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## “What’s needed are a few prosecutions”



The above sign informing drivers that they cannot take their vehicles any further south on the beach has gone up, not before time, just north of the Te Kamo St. beach entrance near the Ruakākā Village.

The sign is good news for the Bream Bay Coastal Care guardians of the Ruakākā Wildlife Refuge who have been contending with vehicles driving right up to the estuary through shorebird nesting sites.

The Whangārei District Council’s Control of Vehicles on Beaches bylaw prohibits vehicles on the beach south of the pipeline which delivers seawater to the NIWA Marine Research Centre and the Moana NZ paua farm.

Vehicles are also prohibited south of the estuary as far as the pedestrian beach entrance from Bream Bay Drive.

The sign is large, very clear in its messaging with its images of a motorbike and a car with big slashes across each. From the wheel tracks on the beach it is

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## Halloween night brings out the ghouls, demons, scary dolls, and crazed clowns in One Tree Point



Victoria Bailey, dressed as a wolf, Ruby Wood as Tubaka from Star Wars, Jess Love as a murder victim and Harley Leafa as The Devil went door to door in One Tree Point on Halloween night in search of sugary treats.

Despite younger children having already done the rounds earlier in the evening the girls had managed to collect a good bag full of goodies. They had more luck than Halloween tricksters just up the road at Marsden Cove where no-one was home at many of the houses.

*More Halloween monsters on page 7.*



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## HAY FEVER

The medical name for hayfever is allergic rhinitis – this means an allergy affecting the nose.



This allergy may be either seasonal, such as in spring when there is plenty of pollen or new plant growth which causes the allergy; or

perennial which means all year round, when you are allergic to dust, pet hair or other irritant substances. The severity and type of hayfever varies from person to person, but can make you miserable if not treated and the symptoms prevented.

Those people that have allergies causing dermatitis or asthma are generally more likely to suffer from hayfever; but for everyone the answer to relieving hayfever is to minimise the exposure to whatever is causing the symptoms.

Most hayfever sufferers complain of sneezing, itching and burning eyes and throat, and either blocked or running nose. Other symptoms that may occur are aches in the jaw and teeth caused by the pressure of blocked sinuses, popping in the ears, headaches and generally feeling miserable.

When you have an allergy the body releases a substance called histamine, which is why the most common medicines used to treat allergies are called antihistamines. These block the effect of histamine and will prevent any more histamine release, which should prevent the allergy getting worse.

Avoiding the substance that causes the condition is always better than taking medicine to treat the result of the exposure, but unfortunately this is not always possible.

Other treatments for the nasal blockage and congestion of hayfever usually involve a nasal solution that may be either dropped or sprayed into the nostrils. These work by washing out the nostrils or by helping to dry up and prevent further secretions from the sinuses running down the nostrils or down the back of the throat. Decongestant nasal preparations should only be used for up to five days running as they can cause nasal congestion to worsen if used for prolonged periods of time. Seek advice from your community pharmacist as to the correct nasal spray that you can use to relieve and prevent ongoing congestion.

A cough may occur from persistent nasal secretions running down and irritating the back of the throat. This is called post-nasal drip, and may also be helped by antihistamines, as this should not be treated with medicines to stop coughing.

Talk to your community pharmacist about the right medicine to treat hayfever, and seek their advice about preventing as well as treating hayfever whether you suffer from this occasionally or every day.

## EDITORIAL

# Provincial growth fund money has skewed our priorities

Carpe Diem - Seize the day: those words written 2,000 years ago by the Latin poet Horace is a good maxim for these Covid 19 days, where all the events we look forward to are cancelled and you cannot visit family members who live south of Te Hana or travel anywhere.

But there are always things to do in your home and in your own backyard. I find it helps to make a list of everything I hope to achieve each day and tick each item off with a little rush of satisfaction.

We are lucky to have the beach. It is always uplifting to walk alongside the waves, maybe take a dip in the sea.

The beach is our greatest asset and I think we should be looking after it much better than we do. I recall a middle aged Dutch couple I met a few years ago at Uretiti. They struck me as being quite comical with beachchairs, big sunhats and startling, white bare legs but what I remember most is their astonishment and excitement at the wide, wild emptiness of the place.

At the last Waipū Residents and Ratepayers Association meeting there was a discussion about the proposed Oruku Landing. Should the Whangārei District Council put up \$57million to add to a \$60million commitment from the Shane Jones Provincial Growth Fund to build a conference centre, apartments and hotel on the swaterfront in Whangārei?

It's a bit of a trap. These Provincial Growth Fund allocations, some of them made without too much public consultation, have skewed our priorities. I liken the situation to a buffet meal - just because all that food is laid out in front of you, you don't have to eat it and if you do you will feel sick afterwards.

Northland Regional Councillor Rick Stolwerk was questioned about why the NRC when asked to commit \$14million to the project had instead offered \$7million. Councillor Stolwerk explained that while the NRC believes it has a role in fostering economic development in the region, its main focus is to protect and enhance the environment.

I agree with this. Even in purely job creation, money earning terms, it might be better to concentrate on looking after our environment than in building grand new tourist amenities.

Look at this mess on the beach at Ruakākā alongside the NIWA aquaculture research centre!



We need to dig all that plastic out of the sand before more of it gets into the sea. It was put there in the 1980s to protect the power station by the government owned Electricity Corporation, so maybe we could secure a Government grant to have it removed. It is buried deep so is likely to need machinery to get it out.

