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New supermarket in 2021

Ruakaka is to get a new, larger supermarket.

Ken Orr of Ruakaka Town Centre said, "We will build a new supermarket at over double the current size on the grass between Educare and the Ruakaka Tavern. Takutai Place will be extended through to Sime Road behind the new Supermarket. The build will start in 2020 with the supermarket opening in 2021.



Sign at the Ruakaka Town Centre

Signs informing people of the new development went up alongside the tavern and at the eastern end of the town centre last weekend.

The new store will have a floor space of 2,500 square metres with another 1,000 metres reserved alongside should this be needed for a future expansion.

Grant Egan and Michelle Alison, the owner operators of FreshChoice Ruakaka will be moving their business into the new premises some time in mid to late 2021.

Grant said with twice as much space they would be able to stock a much larger range of products. The new supermarket will have its own bakery, a "serve over" delicatessen and possibly also a butchery with staff ready to help customers. There will also be self service check outs and a "click and collect" option (available from some time next year before the move takes place), for customers to make their orders on line and then call in and pick up their boxes of groceries. A delivery service may also be set up. More parking space will be built in front.

Extra staff will be needed for the newbigger supermarket so there will be a few more jobs on offer.

Grant said the area is growing so quickly that the current supermarket is just not big enough to serve the population, particularly over the summer holiday period.

The same specials and price structure as exist in the current supermarket under the FreshChoice branding will remain. FreshChoice supermarkets are owner operated under franchise agreements with Wholesale Distributors Ltd., a division of Woolworths NZ



Liam Smith, aged 5, ready with his board and goggles for a race at the Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Club's Nippers training held on Sunday mornings from 10am on the Ruakaka beach in front of the surf club.

So far this year the club has had 60 children between the ages of 4 and 7 sign up for the programme. That number is expected to grow over the summer and last season reached a high of 120. Debbie Fong, the club's administrator emphasizes that Nippers is a family affair and a parent, grandparent or guardian is expected to stay and help with the morning's activities.



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EDITORIAL

Start compiling your lists

I met a woman in the Eco Store in Whangarei last week. She had blue eyes accentuated by a sky blue shirt she was wearing. She spoke with an accent and when I asked her where she was from she told me she was originally from Germany but had arrived here on a yacht 30 years ago after having lived for several years on tropical Pacific islands. She said on stepping off the boat she had seen a giant oak tree, now gone, on the waterfront. She had watched a breeze blowing through its branches and had decided this was where she wanted to live. She hadn't realized until she arrived here how, while living amongst all those coconut and banana palms, she had missed big, old trees. I imagine she arrived here in the spring, when the grass was still green and coolness still in the air. She made me realize how much I love this place.

At this time of the year with wild roses and grapevines rampant on the side of our country roads, the beans in my garden growing so fast I can almost see their tendrils stretching and unfurling, the sea water warming up, there is nowhere I would rather be. If all those momentous events the guest speakers at the Ruakaka Economic Development conference at the racecourse on Friday 29 November spoke of come about then some big changes are afoot in Northland and, in particular, in Bream Bay.

One of the business leaders at the REDG conference asked me, with a note of suspicion in his voice, where I stood on all of these announcements. I think I am cheering them on but with some reservations. The upgrade of the rail, in particular, I think would be good thing. Trains are more efficient than trucks. Fewer trucks and more trains mean lower carbon emissions. If the line from Auckland into Northland is upgraded, the inland port built in west Auckland and the rail spur to Marsden Point constructed then we will see fewer trucks on the road

I was impressed by the presentation given by Greg Miller, CEO of KiwiRail. Mr. Miller said the railway upgrade and extension to Marsden Point would need to be in place before all those new port functions could be moved here and explained what is needed to make the Northland rail line capable of handling all the freight that would need to be sent from Marsden Point to Auckland. He said recesses would be set on the new line so that the system could be electrified at some time in the future. Those of us who believe we need to do everything we can to lower carbon emissions and avert the most extreme effects of climate change should be lobbying for the electrification of the rail

network sooner rather than later.

If Ports of Auckland moves to Marsden Point, it will bring with it more industry. This will mean more houses, more people and more pressure on our beaches and coastline. We are not doing particularly well at present in looking after our dunes, rivers and estuaries and I think we will need to step up our efforts to ensure this accelerated development doesn't result in further degradation of our most valuable assets. The environmentalists amongst us will need to speak louder and work harder to get our concerns acted on and the Department of Conservation, the Whangarei District Council and the Northland Regional Councils will need to step up and make some bold decisions and allocate resources to back these up.

We need to plant lots of trees, along the banks of all our waterways and to replace all those weeds in the back dunes of Bream Bay with native species.

Some strong-arm action needs to be taken to stop all those trail bikes, which are destroying our dunes. Perhaps with all the new industry about to arrive someone will fund a dedicated trail bike park on private land for these thrill seekers to use.

That proposed multi generational facility the Ruakaka Recreation Centre committee is talking about suddenly looks a lot more viable and, while we are at it, what about that heated, swimming pool? Membership of our sports clubs will increase and there will be pressure for more playing courts and fields and larger clubrooms.

All the public entrances where people park their cars and walk down onto the beach are already in sore need of upgrading.

To get down to some particulars we urgently need upgraded public toilets and changing facilities at Ruakaka beach alongside the surf club. That tiny little toilet block is grossly inadequate for all the people: visitors and locals, who come to swim, picnic and walk on this section of beach.

With the large population increase at One Tree Point and Marsden Bay, Mair Rd. is now a frequently used beach location and is likely to be the venue of a national volleyball championship this summer. The portable toilets located there will be a bit embarrassing if this event gets national media attention.

This is just a start. I urge all the residents of Bream Bay to think long and hard about this. If all this development is about to come our way what can we do to make sure some of the new investment goes into protecting and enhancing what we value most? Start compiling your lists.

Marilyn



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A public meeting on the Kāinga Ora, Transitional Housing

The Ruakākā Parish Residents and Ratepayers Association has organized a public meeting to discuss the proposed Kāinga Ora transitional housing development on Te One park in the Ruakākā Village. The meeting will be held in the upstairs lounge of the Ruakākā

Recreation Centre at 6.30pm on Monday 9 December. Representatives of Kāinga Ora will be present to respond to people's questions and the ratepayers have also invited spokespersons from Bream Bay College, the Bream Bay Medical Centre, The Bream Bay Police and the Bream Bay Community Trust to put their particular concerns. Whangarei District Council planning staff have been asked to attend to explain the District Plan and the consenting process. Whangarei's Member of Parliament Shane Reti has also been invited.

The representatives of each of the above organisations will be given five minutes to speak and there will also be an opportunity for residents who live near the proposed housing development to ask questions. However, Warren Daniel, the RPRRA secretary asks that people phone him prior to the meeting with their questions so he can ask Kāinga Ora to prepare answers and prevent the same question being put multiple times. Warren's phone number is 09 432 7268.

