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## Satellite ground station proposal for Ruakaka

Residents in Sandford Rd., Ruakaka have been sent information about a proposal to place a ground satellite communications station on a new subdivision in their road. The site is 400 metres up the road from the intersection with State Highway one on the opposite side from Ruakaka School.

The residents were sent an artist's impression of what the station would look like. It appears to be a collection of dome structures placed around the edge of several paddocks with satellite discs interspersed amongst these.

The proposed development is by Great South Space Operations. Great South is the Southland regional development agency (Southland's version of Northland Inc. It already operates the Awarua and Lochiel satellite communications ground stations located between Invercargill and Bluff.

The flyer sent to the Sandford Rd. residents explains "having ground stations at either end of the New Zealand will maximize the opportunity to gather data from satellites as they pass overhead."

Chantelle Subritsky, who is Strategic Project Advisor for Great South, said no decision had been made yet on purchasing land in Sandford Rd. for the station.

She said there were a number of factors, which first had to be satisfied. Amongst these was the project sitting well with the community.

She had been sent a photograph of the Ruakaka flats in flood so the flood susceptibility of the land has been investigated but this doesn't appear to be an issue.

Other possible Northland locations are also being

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## Trying out the Waipu River Walk

Photo by Peter Grant



Community Lead Project committee member Nigel Taylor (right) pointing out the potential of the proposed River Walk

Forty people turned up to the first public walk around the Waipu River trail on Saturday morning 28 November. The trail along the southern bank of the Waihoihoi River between Waihoihoi Park and Nova Scotia Rd. has been chosen as the project on which the Waipu community wants to spend a \$100,000 community led project grant on offer by the Whangarei District Council.

The Waipu Community Led Project group will be presenting this proposal to the Council at its community development committee meeting on 16 December.



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**EDITORIAL**

**Who are the *high value* tourists?**

Walking on the beach this morning I came across two little boys playing in an abandoned sandcastle. Their mum was taking a photo of them as they dug new hollows and decorated the sand pile together. I stopped for a chat and the children's mother told me they lived on the Tutukaka Coast but had stayed overnight at the Uretiti Camp for a break. She said they are frequent visitors and enjoy the camp because of its location right at the beach and because it is so well maintained. That short encounter with this family brightened my morning.

The Uretiti Camp, which I walk past regularly, is looking pretty good these days. Native tree and shrub plantings have replaced the pine trees taken out around a decade ago. Members of the Gay community who set up camp there every summer have carried out and funded the landscaping work. There is a hot shower for which campers pay an extra \$2 and a set of tidy looking rubbish recycling bins. Checking on the DOC website, camp fees are now \$15 per adult per night and \$7.50 per child – so still pretty reasonable.

The Whangarei District Council is once again asking for volunteer freedom camping ambassadors to look after the sites where campers are permitted to stay free of charge. I have long argued that in Bream Bay where we have three well run campgrounds all located right at the beach, we don't need freedom camping. Local people have already done a lot of work (much of it voluntarily) to set up, enhance and look after these facilities to welcome our visitors to.

I once suggested to several young travellers in one of those brightly painted cheap rental vans as they were preparing to spend the night in the Ruakaka Beach car park that they might prefer the space and convenience of the Uretiti camp and their reply was "But we don't have to pay anything here."

I find this freeloading attitude annoying enough but I wonder what the people who operate the Ruakaka Beach motel think about the line up of rental vans each night in front of the motel. I have picked up empty tuna tins, toilet paper and food wrappings at the Ruakaka Beach freedom camping area and, on one occasion, a load of bottles, cans discarded clothing and broken camping equipment at the Waipu Caves after a riotous party was held there over a long weekend.

A couple of summers ago I walked a section of Te Araroa with Geoff, my husband who was on the trail. After a long day hiking from Pataua North to the southern end of Ocean Beach we came to a lovely, little privately run campground reserved for TA walkers to pitch their tents. There is a hot shower, toilet, a picnic table and an honesty box to drop \$20 in as payment for the night's stay. A young TA walker who I invited home for the night last week said he had stayed at this facility and agreed with me that it is just what is needed.

While I concur with the new Tourism Minister Stuart Nash that all this freedom camping is a silly idea, I am not so sure about his call for more "high value tourism." If he is thinking cruise ships, expensive hotels, over hyped, over priced tour group experiences, I have to disagree.

All along Te Araroa there are opportunities for enterprising people to set up services for walkers. These don't need to be lavish. The ethos of most of the walkers is to keep things simple.

The young man I met last week was from Ireland. He is in New Zealand on a work visa as he is a trained physiotherapist. He has been working at Middlemore Hospital helping people who have suffered strokes with their rehabilitation. He offered payment for his night's stay but I declined to accept this. He was a good conversationalist and we enjoyed his company. This is someone I would describe as a high value tourist.

*Marilyn*

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## Solvent plant clean up has finally begun

Work has finally started on the clean up of the abandoned Ruakala solvent recycling plant where a quantity of unknown substances (likely to be toxic solvents) has been stored in stacks of rusting metal and old plastic drums since the plant ceased operation in 2015.

