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# State house residents still in the dark over the future of their homes

Most of the residents of the seventeen Kainga Ora homes in Tiki Place, Tamingi Street and Peter Snell Road, which have been flagged for possible demolition and redevelopment still don't know about the fate of their homes.

Late last year Kainga Ora personal told the residents that they could expect to be notified of a decision by March 2023. However, they have not yet been told if the redevelopment will go ahead and what arrangements would be made for their accommodation while the new homes are built.

Bream Bay News asked Kainga Ora when consultation would take place and received the following reply from Jeff Murray Regional Director of Kainga Ora in Northland said in an email on 20 July, "Early engagement activity is very close to beginning. This begins with mana whenua and our affected customers in the coming weeks.

I will be in a position to provide the wider community, and the Bream Bay News, with information about the proposal once these steps are complete."

A blurry photograph taken with a phone camera from a white board presentation given at the Takahiwai Marae has been circulating showing a plan for 36 new homes on the land the 17 houses occupy but on Monday 31 July people who live in the subject houses have still not been shown this plan.

Residents of the Ruakākā Village who live alongside or near where the possible re-development may take place would also like to know about Kainga Ora plans for the area.

# Super heroes supporting Team Frankie



Frankie Whitehead (aged 8 years) as Captain Marvell, her friend Chloe Ross (8 years) as Wonder Woman and brother Leo Whitehead (6 years) as Iron Man at the One Tree Point School super hero assembly in support of Team Frankie. The strings of beads Frankie holds represents the number of medical interventions she has undergone since her diagnosis - one intervention for each of the over 1,500 beads.

Children at One Tree Point School came along dressed as their favourite super hero last Friday 28 July in support of one of their schoolmates, Frankie Whitehead, who has been battling leukemia from the age of three years.

Frankie, now aged eight, is free of cancer after undergoing Car T Cell therapy in Brisbane. She is one of

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#### **EDITORIAL**

# Ruakākā Village people need to get organised

The people living in the Ruakākā Village need to get organised. There is a lot happening in and around the village and I think the people who live there should be able to have some influence over all this.

If I add in Tamure Place and the new developments in that area the Bream Bay News delivery people put 490 papers into letterboxes in the village. There must be an average of at lease two people living in those houses, and there is likely to be more, so that's a lot of people.

Kāinga Ora is planning, as far as we know, 36 new houses to take the place of 17 old houses in Tiki Place, Peter Snell Rd and the top end of Tamingi St. Already under construction are six houses – 2 two bedroom and four three bedroom expected to be ready for occupation late this year or early next year, at the racecourse end of Peter Snell Rd. We only know about those Peter Snell Rd. homes because the Bream Bay News asked some questions. As far as I am aware there was no consultation with people living nearby.

Most disturbing of all though, the people living in the Kāinga Ora houses which may or may not be demolished for redevelopment have still not heard if and when this will happen and what, if any arrangements, will be made for their accommodation while the new homes are built. They were told at a meeting mid last year that they would be given some certainty in March 2023 but this has still not happened. There has apparently been a consultation at the Takahiwai Marae but most of the people directly affected were not present and are still in the dark about the fate of their homes.

Asked about when there would be some consultation on this project, Jeff Murray Regional Director of Kāinga Ora in Northland in an email sent to the Bream Bay News last week said, "Early engagement activity is very close to beginning. This begins with mana whenua and our affected customers in the coming weeks.

"I will be in a position to provide the wider community, and the Bream Bay News, with information about the proposal once these steps are complete."

While mana whenua seem to be in the loop the "affected customers" are not.

