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Local businesses get back to work under Stage 3 restrictions

Those orders issued on Monday 23 March telling us we had just two days to prepare for Level 4 lockdown on Thursday 26 March produced a few headaches for the operators of local timber mills.

Logs stacked in the yard ready for milling and stacks of timber milled but not yet treated had to be left where they were for a month subject to the effects of damp and fungi.

Last week Bruce Larsen of Northpine and Garth Mortensen of North Sawn Lumber were busy preparing their plants to get back to work under Covid 19 response level 3 conditions this week.

Bruce said things at Northpine had been going well before the lockdown bombshell. The timber market had been bouyant and the recent closure of the Carters Mill in Whangarei had also helped increase the supply of both logs and skilled mill hands.

Last week he was at the mill with a few workers testing out that the machinery was all in working order, phoning staff to see who was able to start work on Tuesday 28 April and putting plans in place for Stage 3 safety requirements.

Timber and logs out in the yard would need sorting to see what could be salvaged. Bruce predicted a good proportion of it could still be used but would be of lesser value.

Northpine employs 60 people and Bruce said the government's wage subsidy has been helpful.

North Sawn Lumber is in a "pretty similar situation", said Garth.

The plant also had logs and timber stacked in the yard deteriorating over the five weeks of lockdown and last week some staff were on site testing out machinery in preparation for processing to start up on Tuesday.

North Sawn Lumber exports much of its product and Garth is concerned that the pandemic will have a big impact on markets.

"I have been talking to our customers and they are unsure of the future. We have a big shipment going to Australia but after that I don't know what will happen. Our markets in south East Asia look a bit uncertain at present."

Lockdowns around the world have also caused transportation problems and a shortage of shipping containers, many of which are stacked up at ports

Making ANZAC wreaths as a home learning activity



Seven-year-old Lucia Mitchell with an ANZAC wreath she made for an at home assignment from her Waipu Primary School teacher Anne Greene.



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Time to get back to work

How is everyone surviving lockdown?

It's good to be back.

I believe the Bream Bay News has a part to play in helping our local businesses get back on their feet.

As we move into Level 3 Lockdown and, hopefully, in a few weeks Level 2 I think we need to roll our sleeves up and get back to work. It would be great if the same fervour people applied to keeping Covid 19 from spreading through the population could now go towards getting New Zealand working again. I, for one, don't want to leave a massive national debt for my children and grandchildren.

Who knows how this will play out in the long term but there may be some changes and some lessons learned. Many people have discovered that it is possible to work from home. Look at all the petrol; vehicle maintenance, road accidents, carbon emissions and time spent travelling this has saved.

I know lots of Bream Bay people already operated like this before the lockdown order. I have run the Bream Bay News from an attic room in our home for years. There are people living the hills west of State Highway One who sit at computers doing work for international companies or who run cottage industries selling soaps, face creams, chocolate etc. via the internet.

I admire the resilience of business people. Local café owners, restaurateurs and retailers are finding ways to operate under Level 3 conditions.

At Northpine and North Sawn Lumber they are sorting through the timber left stacked in the yard for the five weeks of lockdown Level 4 to see what can be salvaged. Gordon and Janine Abernethy of Marsden

rates very low.

Overseas export markets for timber products are likely to be disrupted for some time so there should be a good supply of building materials. Wouldn't it be great to see a big affordable housing project get underway to solve our local shortage of rental homes? The housing shortage has proved to be a difficult problem to solve but hopefully now is the time.

Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland said he would try to bring forward a \$10 million roll growth-building project at the school to help out the local construction industry.

One benefit already to come out of Lockdown Level 4 was the handout of 100 Chromebook computers and the Internet connections provided to families that previously didn't have this. I agree with Mr. Buckland that this will go a long way towards making a more level playing field for students. The internet has its good and bad sides though and I hope the school will continue to work with its families to steer our young people towards what is wonderful, educational and inspiring rather than allowing them to fall into that black hole of ignorance, misinformation and depravity that some people who spend too much time at their computers seem to fall into.

I also hope that when it is safe to do so the children in the Ruakaka Village, where the streets have been deserted for the past five weeks, will come back outside to play.