The Whangarei District Council has taken on responsibility for the clean up after the plant's owners failed to comply with an Environmental Court order.

Asked how this was going Council Communications Adviser Ann Midson forwarded this Council statement to the Bream Bay News

"Since being awarded the tender for the clean up in July, InterGroup have been preparing all the necessary documents which allowed them to begin work. These documents are to ensure worker and environmental safety throughout the clean-up. They have now established on site which has included a major mobilisation of equipment to enable work to be carried out safely and secure the site with stage one being to sample containers to find out exactly what is in them."

## No resource consent needed for cell phone tower

Former Bream Bay Ward Councillor Neil McLeod is furious that he can do nothing to stop a cell phone tower being erected on Whangarei District Council road reserve land close to where he has a three lot subdivision underway on Millenium Way in the hills south of Waipu.

Hearing about the tower location Mr. McLeod contacted the Whangarei District Council where it was confirmed that Rural Connectivity Group has a certificate of compliance from the Council for the cellphone mast and that this is a permitted activity under the National Environmental Standards legislation.

The new tower will comprise of a 20 metre pole with three 7 metre antennae, a 600mm diameter microwave dish and equipment cabinets at the base. As a permitted activity no resource consent is needed for the mast.

Mr. McLeod said the tower would be just 100 metres from a house site on his subdivision. He thinks it unfair that he had to go through hoops, cutting back of the number of sites in his subdivision and pay out a good sum of money to gain consents while telecommunication companies can put up cell phone towers without owners of properties nearby having any say in the matter.

The Rural Connectivity Group was established by the Government in 2017 to provide the infrastructure shared by New Zealand's three mobile network operators.

## Burning tyres send black smoke billowing



Photo by Maria Howard

Tyres piled up at the entrance to a trail on treaty settlement land off Sime Rd. were set alight in the early hours of Wednesday November 18 sending black smoke billowing into the air and bringing out the Ruakaka Fire Brigade who after dousing the flames spent the best part of the morning dampening down the shouldering remains.

Ruakaka Village resident Eric Woodward reports there have been frequent fires in the vicinity in recent months. In September a pile of dumped fridges and washing machines under some trees nearby was set alight and, more recently, a chair which had been left on the beach near the Te Kamo Rd. beach entrance was burned. As recently as last weekend another small fire was lit near the base of the Te Kamo beach steps. Mr. Woodward is concerned that as conditions dry in the summer months one of these deliberately lit fires could spread into nearby vegetation.

## New debarker machine will reduce need for fumigation

A new piece of machinery, which will reduce the amount of log fumigation needed at the Northport, has been purchased by the company China Forestry Exports Ltd.

A log debarker was bought from America and needs modifications to meet New Zealand safety standards before being installed at the port early next year.

Northport CEO Jon Moore said the port has made the space and services available for the new piece of equipment. It will be operated by the trucking company IK and SM Newey Transport Ltd.

Another debarking machine already operates just outside the port on Marsden Maritime Holdings Ltd land. Mr. Moore said while these two machines won't eliminate fumigation altogether they will reduce how much

it is used.

The company Genera, which handles log fumigation at Northport, now has three-recapture units on site and is actively reducing the amount of methyl bromide released to the atmosphere.

An Environmental Protection Authority deadline for or the recapture of all methyl bromide fumigant or the elimination of its use has been extended to 28 August 2021.

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**LETTERS**

**Cannot follow Councillor Couper's logic**

I found the contributions from Shelley Deeming and Ken Couper most enlightening. I do, however, not follow Ken Couper's logic. Originally the justification for separate Maori representation was based on the possession of land being a requirement for eligibility to be a candidate or to vote. As Maori did not own individual title to land an alternative system of eligibility to participation in government was adopted for them. With the later adoption of the "one person, one vote" system the connection to property ownership has disappeared. As Maori can now have full access to the electoral system, both nationally and locally, additional separatist provision seems to me, to be an anachronism. How it is democratic for eight people, in a council room to force this separatism on their constituents without consulting them, to me, defies logic. I have always considered Maori individuals to be at least my equals and in many cases my superiors. That Ken Couper should consider that a person's ethnic background determines where they are in the "have/have not" spectrum appals me. Every person who is able should sign the petitions being circulated and make this truly a democracy we are privileged to live in.

*Bruce Cann  
 Ruakaka*

**Councillor Couper confused about what a Council actually does**

Whangarei District councillor Ken Couper appears to be confused about what it actually is that his council does. In an article appearing in the Bream Bay News (19 Nov, 20), he argues that adverse social statistics for Maori are a reason why his council should have Maori wards. He seems to miss the obvious point that it is the role of central government not local government to address the many negative social statistics affecting Maori. Does he really need to be reminded that the primary purpose of local councils remains infrastructure and property services? Heavens knows, there is plenty for the WDC to do in that area. Further, Cr Couper did not address the most important issue and that is why he voted against Maori wards being put to the community at large for a mandate. Does he think the community at large is racist? Does he not trust his electors to make the right decision, the very same electors he trusted last year when they elected him as their councillor? Lastly, surely the best way to approach poor social statistics is to focus on need not ethnicity. Race-based wards will do nothing but divide our community.