People living alongside the Kāinga ora houses are also being kept in the dark. We certainly need those new houses and I commend Kāinga Ora for getting on with the job and providing them. There are many families living in the Ruakākā Village who have been able to thrive, care for their children and give back to their commu-

nity because they have stable affordable homes. However the Ruakākā Village community knows only too well that state housing brings challenges. Sometimes violent, dysfunctional, deluded individuals and fam-

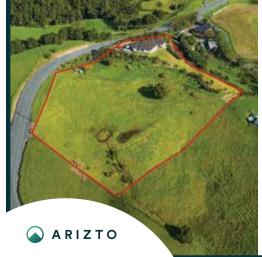
brings challenges. Sometimes violent, dysfunctional, deluded individuals and famies, unable to find housing anywhere else, move into those homes and the people living alongside are left to deal with their anti social behaviour.

If the Ruakākā Village is to accommodate more state housing it will be important

If the Ruakākā Village is to accommodate more state housing it will be important that some additional wrap around services are provided. A priority should be a local 24-hour call out team to look after people suffering mental health crises. Perhaps some village residents who already have real life experience in this area could be employed in these roles and get paid for what they are in fact already doing. There will need to be some ramped up services to help people shake off drug and alcohol addictions and to curb violent behaviour and a community space where families can meet and support one another. The people living in the Ruakākā Village need to be asking for all these things and for anything else they consider important for the well being of their community.

First of all though they should be telling Kāinga Ora loudly and clearly that they want to be kept informed.

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### Making a dash into the mid winter sea

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Temperatures may have been warmer than usual this winter but it still takes a bit of bravado to fling yourself into the waves at Waipu Cove in mid July. Nevertheless just over 70 hardy souls dressed in a variety of wacky costumes many with a tartan theme, lined up for the challenge. After the invigorating plunge there were some spot prizes donated by Otamatea Aquatics and hot soup courtesy of the Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club.

The mid winter swim is an annual event and is part of the Waipu Winter Festival which has continued through the month of July.

### Ruakākā Fire Brigade kept busy with 113 call outs this year

By Sunday 9 July 2023 the Ruakākā Fire Brigade had recorded 113 call outs so far this year.

Of these 22 were weather related, 19 were motor vehicle accidents, 14 were alarm activations, 11 are listed as miscellaneous fires, 10 as callouts for medical assistance, 5 were smoke investigations, 4 were car fires and another 4 were rescues. Just 3 were structure fires and two were vegetation fires.

Ruakākā Fire Chief Darrell Trigg said the number of callouts has three fold over the last 25 years.

"Over the last few years we have averaged around three call outs a week or 150 a year. Twenty five years ago we were getting around 50 callouts each year." As more people come to live here we get more activ-

As more people come to live here we get more activity and more callouts.

The types of callouts have also changed.

"We don't get as many structure fires as we once did. Most households use heat pumps these days. People don't have so many open fires so don't get so many fires as a result of sparks jumping out of fires places or trays of hot ash left on verandahs."

Darrell said the Ruakākā Brigade is in good shape with many capable, young men and women rising up through the ranks.







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#### **LETTERS**

#### Public meeting needed on proposed Kāinga Ora housing development in the Ruakākā Village

I myself and other members of our community were led to believe there would be a meeting held for the community plus ratepayers regarding this development. I am not opposed to these properties being built as I realise there is a housing shortage but cannot understand as to why they are coming into an area where there is no public transport, difficulty getting to see local doctors plus not much employment. A lot of the locals have to travel out of Ruakākā on a daily basis to undertake employment.

I fully understand some of these existing homes are getting older but a lot of occupants I have spoken to are really concerned, as we must understand some of these people have lived in these properties for years.

Personally I think there should be a community meeting to make sure the people living in these homes and this area get first option to this housing. I know of many young people whom are paying exorbitant rents and do not qualify for Kainga Ora housing as they work but they are struggling.

So I think it would be unfair to bring outsides into these new homes. I read an article about trouble in Tiki Place recently, which was a shame as I have watched this area clean up over the years and wouldn't like to see it go backwards.

I think someone whom is entitled to one of these house should contact Kainga Ora and get them out her to have a public meeting

Name supplied on condition it is not published

# Letters to the Editor are welcome

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# **Super heroes supporting Team Frankie**

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just three children who have been sent across the Tasman for the treatment by the New Zealand Ministry of Health.