All along the shoreline from Mair Rd to the Waipū River mouth there is massive dune destruction with motorbike trail riders and four-wheel drive thrill seekers destroying the vegetation, which holds those dunes in place. South of the Waipū Rivermouth the dunes resemble a moonscape. The publicly owned duneland at the northern end of Ruakākā is treated like a rubbish dump. We need to take action to stop this happening.

Carpe Diem - seize the day before it seizes you.. There is no shortage of important stuff to do right here in our own back yard.

*Marilyn*

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## “What’s needed are a few prosecutions”

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Rubbish and remains of a fire in the dunes north of Ruakākā

clear that some drivers comply and turn their vehicles around while others drive straight on through. Ruakākā Village resident Eric Woodward along with some of his neighbours have been on the case of these rule breakers for years.

Eric said, “I always try to speak politely to them. I say if they would just stay between NIWA and Mair Rd. no one would have a problem.

While on an early morning walk last week Eric noted a vehicle with its lights in the no vehicle zone near Tuatahi Walk. He got his phone out in readiness to take a photo and when the vehicle didn’t drive past he looked back and was surprised to see it had disappeared.

He walked back to investigate and found the driver had tried to get off the beach on the Te Tahi Walkway entrance but his vehicle had bottomed out with one wheel stuck up in the air.”

The young man was wondering who he could ask for a tow. Eric asked if he lived locally.

He replied that he was from Takahiwai and Eric said how would the people of Takahiwai like it if Ruakākā beach residents displayed this same disregard for the environment in their neighbourhood.

Eric has tried complaining to the Police but they didn’t seem very interested. The Department of Conservation has an “educational” approach and very occasionally have a team at the beach on

weekends talking to beach drivers.

Derek thinks what is needed are a few prosecutions. “They should have got in right at the start when the vehicle free zone first came in around five years ago. Someone ignored the new rule and drove straight past the sign and right into the estuary. They should have thrown the book at him. It would have sent out the message right from the start that the vehicle free rule needs to be followed.”

“It was terrible during the last lockdown. There were bikes and cars in the dunes and on the beach driving right through families and groups of children playing on the sand. “

It’s not just the beach where this lawless behaviour is rampant. The stretch of dunes from Sime Rd through to Mair Rd has been ripped up by vehicles. Rubbish dumping is also common. This land is administered by the Department of Conservation which has taken little action to control the problem. Bain McGregor who has the job of mowing and tidying up the parcels of land around the village, which are now held by the Office of Treaty settlements, including some dune land near Sime Rd. is frequently picking up trailer loads of old furniture and bags of rubbish. The lack of respect for the parkland and for all his hard work is difficult to put up with.

## Marsden Bay leads the race to 90% in local vaccination rates

Marsden Bay is leading the race in Bream Bay to get to the 90% vaccination level. Last week 89.1% of the vaccine eligible people (over 11 years of age) living in One Tree Point, Marsden Bay and Marsden Cove had received at least one Covid 19 vaccination shot while 78.5% were fully vaccinated.

Waipū and Ruakākā were pretty much neck and neck with Waipū including Waipū Cove and Langs Beach at 82.6% for one vaccine shot and 70.7% having had a second.

In Ruakākā 83% had had a first dose while 69% had received both their vaccinations.

In the Oakleigh /Mangapai area 80.9% have had a first dose and 66.2% a second

Rural Bream Bay residents : people living between Waipū and Ruakākā and including the residents of a Takahiwai came in fifth with 80.8% having had a first dose and just 64.7% a second.

## Highland Games 2022 cancelled



For the second year in a row the Waipū Highland Games have been cancelled.

A post on the Waipū Caledonian Society facebook page says, “Due to the uncertainties we are facing with the wide range of restrictions from Covid 19, holding a large scale event is incredibly difficult to organize.”

## PRIME COASTAL SECTIONS OPEN FOR INSPECTION NOW

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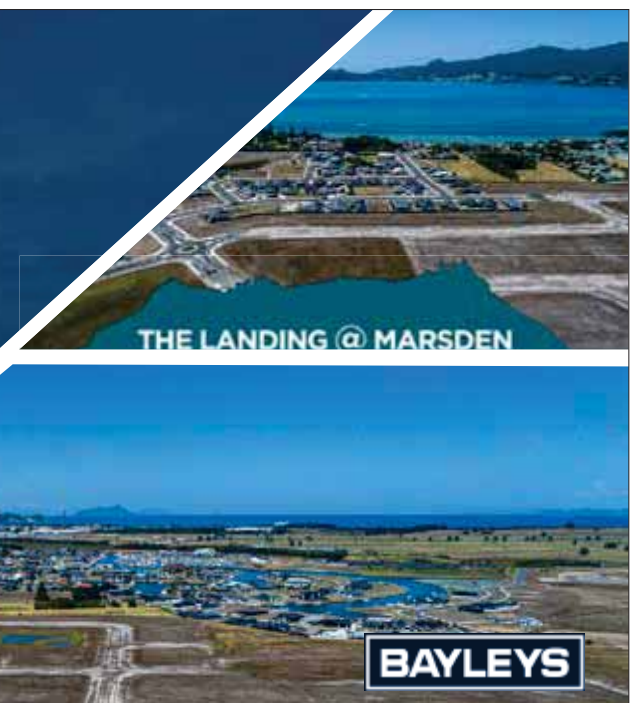
Stages 5 & 6 sold out in record time, it is anticipated that these premium sections will likewise be keenly sought. With north-east facing sites, green space and nearby reserves this release offers a top range of sections. With a base price of \$329,000 they are already priced to sell. Astute purchasers will recognise they are acquiring an appreciating asset that will be secured with a deposit at today’s prices. Earthworks are planned to commence in 2022 with title and completion forecast to be late 2022.