He said the objectives of the meeting will be to:

- Ascertain the communities opinion as to whether the proposal should either go ahead, be stopped or amended.
- Seek public notification of the Application for the Resource Consent
- Strongly object to the lack of community consultation before the proposal was announced
- And hopefully appoint a community based Steering Committee to oversee any appropriate future action(s). Warren will be bringing along a cowbell to ring when a speaker has used up his or her allotted time. He expects it will be put to good use

See Page 7 where Kāinga Ora replies to some questions put by the Bream Bay News

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 19 December
The deadline for all copy is 4pm on
Wednesday 11 December

Two big log trucks on the One Tree Point Primary School field



One Tree Point children line up for a turn to climb up into the cab of Sahne Laurence's big log truck

Children at One Tree Point Primary got to climb into the cabs of some big log trucks last month.

On Thursday 21 November Keith Newey of Newey's Transport and Shane Laurence of Aysha Logging drove two giant log trucks with trailers onto the school playing field. Representatives of Hancocks Forestry Management also came along wearing their high visibility safety clothing.

Ian Newey made a short presentation to each class of children about how to stay safe on and around roads when big trucks are travelling along them.

He told the children big vehicles have blind spots where drivers cannot see and they should keep their distance.

"If you cannot see the drivers face in the rear vision mirror than he hasn't seen you."

He showed the children a forearm pumping action to use when you want a truck driver to sound the horn. He suggests that if you are unsure if a truck

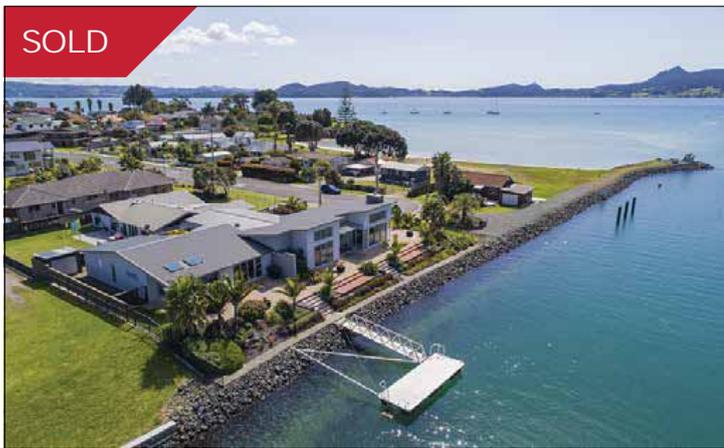
driver has seen you, you should do this and wait for the horn to be certain.

He told the children they should wear bright clothing when riding bikes on the road and keep well clear of the road edge when walking.

When a pilot vehicle with a flashing light indicates an extra large load is coming they need to stand well back and wait and they need to be aware that big vehicles take extra space when turning corners, sometimes taking a double lane to get around a roundabout.

After the lesson the children filed out onto the field to count the number of wheels on each truck, climb into their cabs and pull their horns.

Ian regularly visits Northland schools on behalf of the Northland Road Council. with a programme entitled *Share the Road Safely*



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Where are the permanent homes for people in Kainga Ora transisitional houses to go ?

Kainga Ora, sounds exactly like a government entity. The ordinary person on the street has no idea where they are or what they do. Has this formula been used anywhere else and has it succeeded? If it has not been tested there should be a lot more thought and preparation before launching this initiative.

I understand this initiative is designed to provide temporary housing for people in poor living conditions and to prepare them for permanent living. This could work if there was somewhere for them to go when ready. I would presume that preparation would include permanent employment.

The initiative should be to eradicate dependency on the public purse. These people need to have employment and a sense of belonging. Belonging can only be achieved by having permanent employment and ownership of a property.

These houses should be built to a more permanent specification and the people given solid incentives to

own. The gravy train should be on a siding not on the rails going from failure after failure.

You do not have to look too far into the past to find a time when there was good paying employment and ownership was a possibility. This type of housing should be supplied where there is employment opportunity both urban and rural.

Then there is the Ruakaka infrastructure. First, the human waste disposal system. The exiting system is in need of overdue updating. To just dump another 30+ dwellings onto the system is a recipe for disaster. Then there is the roading, medical services, transport services, schools and recreation.

I hope Kainga Ora has a robust and immediate system to monitor this incentive.

*Winston Woods
Ruakaka*



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The End Of An Era at Waipu Primary School

The BOT of Waipu Primary School has informed us that the 'Life Choices' Christmas lesson is the very last lesson. The BOT has said they haven't heard a community voice wanting 'Life Choices' to continue. As with most things I believe when you are happy with what is happening you don't realise you have to write a letter to say you want 'Life Choices' to continue.

'Life Choices' is a values based program teaching love, kindness, caring, bravery, integrity, respect and community with the Christian message saying this is what the Bible shows us or this is what Christians believe.

Besides Christian stories we cover stories such as Rosa Parks, an amazing woman who stood firm against the bullies and was able to change a nation. She prayed to God for help. Gladys Aylward who saved 100 orphans by walking them 450kms through mountainous country in China.

We cover New Zealand heroes such as Wynyon Rufer (internationally acclaimed soccer player). Rapture Ruckus (internationally famous rap artist). Taore, who changed early New Zealand history with 'forgive your enemies' message which spread throughout New Zealand. Heni Pore, famous Maori warrior who showed kindness to wounded enemies in battle at risk to her own life because she and her tribe adopted the way of Jesus. Samuel Marsden who bought first Christmas service to New Zealand.

I asked Pam McLean what she thought. She said 'Oh what a shame'. She said she was very happy for the children to have this learning because it was the children's chance to hear about Jesus as many parents don't have the knowledge or chance to teach those things to their children. Pam's children, grandchildren and now great grandchildren have all benefited from Christian based teaching.

There are many in our community who have second and third generations going through our school. We have asked the children, they want 'Life Choices' some even stating it is their favourite lesson of the day. We need our children to be well rounded academically, physically, culturally and spiritually.

Waipu is founded on a strong Christian heritage. We are unique as a small community as we all share Christian charity, love and support for one another, which is not found in big cities.

A big thank you to all the Bream Bay Churches who have supported Life Choices both financially and prayerfully.

A huge thank you to all the Life Choices teachers and helpers both present and past for their dedication to the children of Waipu.

The biggest thank-you to the awesome children of Waipu Primary. Thank you for your hugs, your love, your questions and encouragement.

We thank all Waipu Primary School staff for their support of Life Choices as part of our children's education over the past 60 years. The recent decision is a sad outcome for present and future pupils.