Frankie's father Dylan Whitehead, her mother Hannah Whitehead, her mother's friend Katie Barclay, her uncle Steve Nink and her grandfather Eddie Nink have formed Team Frankie to climb the Sky Tower raising money for the Leukemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand.

Frankie showed the One Tree Point School children an armful of stings of beads, one bead for every medical intervention she has undergone since her leukemia diagnosis. There are over 1500 beads in the collection.

Dylan said compared to chemotherapy, radiation and bone marrow transplant, all of which Frankie has undergone, Car T therapy is non invasive and Frankie didn't even feel ill during the process.. It is also very effective. Dylan said there are signs around Brisbane promising that by 2035 no one need die of blood cancer. But it is also very expensive.

"I will never complain about having to py tax again", he said.

As well as supporting families with a member battling leukemia the Leukemia and Blood Cancer NZ also advocates to bring new treatments to New Zealand.

The school children brought along baking to sell in support of the Sky Tower effort. One Tree Point School Principal Shirley Winters said, "As a school community, we have been so humbled and inspired watching this beautiful and brave little girl and her family battle for her health. Supporting Leukemia and Blood New Zealand may mean the therapies that saved Frankie's life, may be available in New Zealand in the future."

# Looking after the community gardens at the Bream Bay

**Community Trust**People are welcome to come and take what they need and are also invited to help with the gardens' upkeep.



Norma Scobie planing some celery seedlings donated by Bream Bay Merchants in the Bream Bay Community Trust vegetable garden

In a rare patch of sunshine last week Norma Scobie spent the morning planting celery, lettuce, snow peas and broccoli in the vegetable gardens at the Bream Bay Community Trust.

Bream Bay Merchants had donated the plants and Norma was keen for this business to get credit. .

The seven big boxed gardens were built by students at Bream Bay College. Three years ago Norma noticed that all they seemed to be growing was kikuyu so she went into the trust office and asked if she could get to work on them.

She had recently retired from her job as a nursing educator. She had a desire to do something to support the community but wanted a change from her career. She is still concerned for people's health though and says, "It's good to know we are providing people with fresh healthy food."

People are welcome to come and take whatever they

need for free. Norma enjoys helping people pick vegetables for the meal they are preparing that evening or to find some greens to go in the soup they are making. "One young man called in with his children to collect some silverbeet. He said he would just take six leaves so there would be some left for other people."

She is pleased that the word has got around and people are using the garden in the way she intended.

One garden is devoted to strawberries and children sometimes come over from the playground nearby to taste the fruit.

"It's good to see children learning where food comes from."

Every year Norma and her husband collect a ute load of garden mix from Daltons to replenish the gardens. As she plants she sprinkles a little general garden fertilizer around the plants. Its quite a windy site so netting has been placed over the gardens and a shade cloth windbreak has been built. Norma said the shade cloth has made a big difference to the growth of the vegetables keeping out the white butterflies and providing wind protection.

They have also installed an irrigation system, which hasn't had to be used yet but perhaps will get a try out this approaching summer.

In the past when things got dry Norma had to spend hours watering by hand.

Norma welcomes anyone coming along to lend a hand. If anyone has any vegetable seedlings to spare they are encouraged to find a space in one of the gardens to put them in. Norma said she isn't precious about the garden layout

She would like to see the garden develop as a true community garden with more local people taking a hand in its upkeep.

She also looks after the Sharing Shed at the front door of the Community Trust where people can drop off surplus produce for others to collect.



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# Takahiwai League hosts a Club Day

Hundreds of junior league players with their families and supporters turned up to a club day Takahiwai League Club hosted a club day at Bream Bay College on Sunday 23 July with junior teams from Moerewa, Dargaville, Portland, Hikurangi and Takahiwai playing on the college fields. Teams ranged in age from Under 6s to Under 14s with multiple games all happening at once.

