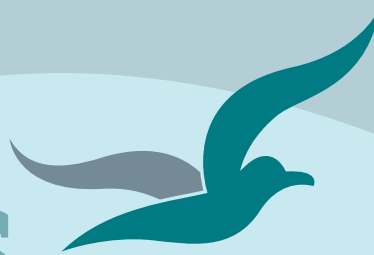


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## Ruakākā Battery Energy Storage System is part of the solution to Northland’s fragile electricity supply

No one mentioned this last week when we had that electricity outage after the Transpower pylon fell over but the new battery storage system Meridian Energy is installing a Marsden Point which is due to come on line in December 2024 would have had enough stored electricity to supply 60,000 homes for two hours and would have helped ease the situation. This new facility is part of the solution in helping to and to provide Northland with a more secure energy supply

Anna Vrede Meridian Communications Manager said the Battery Storage System would have definitely been able to help, as would the solar farm that we are currently in the consenting process for.

Meridian has resource consent from the Whangarei District Council for construction and operation of a 250 panel solar farm in Ruakaka but is waiting on a decision from the Northland Regional Council on its consent application for the earthworks that would be needed as well as, associated stormwater diversion and discharges, and vegetation clearance across the three solar farm sites. A decision from the NRC is expected in August.

The solar farm will produce around 120MW of electricity.

## Bream Bay school combine for a Kapahaka festival to celebrate Matariki



Ruakaka School’s senior kapahaka team gave a stunning performance at the combined Bream Bay School’s kapahaka festival.

Bream Bay schools take turns to host the festival and this year it was Waipu Primary. Junior and senior teams from Bream Bay’s three primary schools gave performances as did Bream Bay College and the little children from Bream Bay Educare.

For the first time this year the festival incorporated Pasifika dance.

*More photos of the festival on page 11*



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## EDITORIAL

### Some razor sharp focus needed

What do you think of Olli Kröllmann's idea for a citizens' assembly (see his letter on page 4.) ? I have always believed ratepayer associations had this role but after reading a bit more about how these assemblies work I realize these don't have the same razor sharp focus as these assemblies require.

I found this explanation on what Citizens Assemblies are on the Wellington Council website, which states these "are a form of deliberative democracy. They focus on collaborative decision-making by bringing a diverse and representative group together, to deliberate and make an informed decision on a complex topic where there is strong public interest. The focus is not on finding a perfect solution, but a decision that everyone in the group can compromise on, in which the trade-offs are understood and weighed up."

As Olli tells us a Citizen's Assembly was set up by the company Watercare that handles Auckland's water supply in 2022. Forty Auckland citizens were selected by ballot to take part. They were tasked with learning about and discussing the various options for future water sources to supplement Auckland's supply beyond 2040 and then to make a consensus recommendation to Watercare's senior leadership team.

The group was chosen to be a representative sample of Aucklanders by age group, ethnicity, gender, home ownership, education and place of residence. The participants had access to independent experts of whom they could ask questions. With all the facts in front of them these people recommended the use of direct recycled wastewater as the next source of water for Auckland."

The assembly reached the conclusion that this option was "cost effective in relation to other options, environmentally friendly because it assists with reducing wastewater" and it "provides another source of water to secure Auckland's water supply".

The assembly also recommended the Auckland public be educated on the safety and quality of the recycled wastewater "to facilitate acceptance". Good luck with this I thought. Recent history tells us how difficult it is to get some people to accept facts. There are always people who like to challenge the accepted wisdom.

I am wondering about the Whangarei District Council's decision to move away from the Northland Transportation model for managing Northland's roading. A press release announcing this decision doesn't really explain why it was taken. Managing roading in a co-ordinated way across the North seemed like a good move to me and one that at least had the potential to save ratepayers money. Was it in fact more cost effective? We need to get hold of a few more facts and figures. How would the half in half out situation (Councillors propose work? I will ask a few more questions on your behalf. Could this be a good issue for a Citizen's Assembly to get its teeth into? If more of us were able to gain in depth understanding of the issues that affect us all would this lead to the election of better politicians?

*Marilyn*

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# Five new classrooms at Ruakākā Primary School

It was an early start at Ruakākā Primary School on Monday 1 July, when children, teachers, parents, school board members, builders and invited visitors gathered before dawn for the official opening of a new classroom block. They formed a long train to file through the five new classrooms and associated break-out areas as they were blessed by kaumatua of local iwi Patuharakeke.

The new building has been named Te Pā Harakeke, which school Principal Helen Kinsey-Wightman explained means a place where flax grows well and symbolizes that this will be a place where people belong and can grow and learn in a safe environment. Board of Trustee Chairman Shaun Grieve acknowledged former principal Marilyn Dunn who had started the long, complicated process to get the new classrooms built as well as the team of builders from Guyco Construction and the new building's architect Sarah Bertie.

