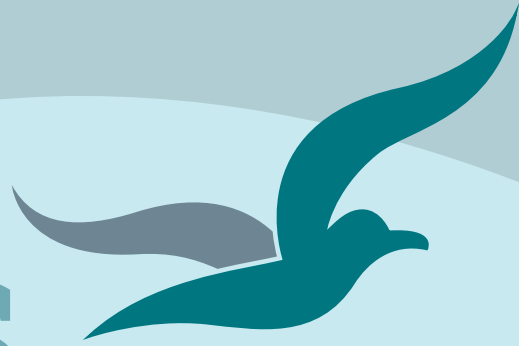


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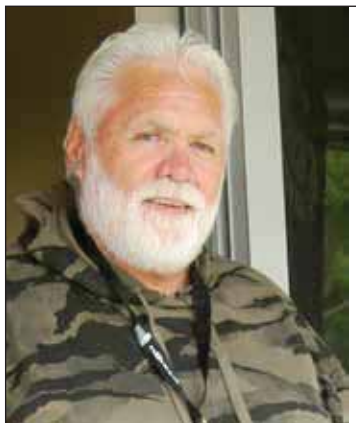
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Phil Paikea - KSO

Phillip Wayne Paikea of Ruakākā was admitted to the Kings Service Order in the King's Birthday Honours List announced on Monday 2 June 2025 for his services to the prevention of family violence.



Phil Paikea

Phil said he was very humbled and accepted the honour on behalf of his wife Rowena and their children who have "lived" the years of service with him and also on behalf of the children they have fostered and the men he has worked with who have made positive changes in their lives. Phil said his work has been an evolving journey beginning almost 30 years ago when young people would gather at his and Rowena's Ruakākā village home and pass around a basketball on their driveway. The basketball games moved to the Bream Bay College gym and while Phil took care of the teenagers Rowena ran a group called Kiwi Kids for the younger children.

They set up a community centre in Takutai Place in a prefab donated by the Oil Refinery and relocated with help from Helen Clark's government. After this building was destroyed in a fire the present day Bream Bay Community Centre rose from the ashes.

Phil now operates the Safe Man, Safe Family Whare Kowhai alongside the community centre. He also works with Te Ao Mārama in the District Court.

The creative team who built the McCathie Road pirate ship



Ian and Denise Billington are the creative team behind the wonderful pirate ship in the McCathie Rd. garden we have all been wondering about. The garden also has a piebald pony, saddled up and ready to ride. His belly is a 40 gallon drum and his head and legs made from old chains. There's a whale diving into the lawn, a wishing well, lots of bright yellow daffodils and red ANZAC poppies made from old vinyl records, a pond, a collection of colourful bird boxes with teapots tipped sideways inviting birds to nest inside and lots more.

More photographs of the Billington's imaginative garden on page 9



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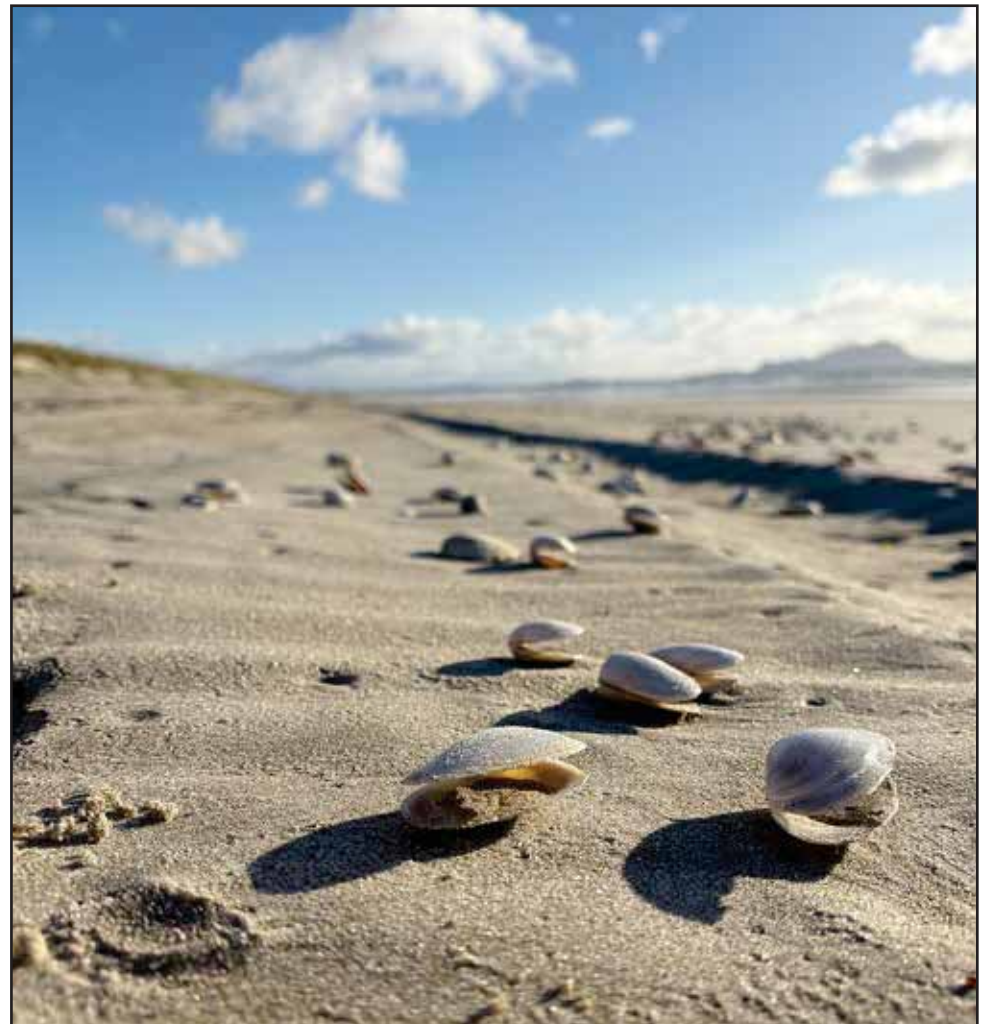
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EDITORIAL