Here is a poem sent to me by a friend at the start of the lockdown. It is from a collection called "To bless the space between" us by Irish poet John O'Donohue

Marilyn

"This is the time to be slow,
Lie low to the wall
Until the bitter weather passes.

Try, as best you can, not to let
The wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart
All sense of yourself
And your hesitant light.

If you remain generous,
Time will come good;
And you will find your feet
Again on fresh pastures of promise,
Where the air will be kind
And blushed with beginning."

Metals, which is facing a massive drop in supply and demand for scrap metal, are coming up with ways to use the expensive equipment their company owns in the current situation. Darrell Trigg of Trigg Construction a "glass half full sort of guy" is predicting there will be pain but also opportunities. He says there has never been a better time to build a home than right now with builders looking for work and interest

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Ranburn residents keeping in touch on Skype

Alice Grant hasn't been able to visit her mother Jane in Ranburn for six weeks since the Waipu aged care facility went into lockdown a week before the whole of New Zealand did.

However, she is in regular contact with her mother on Skype, which has been set up by Ranburn's activity coordinators to keep patients and their families connected. Her brothers Clive in France and Hugo in the UK have been able to have some great chats with their mother.

Alice said she is very grateful to the people working at Ranburn for the care they are providing.

"They all have families of their own to look after but they are looking after all the elderly people in Ranburn so beautifully. I really can't find fault with the care my mother is getting."

Andrea Hegh, who is the manager at Ranburn, said the team of around 50 care, domestic and kitchen staff working through the lockdown had been wonderful. Ranburn stopped allowing visitors a week before everyone else went into lockdown. Some regular staff, either because they were older people with possible compromised immune systems or because they had someone at home they needed to protect or young children to look after were unable to continue working and Andrea said she "fully supported those people in their decisions."

As well as using Skype the Ranburn activity coordinators had set up a private facebook page so they can share photographs with residents' family members.

Andrea said she felt for the people working at those aged care facilities where residents have contracted Covid 19 and become very ill with some dying.

"My heart breaks for them. You try your hardest not to have anything like that happen but this is such a vulnerable age group."

She was taking advice from the Ministry of Health and didn't expect that Ranburn would be opening its doors anytime soon.

She said that, in the interests of keeping all the residents safe, "I think all of us here would prefer to stay in lockdown a bit longer."

Activities coordinator Angela Stolwerk said she thinks all Ranburn staff "from the registered nurses, careers, kitchen staff, cleaners, laundry staff, admin, maintenance person, and activities coordinators are finding the situation a bit surreal, yet are experiencing feelings of privilege and enormous responsibility to keep our residents and ourselves safe and happy over this time.

"Like everyone else, our residents are hankering to meet up with family and friends, get out



Jane Edwardes makes a Skype connection with her daughter and son-in-law Alice and Peter Grant. Jane has also had chats with her sons Clive in France and Hugo in the UK.

to the shops, cafés, beaches and go on van trips again. However, we have been entertaining ourselves with many of our usual activities - for example, pottering in the gardens. Luckily our order from Bulbs Direct arrived before the lockdown so we've been planting. The men's group have deconstructed some wooden pallets to build and paint planting boxes - they are coming along well, the knit and natter group meet weekly, we've been painting, exercising, quizzing, and good old fashioned letter writing, which we send via scanned email, plus more. While we haven't been able to enjoy our live bands and entertainment at happy hour, we've made our own fun and sing-alongs.

Angela said she would also like to stress the importance for the wider community to continue to follow government COVID -19 guidelines at all times.

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POLICE REPORT

Ninety reported breaches of Lockdown Level 4

Bream Bay Police were kept busy last week attending to breaches of the Covid 19 Level 4 lockdown. There were a total of 90 reported breaches in the area in the space of a week up to Saturday 25 April. Thirty-five people were spoken to and three who had previously come to Police attention for breaching the lockdown were given written warnings. Most of the breaches were by people going fishing in their boats, surfing or travelling unnecessarily to socialize with friends. Sergeant Simon Craig said Police were struggling to keep up with the volume of complaints.