The morning was also a celebration of the tenth anniversary since the first Māori immersion class began at the school.

Builders will remain at the school for the rest of the year completing a new administration block, converting a former classroom into a staffroom, joining these two blocks together and demolishing two old classrooms



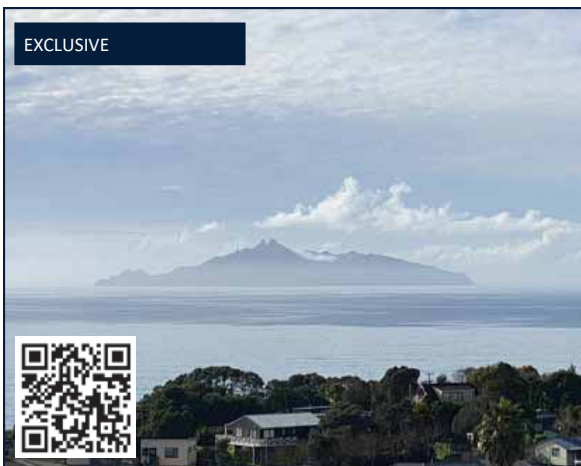
This large rock or mauri stone was ceremoniously unwrapped by Ruakākā School Principal Helen Kinsey Wightman and Gina Murray of Patuharakeke at the official opening of the new classroom block. The rock, installed on a grassed area in front of the classrooms has been named Kukurui and was sourced from Poroti. The school's cultural advisor Ari Carrington said this was symbolic of the traditional link coastal iwi maintained with iwi living inland.



Inside one of the new classrooms, Matua Jacob Rangi celebrates the tenth anniversary since the first full immersion Māori unit was established at Ruakākā School. This proved so popular the school now has five full immersion Māori classes



The team of builders from Guyco Construction have been working on the new classroom block for the past 18 months. From left to right: Jevan Rogers, Quintus Lotter, Thomas Moyle and Matt Tacon.



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**A Citizen’s Assembly to discuss the next Whangārei District Council Long Term Plan**

In response to your latest editorial, particularly your conversation with the Auckland wastewater treatment plant worker:

In September 2022 Watercare ran a citizens’ assembly to determine Auckland’s future water source. After initial reservations or outright refusals to even consider such an option, the assembly eventually recommended direct recycled wastewater as the best solution.

Link to the Watercare story: <https://www.watercare.co.nz/About-us/News-media/Citizens%E2%80%99-Assembly-recommends-direct-recycled-water>

This shows us that proper participatory and deliberative democracy tools, paired with educating and upskilling assembly members, produce excellent, durable, and actionable results that local and central governments can implement, to resolve the gnarly and highly divisive political issues. It avoids the often ill-informed, emotional, and ideological contributions by vociferous minorities or vested interests seen in conventional public consultations, and it gets politicians “off the hook” having to back such views to get re-elected.

I hope that we will get the opportunity to come together in a citizens’ assembly the next time we discuss Whangārei District Council’s Long Term Plan.

Olli Krollmann  
One Tree Point

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**Power lifters return from Oceania competition with gold medals**

Starcia Antonievic and Kim Grison have returned from a powerlifting masters event held in the Gold Coast ,Australia in June with a haul of gold medals having both won the clean and jerk and snatch competitions in their respective weight and age groups.

The event was a combined United Masters Weight Lifting Federation masters competition open to athletes from around the world and an Oceania Weight Lifting Federation Masters competition A national Australian masters competition



Starcia Antonievic and Kim Grison at Marsden Fit gym in Ruakākā with their medals

was also run concurrently but Starcia and Kim did not qualify for this one.

Starcia won two gold medals her 35 to 39 year old, under 55kg group. She lifted 56kg in the snatch and 72kg in the clean and jerk.

Kim won both these disciplines in her 55 – 57 years under 71kg group. She lifted 60kg in the snatch and 76kg in the clean and jerk and was named champion female lifter in the competition, lifting heavier weights than women weighing up to 100kg.

Both women train at the Marsden Fit gym in the Marsden City complex and travel to Auckland for regular private training sessions with Olympic and Commonwealth Games weight lifter Cameron McTaggart and Richard Patterson, who won gold at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Both have previously trained in Crossfit but now just concentrate on powerlifting.

Starcia said, “Our coaches don’t really like us to mix it up.”

Kim explains power lifting is very repetitive and

technical and you can ruin your technique if you train in another sport.

Both Starcia and Kim spend an hour and a half six days a week at the gym. They also both coach at Marsden Fit. Starcia finds coaching helps her to improve her own technique.