*Geoff Parker  
 Whangarei*

**Debate on Maori wards misses the point of why Councillors are elected**

The debate re the formation of Maori wards by our two councillors in your paper seems to have missed the reason why the people elected them to the council. While both positions have some value to the argument it all comes down to the definition of the word democracy (a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives ) to state one definition. We have a central government that is suppose to look after the whole population of New Zealanders and the rights of those peoples in, culture, health, education and so on..

It would seem that both councils (The Northland Regional Council and the Whangarei District Council) feel that they need to protect those rights even more, even if there are laws and human rights that they the councillors have to follow by law. The job that our Councillors were elected to do is to see that the district that they represent is run efficiently in all ways. It has the guidance under which it has to work, NZ law and regulations that are put in place for all New Zealanders. Their job is to see that the law and rules under which they are entitled to govern are carried out for all ethnicities, not from an individual's view.

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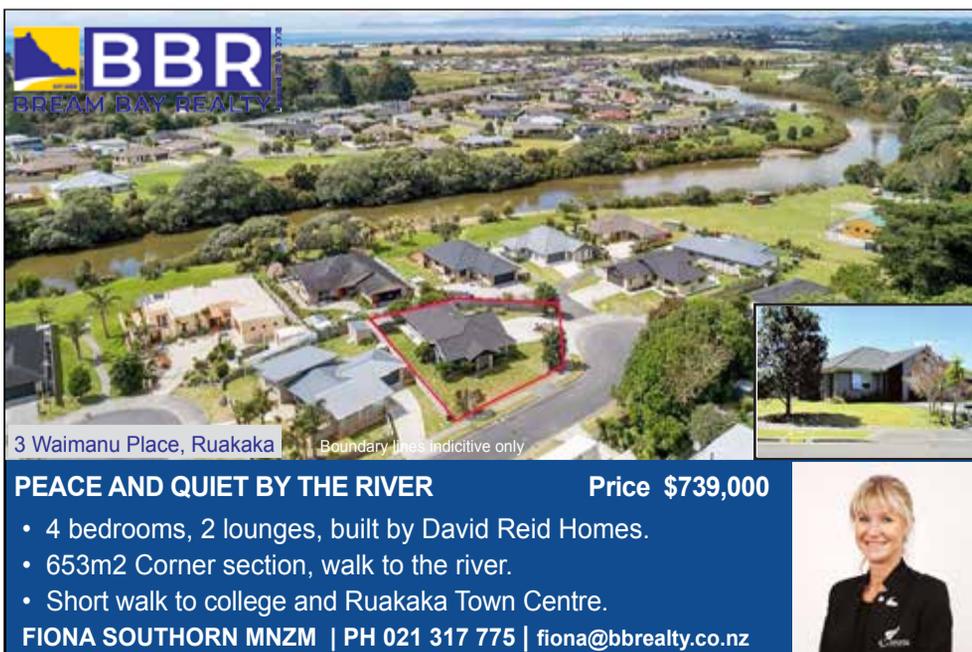


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# Local schools get together for athletics



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# Satellite ground station proposal

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looked into but the Ruakaka site has the advantage of being near existing hubs where contractors to work on the construction and maintenance of the station are likely to be available.

Other advantages are the flatness of the land and its proximity to the coast.

Ms. Subritsky said it is important for New Zealand companies to build their own capability in obtaining satellite data rather than having to purchase this from overseas-owned enterprises. She said the kinds of information that could be harvested from satellite imaging included maritime security – seeing where ships and fishing boats are located, monitoring erosion, predicting drought and locating fire danger levels around the region. Farmers sometimes use the service to monitor pasture growth.

There would be opportunities for local school children to visit the station and talk with visiting engineers and scientists.

Ms. Subritsky said the map showing a number of dome structure and dishes would be what the station might look like after around ten years depending on the

uptake from customers.

Whangarei District Council is already receiving enquiries from concerned residents and a meeting on the issue was due to be held on Monday night 30 November at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre.

A person living adjacent to the site of the proposed station phoned the Bream Bay News to express concerns about the effect the station would have on the value of their property. The person did not want to be named in this article.

A public meeting of concerned residents was held at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre on Monday evening.

Ann Midson, the WDC’s Senior Communications Manager said the council’s Resource Consents Team has had a pre-application meeting with Great South about the proposed Ruakaka ground satellite station.

She said, “They will need to submit a resource consent application to us for assessment - we haven’t been told when that will be.”

“A decision on whether notification is required - or if there are any affected parties - will be made after the application is received.”