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**LETTERS**

**Small minority of anti--vaxxers tend to be very vocal**

I am not usually moved to write to your paper but Mr Germann's letter in your last edition prompted me to do so.

Firstly, we must understand who is the majority in relation to the vaccination issue. It is assessed conservatively that only 6% of the population are true anti-vaxxers. This small minority tend to be very vocal in promoting false facts. It is time the majority stand up with the truth

Mr Germann refers to a medical experiment. It is not an experiment, the development of various covid vaccines has been going on for many years.. There have now been over 7 Billion vaccines distributed in the world. The results have been spectacular and more successful than many other historical vaccines. Yes you can still catch Covid or pass it on , however you have 12 times more chance of catching Covid without the vaccine let alone dying from it. When you look at our rates of Covid in New Zealand. It is those who are unvaccinated that are catching Covid (plus 95%). It is an even higher rate for hospitalisation. The key true statistics are coming from the US and UK who have

studied over 500 million cases. The reduced hospital rates and deaths are spectacular. It is noted that the climbing rate in the UK at present is mainly attributed to unvaccinated children. If you look specifically at the hospital rates these are now minimal.

I think it is important to look at reliable sources for facts. Proven places like medical universities are a good place to start. True facts cant be denied

Often when researching ant-vax material you find the people involved are also anti climate and conspiracy theorists. I find the best information comes from experts totally focused on epidemiology, not someone motivated by the political climate of the day.

So lets do our research, respect those who have other points of view but also stand up for the true facts.

To Mr Germann's credit he did supply his name and is willing to stand by his beliefs, Unlike the cowards who recently visited Waipu , hiding behind Zombie costumes and scaring young children

*Peter Giles  
Waipū*

**Oruku Landing will be yet another little used public building**

If the building of the Oruku Landing and Events Centre is rushed through on the 18th of this month it will put everyone's rates up 6% for every year from now on, plus cost an estimated \$5 million a year for the Council to run. This is one of the largest volumes of ratepayer's money to be spent a single project ever, and by doing so, they are also agreeing to spend an extra \$60 million of Provincial Growth Fund from our taxes.

If one cuts through the jargon the business community are saying about it providing extra jobs, more money for the district, attracting a hotel etc., in the end they overlook the fact that the Kotahitanga Exhibition Hall at Forum North already holds 100 more people than any conference, predicted by Council surveys, to be held in the area in the next 5 years.

I find it hard to believe our Councillors are even contemplating such a project, including taking on all overrunning costs, which I have been told could add up to 50% more. When I asked Council staff last week to look at the plans, I was told I couldn't because they are not finished.

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I believe the result of this massive expenditure, if it goes through, will be yet another little used barnlike public building structure replicating two or three others I can already think of in this district.

If you want to help stop this rates rise, it will take you 5 minutes to write a submission by writing the words "Say no to Oruku" adding your name and address, and either email it to mailroom@wdc.govt.nz, you can tick the on-line box at www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay by 18 Nov 2021 or put it into an envelope addressed to Private Bag 9023, Whangarei 0148 and post it now.

*Lachie McLean  
Chairperson Forum North Trust*

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# Launching the new Bream Bay Chamber of Commerce

The new Bream Bay Chamber an affiliate of the Northland Chamber of Commerce (NorthChamber) was officially launched at the Land and Sea Restaurant in Marsden Cove on Wednesday evening 27 October.

The Ruakākā Economic development Group REDG has now morphed into the new Chamber of Commerce.

Janine Abernethy, who has been chairwomen of REDG during the transition, said the move had been driven by the changing nature of the Ruakākā and One Tree Point area, which now has a large and fast growing residential population and a “thriving business hub”.

She said REDG had played an important role in supporting the development of Bream Bay.

Two representatives of the Bream Bay Chamber Janine and Darrell Trigg, will become non voting members of NorthChamber until April 2022 when there will be an opportunity to elect Bream Bay representative with full voting rights.

Tim Robinson NorthChamber President spoke about the advantages of joining forces. He said the Bream Bay Chamber would be able to retain its local focus while accessing services of staff employed by



Pam Tohill and Janine Abernethy with Tim Robinson NorthChamber President at the launch of the new Bream Bay Chamber at Marsden Cove’s Land and Sea Restaurant and Cafe on Wednesday evening 27 October.

NorthChamber.

“We can make things like help with HR (Human Resources) and leadership development available to you.

Members could attend networking events and some retailers provide discounts to NorthChamber members. “We tell our membership – ‘We can take you from good to great.’”

“We pick up on things that are of current concern to the business community”

He said, Pam Tohill and NorthChamber prides itself on being non political but advocates for business interests.

## Have your say on the Oruku Landing

The Whangārei District Council is holding a Have your Say Event on the subject of its funding of the Oruku Landing project on Monday 8 November from 7-9pm in the Ruakākā Recreation Centre.

There will be no formal submission process on whether or not the Council should put up \$57million to match a \$60million allocation from the Provincial Growth Fund to build a conference centre, hotel and apartments on the Whangārei waterfront but people are invited to speak their mind at a series of Have Your Say Events.