Takahiwai was the first to play host in a series of club days that will move next to Moerewa, then to Dargaville and finally back to the Blue Goose, just south of Whangārei, which is the home of junior league in Northland.

There was a carnival atmosphere on the college fields with food stalls and hundreds of families enjoying some rare morning sunshine. Overheard were comments about the wonderful mussel fritters on sale from one of the food stalls.



Takahiwai under 12s in action against Moerewa

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ABOVE: Kahu Karena takes the ball forward for his under 6s Takahiwai team

RIGHT Waikohu Carrington, aged 13, helping to feed the visiting teams





# **Police Report**



# Attempted theft of vehicles from the Ruakākā Motors forecourt captured on CCTV camera

In the early hours of Tuesday July 25 someone broke into two vehicles parked in the forecourt at Ruakākā Motors. One of the vehicles was subsequently stolen and located a short distance way. The thief's activity was captured on CCTV camera to show the offender wearing a distinctive camouflage patterned hooded jacket and backpack. Bream Bay Police would like to hear from anyone who recognises this person.

# Tools taken from Ruakākā School caretakers shed

Over the weekend of 22 and 23 July tools were stolen from the caretakers shed at Ruakākā Primary School where a break in occurred. Police are working with forensic evidence they found at the scene.

#### **Drink drivers**

- On Thursday 27 July at 11am Police stopped a vehicle on Port Marsden Highway. The driver was breath tested and returned a reading of 665mcg of alcohol per litre of breath, more than twice over the legal limit of 250mcg for drivers over the age of 20. A 27- year old Whangārei man is likely to face charges as a result.
- On Saturday 22 July at 4.40pm Police stopped a vehicle on Peter Snell Rd., Ruakākā. The driver, a 41 year old Ruakākā man, returned a breath alcohol reading of 600 mcg per litre of breath and will be appearing in court on a drink driving charge.
- On Tuesday 18 July at 1.15pm a vehicle was stopped by Police at Mata. When the driver, a 65-year-old Waipu woman, was breath tested she returned a breath alcohol reading of 539 mcg of alcohol per litre of breath. She will be appearing in court. Sergeant Simon Craig commented that all three of these excess breath alcohol results were recorded during daylight hours.

#### 11 Family harm incidents

In the fortnight Saturday 15 July to Saturday 29 July Bream Bay Police dealt with 11 family harm incidents.





The above images were captured on CCTV footage in the early hours of the morning on Tuesday 25 July. Bream Bay Police would like to hear from anyone who can identify the person in these pictures.

# More Facebook Marketplace scams

There have been three more incidents reported to the Bream Bay Police where people have paid for items advertised on Facebook Marketplace and have not received those items. In one case the victim paid out \$4,500. Sergeant Simon Craig urges people not to pay over any money to someone who you don't know until you have been sent the item you wish to buy.



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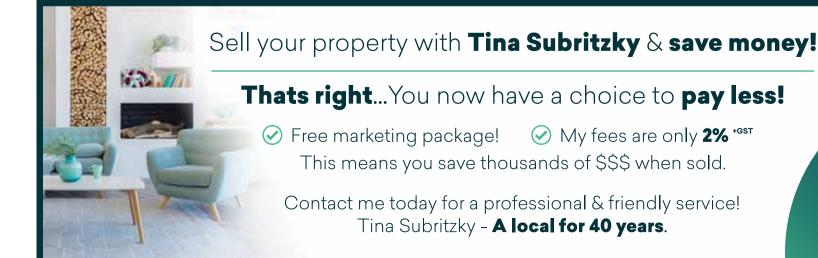
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Best dressed dogs - Tradie with his owner Joey Potgieter, Coffee with Jo Li Chia and Maddie with Nina Quan





Sisters Elisah, aged 11, and Kira Strong - 8 wore cat ears and pulled their pets Shadow and Oskar along in cat cages balanced on a hand cart.