Kim coaches a specialist weight lifting class and is an enthusiastic advocate for the sport. She says no matter what age or size a person is there is a place in weightlifting for them and the sport has benefits in preserving and even building bone mass, especially important for older women. She recently underwent a small operation and the surgeon’s involved said they had never seen such strong bones in a woman of her age.

It has taken persistence and dedication to get where she is.

She said “Sometimes you can put in a lot of training and only make small gains.”

But more women are taking up the sport with women outnumbering the men at some events.

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# A big red elephant installed at Langs Beach



Abdul the elephant arrives at his new home in Langs Beach

A large red elephant is not to everyone’s taste and some of the residents of Langs Beach were a little concerned when they heard that Peter Harris had transported the 4.8 metre tall sculpture to his Langs Road property with the intention of installing it with a view over Bream Bay.

Mr. Harris obtained the elephant from Abdul Bashota, the owner of the Red Elephant Thai Restaurant in Khyber Pass Auckland, where it had stood for the past 40 years. After some tough years and facing a rent increase Mr. Bashota decided to close his restaurant.

“I spent a lot of time at the Red Elephant restaurant for business meetings and family occasions”, said Peter Harris, “and I did not want to see the elephant deteriorating in an industrial yard somewhere unseen and unloved. Our property at Langs Beach, which we have owned for 36 years, seemed an ideal choice and where others can enjoy it.”

He has renamed the elephant Abdul.

The sculpture was built by Harmen Heilkema of Whangarei Whangārei It has a steel internal structure covered in chicken netting and is covered in a mixture of cement and macerated paper. It weighs 1.5 tonne., Mr. Harris said it is weatherproof.

The elephant was lifted onto the trailer of Mr. Harris’s son Jared who attracted a lot of attention as he drove up State Highway 16 on the journey north.

He told the Bream Bay News he has had many positive comments about the new placement of the elephant . “People are very happy with where it is and the fact that others can enjoy it.

We have lived in Langs Beach for nearly 40 years and all the neighbours are good people. I am pleased we were able to put it on full view where everyone could enjoy it rather than hide it somewhere on the property.”

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## “Dogs fouling the footpath - We are over it” “say OTP residents

A complaint has been lodged with the Whangārei District Council about unrestrained dogs in One Tree Point. The complainant said on six 35 minutes walks she counted 60 piles of dog faeces.

On one occasion she accidentally stood in a pile of dog poo and inadvertently walked into her house with this on her shoe and subsequently had to get her carpet cleaned. She now asks everyone visiting to take off their shoes before coming inside.

She has seen dogs unleashed on One



Tree Point beach chasing shore birds and often sees dogs running through children as they walk, cycle or scooter to school.

The complainant requests that a large clear sign be installed at the beach explaining that this is a no dogs allowed area and that dogs ownership should be limited to one dog per household.

To report an urgent issue such as a dog attack, a dog worrying pets or stock phone 0800932463 or 094304200

Less urgent dog issues such as a barking dog, wandering dog or dog fouling the footpath can be reported on the Whangārei District Council website.

## Council press release on future management of Northland’s roading network leaves many questions unanswered

A press release entitled “Transportation coming back in house” published on the Whangārei District Council website on 22 June announces that Northland’s four council are moving away from the Northland Transportation Alliance collaboration established in 2016 where the region’s roading teams worked together sharing their expertise.

The press release states that the councils have opted for a mix of the model where each council manages its own transportation and the combined Northland Alliance model

The press release states this decision is in order to get the “best out of all options” but it leaves many questions unanswered”.

• What advantages are there in each council having more control over its roading maintenance?

- How many staff will the Northland Transportation Alliance retain?
- How many skilled staff have resigned and found other jobs because of the uncertainty of their positions?
- Do the individual Councils now have to employ their own roading engineers?
- Can the individual Councils attract and afford to employ the skilled staff needed to maintain their roading networks?
- How will the funding model work? Will each council pay a reduced proportion of the NTA costs?
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## Takahiwai sports complex gets an upgrade



The new Takahiwai netball court

The Takahiwai sports complex is getting \$600,000 worth of upgrades courtesy of the Whangārei District Council.

In 2023 drainage improvement works were completed on the main rugby league field.

New field lights have been installed to enable games

and training to take place in low light conditions and the adjacent hard courts, which were rundown, have been removed and are being replaced with a fully fenced, multi code court.

The work is scheduled to be completed this month—July 2024.

## Two arrests after Police helicopter tracks fugitives to Ruakākā

If you were up before sunrise on Thursday morning 27 June and wondered what that helicopter was doing hovering above Ruakākā here is the answer. At around 7.30am, the Police Eagle helicopter located a vehicle of interest on State Highway 1 heading towards Whangārei.

Police signaled for the vehicle to stop, however it failed to do so and continued down Marsden Point Rd. at speed.