Low number of family harm incidents may be due to difficulty of calling for help under lockdown

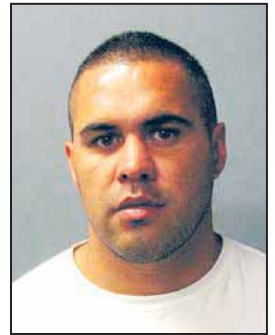
There were an unusually low number, just four family harm incidents reported to Bream Bay Police in the week 18 -25 September. However, Sergeant Simon Craig has a concern that this could be because of difficulties in making calls to report incidents in the home under lockdown conditions.

Only two minor burglaries

Things have also been very quiet in the burglary department. Police have only had two very minor burglaries to deal with in the week from Saturday 18 April to 25 April. One of these involved the theft of a crop of tomatoes from a home garden.

Has anyone seen this man?

On the afternoon of Wednesday 22 April Police carried out a search at a property in Port Marsden Highway for Luke Raymond Edmunds who has a warrant out for his arrest. Mr. Edmunds wasn't located at the property and a post has been placed on the Northland



Luke Edmunds

Police Facebook page asking that if anyone know of his whereabouts to phone 105 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. The post warns that Mr. Edmunds, aged 40, is considered dangerous and should not be approached.

Offensive behaviour on the beach at OTP

A young man who caused offence to One Tree Point residents by masturbating in public view on the beach and sparked a flurry of complainants to the Bream Bay Police has been identified and spoken to by Police.

A WDC Covid 19 assistance package

Councillor Ken Couper advises that the Whangarei District Council has a ten point COVID-19 assistance pack on its Web site. This information is worth having a look at, or if you have specific request telephone the staff on 430 4200.

He said the feed back from the Waipu support group, set up in haste to support people through the Covid 19 lockdown, is that there has been

only a small demand for help, however there was a heart warming response from people willing to help.

"The co-ordinators still have those peoples details and would like to assure them that their offer to help is appreciated and not forgotten, and will be taken up if people call wanting assistance or conversation."



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Celtic tunes to lift the spirits



Wes and Barb Bycroft

Wes and Barb Bycroft, of Twisty Willow, the Celtic duo whose music you have enjoyed at Celidh in the Coronation Hall, Waipu street markets and at the Ruakaka Festival have produced and posted a recording on You Tube for each day of the Covid 19 lockdown.

The recordings are of a mixture of Irish and Scottish tunes and songs and can be found by googling "Twisty Willow Lockdown Videos."

Les and Barb say they are missing: "real life contact, walks on the beach, gigs and the buzz of live performing" so they decided to make the recordings.

On day 15 they toured through an empty Waipu township with Barb providing a commentary on places of interest.

"We haven't got much else done," said Barb, "but that doesn't matter."

"It is keeping us out of mischief! (although we may be ready for a bit of mischief soon!),"said Wes.



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Hope you are all doing well

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Oil tankers spend over a month at anchor out in the bay

There are currently three oil tankers at anchor out in Bream Bay. They are the Nectar Sea, the Ocean Lady and the Celsius Esbjerg. The Nectar Sea has been at anchor in the bay since 29 March and, according to the Northport Expected Shipping list, won't get a pilot on board to bring her into port until 10 May. Ocean Lady arrived on 11 April and won't come into port until 1 June, while the Celsius Esbjerg arrived on 19 April and is due to come into port on 22 May.

Refining NZ's Communications and External Affairs Manager Greg McNeil said, "The refinery is operating at reduced throughput in response to the significant reduction in transport fuels demand brought on by the Covid-19 transport and travel restrictions.

"While there is sufficient storage capacity at the refinery we are having to carefully manage the storage of crude that was purchased before COVID-19 impacted demand. The movement of crude into storage is happening at a slower rate than is normally the case, and means that oil tankers will be anchored in Bream Bay until they can be unloaded at the refinery."

He did not reply to a query about whether NZ Refining or the oil companies would be meeting the cost of this delay.

Chris Silk, Operations Manager for the port agent ISS McKay in Whangarei said the tankers each have between 22 and 28 crewmembers on board. He said they all had plenty of food and, so far, hadn't needed a resupply and that waste is being stored on the ships.