Peter Gibbs, Chairman of Promote Waipu, is feeling pretty pleased about the success of the Winter in Waipu Festival.

"Our flagship event was the Matariki Ball and we had over 100 people there but all the events went well.

The last item in the month long festival seroes was on was the Shortbread Competition, which drew a record 39 entries. All the events went well."

Peter said, "Next year we plan to bring back the ice skating rink so that will be exciting."

"We will be meeting and talking about ways we can make the festival even better and we are always open to suggestions and new ideas."

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### Prize winning bacon



The team at Millers Meats; Cameron Miller – butcher and store owner, Jodean Williams - knife hand and front of shop and butcher Johny Housham.

Millers Meats, the Bream Bay Butchery in the Ruakākā Town Centre has another certificate to add to its trophy wall, having won bronze at the recent Bacon and Ham Awards in Auckland on 18 July.

The award was granted for their Millers Made shoulder

bacon.

Asked if there were any secrets to this success, butcher and store owner Cameron Miller said there were three elements involved: preparation, sourcing the best raw materials: i.e: New Zealand raised pork

and patience.

He said people need to understand that while imported bacon and ham might be cheaper than the New Zealand raised products, the rules around animal welfare are not as strict in many other countries.

Millers Meats also has a Golden Fork Award won several years ago for pork sausages and two highly commended awards, also for sausages.

Cameron is planning to compete in the Young Butcher of the Year awards in 2024. This is for butchers up to the age of 35 and this will be the last year he is eligible.





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### "Not just ambulance drivers"

# Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association members learn about Hato Hone, Bream Bay St John and the people who keep it operating

It's a privilege to be able to help people in their time of need, said Wendy Faulkner, a volunteer with Hato Hone St John Bream Bay.

Wendy and Wally Mitchell, Hato Hone St John Area Operations Manager in the Mid North, were guest speakers at the Waipu Resident and Ratepayers Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 26 July.

Wendy lives at Langs Beach after returning to live here for family reasons a few years ago. Her great grandmother arrived with the Scottish migration from Nova Scotia, so she has a connection to this area.

While living in Auckland she did a paramedicine degree at AUT and started volunteering as an ambulance officer for Hato Hone St John.

She explained to attendees at the meeting that two paid staff work from the Bream Bay ambulance station, covering the day shift from 7am to 7pm with volunteers taking over at night.

Wendy said they arrive at the station 20 minutes early and check the ambulance and everything in it. "Then we log in and wait for a job."

There are always plenty of jobs to do around the station in the meantime and in the early hours, if they are not out on a call out, there are bedrooms where the volunteers can get some sleep with their pagers turned on alongside.

Training is every second Tuesday night. Wendy said ongoing education is a must for volunteers. "You have to be keen to keep on learning."

Ambulance officers, whether they are volunteers or paid paramedics, always work in pairs which is much safer, Wally explained. Having two ambulance officers also means one can tend to a patient while the other drives the ambulance, he said.

Wendy said crew members usually take turns with one driving while the other gets ready for the emergency they are being called to.

They are permitted to drive up to 30 kilometres over the speed limit when travelling under lights and siren. When transporting a patient, they travel at normal road speed and sometimes slower, so they are able to manage the patient's condition safely. Patient comfort and safety is paramount.

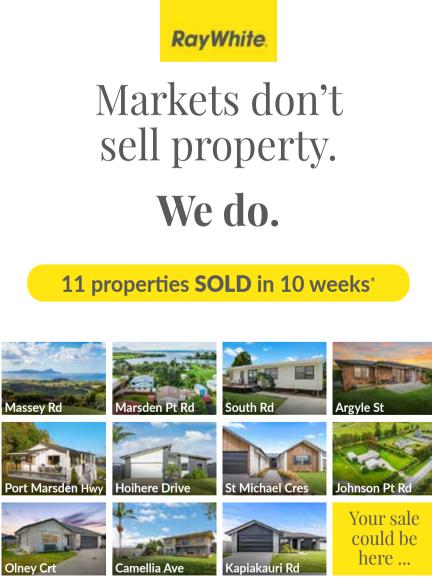
She said it helps a lot if drivers slow down and pull over to the left when they see an ambulance with flashing lights coming up behind or towards them.