Police did not pursue it on the ground, however, the Eagle helicopter continued to monitor the vehicle's movements and tracked it Innovate Road, Ruakākā where two people exited the vehicle and attempted to hide in a nearby bush.

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# Waipu Winter Festival in full swing



Rebecca Templeman of the recycled clothing shop Swanky Pants helps Jo Imrie to brighten up a plain black woollen dress. Rebecca invited people to bring in items of clothing they like but don't wear for some free styling assistance as part of the Waipu Winter Festival.



Strapper Candice Gallan embraced the tartan theme at the Northpine Waipu Cup race day on Saturday 29 June. She is leading four-year old stallion Supa Get trained by Chris Gibbs of Ruakaka in preparation for the Waipu Cup race where he ran in sixth place



Wendy Morgan tries her hand at curling in a teams Waipu on Ice competition in the Celtic Barn on Thursday 27 June.



Eight-year-old Emma Parker of Maungakaramea showed she had good balance, even tapping her feet in time to the music playing over the speakers as she circled the rink. The iceskaing rink was set up in the Waipu Celtic Barn from June 28 to June 30, brought here by Promote Waipu with sponsorship from the Whangāre District Council.



Karen Williams gets a lesson in flax weaving from Hanna Carrington at a workshop held in the Celtic Barn foyer on Saturday afternoon 29 June.

# Shortbread competition winners



Clare Scott (on the right) won overall honours at the Waipu Fire Brigades annual shortbread competition with her *Flame Grilled Hamburgers* made entirely of shortbread (chocolate flavoured for the meat patty and red and green colouring for the lettuce and tomato and yellow for the cheese). Second was keen bowler Mary Farrell with her shortbread bowling green, complete with players and coloured balls. Jean Roberts won the prize for the best traditional shortbread and Rosa Billings, pictured here eating part of her *Very Hungry Caterpillar* winning entry, won the children's section. Fire Chief Alan Vaile and Trevor Vaile had the job of sampling all 23 of the entries to find the winners.



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# The versatile Panamals - from chamber music to entertaining at the Ruakākā Races



Bream Bay College's steel pan band The Panimals entertained the crowd between races at the Waipu Northpine Raceday at the Ruakākā track on Saturday 29 June. As well as collecting a payment for their music the Panimals collected donations towards their trip to Australia in October where they will meet with and learn from other steel pan bands. Three members of the group caused a stir at the regional chamber music competition in Auckland on June 22, after being nominated to represent Northland at the district competition. While they didn't make it through to the Nationals, tenor drummer Gabriella Uphof said, steel pans playing chamber music was "certainly a novelty." She hopes to return with her pans to the chamber music competition again next year.



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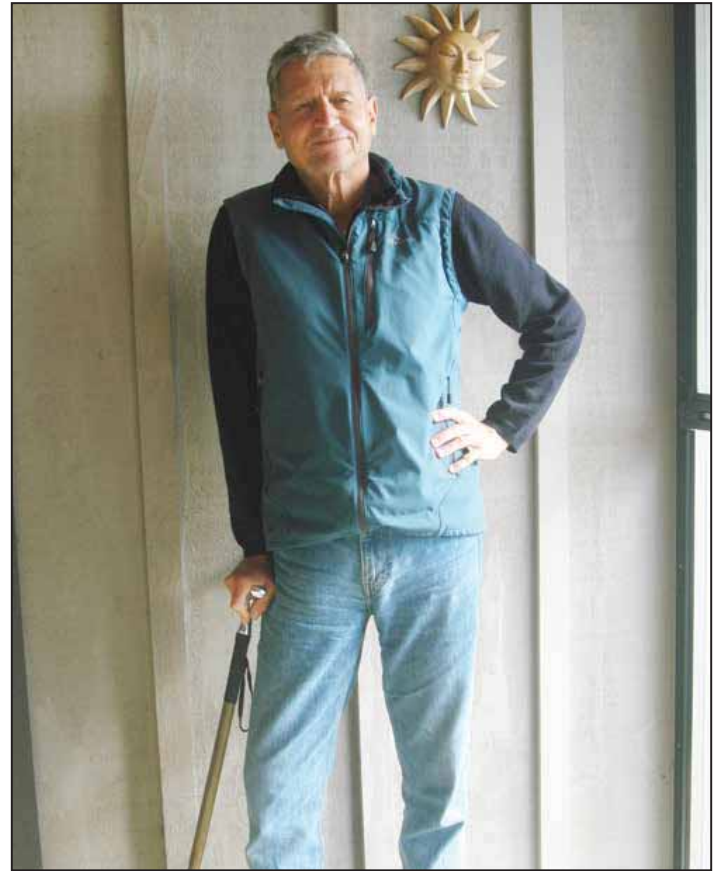
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## Stylish walking sticks made to order in Waipu



Carey Hablous with one of his walking sticks designed after he had the experience of having to use a stick himself after a hip replacement

Carey Hablous has set up a new Waipu based business making walking sticks. It came about fortuitously.