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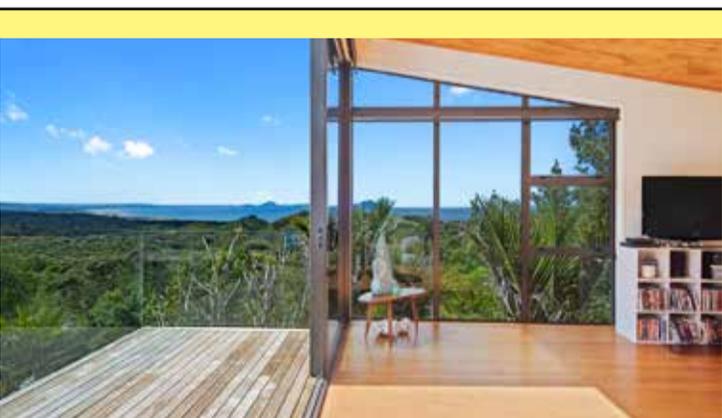
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## LETTERS

### Debate misses the point

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If as stated by Cr Couper “We do not have proportionally the number of Maori Councillors, we should have” should we not have the same principles for other minority ethnic peoples? If that is the intent, then we need to change the whole system, which I think may take us away from the democratic principles we live under.

To change those principles do we not need the people to tell our Councillors the direction that they need to take on our behalf

Its called democracy (In my view)

*Neil Mcleod  
 Waipu  
 Past Councillor WDC*

### Join the mobility scooter brigade in the Waipu Christmas Parade

Since suffering a stroke & breaking a hip I have joined the Mobility Scooter Brigade & also use a walker. On behalf of all those similarly dependent on such aids I would like to say a heartfelt thankyou to the Waipu public for making allowances for us and for offering assistance at times, your care is very

much appreciated.

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*Kit Singleton.  
 Waipu*

### Thank you Bream Bay knitters

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Trieste Pou-Te-Rata

### Head Hunter riders crash on SH1

Three members of the Head Hunters motorcycle gang who were riding north in a big convoy, crashed into one another on State Highway One near Waipu at 9am on Saturday 21 November. One person was taken to Whangarei Hospital with a broken leg. No other vehicles were involved in the accident. Enquiries into the cause of the crash are continuing.

### Waiting on results of blood test

Police are waiting on the results of a blood test taken after a 39-year-old Whangarei man failed a breath alcohol test when he was stopped by Police while driving on One Tree Point Rd. around midnight on 28 November.

### Collision with tow truck

A south-bound vehicle crossed the centre line and crashed into a tow truck travelling in the opposite direction on State Highway One on the southern side of the Brynderwyn Hill at 7am on 27 November. Police are considering laying charges against the driver.

### Tools stolen from OTP bach

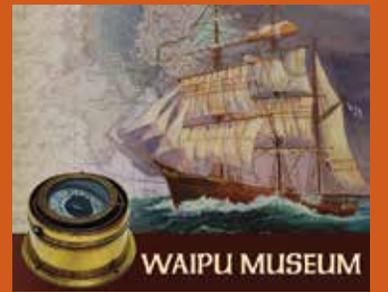
Sometime between 15-20 November a bach in One Tree Point was broken into. The burglars took a collection of tools including a Ryobi cordless weed eater.

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# Learning about eels, freshwater plants and how to measure water quality at the Ruakaka Dune Lake

The Northland Regional Council held an educational morning for Ruakaka and One Tree Point school children at the Ruakaka Dune Lake on Thursday 19 November.

With the help of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust members and a team from Patuharakeke, NRC staff set up four stations where the children could learn about aquatic plants, fish, water quality and eels. A tub full of eels had been taken from the lake and were subdued with some clove oil while the children examined them.

Botanist Lisa Forester explained to the children how Northland's dune lakes were formed in old sand dune systems. She said they are amongst the most rare and threatened aquatic habitats in the world and are home to a wide range of native plants and animals.



Cody Cassidy aged 8, of Ruakaka School checking the lake's water quality with a turbidity tube, assisted by parent helper Katy Murrie.

Dune lakes are very sensitive to outside pressures. Excessive amounts of nutrients entering the lakes increase exotic weed growth and can cause toxic algal bloom.

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## A lot planned at Lifepoint this Christmas

Lifepoint Church in One Tree Point has a busy time planned for the Christmas season.

The annual Carols @ Lifepoint event is returning on Sunday 20 December along with a free dinner including the traditional sheep on the spit and mussel fritters. Dinner will begin at 4pm, and the music program starts around 6:15pm

Lifepoint will be hosting a Christmas tree display in the weeks prior to Christmas. Local businesses, community groups and families are invited to bring a tree to the church on Saturday 12 December and decorate it - and then the display will be open to the public to come and view the trees from December 15. Viewing times will be advertised on the Lifepoint

Facebook page.

Lifepoint will also sponsoring a Christmas light competition for those living in the One Tree Point/Ruakaka area. People can choose to enter either a light display, or a window display in the competition. To enter register your address with Sandra Currie, at [sandra.currie8174@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.currie8174@gmail.com). A list of addresses will be published through Facebook. People will be invited to vote on their favourite display and there will be additional prizes for the best nativity scenes.

On Christmas Day itself there will be a 9am service at the church at 300 One Tree Point Road, as well as a shared bagel breakfast.

### THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

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# A health improvement coach at the Ruakaka Medical Centre

Cindy Tutahi-Flavell is a *Health Improvement Coach* who works four days a week at the Bream Bay Medical Centre. She meets with people who are referred by doctors, nurses or other health staff. Anyone who thinks they could use her help can also self refer.

Appointments can be as much as an hour long. Most medical appointments are limited to just 15 minutes and the extra time can help to really get to know what might be troubling someone.