*Julie Malone (On behalf of the Life Choices Team)
Team Leader*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE VERY WELCOME

Email them to: breambaynews@xtra.co.nz, Drop them off at the Waipu or Ruakaka Lotto shops Or post them to: The Bream Bay News, 547 Mountfield Rd., RD2 Waipu, Postcode 0582

More letters on page 6.

Driver mentor programme ready to start in the new year

The Bream Bay driver mentor programme has a bright yellow Suzuki Swift donated to the cause by the team at Ray White Bream Bay.

The car is being stored at the Ruakaka Future Build complex and Future Build has undertaken to co-ordinate the programme, linking learner drivers with volunteer driver mentors and organizing timetables.

Gillian Archer of the Northland Road Safety Trust said she had a good response to an article and advert in the last issue of the Bream Bay News and has a team of people ready to train to become driver mentors helping people to prepare for their restricted and full drivers licence tests.

It is recognized that not having a driver's licence can be an impediment to getting a job and those who repeatedly drive without licences can find themselves on the wrong side of the law, collecting large fines for repeated offences and sometimes to imprisonment.

Aaron said he purchased the car for around \$6,000 from a woman in Auckland with the vendor accepting a discounted price when she knew what the vehicle



From left: Katie Hirst of Futurebuild, Ruakaka, Aaron Ratcliffe, Brad McKeeg and Rochelle Tipler of Ray White Bream Bay, Gillian Archer of the Northland Road Safety Trust, and Malcolm Norton of Ray White.

would be used for.

Katie Hirst of Futurebuild said she is working towards the programme beginning on 6 January when Futurebuild is back in action after a holiday break. She said people could start registering their interest in being mentored right away by calling 0800 CHH LVL (244 585).

Ruakaka Tavern owners never agreed to Fight Night

The operators of the Ruakaka Tavern, want to make it clear that they never agreed to hold a fight night in the tavern and, in fact, were surprised when the police contacted them about this.

They are concerned that a perception the tavern was linked to gang activity would be bad for business.

"We don't want anything to do with the gangs. We try to provide a safe and welcoming place for all to enjoy."

The Bream Bay News was invited by Herbie Rata of the Headhunters gang to photograph a weigh-in

for the fight night at the tavern but when our reporter arrived she was told the weigh-in had been moved to Marsden Bay.

The fight night had in fact been planned for a venue in Whangarei but was eventually held on at Mr. Rata's Takahiwai family property on Saturday 16 November. The tavern operators said Mr. Rata is a regular customer and as long as he obeys the rules and doesn't wear any gang regalia he is welcome and is treated with the same respect as any other customer.

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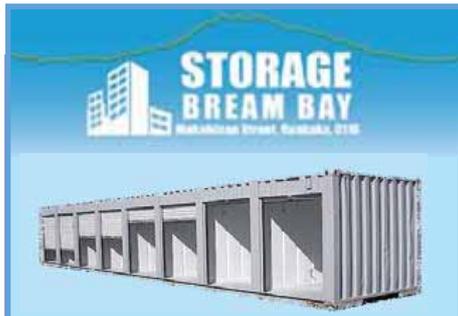
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LETTERS

More thoughts on the termination of the Waipu Primary Life Choices programme

I'd just like to share a few thoughts about the recent decision to cancel the Life Choices values programme, a 60 year old tradition at Waipu Primary School.

This is from my perspective of being one of a team of Life Choices teachers for 16 years. It is a privilege and a pleasure to have contributed to the community in this way. The children, teachers and school governing bodies have been welcoming and supportive. The programme supports all the values which are so much a part of the lovely little town of Waipu, including its school, which those of us who have been here long enough to appreciate, can attest to.

These values include respect for people and their property, caring, helping others in need, not judging on appearances alone, standing for what is right, dealing with bullying, working together, using our talents and abilities, appreciating and caring for nature, diligence, commitment, honesty, being confident, facing our problems, having the right attitude, having courage. . . the list goes on. All these values are foundational to a decent, well- functioning community as we have here. Life Choices also has lessons on famous NZers and their contributions to our nation. Two examples are:

Sir Apirana Ngata, (who graces the NZ \$50 note), famous for his services to Maori Affairs.

Kate Sheppard (graces the NZ \$10 note), who campaigned to obtain the right for women to vote in par-

liamentary elections.

I am aware that the voice of secularism is growing and that different worldviews are being expressed and accommodated and in this age of inclusiveness and diversity, this is to be expected. Christian ethics are an important part of our society and heritage. Waipu's heritage is very much Christian based.

I am motivated to write only because it is suggested that those who would like Life Choices to remain, haven't spoken up. Yet, from the surprised reactions I am hearing from Waipu citizens, of all ages, from children to great-grandparents, it seems they were not aware of the imminent cancellation and therefore saw no need to have made their views known.

Other valued, long-standing Waipu traditions such as Highland Games, Christmas Float Parade, Tartan week, etc. are presumed to continue until they are either unsupported through lack of volunteers or voted out by a majority.

How do we want our community to look in 5, 10, 15 years and beyond? The more support we can give the community by endorsing these values, the better.

*Carolee Geddes
Waipu*

Judeo Christian values and ethics support the idea of self-worth

These are some of my thoughts about the recent cancellation of the Life Choices program at Waipu Primary School, as reported by the school Board of Trustees. Life choices has been part of Waipu Primary for many years and contributes to the well-being of children.

It is well known that being taught and versed in Judeo Christian ethics tends to contribute to good character.

In communities where these values are not generally upheld, the social ills can be numerous and difficult to overcome. It is no accident that Waipu is, in general, a healthy, law-abiding community. It is easy to take this for granted. People who have experienced other dysfunctional communities will appreciate what we have here.

In this time of increasing social ills and many challenges facing youth, it is extremely important to reinforce to young people a sense of their worth. Judeo Christian values and ethics support the idea of self-worth and are foundational to the Life Choices program.

Proportionally, most parents seem happy for their children to participate in the Life Choices program, evidenced by the number of pupils who attend. Are the more vocal, minority deciding for the majority?

Amongst a number of people who have raised their concerns to me re the decision, are two parents of different, unrelated families who said they go further to have their children attend Waipu Primary School, partly because of the Christian based ethics program. They appreciate these values being reinforced.

The values and ethics embodied in the Life Choices program represent the Christian side of our culture. The Judeo-Christian heritage of New Zealand is part of our history and therefore valuable to our society both now and moving forward.

It begs the question, If the Life Choices program is beneficial to the school and community, which the majority seem to indicate that it is, why would it be discontinued?