Carey and his partner Mel bought a section in Cullen Rd with some regenerating manuka, which needed to be cleared to make way for their new house. It seemed a shame to turn all those manuka sticks into woodchip so Carey started making them into walking sticks experimenting with various designs.

He has experienced having to use a walking stick after a hip replacement operation and found the stick design options somewhat limited.

“They were either depressingly functional or overly ornate. I thought I could make a better walking stick.”

He carved and sanded “the perfect handle” out of manuka and had this scanned and 3D printed. This 3D printed prototype was used as the pattern for the highly polished cast aluminum handle that is the outstanding feature of Carey’s walking sticks.

After experimenting with manuka as walking stick shafts he found that it was difficult to get consistently straight sticks so eventually settled on resin-reinforced bamboo.

The sticks are fitted with a non-slip rubbery collar underneath the handle so they are less likely to drop to the floor if you lean them against a chair or table.

Carey says, “Often people who need to use a walking stick resist doing this. There is a general perception that it is a capitulation to old age or weakness. Yet falls are often the catalyst that lead to a rapid decline in mobility and confidence particularly as people become frail with age.”

He said, a walking stick personalised and engraved, as a gift is more likely to be used and treasured than one that is resented.

“What’s more a walking stick that looks and feels good can be regarded as a wardrobe accessory and, as such, the person needing it will feel better about using it every day. Plus it offers a person gravitas and an aura of authority.”

Walking sticks are made to order. Buyers can select right or left handed sticks and the length they need by following instructions on the website: [www.nzwalkingsticks.com](http://www.nzwalkingsticks.com).

Carey said, “It is my hope that by offering what is the best walking stick generally available in NZ that more people will use them and many people benefit with a better quality of life.”

An advertisement for Century 21 Real Estate. It shows a woman in a white shirt and jeans running through a doorway carrying boxes. In the background, another woman and a man are also carrying boxes. The text reads: "With You every step of the way". At the bottom, it says "CENTURY 21. Jean Johnson Realty" and "Sales and Property Management Dargaville, Whangarei, Bream Bay W dargaville.century21.co.nz P 09 439 7575".

A fundraising advertisement for the new Ruakaka Rec Centre. It features a photograph of a modern, long building with a glass facade. The text says: "Give a little Fundraiser: Tableware for the new Ruakaka Rec Centre". Below the photo is a QR code and a green arrow pointing right with the text "Scan to donate". At the bottom, it says "Please help so we can reach our goal".

# Schools celebrate Matariki with kapahaka



Dancers from the Fale Pasifika Academy lit up the stage with their colourful costumes and graceful moves

Bream Bay schools take turns hosting the annual Matariki kaphaka Festival and this year it was held in the Waipu Primary hall.

Junior and senior groups from Waipu Primary, Ruakaka Primary and One Tree Point PSchool all had theirtime on the stage.

Preschoolers from the Ruakaka Educare Centre took a turn and the sho was brought to a rousing conclusion by the polished performance of the Bream Bay College students.

This year for the first time there was also a performace by the Fale Pasifika Dance Academy which, under the tutorage of Moka Fotuhetule, has grown from 12 students to more than 60 in the past year.



Junior performers from One Tree Point School : from left to right: Harry Andrews, Hattie Byrne-Taylor, Archie McCully, Millie Broad, Evie Francis-Hunt, Koby DaviesJoan Sharland, Johnny Smales, Cora Chapman, Theo Williams, June-Rose itman-Sullivan snf Kaiako - Tania Papera



The rousing haka led by Phoenix Lewin of Ruakākā School's senior kapahaka team drew a response from Bream Bay College's kapahaka team at the back of the hall



Left : One Tree Point school's boys haka. On stage L to R: Ian Kelly-Smith, Kaizell Magill, Kirwan Hammon, Fergus Gibbs, Cameron Antonievic, Keaton McGinley, Finn Harnett, Quinn Davies, Jayden Bradburn

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# Hole-in-one at Waipu Anniversary Tournament wins a new golf cart

Murray MacFadyen has a brand new golf cart after nailing a hole in one on the 13<sup>th</sup> green at the Waipu Golf Club's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary tournament in April 2024.

The keys to the new Yamaha petrol driven cart valued at \$20,000 were handed over to Murray in front of the Waipu clubhouse on Wednesday 26 June by tournament sponsor Grant Murray of Grant Murray and Associates - a geotechnical and dam safety engineering company.

Mr. Murray's company first made the offer of a new golf cart at the 2023 anniversary tournament but no-one achieved a hole in one. He expects there will be more people trying for this feat at next year's tournament.



