11.34	2.9	11.53	2.6
Thu 9 Dec	~	~	12.27	2.8
Fri 10 Dec	12.47	2.5	1.21	2.7
Sat 11 Dec	1.43	2.4	2.16	2.6
Sun 12 Dec	2.40	2.4	3.12	2.5
Mon 13 Dec	3.40	2.3	4.07	2.4
Tue 14 Dec	4.41	2.3	5.01	2.4
Wed 15 Dec	5.39	2.3	5.53	2.4
Thu 16 Dec	6.33	2.3	6.42	2.3
Fri 17 Dec	7.22	2.4	7.28	2.3

Twenty five bags of rubbish from six kilometres along South Rd.



Seventeen Waipu Lions members spent Sunday morning 28 November collecting roadside rubbish on South Rd. in Waipu. The group collected 25 big black bags full over a six kilometre stretch of road.

WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **THE WAIPŪ SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 12 December . 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall.
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- **THE RUAKAKA CHRISTMAS PARADE HAS BEEN CANCELLED**
- **WAIPU CHRITSMAS PARADE** Christmas Eve 24 December Starts outside the Pizza Barn at 7pm. Prizegiving afterwards in Caledonian Park. **IF COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS ALLOW**

Lots happening at Waipu Tennis Club

Waipu Tennis has been busy over the past month with 48 players taking part in its club competition. With so many competitors the play had to be spread over two nights. Club Captain Paul Ramsay said, "Despite Covid affecting a couple of nights some great tennis has been enjoyed. Post Christmas competitions start in mid-January and new players joining up then only pay a half sub. Regular competition will be held on Tuesdays and a Sawmill competition on Thursdays. Anyone, including non-members, can enter the Sawmill competition. A ladies' night has also been proposed for Wednesday nights dependent on enough women wanting to take

part. Saturday mornings see around 40 juniors and a dozen or so intermediates practice their skills with professional coach Grant van Dalsum. Club champs are under way for seniors and due to be completed prior to Christmas. A *Love Tennis* day on November 21 saw over 20 visitors to the courts and several people take advantage of the discounted rate and join the club. Waipu's Whangārei Interclub team has played several games with 2 wins and 2 losses so far. Check the club's Facebook page for more updates.

Invitation to join Council advisory groups

Whangārei District Council is looking for people to join both its Positive Ageing Advisory and Disability Advisory Groups. Community Development Advisers Claire Wilson and Nicole Stanton said, "We are looking for people of all kinds of backgrounds." They explained Whangārei has more disabled people and older adults compared to other places in Aotearoa and that the advisory groups help Council work better for these communities. "Your advice can help inform council decisions and

staff actions to improve our facilities, services and plans. Group members also gain insight into Council's processes and how to influence decision making. "You can apply by filling in an online application form on the council website: www.wdc.govt.nz/AdvisoryGroups, phoning one of the Community Development Advisers on 09 430 4200 or calling into a Council Customer Service Centre at 7 Rust Ave in Whangārei or Takutai Place in Ruakākā to pick up an application form. Applications close on 30 January 2022.

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Takahiwai League Junior prizegiving



The under 8s - Team of the Year.

The Takahiwai Rugby League Club finally got to hold its Junior Prizegiving on Thursday evening 18 November - not in the clubrooms but outdoors under the canopy at Bream Bay College.

Takahiwai Junior Trophies List 2021

Under 6's: Most Improved – Hunter Davis Kahui and Levi Gibbs, Sportsmanship – Aio Hakaraia. Most Tags Ripped – Manaaki Saunders Murray. Most Consistent – Lennix Hurihanganui, Best Kicker – Tangaroa Martin, Most Tries – Brooklyn Brears. Most Dedicated – Nikora Rakena. Player of the Year – Dylan Cook.

Under 8's: Most Improved – David Rean. Sportsmanship – Taupaki Cassidy. Most Consistent – Leo Cook. Best Tackler – Kahu Karena. Most Valuable – Mitchell Craig. Most Dedicated – Naomi Hurihanganui. Most Mana – Rehua Martin. Player of the Year – Darroll Morunga

Under 10's: Most Improved – Harlin Paki. Sportsmanship – Tane Anderson. Most Consistent – Dalton Craig. Best Tackler – Henry Cunis. Most Valuable – Bailey Haycock. Most Dedicated – Rhys Tipene-Saunders. Player of the Year – Cruz Anderson.

Under 12's: Most Improved – Waikoru Rudolph. Sportsmanship – Cheyenne Watts. Most Consistent – Hosea Kaiarake. Best Tackler – Nate Cunis. Most Dedicated – Lennix Wilson. Most Valuable – Eli McLean. Best Forward – William Wassell. Player of the Year – Nate Cunis

Under 14's: Most Improved – Brennan Kay. Sportsmanship – Levi Cook. Most Consistent – Shaun Patterson. Best Tackler – Shayne Wassell. Most Dedicated – Levi Watts. Most Valuable – Ricardo Wilson. Best Back – Terry Wassell. Best Forward – Daejahn Saunders. Player of the Year – Kaylis Cooper

Under 16's: Most Improved – Shon Moana-Honetana. Most Consistent – Riko Brown. Most Dedicated – Riko Brown. Best Back – Xaviar Tenboom. Best Forward – Jared Cook. Player of the Year – Xaviar Tenboom. Players Player of the Year – Xaviar Tenboom

Club Prizes: Best Girl – Cheyenne Watts. Sportsman of the Year – Henry Cunis. Most Dedicated – Levi Watts. Most Inspiring – Nate Cunis. Services to Schoolboys – Toko & Kelly Morunga. Junior Supporter of the Year – Nadia Cook. Junior Coach and Manager – Kani Epiha. Team of the Year – Under 8s



Dylan Cook was Under 6's Player of the Year



Xaviar Tenboom, Under 18's Player of the Year.

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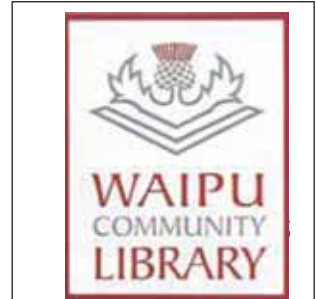


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