In addition to the Ruakākā event there will be others: in the Cafler Suite at Forum North on Tuesday 9 November at 6.30pm and in the Hikurangi Memorial Hall on Thursday 11 November at 6.30pm.

The meetings will be attended by the Council’s senior management team:

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## LETTERS

### Local businesses which support the community deserve our support in return

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*The Crew  
Waipu Boat and Fishing Club Inc*

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## Re the proposed changes to SH1 from Waipū Gorge Rd to Port Marsden Highway, Ruakākā

This statement was prepared by selected key Stakeholders in Waipu - Waipu 2000 Trust, Waipu Residents and Ratepayers, Waipu Business and Community Inc, Waipu Lions, Northpine, Fresha Valley Milk, Paul Jensen Contracting, Ali McKay (Farmer represented), Waipu Cycling

Waka Kotahi NZTA has a worthy objective of improving the safety on SH1 but it appears the inadvertent collateral damage will be significant additional congestion through the Waipu shopping precinct, including the diversion of heavy vehicles and farm equipment through town.

We are opposed to the proposed changes for the following reasons:

- Making Shoemaker Rd the main access point into Waipu with a roundabout. Shoemaker is a heavily residential road with a large number of houses and this will be a growth part of Waipu. At the moment only 1300 cars per day use Shoemaker Rd east, if this proposal were to go ahead that would increase with an estimated additional 2000 vehicles per day on this road (these car movements are based on Northland Transport alliance information)

- The width of Shoemaker road does not allow for residents and visitors to park on the road while also having room to pass them without going into the oncoming lane of traffic. This road would need significant widening.

- To force all the trucks that come into Waipu to use this road and then travel through the main shopping Centre of Waipu would cause huge disturbance to residents, businesses and visitors alike. The Centre currently has approx. 2600 vehicle movements per day, this would be increased to over 4000 if Shoemaker was the only access. The Centre is a 30km zone with a pedestrian crossing the disruption and danger to the town of this increased volume is immense. It would be impossible for cars backing out of the current angle parking to do so safely. The parking would need to be changed and more parking would need to be secured from somewhere

- Northpine, Fresha Valley Milk and Paul Jensen Contracting – forcing all the trucks, tractors, milk tankers etc that deliver to these businesses to travel down Shoemaker and The Centre is a huge safety risk. This would be compounded during The Summer season with holiday traffic.

- Waipu has a number of diversion points for when the Highway is shut for accidents. Pushing all this traffic through town and Shoemaker would be hugely disruptive

- Having a wire barrier all the way down the highway and having access at only some specific roads will force dangerous U turns for people to get to and from their properties.

- Having wire barriers all the way down will stop Farmers accessing their farms (a number have their properties split across the highway). This would mean that tractors would be travelling the highway doing 20km causing huge traffic issues

and posing safety problems trying to do U turns etc with combine harvesters in tow.

- Cyclists – of which there is a large number in Waipu, currently use most of the roads to exit across the Highway to the roads on the other side i.e. Millbrook, Brooks Rd etc. Limiting the access to one road, with a roundabout and all the associated traffic would make it extremely dangerous for these individuals.

**Our Recommended solutions to Waipu access are:**

- Instead of the wire barrier we suggest that NZTA proceed with the wide centre line with safe hit posts first for the whole proposed area, as a trial before moving to the wire barrier. We understand these have proven to be very effective stopping major accidents when used further North from Oakleigh onwards and they would be a far more cost effective alternative to a wire barrier. This would also allow quicker response time for the likes of Fire and Ambulance to properties as well as property holders.

- The Braigh – leave this open to traffic as at present, however make a left-hand turning lane for traffic travelling South to turn in.

- Shoemaker Rd – leave this as is, or if need be make this a Cul-de-sac. If this was to be made a Cul-de-sac it would be necessary on state highway 1 to create a left hand turning lane South at the Braigh.

- Nova Scotia Drive – The danger with this access is the limited vision for cars pulling out from Nova Scotia onto the highway with traffic traveling South and being obscured by traffic turning left into Nova Scotia Drive. Discuss purchasing some land from Paul Jensen who owns the farm to allow for the left hand turning lane to be pushed further out of the line of sight of drivers.

- The best option is to make two roundabouts. One at the Braigh and one at Nova Scotia. The latter would be better moved north to align with Roth side Road

- Investigate removing some turning options from some intersections. At Nova Scotia remove the right turn into Rosyth from the North. Also the right turn into Nova Scotia from the South. More Yellow lines and more width created on Rosyth side for lanes similar to the Mountfield intersection.

- We believe it is essential that wherever there are right turning access roads that the road is widened at those turning points.

**We welcome suggestions and comments please email [waipuroads@gmail.com](mailto:waipuroads@gmail.com)**

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**if you know of something interesting going on in Bream Bay.**

# More Halloween monsters



Sisters Leila, Ella and Grace Fetelika with friends Kiaralee Doak-Smith and Harlem Cooper (with the crazed clown mask) trying their Halloween luck at Marsden Bay.

## Waka Kotahi drop in cancelled

The Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) drop in session in the Waipū Coronation Hall to discuss proposed safety upgrades on State Highway One through Bream Bay has been called off, with Waka Kotahi representatives now planning to hold a stall at the Waipū Sunday Market on 14 November.

Jon Pheloung, a Senior Advisor for Engagement and Partnerships for Waka Kotahi in Northland, said it was too difficult to organize the drop in around current Covid 19 restrictions.