Cindy's approach is to ask, "What can I do to help you with your wellness?"

Someone might say they don't get out much and don't meet a lot of people so Cindy will see if something can be done to help the situation.

If people are happy for her to do so, she will make a home visit and she can refer people on to other agencies, arrange home help and a variety of other services if this is needed.

Cindy has started a walking group, which meets at the medical centre at 10.30am every Thursday morning.

The walk is not a long one, usually around the football fields alongside the Bream Bay Community Trust.

Cindy says "It's about fresh air, health and exercise but its also about meeting other people", she said.

The health improvement coaching service is provided by Arataki Ministries Ltd, which aims to help people maintain good health and to live full and satisfying lives. Arataki Ministries has offices in Whangarei, Dargaville and Maungaturoto. and, while it is a separate organization, it has strong links to the Whangarei Central Baptist Church.



Health Improvement Coach Cindy Tutahi-Flavell

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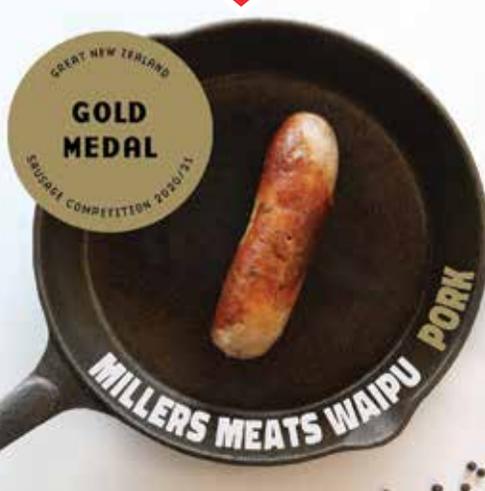
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## Christmas gift collection at Ray Whites

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The gifts will be distributed by the Bream Bay Community Trust, Lifepoint Church and Ronald McDonald House.

Aaron Ratcliffe, head of Ray White in Bream Bay said, "It's a really simple way to put a smile on the face of someone who might otherwise go without this Christmas. Just a small gift can make the biggest difference to families who are struggling at an expensive time of year."

### Monthly Column by Rick Stolwerk Northland Regional Councillor Coastal South



Kia ora all

We have all had a very disrupted and unsettled year. As I have not been able to get back to my regular Drop in Sessions, I have decided to try a monthly column instead. Before I begin I would like to encourage you to email me any questions on ricks@nrc.govt.nz or text/phone me on 021 823 770, each month I will endeavour to provide answers to your questions. In future my column will be divided into 3 parts:

1. Responses to your questions – beginning next month
- 2 Local matters
3. Regional issues

#### Local Matters

Over the past 4 years I have been making an effort to attend the monthly meetings held by the following local organisations: Mangawhai Business Development Association, Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Group, Mangawhai Museum, Kaiwaka CAN, Waipu Business and Promotions Group, Waipu Residents and Ratepayers, Waipu Cove Reserve Board, Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers and the Portland Ratepayers Association. During my first term in office I managed a reasonable attendance rate, unfortunately in the past year I have not done very well at all. For this I apologise and therefore I am trying this monthly column. There are a number of local issues which are of concern to many residents and ratepayers, please ask me the questions and I will follow them up.

#### Regional Matters

Improving freshwater quality has been the number one concern for Northlanders over the past few years. Northland Regional Council has been working with you as ratepayers and central government to address the many concerns around this issue. Of particular interest to this area is the amazing work being done around the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme, please see the following link for further information: [www.nrc.govt.nz/stories/2020/september/a-new-era-for-kaipara-moana](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/stories/2020/september/a-new-era-for-kaipara-moana) Finally of interest to all Northland ratepayers is the upcoming discussions within council on the Long Term Plan (LTP). The LTP will be released for public consultation around March next year. Please submit on the LTP, it is your chance to comment on the direction of local government in the upcoming years.

*Until next month.*

*Nga mihi Rick*

Disclaimer – these are my personal views and not those of NRC or NRC councillors

## Bringing her baking to the Waipu market is Petra's way of engaging with the community



Petra in her kitchen

Petra van Dulst, the woman who brings all those delicious apple crumbles, apple cakes and loaves of sourdough bread to the Waipu Sunday Market, says baking for her is a passionate hobby.

She has a four-day-a-week job at the Whangarei Hospital and when she bakes once a month for the Waipu market, this is her way of engaging with the community. Petra and her husband came to New Zealand from Holland in 2007 and they moved to Waipu in 2010.

Petra said her husband had warned her when they first became engaged that he planned to go to New Zealand one day. She is not sure how he came up with the idea.

"It is just something he has wanted to do since he was little kid – about 10 or 11 years old."

For eleven years after they were first married Petra and her husband ran a retail business in Holland, selling fresh fruit and vegetables as well as salads and different types of meals.

Petra said this was very successful and they employed a troupe of 15 staff. However, upon reaching their 30s they both decided they wanted to do something different. While still running the business, Petra took on a two-year course of study as a medical receptionist and her husband trained as a cabinet maker.