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## Senior Citizens lunch

The Waipu Lions will be holding their Senior Citizens Lunch in the Coronation Hall on Sunday 25th August. The doors will open at 12noon with lunch served at 1pm

Please RSVP to Sharon Carroll on 027 265 3227 for catering numbers  
There will be a hot roast lunch and dessert served as well as non-alcoholic punch.



Full event details online [promotewaipu.co.nz](http://promotewaipu.co.nz)

**JULY** (see over for June events)

	\$10pp			WED	\$30pp		FRI	\$5 per child		TUES	
<div style="border: 2px solid #008080; border-radius: 50%; padding: 20px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">Waipu winter FESTIVAL 2024</p> </div>	<b>Matariki Colouring Competition</b> <small>Prizes for all age groups. 28 June - 12 July Sponsored by Mike Whittaker Horticulturist Promote Waipu for details</small>	<b>Body Positivity</b> <small>Celebrate, enhance, and dress to celebrate you! 6.30pm - 8.30pm Swanky Pants, Cove Rd Limited to 10 tickets. Head to f Swanky Pants to book</small>	<b>3</b>	<b>Whiskey Tasting</b> <small>with music from Twisty Willow. In partnership with Waipu Liquor. Bookings essential. from 7:00pm Waipu Scottish Migration Museum Heritage School, 41 Halifax Drive Phone 09 432 0746 for details</small>	<b>5</b>	<b>Knitting for fun with Waipu Museum</b> <small>6 - 10 years old. All materials provided. Bookings essential. 10:00am - midday Waipu Scottish Migration Museum Waipu Heritage Precinct, Heritage School, 41 Halifax Drive Ph: Waipu Museum 09 432 0746</small>	<b>9</b>				
	<b>FREE</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>\$5 per child</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>\$7.50pp</b>	<b>THURS</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>SAT</b>			
<p><b>Enjoy a June &amp; July full of fun and festivity!</b></p>	<b>Pet Parade</b> <small>Meet outside the Pizza Barn or line the street to watch. Prizes and BBQ at Vet Centre. 10:00am Cove Rd to Waipu Vet Centre Janine 021 232 3381 for more info</small>	<b>13</b>	<b>Cooking for fun with Waipu Museum</b> <small>6 - 10 years old. All materials provided. Bookings essential. 10:00am - midday Waipu Scottish Migration Museum Waipu Heritage Precinct, Heritage School, 41 Halifax Drive Ph: Waipu Museum 09 432 0746</small>	<b>16</b>	<b>Kids Ceilidh</b> <small>with music from Twisty Willow. Children 6 - 16 years. Limited numbers. Bookings essential. 1:00pm - 2:00pm Waipu Scottish Migration Museum Waipu Heritage Precinct, Heritage School, 41 Halifax Drive Ph: Waipu Museum 09 432 0746</small>	<b>18</b>	<b>Men in Kilts</b> <small>Golden Oldies Vs. Mansala Kick off 12.30pm Invitational Vs. NZ Barbarians Kick off 2:00pm Contact Steve Jones 027 235 2508 Waipu Vs. Takahiwai Netball Ph: Sunny Lee Jones 021 231 3894</small>	<b>20</b>			
	<b>\$60pp</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>\$50pp</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>SUN</b>			
	<b>Hammer Hardware 9 Hole Ambrose</b> <small>Teams of 4. Includes buffet meal 2:00pm - Tee off Waipu Golf Club Contact: shop@waipugolf.co.nz</small>	<b>21</b>	<b>Bream Bay Coastal Care Planting</b> <small>Morning tea provided for your support. Bring a spade if you have one. Wear sturdy shoes. 8:30am - 10:30am Uretiti DOC Campground Email: breambaynews@extra.co.nz</small>	<b>21</b>	<b>BBUFC 50th Anniversary Dinner</b> <small>Celebrating 50 years of players and supporters. Tickets include canapes, dinner and a live band. 8:00pm Celtic Barn Ph: Hayden Green 021 200 4394</small>	<b>27</b>	<b>Waipu Surf Club Mid-winter Swim</b> <small>End Waipu winter festival with the annual spine tingling, chilling and invigorating dip. 12:00pm Waipu Cove Surf Club, Cove Rd Ph: Kath Manning 021 594 401</small>	<b>28</b>			













# Change of Command Ceremony



Air Marshal Tony Davies inspects the Guard of Honour at the Change of Command Ceremony conducted by Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro at Government House in Wellington on Thursday June 6 2024.

He is wearing a ceremonial Kākahu, which was set around his shoulders by the outgoing Chief of Defence Air Marshal Kevin Short. He is also wearing the Manahi Sword of Gallantry, which was earlier presented to him (on 24 May) at a ceremony at Te Papaouru Marae, in Ōhinemutu

The sword was gifted to Te Arawa by Queen Elizabeth 1 to honour Lance Sergeant Haane Manahi, for distinguished service during the Second World War.