People wishing to learn more or send in their comments about the proposed upgrades can also do so online at: [northlandprojects@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:northlandprojects@nzta.govt.nz)

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## Students need to isolate and get tested after visit to Whangārei trampoline park

Students from both the Bream Bay College and Ruakākā Primary have been tested for Covid 19 and are isolating after visiting the Whangarei trampoline park Flip Out at the same time as someone infected with the virus.

The college has cancelled its Kahui Ako Schools collaboration day where year 5 and six students from Bream Bay's three primary schools get together with Bream Bay College students for a round of team challenges.

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Throughout the 2021 fundraising appeal you will be hearing plenty of real life stories about Northlanders who have been rescued.

Local businessman Mike Lindsay was lucky not to die after falling from a ute and being run over by a trailer a decade ago, while Bream Bay College student Kayden Hall survived a head on crash this year. You can read about them at [nest.org.nz/news-style-blog/](http://nest.org.nz/news-style-blog/)

Matakohe farmer Clive Smith who tells his story of a wasp attack which should have killed him and Monique Bradley updates us on her journey back from a major head injury. Monique's accident is the focus of the latest Northland Rescue Helicopter story book, the first in the series to be based on a true rescue.

This year's book, focusses on Monique's survival from an accident on the beach at Whananaki South in 2015.

The books are a great Christmas present and you can buy them at [nest.org.nz/books/](http://nest.org.nz/books/)



Mike Lindsay



Jason and Clive Smith

You can also donate to the Northland Rescue Helicopter campaign by using the official appeal envelope or by going to [nest.org.nz/donate/](http://nest.org.nz/donate/)

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# A biodiversity survey of the Waihoihoi River

By Ruby Mitchell



Checking the clarity of the water in the Waihoihoi River: Teeana Finlayson, Aliana Vakauku, Ava Pullen and Amani Kiapo all Year Seven students at Bream Bay College. They were shown how to read the tube by Paul Grace of Waipū Water Watch (third from the right) ) and Keith Jacob, who does econtract field survey work for the likes of the Department of Conservation and NIWA.

Freshwater kēwai, wriggly centipedes, long and shortfin tuna, a sord of mallard ducks, and a variety of spiders were just some of the wildlife recorded during a recent Waihoihoi Park bioblitz.

Last week Waipū River Walk’s ecology team, alongside twenty enthusiastic Bream Bay College students and citizen scientists of the community, Department of Conservation, Northland Regional Council and Patuharakeke’s Taiao unit, undertook what was possibly the first biodiversity survey of the Waihoihoi river and park.

Multiple stations were set up to record the different categories of wildlife in the area. Water tests were also taken to survey the river’s health.

The highlight of the morning was a huge tuna that landed in the observation net. Common bully, giant bully, Australasian marine gobic, yellow eyes mullet, inanga, smelt, shrimp, parore and a small crab were recorded at the same time. The data collected from this first bioblitz forms a baseline for future conservation work for the area, and will help to indicate any changes in the biodiversity.



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## Silver Festival encourages Whangārei District's older citizens to try something new

Neil McLeod of Waipū is a member of the Whangārei District Council's Positive Aging Advisory Group. Neil spent two terms (six years) as a Bream Bay Ward representative on the Whangārei District Council, so knows his way about in Forum North. He applied for the position when he saw it advertised.

"I had to fill out all these forms to say I didn't have a criminal record and find a couple of people to be my referees. It was more nerve wracking that standing for election."

The position is a voluntary one with a \$40 allowance for each monthly three - hour meeting.

The group is chaired by another former Councillor, the outspoken Robyn Lieffering, and although it has no legislative powers Positive Aging has made a few gains for the older residents of the district in recent years.

One of these is that the Council has allocated funding in its 2021-2031 Long Term Plan to build more pensioner housing. Neil has also served on the management board of Saorsa Village in Waipū, so was able to tell the Council that community based initiatives such as Saorsa and the Stonehaven Retirement Village in Maungakaramea are good models to base the management of its own pensioner housing on.

Another suggestion is that playgrounds be fitted with some play equipment for older people to use so that when they take their grandchildren to the park they can ride on a swing or see saw while they watch the kids.

"The councillors seemed to like that idea", said Neil.

As well as this advisory function the group carries out projects of its own and on 11, 12 and 13 November is running a Silver Festival with an abundance of activities for the district's older citizens to enjoy.