"It lets us know that you have seen us, and we feel a bit safer. But please don't stop next to a traffic island or a bridge as this will block the road. "When you see an ambulance crew working you can help by moving vehicles out of the way, keeping people away if the incident is at a crowded place and, if it's on a road and you have traffic management skills, you could put these to good use until the Police arrive. Phoning Healthline – 0800 611 116 is often a good first step if you are unsure about whether you need an ambulance or not.

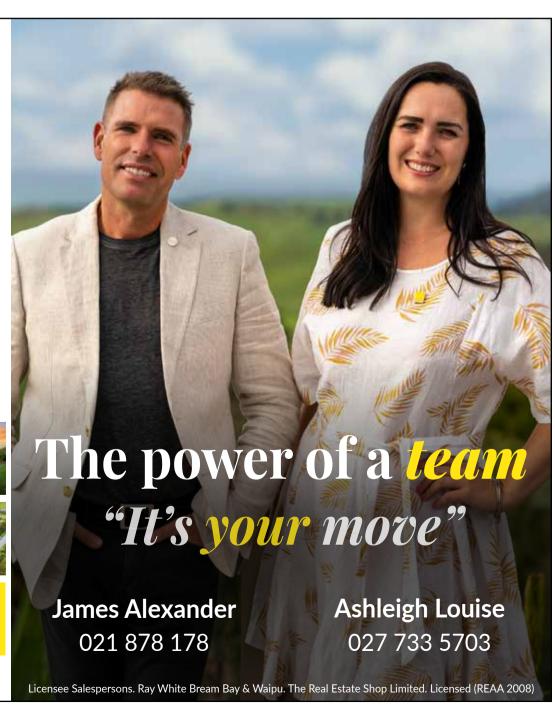
Two ambulances are based at the Bream Bay station. Wally said Bream Bay has retained a strong volunteer base so has kept a working volunteer ambulance.

Morris Somner asked if Waipu would ever get its own ambulance station but Wally said this was unlikely because of the town's proximity to the Bream Bay station, Mangawhai and Otamatea. He said Mangawhai is likely to be the next in line to get a full-time station due to the rapid population growth in that area.

Wally has spent 45 years with Hato Hone St John, first as a volunteer in Bream Bay, as Bream Bay station manager, then as a paramedic and intensive care paramedic working on the rescue helicopter based in Whangārei. He was also the District Operations Manager for Canterbury, based in Christchurch, and has returned to Northland as the Mid-North Area Operations Manager.



\*Based on sales between 23 May and 1 August 2023



sis now given to workplace safety had resulted in a decline in workplace accidents. Wally said that while the general workload for the ambulance service had increased dramatically, he did think the number of workplace accidents had declined. "Still, you can get to some jobs and think, "How did that happen?"

Wendy is also a tutor for Hato Hone St John's 3 Steps for Life programme which teaches the public about how to respond when someone is in cardiac arrest. She runs one-hour group sessions. The steps are: Phone 111, start CPR and use a defibrillator. She said many people are uncertain how to use a defibrillator and she is happy to run this programme for local community groups.

Wally said research strongly suggests that cardiac arrest patients who survive with the best outcomes are linked to the quick actions of bystanders who help with chest compressions until an ambulance arrives.

He said anyone who puts on the green Hato Hone St John uniform, whether a volunteer or paid paramedic, is a highly qualified person. "We are not just ambulance drivers."

He said becoming a Hato Hone St John volunteer requires a huge commitment and Wendy is a fine example of the ethos of the organisation.

He agreed that being able to help people in their time of need is a great privilege and said that doing ambulance work "becomes addictive."