*Martin Geddes
Waipu*



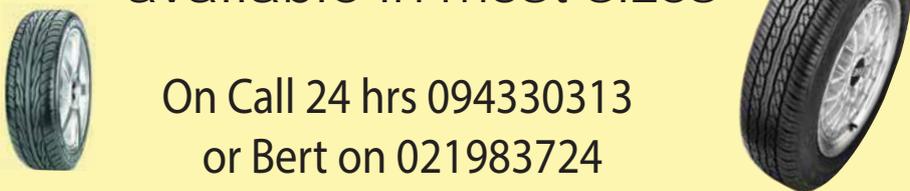
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Sail GP catamaran tested on Bream Bay waters this month

Keep an eye out for a Sail GP racing catamaran, which will be tested in Bream Bay from December 3. This is the latest F50 boat to be built at Core Builders Composites in Warkworth for the Sail GP series. It will be stored at Northport and lifted in and out of the water by the port company's 100-ton mobile harbour crane, at a purpose-built pontoon and mooring area. Bream Bay residents with a view of the bay watched the six original Sail GP craft, speeding across the bay as they were tested here last summer. The boats were then transported to Sydney, where racing began in the first set of a series that went on to San Francisco, Cowes and Marseille.

A new modular wingsail will also undergo testing on the seventh boat, in preparation for being fitted to the entire SailGP fleet before the 2020 San Francisco SailGP. A first-of-its-kind system, the wing comprises of sections that can be assembled in varying lengths – initially from 18 to 24 meters with the future ability to go to 29 meters – to enable the F50s to compete in a range of weather conditions.

GP Sail boats are identical so that racing success comes down to sailing ability rather than technological advantage.

Once testing has been complete a new international team will be announced.

A team of approximately 30 Core Composite staff and yachtsmen will be based here testing and training on the boat through to January 17.

The Sail GP competition was initiated by Larry Ellison, the founder of Oracle and yachtsman Russell Coutts. Each boat is assigned to an international team. In 2019 these represented Australia, Japan, China, Great Britain, France and the United States, with the Australian team taking the prize money in a match race at the culmination of the inaugural series.

The teams and boats and the boat building company in Warkworth are all owned by Mr. Ellison who has undertaken to fund the venture for five years with the intention that it become self funding after that.

Northport CEO Jon Moore said, "While this is very different to our core business and isn't a commercial endeavour, we hope it will ultimately drive economic growth. Many of the services Core Builders Composite needs are sourced locally and we wouldn't be surprised to see other specialist firms servicing the international competitive racing industry establish a presence here too."

Kāinga Ora replies to BB News questions

The Bream Bay News sent some questions to Kāinga Ora, the state owned agency which is planning to build 33 transitional houses on Te One Park in the Ruakaka Village by June next year.

We asked, "How can local people be assured that the support networks in place for the transitional housing tenants will be adequate to meet their needs and insure there are not negative impacts on the local community?"

We said, "The Karawai Lodge nearby with 12 rooms for rent is already used for transitional housing and the people living there have in the past caused disturbances requiring frequent police attention."

In response, Chris House, a spokesman for Kāinga Ora said, "The Karawai Lodge is privately run and is not contracted to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for transitional housing."

"The proposed development at Tamingi and Te One Streets, Ruakaka, will be operated by an experienced housing and social service provider. It will be responsible for managing the tenancies and the properties ensuring they are maintained, the site operates to a high standard and people comply with the terms of their tenancies. They will also be responsible for en-

suring tenants get the support and services they need. Once a housing provider is contracted they will make themselves known and be the point of contact for the community."

To a query about the ownership and the lease arrangements, Mr. House replied, "Kāinga Ora does not own the site of the proposed transitional housing. The land is currently owned by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ). Negotiations are underway with LINZ to lease the site. The lease term is part of this process."

To our third question: Is Kāinga Ora willing to conduct a public meeting in Ruakaka to answer some of the questions local people have about the development?

Having already agreed to attend a meeting arranged by the Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association Mr. House replied, "Yes. The three agencies responsible for delivering transitional housing – Kāinga Ora, the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development – will be represented at a public meeting on 9 December at 6:30pm at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre, Takutai Place. This meeting is open to the community and will be a good forum to hear more about transitional housing, how it will be operated and to ask questions about the development."



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Fri 6 Dec	3.25	2.2	3.55	2.3
Sat 7 Dec	4.22	2.2	4.46	2.3
Sun 8 Dec	5.20	2.2	5.35	2.3
Mon 9 Dec	6.13	2.2	6.23	2.3
Tue 10 Dec	7.02	2.3	7.09	2.4
Wed 11 Dec	7.47	2.4	7.55	2.4
Thu 12 Dec	8.31	2.5	8.40	2.5
Fri 13 Dec	9.14	2.6	9.26	2.5
Sat 14 Dec	9.58	2.7	10.13	2.6
Sun 15 Dec	10.44	2.7	11.01	2.6
Mon 16 Dec	11.31	2.7	11.50	2.6
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Wed 18 Dec	12.41	2.5	1.11	2.7
Thu 19 Dec	1.35	2.5	2.05	2.6
Fri 20 Dec	2.33	2.5	3.01	2.6



Police Report

Two car collision on Port Highway

A young man was flown to Auckland Hospital by emergency helicopter after a two-car collision on Port Marsden Highway near the Big Tomato shops at 7.20am on Thursday 21 November. The 18-year-old had just finished working a night shift. His condition has since stabilized. A 28-year-old man driving the second vehicle was also injured but not as seriously and he was taken to Whangarei Hospital by ambulance. The section of road between Salle Rd and the One Tree Point Rd. intersection was closed throughout the morning and traffic diverted to Marsden Point Rd.

Burglaries

- On 20 November there was an attempt to break into the Maungaturoto Country Club. The burglar or burglars fled when the alarm went off.
- Some time between 22 and 24 November there was a burglary of the tool shed at Paparoa School. A weed eater and a chainsaw were taken.
- On 27 November there was an attempted break in at the GAS petrol station at the roundabout on State Highway One. The burglars appear to have run away when a burglar alarm was set off.

Eight family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police dealt with eight family harm incidents over the two-week period from 18 November to 2 December

Pair in custody facing 15 burglary charges

Nathan Solomon and Rangi Ormsby of Ruakaka are facing 15 charges of burglary. The pair were arrested on 9 November and Police carried out a search of their Karo Street home three days later recovering a significant amount of stolen property including: jewelry, power tools, sports gear, household appliances, stereos and television sets, building supplies, whiteware, clothing and furniture. Police are endeavoring to return these goods to their rightful owners and urge anyone who has suffered a burglary in the Bream Bay area from as far back as the beginning of this year to report it on the Police non-emergency number 105.

Mr. Solomon and Ms. Ormsby are both remanded in custody and due to appear in the Whangarei District Court on December 9.