Something catastrophic happening to tuatua



Something catastrophic has happened to Bream Bay’s tuatua population. There are ribbons of tuatua shells at the high tide mark along the beach. People who regularly wade out at low tide to gather the shellfish say that now there are none to be had.

Nobody knows for certain why this has happened. Hollie Kereopa who has a qualification in marine biology has been looking into the health of Bream Bay’s shellfish beds said there are often multiple causes for shell fish mass deaths. She said it is a bit unusual for the die off to be occurring at this time of the year when temperatures are getting cooler. Heat stress can kill shellfish and algal blooms producing bio-toxins tend to occur in warmer weather.

Brian phoned me concerned about this and said he had contacted NIWA and was told that if someone could collect a dead tuatua shell with meat still inside scientists might be able to determine what the problem is. But even if we find what the problem is could we do anything about it? The ocean is such a large unknowable force.

Seeing all those empty tuatua shells I think what a waste of good food! I have vivid memories of me and my bothers and sister feasting on steamed open tuatua straight from the pot as children. There were five of us and we would all be eating fast so as to get a larger share. They were delicious. I can almost taste them now. I hope the tuatua on Bream Bay beach can recover

Congratulations to Meridian and the team working on the Ruakākā Energy Park on the completion of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project and for clearing the way with Meridian board approval and resource consents for the solar farm to be built. We hear of so many big proposals for Ruakākā and Marsden Point most of which don’t eventuate and it is easy to become skeptical. This one however has materialized there for all to see in all those rows of big white containers full of battery storage capacity at the corner of Rama Rd. and the Port Marsden Highway. Next time there is a major problem on the transmission line bringing electricity into Northland we will have a little bit of breathing space.

How many times have we all driven past that property with the pirate ship in McCathie Rd, and wondered about the imagination and playfulness of the people who built it? It was great to finally meet Denise and Ian Billington, the creators of all that magic. Inside the gate there is even more to see and marvel at. Here is a couple really having fun together and making the most of their plot of land. Ian and Denise will be opening the property to the public on Halloween and at Christmas, with koha donations collected for a local good cause.

Marilyn



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Official opening of BESS - Stage One of the Ruakākā Energy Park



The two Shanes Whangarei MP Shane Reti and Minister of Regional Development Shane Jones turn on a giant ceremonial switch at the official opening of the Ruakākā Battery Energy Storage System. Watching on is Mark Verbiest Chairman of the Meridian Energy Board

“Four years ago we began with just an idea”, said “Guy Waipara – General Manager of Development for Meridian Energy, speaking at the official opening of The Ruakākā Energy Park’s Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on Friday 23 May

BESS is just stage one of the energy park. It cost \$186 million to build and will store 100 megawatts (MW) of electricity, enough for 60,000 homes, around half of Northland’s population for two hours.

Work on a \$227m 130MW solar farm, with 250,000 panels spread over 172ha alongside Marsden Point Rd. is expected to begin in August.