Asked about the welfare of the seafarers, Mr. Silk said they were all professional sailors and that "this is their job."

He said oil tankers often had to wait off shore until they received their next job so the crews are used to spending long periods at sea.

Under normal circumstances when a tanker comes into port the crew would be able to visit the Mission to Seafarers centre at Marsden Point and go for a walk on shore but at present even when their ships tie up at the refinery wharf they will need to stay on board. Under Covid 19 Lockdown rules, The Mission to Seafarers centre is closed anyway.

Mr. Silk said, as all three ships had been at sea for over a month the order to say on board is more about protecting the seafarers from contracting Covid 19 than it is about preventing the disease from being brought ashore by any of them.

Refining NZ undertakes a "strategic review"

Refining NZ has announced it will be carrying out a "strategic review led by new Chief Executive Officer Naomi James.

A press release sent out in mid April explained an over supply of refined oil products from Asia has resulted in low refining margins and among other options the review will consider whether the company should transform into an importer and distributor of fuel.

Ms. James, said: "Refining NZ's assets play a critical role in the supply of transport fuel in New Zealand and

the company's infrastructure position provides a strong competitive advantage particularly in the supply of fuels to Auckland and surrounding areas."

She acknowledged that the company makes an important contribution to the Northland economy. "We know that the future for this business will need to look different and are open to all options: to operate a high-performing, competitive refining and infrastructure business, and to alternative future import business models."

Good attendances at Bream Bay College Zoom classes



Bream Bay College
Principal Wayne Buckland

Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland reports a very high attendance rate at the Zoom classes, which the school's teachers have been organizing for students during the lockdown.

Attendance levels since the first week back at school starting on 14 April ranged from 88% to 90%.

The dance teacher has been putting up videos of dance routines for students to follow and the physed teacher had set a fitness programme for senior classed with extra points allotted to students who manage to get their parents to take part.

Mr. Buckland said the application Zoom allowed for good interaction with students able to ask questions

and go into "break out rooms" to hold discussions.

The school handed out 100 chromebook computers to students who didn't have computers at home just as the lockdown came into force and has set up Internet connections by wireless modems for 20 families who did not have Internet at their homes.

Mr. Buckland said making sure all students have access to a computer in their home might be the best thing that has ever been done to establish equity amongst the school's families.

Sergeant Simon Craig, Officer in Charge at the Bream Bay Police has commented that people in the Ruakaka Village have been very compliant with Lockdown regulations and thought this might be due in part to the young people now having computers to keep them entertained. Mr. Buckland said that for families who had not had a computer in the home before there was, understandably a lot of excitement. Bream Bay college had been a piloting a programme called Switch on Safety which the school recommended families load on their computers. The programme is free and was designed in New Zealand specifically to protect children from some of the worst of the World Wide Web while they engage in online learning.

From next Tuesday when the country moves into Level 3 Covid 19 response level,

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Lets all get busy supporting each other and making Ruakaka successful and positive again.

LETTERS

Glad to be safely back home in Waipu

On 15 March my husband and I left Waipu for a month's camping around the South Island, culminating in family gathering in Twizel at Easter. We were keeping up with COVID-19 news with increasing foreboding as we overnights in Cambridge, then Foxton. The morning of March 17 we stood looking at De Molen, Foxton's iconic windmill and thought maybe we are being a teensy bit silly travelling further and further away from home. There were only eight confirmed cases in New Zealand, but the ferry crossing looked like a bit of a pinch point for transmission and once in the South Island, could there be difficulties getting back if things deteriorated? New vocabulary was emerging - self-isolation, contact tracing, possible community transmission.

So sadly, we did a U turn, heading back to Waipu. Along the way our decision was supported by rising COVID-19 cases and crowded supermarkets. From Whanganui north there was not one bag of flour or hand sanitizer to be seen, although I managed to get a small bottle at a chemist where the pharmacist was making his own.