Housekeeper finds intruder watching TV in client's house

At 2pm on 29 November a housekeeper turned up to clean a house in Marsden Point Rd. to find an unknown man inside watching television. He was in an intoxicated state and she phoned the police. A 37-year-old local man was due to appear in the Whangarei District Court on 4 December on a charge of unlawfully being at a property.

Calling for volunteer beach ambassadors

Volunteer beach ambassadors are needed to help patrol the shoreline between the Ruakaka and Waipu estuaries this summer.

This will be the fourth summer the programme, which was set up by Constable Martin Geddes of The Bream Bay Police in response to a number of drownings on this section of beach, has operated. The District Coroner has mentioned the initiative as part of the answer to the drowning fatalities which he has investigated over the last six years.

Ben Thompson of Cervus Equipment Whangarei has once again offered the loan of a beach Gator so the patrollers can cover the eight kilometres of beach between the two estuaries.

Patrolling will begin on 23 December and continue twice a day for two months.

Ambassadors will have training around the use of the Gator, identifying dangerous sea conditions and responding to emergencies. They are not encouraged to enter the ocean to save lives but rather to be the point of contact at the scene relaying vital information to emergency services

Constable Martin Geddes said, "The key roles of the ambassador are around prevention and education. To assist with this we have safety pamphlets in Chinese, English and Korean. The hands on personal approach is what makes this initiative work."

A typical patrol will start by logging on at the Ruakaka Surf Club where the Gator is kept. From there the patrol travels along the beach stopping and talking to groups and individuals, handing out pamphlets and advising on beach safety and etiquette.

The patrol morning shift begins around 9.00am and ends at 1.00pm. The afternoon shift runs from 1.00pm through to about 5.00pm.

Constable Geddes said, "We are looking for a commitment of four to six shifts over the summer season. Some patrollers may be able to contribute more than



Brent Cooper with the beach patrol Gator

that, there is some flexibility around these shifts. " You will need a current drivers licence or be willing to double up on a patrol if you do not have a licence. Training will involve a commitment of about two hours at the Ruakaka Surf Club on 14 December beginning at 3.00pm.

Anyone interested in becoming an ambassador can contact Brent Cooper - coops3@xtra.co.nz or Constable Geddes - martin.geddes@police.govt.nz.

The ambassadors programme does not have an operating budget so relies on the generosity of mainly local sponsors. In addition to the Cervus Equipment Whangarei continued support, The Whangarei District Council has contributed \$500, Northport Limited another \$500. Gas Point Petrol Station Ruakaka. Lawson Cartage, Odin Sea Containers and Steve Gibson have also made donations. Anyone who wishes to contribute sponsorship can do so by contacting Brent Cooper or Constable Geddes at the above addresses or by phoning 027 438 0220. .

Bream Bay Beach Safety Ambassadors is affiliated to Bream Bay Community Patrols, which is registered as a non-profit organisation.

Bringing art and science together

One Tree Point Primary children: Nathan Stewart (at the back) Logan Whitelaw, on the left in front, and Liam Hay built a track out of egg cartons and old boxes to test the ability of their school's, Sphero Robot. The robot is operated by an Ipad and the boys worked out how high the bridge on their track needed to be and at what speed the robot needed to travel at to get up and over it.



Their project went on display in the Bream Bay College auditorium

last week where students from all four of our local school displayed some of the work they had been doing in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

Waipu Primary children had used their Sphero Robot to paint pictures and Ruakaka School children were given the challenge of designing a new playground for the school.

Year 8 students at Bream Bay College have been studying Polynesian navigational techniques. They made birds out of toilet rolls and traced the shapes of traditional Polynesian sailing vessels onto plyboard, which their teacher Gwyneth Cooper cut out for them on a laser printer. She said this was a good match up of art and science.

Nathan, Logan and Lian are planning to take their Sphero Robot track to the One Tree Point School Twilight Market due to be held at the school tomorrow evening, Friday 6 July from 5pm to 8pm.

Solvent recycling plant clean up has taken longer than it should have

The Environmental Protection Society acknowledges the clean up of the Ruakaka Solvent Recycling plant has taken "longer than is desirable."

Four years after the plant ceased operations and the Northland Regional Council brought a successful prosecution against the plants owners, Brian Smith and several companies Mr. Smith is the director of for the illegal discharge of hazardous substances into the surrounding duneland, solvents appear to remain stockpiled in rusty drums and old plastic containers outside the plant.

In reply to questions sent to the authority by the Bream Bay News, the EPA's senior communications advisor Sean O'Brien said, "

"The Environmental Protection Authority, Work Safe NZ, Northland Regional Council, and Whangarei District Council are working together to resolve this issue, and acknowledge that the clean-up has taken longer than is desirable. The initial focus has been on managing the safety of the site."

Asked if it was true that a security guard had been posted at the entrance to the site last summer, Mr. O'Brien explained, "A security guard was hired over the summer holiday period by the Whangarei District Council to prevent uncontrolled and unauthorised access to the site. A security fence has since been installed."

He said, "Securing of the site is part of a series of precautionary measures put in place to make it safer."

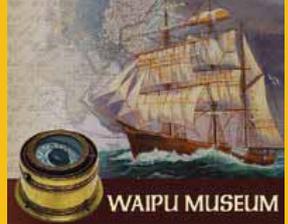
He said that Work Safe issued a compliance order in January 2015 to stop chemical products coming onto the property and that a "significant amount" of solvent has been removed since September 2018.

He said, "Central and local government agencies are committed to ensuring the chemicals, which remain at the site are safely removed and disposed of."

The solvent recycling plant is located behind the Lakeside Industrial Park just 500 metres from the shoreline of Bream Bay.

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Touch finals next week



The touch competitions, which have been held on Thursday nights for the past seven weeks in the Waipu Caledonian Park are drawing to a close with the final matches due to be held next week.

It's been another successful season with 20 teams in the junior section, eight of these from Bream Bay College, and 24 senior teams.

An addition this year has been Wheelchair Turbo Touch organized by Sharon Carroll of Parafed Northland and played in the Celtic Barn with all comers invited to have a try out in the wheelchairs once the main games have finished.

Pictured above: a game played on Thursday 28 November between Bream Bay College Panthers and Bream Bay College Brumbies with Ed Wilson as referee.

New Clan Club for children at the Waipu Highland Games

A new addition to the 2020 Waipu Highland games, due to be held on 1 January 2020, will be a Clan Club for primary school-aged children. The entry fee is just \$5 and includes a Clan Club branded T-shirt, entry into races of the child's choice, a voucher for five Clan Club games and activities, participation in the lunchtime March of the Clans and a chance to win one of three \$500 Rebel Sport store vouchers.

Races will begin at 9am with prizes awarded after the official opening at approximately 1.30pm. Entries can be made on the Waipu Highland Games website. Leaflets about the new Clan Club have been distributed to local primary schools. Membership of the club will be limited to 300 so early registration is advised.