Mark Verbiest Chairman of Meridian Energy ‘s governing board speaking directly to Minister Shane Jones said, “You have been asking me some difficult questions. I hope today Minister you will have some idea of our commitment to building infrastructure to secure our future. This is New Zealand’s first grid connected battery storage system

Then addressing the gathered crowd he said, “ We are happy to be part of the investment in your future.”

The BESS is the first project for Meridian in Northland.

MP for Whangārei, Shane Reti thanked Meridian for

this contribution. “The average power outage lasts for 117 minutes. You are providing 120 minutes “of stored electricity so thank you. “

Shane Jones the Minister of Regional Development said, “A secure electricity supply is essential to maintain the quality of life we take for granted.” He praised the foresight of the Transpower sub station nearby which will enable energy to be taken from the grid at times of over supply and fed back into it when electricity use peaks.

Deborah Harding Chairwoman of the Patuharakeke Trust Board spoke of how when Meridian first proposed the Ruakaka Energy Park – “we looked at the value this project would bring to our community. She said Patuharakeke welcomed early engagement when projects are planned on its whenua, Mike Roan CEO of Meridian Energy said the new battery Storage system was a “transformational project” for Meridian.

“Sometimes it is the things you look past that are the best things in life. This new asset along with the proposed solar farm will make a big difference to people living in Northland in the future.”

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LETTERS

Election Year musings on cars, housing and dogs

As the shortest day of the year approaches so does the Whangārei District Council decision on our rates increases for the year. People will not be keen on any increase and for some it may be a financial shock. What then does the Council do for us in Waipu ? We are quite well served with services, roads, footpaths, water and grass mowing, but we would all like more to be done. But in this Council Election year are there particular things that the Council might do in Waipu?

Parking issues continually arise. There is never enough for some people or in the wrong places. The Council has approved the newly gravelled area across from Waihoihoi Park Locals are just about to put up a sign to encourage larger vehicles, such as Camper vans, to park there.

There is the Museum-Church carpark, but it fills very quickly at times. One idea has been to alter the flow through this carpark. The entrance would be by the Museum and the exit by the toilets.

It has also been noted that Shop Workers and Park-and-Riders often park there all day. One would have thought these vehicles could occupy St Mary's Road or outside Waihoihoi. To encourage such behaviour placing a 180 minute parking restriction on the Museum-Church carpark should allow shoppers to use this carpark while the All-Day-Parkers are a little further away. The same time restriction should also apply to roadside parks along The Centre.

Two particular areas of concerns are the Dairy and the Four Square parking against their shops. Cars drive across the public footpath to get car parks on land owned by the shops. They then reverse across the footpath where pedestrians walk and swing onto the road. The Council informs us that any remedy to this dangerous situation has to acknowledge the ownership of the land. Apparently, just putting parks in front of where the cars park now may not be a solution? But the Council would not be taking the land, it would still be owned by the shops and available for them to develop in a manner that could enhance their frontages.

There is also an issue with lack of parking down towards McLeods Pizza Barn. There is rubbishy grassed areas along Nova Scotia Drive from the intersection with Cove Road down towards the Razza which could be converted to Angle Parking. It would also stop the parallel parking and thus make it a little wider for traffic as they approach this intersection.

While we are at this intersection let's not forget our need for a small, tiny, minuscule roundabout to guide traffic through these roads. The 3 metre diameter roundabout can be bolted down so it would be able to be unbolted to fix any issues with pipes under the road.

Heading down South Road we come to the land that the Council recently bought from a developer. We do not know what the Council will do with this land. No one has asked Waipu residents for their ideas or thoughts on how to use this land. Someone had mentioned building a car park. Wouldn't that be a waste of good land for a few homes close to Waipu village ? I would imagine some smaller areas of land for two-bedroom homes for the older and less-mobile might be attractive to people currently 'rattling around' in bigger homes in Waipu. Another idea was a sports ground. But is there the demand with the school so close? Housing does seem a better use and could provide more customers for local shops.

What about a Dog Park ? Dog owners have large areas of land behind Breton Drive and along the River Walkway to exercise their dogs. A smaller area fenced-off here would surely suffice? There has also been discussion about a road from South Road connecting to Argyle Street. Immediate reaction highlighted people 'hooning' along Argyle at break-neck speed.

If Argyle Street had its open drains removed the road could be slightly wider with more parks near the school frontage. Speed bumps could be used as well.

Such a road connected to Argyle would surely mean traffic to and from the school or houses there could go in either direction rather than currently going in one direction.

Another advantage would be during the times there are events in The Centre. There would no longer be the cost to community groups of expensive Traffic Management for ANZAC Day or the Santa Parade, as traffic could be directed down Argyle to South Road and then to the new Roundabout.

If there were an emergency in The Centre this new road would also be used for a diversion.