We would like to thank the communities of Bream Bay for working with us in these unprecedented times of Covid-19. We understand for many of us the last five weeks has brought forward a range of emotions from being scared, anxious, frustrated to peace, reflection and at times celebrating the small things with our families. Over a month ago I'm sure many of us did not envisage us having words such as social distancing, bubble, PPE, level 4 become part of our everyday language and probably some of us have never exercised as much as we have over these last weeks.

For our team at the pharmacy it's been great to see each of us supporting each other through this. It has also helped us to receive from you the community, the many good wishes you have delivered in person or on our face book page.

Going forward, not much will change with the move to Level 3. We will still allow people to come into the pharmacy to pick up your medication and also shop for other items such as vitamins, gifts, cosmetics, fragrances etc. However, as with level 4, there is still a restriction of movement within the pharmacy, a limit of the amount of people in the pharmacy at any one time, and we will still practice social distancing. There is signage at the entrance and inside the pharmacy to help you with this as well as hand sanitiser freely available to you all to use.

We are offering free delivery of medications as well as other items in the pharmacy particularly to those that are self isolating or those that fall into the 'at risk' groups or for whatever reason cannot make it to the pharmacy. Please ring the pharmacy and talk to our wonderful team as to how we can meet your needs. We also have a number of payment options that you can use.

For those who get a regular supply of medications, you may have noticed that your medication is being supplied monthly rather than getting three months all in one go. This is to make sure that there is a well maintained supply of medication for everyone in New Zealand. We expect that this will be a temporary issue and that normal supply will resume in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to ring us (09 4327756) and we will do our best to help you. We will try to keep the community updated of any changes on our face book page.

To quote a well used phrase in these times "Be strong, be kind, we will be okay".

So continue to look out for yourselves, your family, friends, neighbors and those that may be on their own.

Kia Kaha Bream Bay
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Foxton's iconic windmill, De Molen

seem to be accepting of the restrictions with good humour. Ruakaka and Waipu Supermarkets owners and staff have more than risen to the occasion. Shoppers wait with good grace and chat. In our area (Brooks Road) 'bubble' family groups wave and greet from a distance when out walking.

Having only become a New Zealand citizen in 2019 I am very happy to be here, and call New Zealand home.

Sue Barker
Waipu

Birds still hunting and fishing



I have been working from home and it certainly is different but working out fine. But there is no difference on the river as our usual bird friends still do their hunting and fishing.

There was a group of 11 spoonbills gathered last Saturday gathered in the late afternoon just sleeping in the sun for hours as the tide was coming in.

However, as the water started rising to the peak near high tide, it was time to scarp. ...and they did fly off sometimes two at a time or in single file.

They were a long way away but I was able to catch them with a long lens.

Kevin Wigmore
Ruakaka

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Never a better time to build than right now



Darrell Trigg

Darrell Trigg and his team at Trigg Construction has been kept busy during the five weeks of Lockdown 4, for the first few weeks installing Perspex screens between the isles at all foodstuffs supermarkets between Warkworth and Kaitaia enabling shoppers to stand in checkout lines without getting too close to one another. For the later part of Lockdown they have been planning how they will operate under Covid 19 response Level 3.

The biggest project the company currently has underway is the Hunderwasser Centre at the Whangarei town basin. Thirty tradesmen will be back on site next week. This is 15 fewer than before the lockdown and the site has been split into zones with groups of tradesmen working in each at a time.

Darrell said this would slow down progress and along with the five weeks when no work could be undertaken the project finish date will be a bit later than the predicted March 2021. How much later Darrell can't say yet as this depends how long Lockdown Level 3 conditions remain.

Trigg Construction is also about to start work on two projects for Marsden Maritime Holdings: a complex of 24 light industrial and commercial units and nearby another commercial complex with four larger 600 square metre commercial units. Both will be located on Marsden Bay Drive close to the marina.

Darrell said he is a "glass half full sort of guy" and while he says businesses will face a lot of difficulties coming out of the Covid 19 lockdown there will also be opportunities.

He is the National President of the Registered Master Builders Association and acknowledges that with all the job losses there will be a drop off in demand for residential building.

"If you were about to build a house for someone who was working for Air New Zealand, well that house isn't going to happen."

This will have a big effect on the industry.