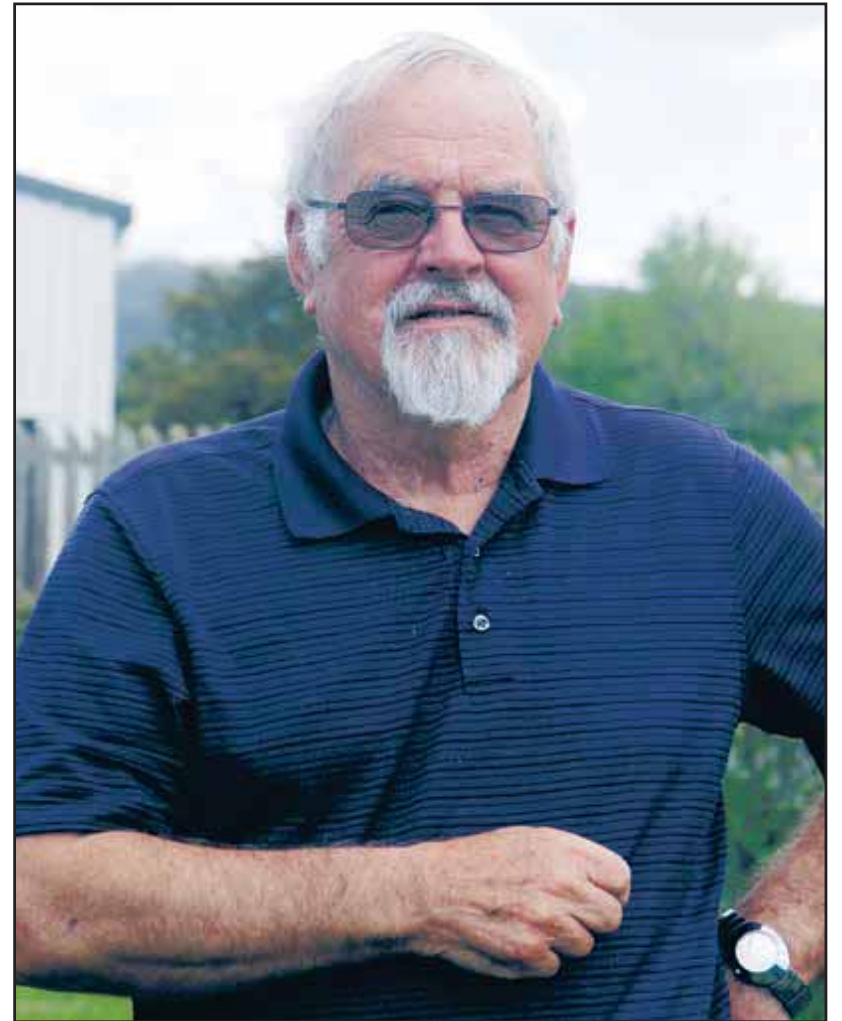
There is a Masters Athletics Open Day (no running required), a behind the scenes tour of the Whangārei Library, an introductory workshop in clay modeling cultural morning with members of the Northland Indian Association, a live demonstration of a Cream Separator at the Jack Morgan Museum in Hukerenui, a cuppa with Mayor Mai and lots more.

"Celebrate age, lets engage" is the catch phrase.

Many of the activities are free.

There is only one activity in Bream Bay—a Fit for Life low impact exercise session at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre on Friday 12 November from 11am to 12noon. Neil hopes there can be more based here next year.

All the activities are listed in a booklet available at the Council Service Centre in Takutai Place, Ruakākā, and at the Waipū Library and on the Whangārei District Council Website.



Neil McLeod is a member of the Whangārei District Council's Positive Aging Advisory Group



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**Ruakākā Recreation Centre** Monday 8 November, 7pm

**Cafler Suite, Forum North** Tuesday 9 November, 6:30pm

**Hikurangi Memorial Hall** Thursday 11 November, 6:30pm

*\*To attend, please register your interest at [www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)*

Whangārei has been offered funding from central government to build a conference and multi-event facility on the waterfront. Council are now seeking your feedback on whether you'd like this project to go ahead.

There's a lot to weigh up – a new facility will boost our economy by creating jobs in construction and will bring ongoing employment opportunities. New community facilities can also bring us together, attract more people to our District, generate fun, and bring new and bigger events to Whangārei.

While there are benefits, there will also be a financial cost to ratepayers. We're now asking our community to weigh up the pros and cons and let us know what you think.

[www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)

**Bream Bay United players win Northland Football trophies**



Abby Wright (left) and Jess Andrews with their haul of trophies from the Northland Football Club prizegiving.

Two players from the Bream Bay United Premier Women's Team have also represented Northland this year and were both recipients of trophies from the Northland Football Club Prize Giving's held this weekend.

Abby Wright received trophies for the senior women's Golden Boot (most goals scored), Players Player of the year and Player of the Year.

Jess Andrews won the trophy for the Northland Under 16 girls team Players Player of the Year.

**Senior Net calendar showcases Bream Bay**



The Bream Bay Senior Net Calendar went on sale last month with 12 images of local scenes by the group's photographers. This is the sixth year the calendars have been produced and sold as a fundraiser for the group, which offers tutorials by and for older people in how to become tech savvy, teaching people how to

make the most of their TV sets, smart phones, tablets and computers. Bream Bay Senior Net Treasurer Nancy Edge said, "We are all volunteers doing our best to help seniors enjoy and use digital devices with confidence."

Local businesses sponsors are each able to pick an image and their sponsorship covers the calendar printing costs. All the images showcase some aspect of Bream Bay.

Normally the funds would go towards some new furniture or equipment for the Bream Bay Senior Net base in Kepa Rd. but Nancy Edge, the group's treasurer said with Covid 19 around they haven't been able to run tutorials and the money will be needed to cover ongoing expenses at the centre such as rent, electricity, the phone connection and insurance.

Nancy said it is impossible to run classes until the return to Covid Response Level One as tutors need to get up close to their students and handle their devices to show them how to operate them.

To make matters worse a Whangarei District Council grant of \$1,025 the group has received for the past few years wasn't forthcoming this year.

Also because of Covid 19 with local markets being cancelled, the print run has been limited to 350 this year. Calendars cost \$10 and can be purchased from Ray White Real Estate in Waipū, The Waipū Library, The One Tree Point Store, the Westpac Bank in Ruakākā or from Bream Bay Senior Net – 432 7692 – [seniornetbb@gmail.com](mailto:seniornetbb@gmail.com)

## Lots of gruesome murders in Michelle Thompson's books about a gang boss named Doug

Michelle Thompson writes books for people who don't usually read.