But for anyone who doesn't feel up to all that training and those 12-hour night shifts, Bream Bay Station runs a Friends of Bream Bay group - FOBBs - whose members take care of jobs like cleaning the station windows and tidying up its gardens. FOBBs members



The Bream Bay Ambulance station in Tamingi St., Ruakākā

get invited to station social events.

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In addition to its ambulance service Hato Hone St

John runs a medical alarm service, provides first aid training to NZQA standards, is a leading provider in Event Health Services, runs youth/cadet programmes, supports Friends of the Emergency Dept (FED's), runs a therapy pet program and community engagement programmes.

# Waipu Op shop donations MAINLY MUSIC Mainly Music is on each Wednes at 10,00cm

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Services Trust - \$1,000, St. John Ruakākā - \$1,000, Kind Hands - a respite care cottage for children in Whangārei - \$1,000

Sue said, the Op Shop is looking for a few new volunteers if any readers are interested in spending a half day per week helping out there.

"No prior experience is needed but be prepare to have some fun and work towards helping Northlanders."

Mainly Music is on each Wednesday at 10.00am in the Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall All welcome

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### Making tiny homes, a fun holiday activity



Conrad and Carter Gillard's tree house entry was a winner



And Isabella Josephson also won with this clever cardboard construction

For a fun school holiday activity to keep the kids entertained, Harcourts Waipu, Bream Bay, and Whangārei ran a Design and Build Your Own Tiny Home competition. Entrants were asked to be as creative and to make their tiny home out of paper, cardboard, toothpicks, pipe cleaners, or anything crafty.

Monique Wheat of Harcourts Waipu said," And boy we had some great entries here in Waipu! From roof-top swimming pools, tree houses, bejeweled roofs, palm trees, and amazing shapes and builds, the creativity was amazing. It blew us away." Harcourts in-house judges chose the top three designs, with a prize pack for each

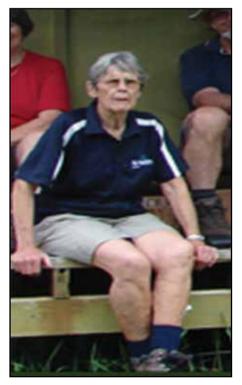
Harcourts in-house judges chose the top three designs, with a prize pack for each and two of the three entires came from Waipu





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# Certificate presented to founder of the Bream Bay tramping group - Nola McCullough



Nola McCullourgh taking a break on a tramp to Peach Cove

When Nola and her late husband Athol retired to One Tree Point they saw the opportunity to start up a tramping group for both women and men. So the word went out and on Thursdsy, 26<sup>th</sup> April 1990 a mixed group set off from Ruakaka on their first tramp – to the Waipu Caves. A lot of people have joined the group over the years enjoying more than 200 different walks, many over private farms belonging to friends and family members. They covered the whole of Northland and further afield. Recently a re-union was held at the Waipu Cove Surf Patrol's Clubhouse and a certificate was presented to Nola acknowledging her untiring leadership and organization of the group that she started so long ago. That same group still meets weekly after 33 years.

### Line Dancing for fun, friendship and **Fitness**





# **Bream Bay Community Patrol**

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#### The line dancing class

Country and Western music can be heard at the door of The group has a repertoire of 80 different songs but the Ruakākā Memorial Hall on Tuesday mornings and, Sharlene says its OK to sit one out if you don't know inside rows of, mostly; women are going through their line dance steps.

These are the *Bream Bay Boot Scooters*. It's a popular Bay News turned up for a photo. They wear little golden name badges in the shape of a boot pinned to their shirts and they have their own private Facebook

Rhonda Wilson, from Whangārei, takes the class. Her Line dancing is known to help with co-ordination and husband Kevin is the only man attending.

"He could use some support," says Marie Finlay one of the more practiced dancers. Marie describes herself as an "improver" someone who has line danced a bit already.

Sharlene Knox says she is a beginner.