Ron Davidson a marketing expert who has joined the Waipu Caledonian Society Committee, did some research and found out that children's races had previously played a much more significant component of early games days.

He said, "The Caledonian Society would be happy to break even with the Clan Club as it believes this newly refreshed event is likely to bring in a whole new demographic - many of which may not have been to a Waipu Highland Games Day before."

Ray White Christmas Shoebox appeal

Ray White Bream Bay is running a Christmas in a Shoebox appeal inviting people to fill a shoebox with Christmas presents, which will be supplied to Ruakaka, One Tree Point and Waipu Primary Schools and handed out to local families in need of some Christmas support. People willing to donate to this cause can pick up shoeboxes from Ray Whites Bream Bay at the Marsden Cove shops or fill up one of their own.

Waipu people can pick up shoeboxes and drop them off once they have been filled with Christmas goodies at Waipu Hammer Hardware.

BB Sports awards nominations due

Nominations to the 2019 Bream Bay Sports Awards are due in by Tuesday 17 December. These can be made on line at breambaysportsawards.co.nz.

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Awards night will be held on 6 March 2020 with Grant Fox as guest speaker.

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Stretching classes	Thursdays 11am to 12pm	\$3	Lu 4328914
Karate	Thursdays 4pm to 7.00pm	\$5	Pam 4329760
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Pilates	Thursday 8am to 9am booking essential	\$12, concession(10x)	Barbara 0212998840
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'The biggest opportunity for Northland we will see in our lifetimes'

The event was entitled "Shaping the Future of the Bream Bay Region" but it could just as easily have been called *Shaping the Future of Northland* as the three invited speakers: Regional Development Minister Shane Jones, Wayne Brown the Chairman of the Upper North Island Freight Study and Greg Miller, CEO of KiwiRail spoke of the benefits upgrading the rail and moving Ports of Auckland to Northport would bring to the whole region.



Wayne Brown chaired the upper North Island Freight Study which has recommended moving Ports of Auckland to Marsden Point

The Ruakaka Economic Development Group invited Northland business operators and iwi representative to a day of talks and workshops at the Ruakaka Racecourse on Friday 29 November

Mr. Brown the first invited speaker to take the floor said this is the "biggest opportunity for Northland we will see in any of our lifetimes."

He suggested that anyone opposed to the move should leave the meeting right now and asked if anyone held this view. Mere Kepa said she did but she wouldn't be leaving anytime soon as this was her land.

Mr. Brown said people should be writing letters to the New Zealand Herald to support him in a war of words with Ports of Auckland CEO Tony Gibson.

Peter Batten President of the Ruakaka Economic Development Group which organized the hui said local people have known for thirty years that this was going to happen and we need to "seize the opportunity."

He said he had lived in Bream Bay most of his life and as a young fellow he was able to go down to the beach and throw out a line and catch a nice snapper.

Those days had gone but nevertheless we need to make sure that development from here on in occurred "in a sustainable way."

Shane Jones arrived late but was given centre-stage as soon as he walked through the door. He said that a 'final call' is about to be made on moving the NZ Navy's dry dock to Whangarei and this could bring significant benefits here.

He said anyone who hadn't been following the debate about moving Ports of Auckland to Northland needed to "wake up" and echoed Mr. Brown's statement that the proposal needed public support.

"We have to stand up and aggressively promote our selves."

He said an upgrade of the railway line between Swanson and Whangarei had already begun with a \$95 million government investment announced in September. He said he had been at the racetrack several weeks ago, which had been an expensive exercise. He said he had last been at the Ruakaka Racecourse several weeks ago and this had been an "expensive exercise."

He quipped that local horses were a bit like local voters, who he said were slow to back the right person.

Greg Miller the CEO of KiwiRail spoke after morning tea. He said a decision on building the Marsden Point rails spur to Northport is imminent

"We are working on the problem of how to get past the Mata Hill."

He said before the Auckland Port could be moved to Northport the rail system would need to be in place. As well as the new spur this involved making the line from Auckland into Northland capable of carrying today's freight including modern 9.5 foot high containers, which cannot fit through the tunnels and building an inland

port in north west Auckland. There would also be an inland container terminal at Otiria near Moerewa where the Northland rail line ends.

He described work already underway on the main line with the \$95 million government grant.

He said an easy solution would have been to "daylight the tunnels" by blowing them up but this was impossible because there are houses, farms and cows above them. A rail engineer from Argentina has come up with the solution of lowering the base of the tunnel and then rebuilding and widening the framing.

He said 33,000 containers currently go from Northland to



Greg Miller, CEO of KiwiRail

Auckland by truck each year, which could potentially travel by rail.

Five rail bridges, which are on average around 100-years old need to be replaced, as did hundreds of culverts. Drainage improvement work is needed along the length of the line.

He said that initially the trains would be diesel but recesses would be built along the line in preparation for a conversion to electricity. Moving freight by rail could have big savings both in terms of the cost of road maintenance and in energy use. He predicted there will be a sharp increase in the price of diesel when new rules set by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) lowering the levels of sulphur permitted to be used in ships fuel come into play on 1 January 2020, and that this will make rail freight even more competitive.



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Beach volleyball at Mair Rd



Among the many summer sports underway in Bream Bay is a beach volleyball social league played every Tuesday evening, weather permitting, on the beach at the Mair Rd. entrance. This is a four a side competition with finals due to be played on the 16 December followed by a prizegiving at Land at Sea Café.

The league is organized by Sonia Topkins, who runs a gym in Takahiwai.

Sonia said, “ Having played Beach Volleyball for the past 20 plus years and moving to One Tree Point two years ago, I wanted to create a league where friends and family could come and enjoy this wonderful paradise we live in.”

In the New Year she plans to run a different format with no team pre registrations required, which she hopes will allow more people to enjoy ‘this fun social sport on balmy summer evenings”

She invites people to come down each week and pay on a casual basis. Teams and the draw will be made up on the night dependent on numbers. Start time will be 6pm each Tuesday and charges: \$10 adults and \$5 Kids (10yrs and over). You can select your own team or let the organisers put you in a team.

Beach Volleyball national tour coming to Ruakaka

Sonia is herself an accomplished beach volleyball player and, with Kaylie Loeweyn, will represent Northland at the G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour a national competition which will be played over three months at Mount Maunganui, Gisborne on Auckland’s Mairangi Bay (the final from 21 -23 February) and, for the first time this year, on Ruakaka Beach from January 25 to 27.

Sonia said, “This is an awesome opportunity for Northland to show off it’s pristine beaches and highlight it’s great supportive locals. This summer the Beach Tour will consist of six stops visiting five locations spread across three months. Along with the top NZ athletes we are anticipating a num-

ber of internationals coming to play and train here too.” The games will either be played at Ruakaka near the surf club or at Mair Rd. depending on the wind direction. Sonia and Kaylie both live at One Tree Point and train on Ruakaka beach. Their season has already begun with important tournaments that have helped them accumulate points, which ultimately define their ranking heading into the NZ Tour events.