"Forty billion dollars is spend on construction in New Zealand each year, 25 percent on building roads and underground infrastructure, 25 percent on commercial buildings and 50% on residential housing and most of this by ordinary New Zealanders building new homes and baches."

He urges people not to shelve their building plans.

"There has never been a better time to build than right now, with builders looking for work and low interest rates."

It's going to take a while to get back to where we were. Lots of people are going to be doing it tough. Maybe we will need to change the way we are doing things but there is opportunity."

Good attendances at Bream Bay College Zoom classes

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the school is expecting around 40 students from Years 7 to 10, who cannot stay at home alone while their parents work to be at school while the remainder of students continue with online classes.

The school grounds and buildings have been completely closed to everyone with not even the caretaker and cleaners going in over the first three weeks of the lockdown but last week work began preparing for students to return.

Contractors have begun work replacing a sewage line that was giving trouble and cleaners had been at work.

Mr. Buckland said he hoped the school could begin work soon on a \$10 million roll growth project upgrading classrooms and building six new ones to provide work for local contractors when the lockdown ends.

Delivery service now available at FreshChoice Ruakaka



Shoppers observing the social distancing rules while queuing outside Ruakaka Fresh Choice

Grocery delivery is now available from Ruakaka Fresh Choice. You can also order on the Ruakaka Fresh Choice website and pick up your packed groceries from the store.

Storeowner Grant Egan had hoped to have the service running for the entire Covid 19 lockdown but encountered a hold up in getting a refrigerated van organised. The first delivery was due to be made to the One Tree Point area on Tuesday 28 April.

Deliveries will be carried out between 2pm and 5pm in the afternoon: on Tuesdays and Thursdays to One Tree Point, on Saturdays to Waipu and on Wednesdays and Fridays to Ruakaka.

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Local businesses get back to work under Stage 3 restrictions *Continued from page 1.*

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unable to be dispatched to their intended destinations.

He hopes the Government will implement a big public works programme building social housing and upgrading schools and hospitals but is concerned that cumbersome council planning processes will prevent this from happening.

North Sawm Lumber employs 57

people in Northland and three in Mount Maunganui.

Janine and Gordon Abernethy of Marsden Metals spent last week re-arranging their yard so staff and customers don't need to come into close contact with one another. Marsden Metals employs nine people and last week Janine was unsure if the company would be able to continue to provide



Coralie Roberts welcomes shoppers at the door of Waipu Hammer Hardware in full protective gear

full time work for everyone but they are doing their best to adapt to the situation.

The scrap metal export industry is virtually on hold and Janine and Gordon are exploring a number of ways of using the company's equipment in ways that people might need during Covid 19 lockdown times. They have two hiab trucks, one of which is a tipper truck, and these could be used to help the construction industry with deliveries from building supply outlets, which need to be carefully managed.

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A plan to promote local businesses

The Waipu Business and Community group is establishing a plan to promote local businesses as they resume operations.

Chairperson Bruce Larsen said, "We want to support local enterprises and are seeking ways that we can actively promote resuming businesses."

Bruce asks that all businesses which are resuming trading, contact the WB& C Inc by email at secretary@waipu.kiwi and so the association can promote these via a member newsletter and social media postings.

Bruce said "Now is the time to repay all those businesses which have supported

community events with donations, sponsorship and prizes. Now is the time for all the community to work on the rebuild together. When making any purchase please buy local and if that is not possible then support a New Zealand business and don't use the internet to buy a cheaper item from an overseas supplier

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Kauri snails, still hanging on in the shady bush at Waipu Caves



Making its way across the road in the early morning

Geoff Spencer spotted this kauri snail making its way across Waipu Caves Rd. on an early morning cycle ride. Geoff moved the snail to the side of the road so the next vehicle to come along wouldn't squash it.

Kauri snails were once common though out Northland but are now a threatened species.

But Ian Fox who lives up by the caves says they are quite common around that area. In fact in the past he has collected them for the Department of Conservation to re-establish a new populations in a bush block.

He once found a cluster of 14 along the side of a rotted kahikatea log and he often finds piles of empty shells at the bottom of limestone shafts.