They worked in these professions in Holland for a while and in 2003 took a holiday to New Zealand. This visit helped them to decide they would like to live here and they made the move in 2007.

Petra said it was quite an upheaval leaving everything they knew behind and starting from scratch somewhere completely new. But she says this is something she would recommend to everybody who wants to start over again.

"We were still quite young and we wanted another challenge. You have to do these things. No one else will do them for you."

She keeps in touch with her family in Holland with phone calls and Skype and they

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return to Holland for visits when they can, but they love living in New Zealand. They settled in Auckland originally but then both found jobs in Whangarei. They purchased land with a view of pasture and native bush on a hillside at the top of Helmsdale Rd.

Petra said building your own house is not common in Holland and it was something they both wanted to experience. The house has a large kitchen with plenty of bench space, a big fridge and a double oven. Petra submitted her food plan to the Whangarei District Council and her kitchen has been approved to produce food that can be sold to the public.

She got the idea that Kiwis might like to try "A taste of the Dutch" when her husband took an apple cake to work to treat his colleagues on his birthday.

"In Holland apple cake is quite common. It's something we make all the time but here people regard it as something special. The workmates really enjoyed it and asked if he would bring another on his next birthday."

"In Holland we usually eat it with our morning or afternoon tea, but here people like to heat it up and eat it for dessert, so that is something different."

"I just like food. My grandmother was German and she was a good cook. In our family it was and still is all about food."

Petra says she likes to experiment and come up with new combinations mixing the traditional Dutch ideas with New Zealand flavours, for example, what she calls her Plum Pleasure which is plums with custard inside her own made pastry. Sourdough baking is a new hobby for Petra. It took a while before she felt her loaves were good enough to sell.

"I don't like to take something out to offer to the public unless I think it tastes good and looks good as well."

She says the secret is in the fermentation. She enjoys the exacting science where temperatures and conditions need to be just right. Sourdough bread she says is very healthy. Commercially produced bread can have up to 100 ingredients but her loaves are made from just flour, water and salt.

The Waipu Sunday market is the only outlet Petra has for her bread and pastries. She says stocking her stall there once a month is as busy as she wants to be.

She enjoys baking and cooking in general but also likes just spending time at home and in her vegetable garden.

"Where we live we are quite isolated and I like it that way but it is also nice to go to the market and engage with the community. It's all about finding a good balance."

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# Former Silver Ferns captain Bernice Mene will be guest speaker at the Bream Bay Sports Awards



Bernice Mene

Bernice Mene will be guest speaker at the next Trigg Construction Bream Bay Sports Awards dinner, which will be held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Bernice represented New Zealand playing netball for the Silver Ferns from 1992 to 2002. She played 78 tests, some of these as Captain and was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Netball in the 2003 New Year Honours. In

recent years Bernice has been a commentator on Sky Sport's coverage of the ANZ Netball Championship. The Bream Bay Sports Trust has been set up to run the Bream Bay Sports Awards each year and also to seek funding from appropriate organizations to distribute through the sports community to help the people of Bream Bay overcome any financial barrier to entry in their chosen sport. This could be as simple as subsidising club enrolment fees or helping with the purchase of sports gear.

The trust's president Phillip Eustace said, "Participation in sport is recognized globally as playing a tremendously important role in improving physical and mental health and fostering a sense of community and social inclusion."

Initial donations from funds raised at the last award dinner will go to Bream Bay Hockey and Cricket, Bream Bay United Football, Takahiwai League and Netball, Waipu and Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving, Waipu Tennis and Netball and Waipu Junior Rugby to help overcome some of the financial obstacles that may prevent local young people participating in sport.

Fresha Valley has joined the team of sponsors for the awards by subsidising the nominees. This year the cost of the nominees to attend the Awards night will be \$15 per head, down from the \$40 each last year.

Anyone interested in helping the Bream Bay Sports Trust please contact a member of the trust Philip on 027 495 0874, Judy Boulton on 027 397 8933, Marilyn Cox 027 432 0070 or Graham Boulton 027 397 8934.