There is a beginners' session starting at 9.30am each Marie says the Boot Scooters are holding a social this Tuesday, finishing around 10.15am. The beginners are then encouraged to join in with everyone else with the class finishing at 12noon. The fee per person, per session is \$5.

the moves.

"We like it because we don't need a partner says Perlita Cuenca Smith. She says it helps her with the stress of club with 26 participants on the morning the Bream her husband being unwell and cared for at Ranburn Hospital.

> Sharlene's daughter and her mother are also at the Tuesday session. Her mother suffered a stroke just over a year ago but is keeping up with all the moves. balance.

> It's also good exercise. Sharlene, who wears a Fitbit, announces that they have all taken 10,800 steps in that morning's class, which leads to general applause.

Sharlene says the Line Dancing class s also a good school holiday activity.

Saturday 22 July, with anyone interested welcome to come along. There will be line dancing, raffles and prizes in the Ruakākā Hall from 10am to 2.30pm. Entry fee is \$5.

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# Men in kilts rugby

"It was a 20-10 draw" said Waipu team manager and match organiser Steve Jones after the Golden Oldies, Men in Kilts rugby game against Mid-Western played under lights in the Waipu Caledonian Park on Friday 28 July, with Waipu scoring four tries to Mid-Western's two.

"It was a good night, a lot of fun. We drew a big crowd, which was good for the Waipu Rugby Club's bar take."

Referee was Shaun Holder a former Waipu resident. This was the first senior game he had controlled and the players commented afterwards that he had done a great job.

A netball game played in the Celtic Barn an hour earlier also against Mid –Western was won by Waipu 23 - 20.

The final match of the day was a haggis competition with teams of four required to eat a bowl of haggis and down a glass of whisky.

There was one downside to the night though with a serious injury in the final stages of the rugby game when a player, from Waipu but helping out the Mid Western team who were down on numbers, fell the wrong way in a tackle and suffered a break to his arm in two places.



Team manager Steve Jones gives a half time pep talk

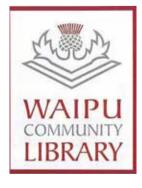




Simon Griffiths looks for a way through the Mid-Western defence

Johny Fetelika makes a charge for Waipu

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A big crowd turned up to watch

#### Circus classes in Ruakākā



Charlie Winslow with her mother Julie Winslow at the Waipu Easter Carnival A five-week series of circus classes has begun in the Ruakākā Recreation Centre in Takutai Place.

The classes began on Monday 31 July and will run until 28 August.

There is Beginners Kids Circus class for ages 5 - 12 years form 3.15pm - 4.15pm And then a Beginners Circus class for people aged 12 and over from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Adults as well as young people are welcome.

Classes cost \$25 for casuals and \$100 for the five-week term.

There is also a matching set of classes being run in the Mangawhai Library Hall at 45 Moir St. on Wednesdays until 30 August.

The new classes are supported by Circus Kumarani based in Dargaville and Achmed Abman, the founder of Waipu's Circool Circus. Circus Kumarani has a stated aim to bring circus to various communities around the Whangārei and Kaipara districts. The classes are conducted by Charlie Winslow, a student of Waipu's Circool Circus since 2017 and her mother Julie Winslow who was Circool Circus secretary and costume designer.

Since Achmed relocated to Auckland earlier this year there are no longer circus classes in Waipu. Lisa Lū of Circus Kumarani said, "We are struggling to find a space in the town to hold the classes at a time we wanted".

"The Ruakākā and Mangawhai classes are here to replace the Waipu one." She said however on 7 October there will be a circus Kumarani end of year show in Waipu's Coronation Hall – "to keep the circus tradition going"

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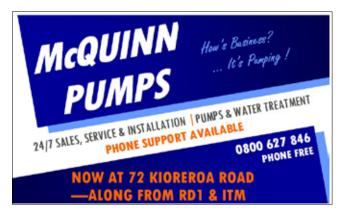
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