During the Battle of Takrouna in Tunisia in April 1943, Lance Sergeant Manahi led a small band of soldiers up a 300metre high rocky outcrop. Under mortar and machine-gun fire, they captured a stronghold held by more than 300 Italian and German troops. This act was described by Lieutenant General Sir Brian Horrocks as 'the most gallant feat of arms I witnessed in the course of the war'.

The sword is traditionally given by Te Arawa to the

Chief of Defence Force at the start of their time in office and is returned to the iwi when they relinquish command.

On receiving the sword AM Davies said, "I feel incredibly honoured to become the caretaker of this very precious piece of military history, which is also a symbol of enduring respect and close relationships," said Air Vice-Marshal Davies.

"The Manahi Sword will serve to ground me in my new role as steward of the Defence Force, and the great responsibility I have to the people who serve within our ranks.

Air Marshal Davies grew up in Bream Bay, attending Waipu Primary School and Bream Bay College.

His proud parents Lyn and Peter Davies of Langs Beach attended the ceremony in Wellington to see their son made Chief of the New Zealand Defence Force

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Sat 6 July	7.27	2.5	8.01	2.7
Sun 7 July	8.17	2.5	8.47	2.7
Mon 8 July	9.05	2.5	9.31	2.7
Tue 9 July	9.49	2.5	10.13	2.6
Wed 10 July	10.32	2.4	10.54	2.6
Thu 11 July	11.13	2.4	11.33	2.5
Fri 12 July	11.55	2.4	~	~
Sat 13 July	12.14	2.5	12.39	2.3
Sun 14 July	12.55	2.4	1.26	2.3
Mon 15 July	1.39	2.4	2.17	2.2
Tue 16 July	2.26	2.3	3.12	2.2
Wed 17 July	3.16	2.3	4.09	2.3
Thu 18 July	4.10	2.3	5.04	2.3
Fri 19 July	5.05	2.3	5.57	2.4
Sat 20 July	6.01	2.4	6.48	2.5
Sun 21 July	6.56	2.5	7.37	2.6
Mon 22 July	7.49	2.5	8.25	2.7
Tues 23 July	8.41	2.6	9.13	2.8
Wed 24 July	9.32	2.7	10.02	2.9
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## Pop - up art sale at the Marsden Yacht and Boat Club



Jono and Dhara Pereira with some of their 3D printed vases

Jono and Dhara Pereira, who 3D print toys, vases and other home décor product using recycled or biodegradable plastics, will be amongst the exhibitors at the Artisan Junction sale and exhibition at Marsden Yacht and Boat Club in One Tree Point Road on Saturday 6 July from 10am to 4pm.

Jono and Dhara emigrated from Brazil eight years ago and moved to One Tree Point in 2021.

The both have full time jobs but have been looking around for an opportunity to set up a new business. Initially the plan was to make 3D parts for virtual reality helmet set goggles but this turned out to be a highly competitive market.

They purchased a 3D printer and put it to use making spare parts for the local toy library.

Their parents visited and encouraged them to make products to sell as gifts. They said, "People were asking for more variety particularly vases in different sizes and colours."

Dhara has a marketing degree so has put this to good use. In February 2024 they had their first market stall at the Artisan market at One Tree Point School. Since then they have taken their wares to many more markets including the Marsden Cove Market and markets in Matakana, Mangawhai, Coastesville and Parua Bay.

Dhara and Jono hope by next summer to be able to give up their jobs to focus on their business' on-line marketing and fulfilling individual commissions.

As well as the various exhibits and sale items there will be a raffle for a collection of the artisans' items. All money collected will be donated to the volunteer group Linking Hands, which assists local people who need transport to medical appointments.

## Family Ceilidh

The Waipu Scottish Country Dancing Club is hosting its annual Family Tartan Ceilidh Night on Monday 8 July from 7 to 9pm in the Waipu Coronation Hall.

Ginny Hall Cowley said the dances are all called and walked through and are easy so as to cater for all ages. Live music is provided by Waipu Celtic band Twisty Willow Celtic along with other musical and singing items. There will also be: raffles, spot prizes and supper. There are prizes for the best tartan outfits. To join in the dancing wear soft, low heeled shoes. No partner is needed.

Entry price is \$5 for adults and a gold coin donation for school children.

Ginny said, "Our Waipu Scottish Country Dance Club has been hosting this event for over a decade now. We love to celebrate July, being the time of Tartan Celebration in Scottish history and 'Winter in Waipu'. It's always a special time in our dancing club's calendar.

"We usually get a great turnout of around 100 people, of all ages, which makes it such a great fun night. Most join in the dancing but many come and enjoy the lovely live Celtic music.