In the two tournaments they have played, they have gained a 3rd placing at Mairangi Bay - Auckland and a 1st at Mount Maunganui the weekend before last.

Waipu success at Northland Championships

The Waipu Women’s Golf team has won the Iris Farrell Rose Bowl for the third year in a row, at the Northland Champion of Champions women’s golf tournament played at the Waitangi Golf Course on Saturday 27 November. Kyle Jacoby won the silver division and retained her Northland Strokeplay Champion title, Julie Gordon won the Bronze Strokeplay division with Lynne Causer coming runner up by one stroke.



Rosebowl winners, from left Lynne Causer, Kylie Jacoby and Julie Gordon

The Marsden Lions' Old Crocks Construction Company builds a new bathroom for Kairn



Team leaders Clive Pegram and Murray Gutry

A team from the Marsden Lions is rebuilding a bathroom for a One Tree Point family with a child with spina bifida. Kairn Cherrington is growing bigger and needs more space in the bathroom to take off his callipers before he gets into the shower. The original bathroom was very small and it was getting difficult for Kairn and his caregivers to fit into the space. There was also a step up into the shower, which was challenging for Kairn to climb over.

Lions member, Clive Pegram, a retired builder and Murray Gutry, a retired home handyman extraordinaire, have lead a small team of volunteer pensioners to demolish the existing bathroom and are now rebuilding the new one. They call themselves, "The Old Crocks Construction Company."

Local businesses have come to the party to help fit out the new bathroom.

Nick Spring, from Craig Cogan Builders thought that this was a great community project so he helped with the redesign and supply of the building material. Westmoreland Homes supplied a new sliding shower head and heated towel rail. Geordie Dye with assistance from Plumbing World cut the drains and organised a new toilet and hand basin. Marsden Lion Dennis Smith, an Electrician with assistance from Keith Harris and the team at J.A. Russells supplied a new heat lamp/fan combo and switches to fit in the bathroom. Bream Bay Coatings will replaster the floor, and stop and paint the walls and ceilings and Carpet Court will be laying the new vinyl in early December for which the Lions have applied for a grant.

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4.15pm	Departs Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
4.30pm	Departs Mangawhai Heads I-Site
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- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 4 December at 1am. ETD 6 December at 3.30am. Loading cement at Portland for Tauranga
- *Crystal Palace* ETA 4 December at 9am. ETD 6 December at 3pm. Loading logs.
- *Just Fitz III* ETA 4 December at 10am. ETD 6 December at 11pm. Delivering fertiliser.
- *Baltic Sea* ETA 5 December at 5am. ETD 9 December at 3am. Loading logs
- *Soochow* ETA 5 December at 11am. ETD 6 December at 5pm. Loading containers
- *Awanuia* ETA 6 December at 1am. ETD 6 December at 1pm. Bunker barge loading fuel for Ports of Auckland.
- *Matuku* ETA 6 December at 5am. ETD 7 December at 5am. Coastal tanker loading fuel for Wellington.
- *Marsden Bay* ETA 6 December at 7am. ETD 7 December at 9am. Loading cement for Auckland.
- *Kokako* ETA 8 December at 5am. ETD 9 December at 8pm. Coastal tanker loading refined oil products for Lyttelton.
- *Project Cargo* Operation ETA 9 December at 6am. ETD 11 December at 7pm.
- *Yangtze Keeper* ETA 9 December at 11am. ETD 11 December at 7am. Loading logs for China.
- *Kokopo Chief* ETA 9 December at 12 noon. ETD 12 December at midnight. Loading LVL.
- *Fengtien* ETA 9 December at 8pm. ETD 11 December at 10am. Delivering coal.
- *Marsden Bay* ETA 10 December at 7am. ETD 11 December at 9am. Loading cement at Portland for Auckland.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 12 December at 12.30am. ETD 14 December at 4pm. Loading cement at Portland for Auckland.
- *Soochow* ETA 12 December at 9pm. ETD 13 December at 4pm. Loading containers
- *Awanuia* ETA 12 December at 6am. ETD 12 December at 6pm. Bunker barge for Ports of Auckland loading with refined oil products.
- *Szechuen* ETA 12 December at 10am. ETD 15 December at 10am. Container ship.
- *TS Index* ETA 14 December at 8pm. ETD 19 December at 1.30pm. Loading logs.
- *Liangchow* ETA 15 December at 1pm. ETD 17 December at 9am. Loading logs for China.
- *Hainan Island* ETA 15 December at 7pm. ETD 17 December at 3am. Loading logs for China.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 15 December at 11.30pm. ETD 18 December at 1am. Loading cement for Auckland.
- *Yangtze Legend* ETA 16 December at 7pm. ETD 19 December at 7am. Loading logs.
- *Koombana* ETA 18 December at 6am. ETD 20 December at 10am. Loading logs.
- *Marsden Bay* ETA 18 December at 10am. ETD 19 December at 1pm. Loading cement at Portland for Auckland.
- *Matuku* ETA 19 December. ETD at 1am. ETD 19 December at 9pm. Loading refined oil products for Lyttelton.
- *Aotearoa Chief* ETA 19 December at 2pm. ETD 21 December at 4.30pm. Loading cement at Portland for Tauranga.
- *Melanesian Chief* ETA 19 December at 9pm. ETD 20 December at 9pm. Delivering containers.

Christmas parades



The Ruakaka Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday 14 December leaving the Village Green besides the library at 10.30am.

There is a \$1000 prize for the winning float, \$600 for the second place getter and \$400 for third place. You can let the Marsden Lions know you will be entering a float by emailing: marsdenlions@gmail.com There are already quite a list signed up.

After the parade there will be activities for children at the town Centre. These include: a Ruakaka Scouts sausage sizzle, face painting by Marsden Playcentre, Circool Circus, balloon animals, a lucky dip and, for the adults, some rapid raffles run by the

Marsden Lions. Two dollar and five dollar *Funny Money* vouchers will be handed out entitling the bearing to spend these at the local shops.

The Waipu Christmas Parade will be held, as always on Christmas Eve, 24 December, starting at 7.30pm from outside the Pizza Barn and moving up the main street of the town and into the Caledonian Park, where prizegiving will be held at 7.30pm. There is a \$1000 prize for the winning float, a \$500 second place prize and \$200 for the third place getter.

There are also \$200 prizes for the best environmentally friendly float, the best business float and the best club or community group float. Each float entry can only win one prize. Those wishing to register a float need to contact Marion Samson 09 432 1155 or email: marion@northpine.co.nz.