She has given her Bad Guys murder mystery trilogy to friends who have never finished a book in their lives but they have read all three cover to cover.

"There are some pretty gruesome murders in there" she warns your Bream Bay News reporter.

Where did this crime writing begin?

Michelle said when she was a small child at Ruawai Primary her teacher told her she had a good imagination and should become a writer.

"We used to have morning talks and I would stand up and just tell stories about what was going on at home. The teacher thought I was making it all up but my parents were real characters and that was what was really going on.

Michelle's father worked at the dairy factory. She thinks he may have been involved in some cattle rustling and he was always getting into fights at the pub.

What about her mother?

"Well one time she rounded up the neighbourhood kids and got them to help chop the heads of all these roosters in the yard."

They were both really hard workers. My mother always had three jobs. We were working class people. There was not too much money to spare. When you come from that sort of background you just leave school and get a job."

Michelle's first job was as an apprentice jockey. She currently works for a security company but she has also been a bank manager. The job she most enjoyed was working for the Salvation Army helping men just out of prison rehabilitate back into the community. She found them employment and helped with transport to work, organised accommodation, took them to the Sally shop to get clothes if they needed them and occasionally gave them some blunt advice about their personal hygiene.

I would just come out with it and say 'You stink, you need to take a shower.'

It doesn't happen often but "If you can help someone get their life back on track that's really rewarding."

Are the characters in her books drawn from those experiences?

"I think the characters come from everywhere, a little bit here and a little bit there."

How does she think up all those murders? Sometimes she adapts real life crimes.

In her latest book – Bad Guys book three – *Don't always Lose*, the murdered character is based on someone she really doesn't like.

"Some people know who I am talking about. He's really horrible. He ripped us all off, so I dreamed up



Michelle Thompson

this terrible murder for him."

She seems like a pretty easy going, no-judgemental person: after all she managed to see some hope in all those ex-prisoners she worked with, but Michelle says she is a "slow burner." When she gets angry the rage simmers away inside.

Michelle's books are self published and printed by the Copy Press in Nelson. The owner of this business suggested an editor to polish up the writing in the first book but this didn't go well. This woman phoned Michelle to say that she didn't want to work on the book as she couldn't find any redeeming features in the story's main character.

"He's a criminal, he doesn't have any redeeming features", Michelle replied.

Michelle was pretty deflated and ready to give up on publication and phoned Copy Press to tell them as much.

"I got the owner, a man called Dave on the phone. He sounded really grumpy. I told him who I was and his whole attitude changed. He said he was halfway through my book and really enjoying it. He thought it was a cross between *Breaking Bad* and *Sons of Anarchy*.

"I told him about my row with the editor and he said, I will fix that.'

"He got me another editor. She's great. I just email her my text and she sends it back with her edits."

Michelle describes her books as "good airport reads." They are available on online stores such as Amazon, E Bay and Good Reads but sales are slow. She needs a marketing drive. Her biggest fan is her husband who tells people he meets, "My missus has written these books. They are really great" and then sells them the whole set for \$60.

She has started on book four. Her main character, gang boss Doug is getting a bit old for so much action so his children are taking over. It's a criminal dynasty: perhaps a Netflix series one day?

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# New sponsor for the Waipū Car and Bike Show



Sealing the sponsorship deal: Northpine Manager Lee Thompson shakes hands with Waipū Lions President Malcolm Norton with Ron Baxter, owner of the 1955 Austin Van and the BMW Z4 Coupe and Ron Cave (on the right), Lions member, Waipū Car and Bike Show founder and proud owner of the 1970 Chevrolet Corvette. The 1971 VW with number plate YPUBUG belongs to Malcolm who is a real estate agent with Bream Bay Ray White whose brand colour is bright yellow.

## WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **SKATE BOARDING DEMONSTRATION AND COMPETITIONS** will go ahead At the Ruakākā Skatepark on Saturday 6 November from 11am -2pm. **If we are in Covid 19 response Level 2.** Skate boarder Sam Johns of Whangārei and friends will demonstrate their skills and organise age group competitions. This is a free event sponsored by the Bream Bay News and supported by the Bream Bay Sports Trust. Prizes donated by Cheap-skates and Mega Surf of Whangareia
- **OTAMATEA QUILTERS' GROUP ANNUAL QUILT SHOW 2021 AT THE KAURI MUSEUM** to November 21. The Kauri Museum is open daily 9am - 5pm. 5 Church St. Matakōhe.
- **THE WAIPŪ SUNDAY MARKET** next on Sunday 14 November. 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall. *If Covid 19 response level allows.*
- **OTP ARTISAN MARKET** One Tree Point School field Fundraiser for Whangareia Hospital Children's Ward. Next on Sunday 27 November. 9 am to 1pm. Spaces available call Sue 021 530 153 or 09 432 8112. This market is dependent on Northland being at Covid 19 response level 2.
- **THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 21 November from 9am - 1pm. In the marquee at Marsden Cove. *If Covid 19 response level allows*
- **WAIPŪ MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipū. Open seven days 10am - 4pm .