"We always make sure the event is held during the School holidays so it's not too late for a school night for those younger ones attending."

For more information phone Ginny 021 126 4437 or Frank 021 047 4831

# EVERY THURSDAY

## BREAM BAY Link

MORNING	
9.00am	Departs Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall
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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

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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
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# Ireland's Pirate Queen at the Otamatea Repertory Theatre



Adara Lunjevich of Waipu is playing the lead character of Gráinne O'Malley. Felix Longdon of Paparoa is playing Sir Richard Bingham.

Drawing on her Celtic roots and a love of theatre and music, Maura Flower wrote The Pirate Queen; around the legend of Gráinne O'Malley, known in Ireland as the Pirate Queen.

Grainne O'Malley was born in 1530. Her father was chief of Clan O Maille and Lord of Umhaill. On her father's death Grainne took over leadership of the clan and in 1593 after her half brother and two of her sons were taken captive by the English Governor of Connacht, Sir Richard Bingham, Grainne sailed to England to petition Queen Elizabeth I for their release. Starring young local actors, The Pirate Queen, will be showing at the Otamatea Repertory Theatre on July 12<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. To book tickets go to [www.ort.org.nz](http://www.ort.org.nz)

## School holiday Swap-a-Book dates

Bream Bay Learning Community will be holding Swap a Book days in Ruakaka Town Centre on Friday 12 July from 10am to 2pm and at the e Waipu shops on Friday 19 July from 10am to 2pm.

Children are invited to bring along a book they have read to swap for a new one they like the look of and are given prizes if they bring along a book review.

## WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** 10:30am-12 noon every Friday in the hall at the Bream Bay Community Trust in Takutai Place, Ruakākaā. Light refreshments available. Friday 5 July Save, Make Do Workshop with Lyn Webster. Friday 12 July - Reo Cafe - Practice korero in te reo māori
- **SOUP NIGHT** at the Marsden Yacht and Boat Club. Friday 5 July from 5.30pm. Quiz, raffles and lucky draw.
- **WHISKEY TASTING** with music by Twisty Willow. In partnership with Waipu Liquor. Friday 5 July from 7pm. In the Waipu Heritage School in the Heritage Precinct. \$30pp. Bookings essential. Ph 09 432 0746.
- **ARTISAN JUNCTION** Pop up Art Sale. At the Marsden Yacht and Boat Club. Saturday 6 July 10am - 4pm. Showcasing 11 artists.
- **PET PARADE** Saturday 13 July. From 10am at the Waipu Pizza Barn.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 14 July From 9am to 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **MEN IN KILTS RUGBY** Saturday 20 July in the Caledonian Park, Waipu. Kick off Golden Oldies vs Manaia 12.30pm. Kick off Invitational team vs Barbarians at 2pm.
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 21 July 9am - 1pm. One Tree Point School quadrant and field. Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward.
- **BREAM BAY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB** 50th anniversary dinner. 27 July from 6pm in the Waipu Celtic Barn. Ph Hayden 021 266 4884
- **WAIPU COVE SURF LIFESAVING CLUB MID WINTER SWIM**, Sunday 28 July 12 noon at the club.
- **FAMILY TARTAN CEILIDH NIGHT** Monday 8th July 7 - 9pm @ the Waipu Coronation Hall with Twisty Willow Celtic Band Adults \$5, School children Gold coin.
- **COMMUNITY PUBLIC BINGO** Last Wednesday in each month Waipu Citizens and Services Club. Club open to public Calling starts 7.30 pm Restaurant open 5.30 pm All Welcome. Next on Wednesday 31 July
- **STARS IN YOUR EYES WAIPU**. Show dates 2 and 3 August. Tickets from [www.trybooking.com/nz](http://www.trybooking.com/nz) or from Harcourts Real Estate office in the Waipu Centre.
- **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am- 4pm
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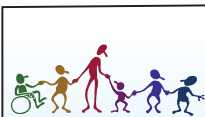
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*Pursuant to section 186A of the Fisheries Act 1996, notification is given of the Fisheries (Marsden Bank and Mair Bank Temporary Closure) Notice 2024.*

The notice closes Marsden Bank and Mair Bank to the take of all shellfish from 29 June 2024 until 28 June 2026. The closure was requested by the Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board.

The temporary closure includes all that area of New Zealand fisheries waters starting at the end of the Marsden Point oil refinery jetty, proceeding to the Whangarei Harbour main channel port-hand buoys no. 18, no. 16, and no. 14, then proceeding in a westerly direction to the mean high-water mark.

Further information about temporary closures, including a map of this temporary closure, is available on the Ministry for Primary Industries website ([www.mpi.govt.nz/fishing-aquaculture/](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/fishing-aquaculture/)) or by contacting Fisheries New Zealand.



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