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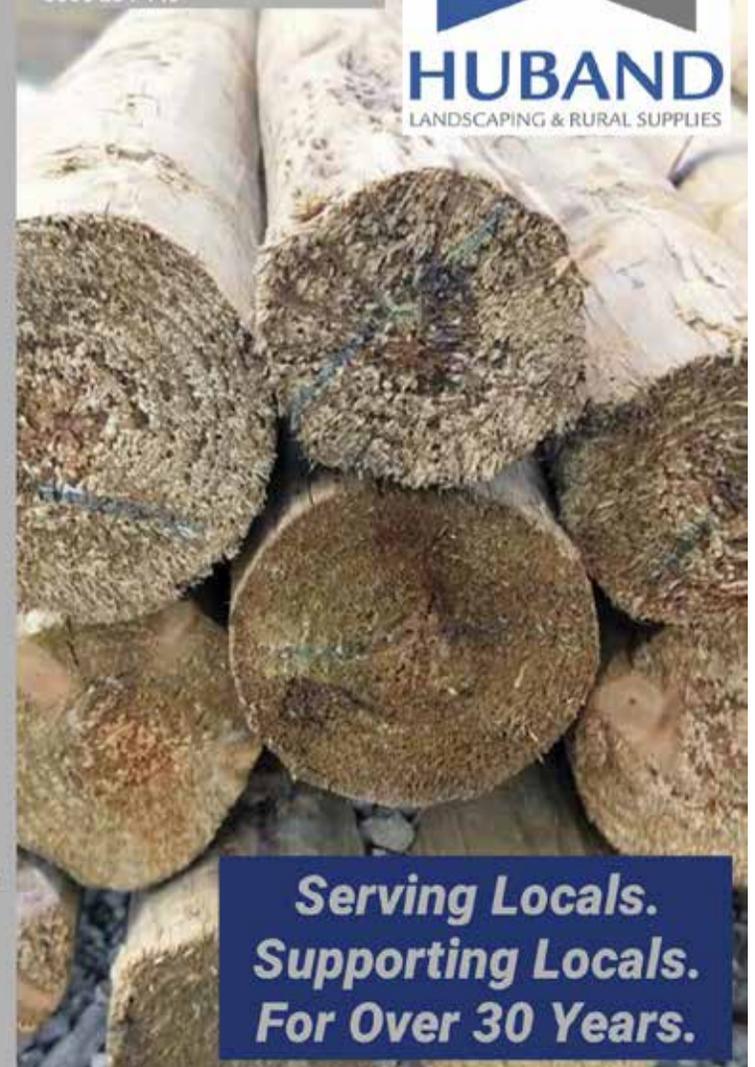
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# Bream Bay College 2021 head students

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Bream Bay College's 2021 head students (from left): Teneille Hiki, Abby Wright, Ryan Andrews, Tommy Ryan. The head students were named at the school's senior prizegiving ceremony held of Friday 13 November.

## Waipu tennis update

Tennis in Waipu continues on Tuesday nights with our in club competition, Whangarei Interclub on Monday nights, North Rodney Interclub on Wednesday nights and club days at 3pm on Sundays. Juniors (9am) and Intermediates (10.30am) operate on Saturday morning with free professional coaching as part of the sub. A "hit up" for Juniors and Intermediates is taking place on Wednesdays from 4pm on. All in all, plenty of opportunities for tennis for all levels and abilities. It is never too late to come along on a Sunday to find out what is happening.

Our in club competition features 10 teams with 8 teams playing every Tuesday. At the moment Team 7 (Thomas Mulloy, Dayle Widdup, Kesi McCarthy and Louise Wickham) lead the competition closely followed by Teams 3, 5 and 10.

Our Whangarei Interclub team have started strongly with wins over Maunu Bulls (4-2), Springfield Snipers (6-0), Mairtown No Guts No Glory (6-0) and Ngunguru Coasties (6-0). However a depleted team was well beaten by Mairtown Judge Jokers recently. The North Rodney Team lost narrowly to Mangawhai 2 (2-3) and beat Mangawhai 1 (3-2) in their two games so far.

Club Champs get under way soon for financial members. This year club champs will be played over about a month with competitors having to organise their games at times convenient to them. More en-

tries are expected with this format and finals will be played at a time that suits the players. The committee are thinking of a different way to celebrate the end of the season in late March.

The club are looking to upgrade the lights and have been doing some testing to see if the present system can be improved by replacing old bulbs, cleaning the covers and refurbishing the poles. We are looking to install a card gate system for members to access the courts.

After Christmas due to the popularity of our current club tournament we will have a similar event. The Business house competition will be moved to a Thursday night. Any businesses or groups keen to enter this competition should contact the club match committee prior to Christmas. A team entry fee of \$120 is payable but players don't have to be club members.

Remember to look on our Facebook page (Waipu Tennis Club) as there is lots of information about the club there as well as people to contact

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## Bream Bay Ballet with Panache



Bream Bay Ballet will be presenting *Panache*, a mixed classical and jazz dance at the Bream Bay College auditorium on Saturday December 19 with one show only at 2pm. Dance teacher Elizabeth Harvey said with the interruption caused by Covid 19 it was uncertain if a performance would be possible this year but to everyone's delight the show will go ahead. She said her students have

worked hard proving their worth in the recent Royal Academy of Dance exams despite having missed a term due to the lockdown. This time last year Elizabeth was in Beijing teaching at a prestigious dance school while preparing for an early return to NZ after finding her work visa could not be extended. At the time being forced to leave her job seemed a disaster but one year later Elizabeth counts it as one the greatest blessings she could have hoped for as Northland provided a safe haven from the worldwide threat of Covid19. Tickets for *Panache* are available from Bream Bay Ballet 021 0847 1533 or can be purchased at the door. Prices are adults \$20, seniors \$15, children \$10. And under 5s free.