The Waipū Car and Bike Show has a new sponsor. Organisers Waipū Lions Club have announced local timber manufacturer Northpine as the event's principal sponsor for the next two years. Established in 2015 as a fundraiser for local charities, the increasingly popular annual event is held at Caledonian Park (Waipū) on the Sunday of the Waitangi long weekend. Waipū Lions member and classic car enthusiast Ron Cave, who initiated the event, says the one-day show has grown steadily in those seven years and, quite apart from the fun aspect of the many vehicles to be seen and admired, is becoming a significant money-spinner for local businesses in midsummer. "All the proceeds go to local groups and charities. In the past six years, we've distributed over \$100,000. Last year it was around \$35,000. There were about 720 cars, 140 bikes, so it's getting to be a big event and our main challenge now is to keep the Show manageable and enjoyable for all participants, over 80 volunteer workers, and thousands of spectators. We're not trying to be the biggest Car and Bike Show in the

country, but we do want it to be the most enjoyable and friendly." Waipū Lions Club president Malcolm Norton says the involvement of local timber company Northpine as the 'name sponsor' is timely and most welcome. "Organising an event of this size is costly, so having Northpine on board helps enormously. It gives us a big head start so more money can be given to local causes afterwards," he says. Northpine general manager Bruce Larsen says the commitment to helping Waipū Lions and the many volunteers who literally run the show is a "good fit" for the firm. "We like to get involved whenever we can to help the people of Bream Bay. The local Lions Club have excellent organisational skills, so we're just giving them a helping hand. We hear great feedback from the locals every year about how good the show has become, so we're thrilled to be a part of it. Everyone's a winner with a well-run, popular event like this." The Northpine Waipū Car and Bike Show is a one-day extravaganza scheduled for Sunday 6 February

## More Cancellations

- The annual eight weeks of **TOUCH** held in the Waipū Caledonian Park has been called off due to Covid 19 restrictions. Organiser Lisa Jones said around 400 people normally turn up to the games on Thursday nights and it would be difficult to maintain the one metre social distancing Covid 19 Level 2 restriction. Lisa is hopeful a one day touch tournament can be held in the new year.
- **THE YOUTH SPRING SYMPHONY VARIETY SHOW** originally planned for September, then postponed until October has now been cancelled. The variety show has been an annual event held in

the Waipū Coronation Hall to showcase the talents of young local performing artists. The Auckland Youth Sinfonietta Orchestra comes to Waipū to take part but this year is unable to cross the Auckland border due to travel restrictions for Aucklanders to prevent the spread of Covid 19 into the regions

- **RUAKĀKĀ SCHOOL'S WINTER WONDERLAND GALA** planned for Thursday 4 November with a portable iceskating rink brought in for the occasion has been cancelled. At this stage the event has been cancelled but the school will possibly hold a gala late in 2022.

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# A bit too windy to go sailing



Luca Percival, aged 7 of One Tree Point, was hoping for his first sailing lesson when he turned up with his dad at the Marsden Yacht and Boat Club's open day on Sunday morning 31 October. Unfortunately the weather was too blustery to go out onto the water..  
Despite the weather the yacht club organisers of the Open Day were pleased with the number of people who called in and signed up for sailing lessons which will begin this Sunday. The club now has a maximum number of 12 enrolled sailing students who will work towards Yachting NZ Level 1, 2 and 3 certificates.

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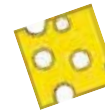
### MORNING

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

\*For travel within Whangārei see CityLink Whangārei timetable [www.citylinkwhangarei.co.nz](http://www.citylinkwhangarei.co.nz) or get your timetable from the Rose Street office.

### AFTERNOON

|        |         |   |
|--------|---------|---|
| 3.00pm | Departs | Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus                      |
| 3.40pm | Departs | Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)       |
| 4.00pm | Departs | Waipu Monument Bus stop                                 |
| 4.10pm | Departs | Waipu Cove Beach Car park                               |
| 4.15pm | Departs | Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads            |
| 4.30pm | Departs | Mangawhai Heads I-Site                                  |
| 4.35pm | Departs | Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms) |
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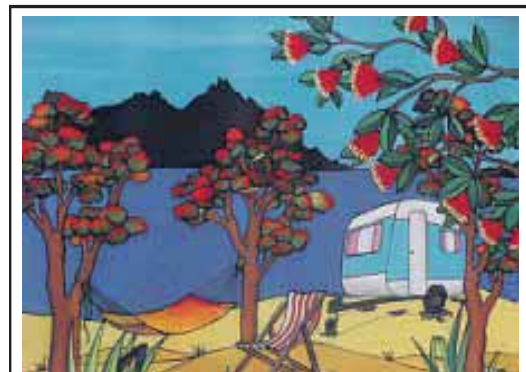
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The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

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Waipu Primary School Board

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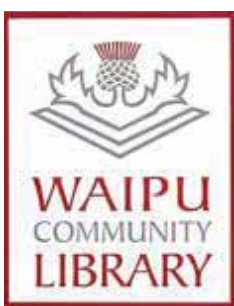
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**BREAM BAY SUNDAY  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**Presbyterian** Camellia Ave, Ruakaka: 8.45am. The Centre, Waipu: 10.15am.  
Prayer Service: 7pm

**Encounter** 223 Marsden Pt. Rd, Ruakaka, 10am.

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**Catholic** Holy Family Church, Ruakaka, 10.30am. Mass or Liturgy of the Word

**Lifepoint.** 300 OTP Rd, 10.30am.

**Waka Kotahi  
drop in cancelled**

The Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) drop in session in the Waipū Coronation Hall to discuss proposed safety upgrades on State Highway One through Bream Bay has been called off, with Waka Kotahi representatives now planning to hold a stall at the Waipū Sunday Market on 14 November.

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