Kauri snails are normally nocturnal but sometimes come out to forage in shady areas in wet weather.

A few years ago when Ian owned and worked at a business in Whangarei and regularly drove down the road in the early morning he would pick up four or five kauri snails each trip and toss them into the bush. He wondered if it was the same snails crossing the road each morning and was tempted to mark their shells He noticed, "They don't seem to like small size gravel and sandy surfaces on the road and will often stop in the smooth tracks just where vehicle tyres run."

They are also preyed by pigs, rats, hedgehogs and possums and are crushed underfoot by livestock.


During long dry spells many die. Ian says they can get quite smelly. But he says after rain the survivors quickly gain weight.

The biggest problem for kauri snails, however, is habitat loss. They like moist, shaded forest floors, rich in leaf litter with lots of worms. Kauri snails can live for up to 20 years and their shells grow to 79mm diameter. They are hermaphroditic. Ian has observed a pair mating simultaneously fertilizing one another's eggs.

Ian has applied for some funding from the Northland Regional Council to help launch a comprehensive pest control programme. He hopes to establish a Waipu Caves community pest control group and to set up and maintain 300 bait stations targeting rats and possums in the hope this will help to protect this declining, unique to Northland species.



Kauri snails, which have vanished from many parts of Northland are still present in the bush at Waipu Caves



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Waipu cycle and walkway getting lots of use

Photo by Peter Grant



The partially built Waipu Cycle and Walkway trail is getting well used by residents of Waipu out for some daily exercise during the Covid 19 Lockdown.

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Waipu Business and Community Group takes on Waipu township caretaker role

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For 20 years Alan has been employed by the Trust to carry out these duties along with voluntary help.

For many years Tony Solomon and Kay Dixon have been the driving force running the trust but late last year they asked the Waipu Business and Community Inc. if they could take over the role. As a result new trustees were appointed. They are: Bruce Larsen, Regina Reily, Shane Samtani and Graham Boulton.

During Level 4 Lockdown Alan has been emptying the public rubbish bins, which is deemed to be essential but has been unable to do his other jobs that keep Waipu looking clean and well groomed. Now Level 3 means the streets get cleaned again and the parks/ verges mowed.

"The efforts of the Waipu 2000 Trust ensure that Waipu does look clean, tidy, well-groomed and loved."



Alan Nordich has worked for the past 20 years to keep Waipu looking well groomed .

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Wildlife guardian threatened with dog attack

Lu Cummings, a member of Bream Bay Coastal Care who has a special interest in the shorebirds at the Ruakaka Wildlife Refuge was threatened by a woman when she asked her to take her three dogs out of the refuge.

The woman, who also had a young child with her, told Lu she would "smash her and her phone" if she took a photograph of her and would set her dogs upon her.

The woman said she had had a particularly stressful day at home in lockdown.

Faced with the woman's aggression Lu decided to walk away and called the Police who arrived too late to speak to the woman.

Bream Bay Coastal Care members have now decided to go in pairs when they carry out their regular checks of the wildlife refuge.

Cancellations disappointing for our rising sports stars

Rebecca Reade of the Bream Bay Swimming Club had qualified for the New Zealand open swimming championship due to be held from 1-4 April and, which like everything else, were called off because of the Covid 19 Level 4 lockdown.

Rebecca had trained 20 hours a week since last August towards the NZ Opens. Her father Kevin, who is president of the Swimming Club, said the club hadn't been notified yet about whether the 2020 NZ Open Swimming Championships would be held at some time later this year. He said one option being considered was to hold a scaled down competition with just the first ten qualifiers in each event taking part.

Rebecca excels in the 100 metre and 200 metre backstroke. She finished 8th in the 200m backstroke at the New Zealand National Age Groups competition as a 16-year-old in April 2019 then moved up into the 17-18 year old age group and at the New Zealand Short Course Championships in October 2019 finished 4th.

Unfortunately she wouldn't meet the Opens Swimming criteria for competing with a top 10 restriction, as she would be competing against swimmers qualifying to be on the NZ Team going to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics later this year.

She is still aiming to better her ranking at the next National competition she is able attend despite the challenges being faced.