Community carol service at the Waipu Presbyterian Church

The Waipu Presbyterian Church will hold a Christmas Carol Servie in the church at 50 The Centre, Waipu on Sunday December 22, starting at 8.30pm. The service includes old carols and some new ones as well as a time to reflect on the Christmas story. All welcome.

Free dinner and carol service at Lifepoint

Lifepoint is holding its annual Carols at Lifepoint event on Sunday 22 December. The evening will start with a free dinner at 5pm - including a sheep on the spit and mussel fritters, to be followed by a music program made up of traditional carols and some contemporary Christmas songs.

The event will be held regardless of the weather as the entire event can be moved indoors if need be. People are welcome to bring cushions, beanbags etc. to sit on.

Rehearsals in Waipu for Anglican church carol service

Rehearsals begin next week for the Waipu Carol Service, which for the second year be held in the Whangarei Anglican Church.

In Waipu rehearsals will be held at the Waipu Anglican Church on Thursday December 12 and Tuesday December 17 both starting at 7pm. The service itself is scheduled for Sunday 22 December with a rehearsal at 6pm and the service getting underway at 8pm. The hour-long service, which was held in Waipu since the 1970s features well-known, carols interspersed with six readings from the scriptures.

Organizer and musical director Lachie McLean said, "The Waipu Carols is a "wonderful opportunity to enjoy the thrill of being part of a mass choir and to leave with the felling that Christmas really has arrived."

He said, "the church in Whangarei gives us room for a magnificent orchestra, including the powerful sound of the pipe organ.

He promises an even larger string section this year playing arrangements "on the scale you would hear in the big cathedrals in Europe."

Some experienced performers from opera North and local theatre and music groups have already been signed up to take part but Lachie considers a unique feature of the Waipu Carols is the philosophy that the number of singers taking part is more important than having only a select few perform.

Last years service in the Whangarei church drew a crowd in excess of 800 people and this year sound systems will be set up so people can hear the service on the lawn outside.

What's On in Bream Bay

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- **CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET** On Friday 6 December from 5pm - 8pm at One Tree Point School.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET.** In the Waipu Coronation Hall. on from 9am - 1pm on 8 December and an extra market on 22 December
- **THE RUAKAKA CHRISTMAS PARADE** Saturday 14 December. Organised by the Marsden Lions. Starts 10.30am at the Ruakaka Village Green by the Library.
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next market Sunday 15 December from 9am - 1pm. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina.

- **THE RUAKAKA RACES** On Tuesday 17 December. Seven races scheduled From 12 noon to 5pm. \$5 admission for adults. 17 year olds and under free.
- **WAIPU LIONS FUN RUN AND WALK** Fundraiser for the Child Mobility Foundation. On Saturday 21 December on the beach in front of the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club. Safety briefing 8.20am, start time 8.30am. Adults \$10, Children and students \$5. Under fives free. 9km and 4.5km run or walk options.
- **CAROLS AT LIFEPOINT** Sunday 22 December. Preceded by a free lamb on the spit dinner from 5pm.
- **COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE** At the Waipu Presbyterian Church. Sunday 22 December, starting at 8.30pm.
- **THE WAIPU CHRISTMAS PARADE** Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December. Starts 7pm in The Centre, Waipu. Prizegiving around 7.30pm in the Caledonian Park.

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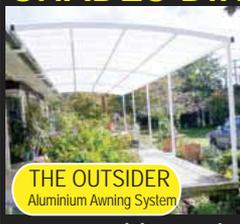
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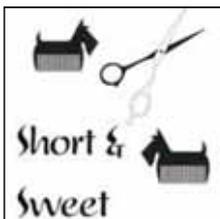
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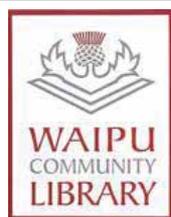
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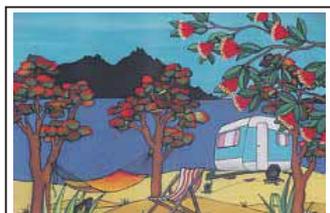
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(please bring your own gazebo, chair, table, etc)

Location: 9 Takutai Place, Ruakaka

Contact: Christine 432 7962 or 027 2529612 or

Email: ruakakarec@xtra.co.nz

Please come along and support your local community! To our local companies, here is an opportunity to be present and promote your business.



Bream Bay Medical Centre Ltd.

Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm
Saturdays: 9am - 12pm

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Marsden Point Road, Ruakaka Town Centre, Ruakaka.
Ph: 432 8060 Fax: 432 8230

Local people read THE BREAM BAY NEWS It is an effective place to advertise

NORTHPINE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

This committee meets periodically to review the environmental performance of the Northpine timber manufacturing plant in Waipu, in consultation with representatives of the local councils. Any Waipu resident with concerns about the environmental effects of the Northpine plant should notify the Northpine office (432 1155). Concerns will be recorded, considered and subsequently reviewed by the liaison committee. The Independent chairperson of the liaison committee is Steve Goldthorpe (432 0532)

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.
Anglican 1st and 3rd Sundays - St Paul's Ruakaka 2nd and 4th Sundays - St Peter's Waipu, 5th Sunday - St Nicholas Mission to Seafarers'. Marsden Point All services start at 9.30am.
Catholic Holy Family Church, Ruakaka, 10.30am. Mass
Lifepoint. 300 One Tree Point Rd, 10.30am.

Bream Bay Community Support Trust

Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone 09 432 7197

- Free medical clinic each Wednesday 9am - 12noon.
- Free budgeting service by appointment - 432 7197 .
- Narcotics Anon Wednesdays 6.30-730pm

The Bream Bay Community Trust offers:
• A Family Centred support team.
• Family violence Intervention advocacy
• Advice and referrals to other agencies and relevant support services.

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Justices of the Peace

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Make contact with a Justice of the Peace (on any day) and make an appointment to have your documents completed.
Only current Association members are listed.

Public Meeting on the Transitional Housing development Proposed for Te One Street Park in the Ruakaka Village

The three agencies responsible for delivering transitional housing – Kāinga Ora, the Ministry of Social Development and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development – will be represented at a public meeting

on 9 December at 6:30pm at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre, Takutai Place

Whangarei District Council planning staff have also been invited to explain the District Plan and the consenting process.

The meeting has been organised and will be run by the Ruakaka Parish Residents and Ratepayers Association.



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This property shouldn't be missed if sea views and position are priority. Immaculately presented & especially well designed giving privacy to family members. Lounge, bedrooms & bathroom downstairs with main bedroom, ensuite, separate toilet & living area upstairs flowing out to a veranda. Approx 100mtrs from the waterfront via a walkway this property is beautifully landscaped with minimal garden maintenance.

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