### Activities at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre

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Light Circuit Fitness class	Wednesday 11am to 12pm	\$3	AnnMarie 0211693115
Tai Chi	Monday 11am to 12pm	\$2	Annette 4327897
Chi Kung	Wednesday 9am to 10am	\$8	Alice 02102480569
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Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm	\$3	Lu 4328941
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Music club	1st Monday of month 7pm to 10pm	\$2	Holly 021 842 060
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Pilates	Tuesday 5.15pm to 6.15pm booking essential	\$12, concession(10x)	Barbara 0212998840
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## WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

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- **THE WAIPU SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 13 December. 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **PANACHE** classical ballet neo classical and jazz dance. Presented by Bream Bay Ballet at the Bream Bay College Auditorium on Saturday 19 december at 2pm. Tickets from Bream Bay Ballet or at the door.
- **THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 20 December from 9am - 1pm. In the big marquee at Marsden Cove.
- **CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY AT LIFEPOINT CHURCH.** Bring a tree to the church of Saturday 12 December to decorate. Display will open to the public from December 15. View times on Lifepoint Facebook page.
- **RUAKAKA/OTP CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION.** Register at: [sandra.currie8174@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.currie8174@gmail.com)
- **CAROLS AT LIFEPOINT** Sunday 20 December Free dinner at 5pm and music programme from 6.15pm. At Lifepoint church 300 One Tree Point Rd.
- **HELEN MCGREGOR MEMORIAL TROPHY PIPING COMPETITION in the Waipu Celtic Barn from 7pm 31st December 2020 .**
- **THE RUAKAKA CHRISTMAS PARADE** Saturday 19 December at 10am outside the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. Family fun afterwards at the Ruakaka Towncentre with facepainting, funny money, raffles, circus performance, bouncy castle.
- **THE WAIPU CHRISTMAS PARADE** On Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December. Starting at 7pm outside the Pizza Barn. Prizegiving afterwards in the Caledonian Park
- **NEW YEARS DAY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL** in the Waipu Caledonian Park. From 9am to 2pm on Friday 1 January 2021. Entertainment and stalls Entry by gold coin donation.

# Changes in Waipu Coronation Hall hiring arrangements

Photo by Peter Grant

The Waipu Coronation Hall committee has decided to move the booking process for the hall hire from Waipu Reality to Laurel Rodgers, who already co-ordinates all bookings for the Caledonian Park, Rugby Club and Celtic Barn as this will mean a better flow between venues when there is a clash of usage requirements.

From now on, anyone wishing to make a booking to hire the Hall will need to ring Laurel on 4321132 or email her at celticbarnwaipu@gmail.com. The keys will still be available for collection from Waipu Reality.

There has been a lot of repairs being carried out on the outside of the building



Carpenter Steve Sparkes from John Land Builders fitting a new window sill on the Coronation Hall to replace some rotten timber.

over the last few weeks. Rotten weatherboards had been identified last year on the Post Shop side of the building. Covid delayed start of this work but now that it is underway they are finding far more rotten boards than expected. The whole building is being thoroughly checked and repaired, and a couple of inside leaks are being fixed. This has resulted in the need to repaint the outside of the hall. Added to all the hall has a significant sewerage problem that is also being fixed. By the time all these repairs have been completed the hall committee will have spent in the vicinity of \$60,000.

The committee has applied to Whangarei District Council for a grant (maximum \$10000), and is also applying for grants elsewhere to help cover these costs. Louise Wicham of the hall committee said, "We are committed to keeping up with all repairs so that the hall remains in excellent condition for people wishing to hire it in years to come."

The Coronation Hall continues to be well used by regular hirers, as well as for special events. Several new activities have started up in the last few months

and the hall was used as a voting centre in the general election for two weeks in October.

Activities now on offer at the hall include Bridge (Tuesday and Thursday), Badminton (Tuesday and Thursday),

Circool Circus (Friday), Karate (Wednesday),

Yoga (Monday, Wednesday, Friday), Scottish Dancing (Monday), Sunday Market (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month),

Chi Kung (Tuesday). The hall also runs the Bric a

Brac shop with a team of volunteers who keep it open every morning

Monday to Saturday. Since re opening after Covid shut down, the team

has raised \$3650 to go towards the hall repairs.

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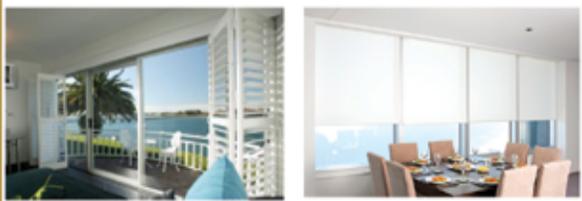
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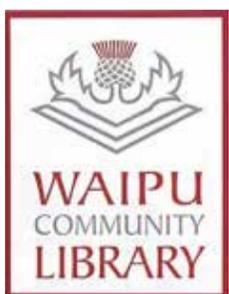
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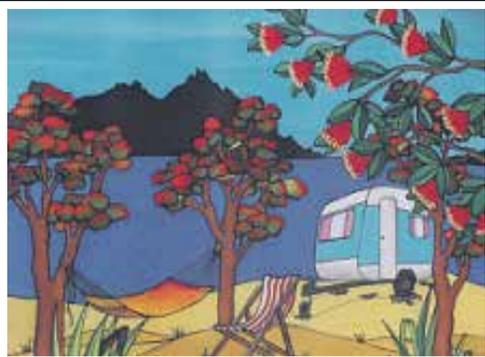
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