Unable to train at a public pool, Rebecca is doing what she can to try to keep herself ready for a top level performance with lots of "dry land training" with weights, running, cycling and keeping up her stroke training with elastic straps around her ankles in the families' small back yard pool.

Two other national swimming events: the National Age Group Championships and the Division Two Championships had been canned completely leaving a lot of the club's rising star swimmers disappointed.

Five young members of the Bream Bay swimming club: Keria Carroll, Rebecca Reade, Abby Wright, Sam Dutton and Luca Matenga had qualified for the National Age Group competitions and were due to fly to Wellington on Monday 13 April for this event.

A further seven young swimmers: Amy Swanson, Lilly Matenga, Ryan Andrews, Fidel Poulsen, Issiahs Linton, Lawrence Reade and Grace Kemp had qualified for the Division Two competition due to be held in Dunedin in May.

The NZ Secondary Schools Ocean swim Championships on 21 March was also cancelled as was the Mt Maunganui ocean swim and the Auckland Harbour Swim.

These young people all trained for these competitions six days a week for 12 months. They trained though the summer holidays and since school began in February have been getting up early to train in the Bream Bay College pool from 5.45am to 7.15am or, on alternate days, do dry land workouts with weights and running.

Maree Wright. Abby's mother said, "It's disappointing for the kids but they will all be stronger for next year."

Abby will also be missing out on a New Zealand Football under 19s Championship which she had qualified for which was due to be held in Wellington in July and playing in a women's team in the Australian National Titles Tournament in Melbourne in September, She is hoping there



Left: Abby Wright juggles a toilet roll, which was a Northland Women's Football team challenge in the first week of lockdown.



Rebecca on her way to winning the 200m backstroke event at the 2020 Northland Age Groups Championships

will be a championship starting in late May for her Northland Women's Team.

In the meantime she is doing her best to train while the lockdown is on with hill work and lamppost sprinting in the streets of Ruakaka south near her home, some road cycles, football drills, beach walks and daily Les Mills classes on TV1.



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ANZAC day commemorations around Bream Bay



Unable to attend the traditional parade and service at the Waipu cenotaph Bream Bay residents come up with some creative ways to mark ANZAC Day. Above: At Kihi Place in Ruakaka residents set up commemorative crosses decorated with poppies and photographs of uncles, fathers and grandfathers who had served in the World Wars. While everyone stood at their gate Murray Stevenson recited The Ode to the Fallen.

In Reverview Place in Waipu residents stood at their gateways at dawn while Ross Boyd played the National Anthem on his violin.



Above: Joan Robinson and her little dog Harry spend a few moments in remembrance at the Waipu monument.



Liam and Jessica Hansen with their poppy. Room 11 children from Waipu Primary School were asked to remember ANZAC Day by making poppies and wreaths during their Home Learning. Poppy art was created using many forms of recycling and displayed on fences and gates around Waipu.



At Langs Beach

Waipu Pharmacy

Waipu Pharmacy staff have been busy during lockdown and would like to thank the community for their continuing support during this time.

We have had to delay our move into the new pharmacy due to Covid-19, but work on the building begins again as soon as we are in Level 3 and we expect to be moving in to the new premises before the end of May. We may need to close for a half-day, but will put signage up about this giving plenty of notice before the day.

While under Level 3 conditions we will continue to operate in the same manner as we have during Level 4. We will be serving patients/ customers from a table at the front of the shop and people can still purchase anything that they like, but we will collect it for them and bring it to the table. There is plenty of room on the covered deck to wait, and seats to wait are spaced 2 metres apart. Our staff will continue to wear PPE.

We request that people call in advance for prescriptions or repeats so that we can get them ready and order in stock if necessary. We will continue delivering to people in high-risk groups or isolation, please let us know if you require this service.

The government has asked businesses to implement systems to ensure easy contact-tracing, so we will be recording names when making sales - please don't be offended!

Thanks heaps - from Brenda and the team at Waipu Pharmacy.

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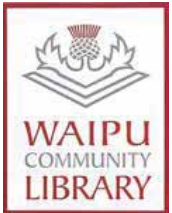
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