These are just some ideas for Waipu Village. Each person will have their own ideas and many will not like some or all of these ideas. So when the Local Body Elections begin in September, go to a meeting, eyeball each candidate, tell them your ideas and get each to say what they will do for Waipu.

Richard Cole
Waipu

A box seat observing the changes in the energy sector in Ruakākā

Kimalana Phelan has been in the box seat observing some of the evolving changes in the energy sector that have occurred in Ruakākā and Marsden Point over the past 50 years, since she first came to live here.

Her mother Sally Bruning worked at the Marsden Power Station and then at the Marsden Point oil refinery. Kimalana herself worked in administration at the refinery for 22 years and is now Health and Safety Manager for Meridian on both of its Ruakākā Energy Park projects. Kimalana is also the Northland Chairwoman of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) and was recently nominated for the Helen Tippet Award, which celebrates achievements in advancing and furthering the interests of women in the construction industry.



Kimalana Phelan was in charge of health and safety at the official opening of the Ruakaka Battery Energy Storage System

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Field service engineer Minh Nguyen opens a door on one of the 80 containers to reveal stacks of battery modules. The batteries were built in China for French Company Saft. Mr Nguyen is employed by Saft to oversee the system. He works alongside electrical engineers from McKay Electrical who he said have impressed him as very professional.

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Red eared slider turtle loose in the Ruakākā Dune Lake

There is a turtle swimming around in the Ruakākā Dune Lake. A photograph of this creature was taken by one of the adjacent residents and sent to the Northland Regional Council.



NRC biosecurity officer Alicia King confirmed a tracker dog was taken to the lake and, while it didn't sniff out the turtle, it showed a particular interest in what looked like a trail leading up from the lake into an area of undergrowth vegetation. She plans to go back to set up a camera at that spot. This is likely to be a red-eared slider turtles native

to North America but sold as pets in New Zealand but not in Auckland where their sale has been banned. They are regarded as invasive pests because they damage freshwater ecosystems. They eat fish, plants, aquatic insects, koura, and small birds including ducklings. Red-eared sliders can also displace wetland bird nesting sites. Their presence in a waterway can reduce water quality. Alicia said Red Eared Sliders have been found in a quite a few Northland lakes and rivers and streams. Sometimes they are released but as they can climb

some are escapees. The sale of Red Eared Sliders is banned in Auckland. As climate change brings increased temperatures, there is concern that both male and female young will hatch and allow a self-sustaining population to establish in the wild. Releasing turtles into the wild is an offence under the Biosecurity Act and the Animal Welfare Act. Red Eared Slider Turtles are listed as a pest species for eradication in the NRC's Biosecurity Operational Plan.

A jump in the fairy tern population

After a successful breeding season last summer with 13 chicks known to have fledged websites describing Tara Iti the New Zealand fairy tern are going to need an update.



Tara iti and chick

There are now believed to be 50 NZ fairy tern in existence. For the past 20 plus years the population was thought to be around 40 and on the brink of extinction.

The population has been given a boost by a specialized breeding programme at Auckland zoo, where eggs are taken from wild nests and hatched in incubators. The chicks are taught to fish and reared in safety until they are ready to fledge.

Marsden Lions Golf Tournament nets close to \$11,000 for emergency services

The Marsden Lions made just under \$11,000 at their charity golf tournament held at the Waipu Golf Course on Friday 16 May. The club topped this up to an even figure and will distribute: \$5,000 to the

Northland Emergency Services Trust (which operates the rescue helicopter) and \$2,000 each to the Ruakaka Volunteer Fire Service, The Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club and St John Bream



Police Report

Burglary in Ormiston Rd.

Overnight on Saturday 31st May and Sunday 1 June burglars made off with a four-wheel quad bike, a Honda trail bike, a trailer, tools and other items from a property in Ormiston



The stolen trailer

Road. If anyone saw a trailer loaded with these items in the vicinity of Ormiston Rd. on Saturday night or Sunday morning, please phone the Police 105 number.

Stolen bikes recovered

Police executed a search warrant on a Ruakākā property last week and recovered three motorbikes, two of which were stolen from outside the Marsden Cove Marina earlier this year. Two individuals have been charged with receiving stolen property.

More Facebook scams

More local people have been scammed after responding to Facebook marketplace advertisements.

- A Waipu person paid a deposit on a load of firewood, which never turned up.
- A Ruakākā person took up an offer of a free pool table but paid \$100 to have it delivered. The table never arrived.

Sergeant Simon Craig warns people not to hand over any money until you see the item you hope to purchase

For drivers under the age of 20 the permitted alcohol level is 0

A vehicle being driven at excessive speed was stopped by Police on State Highway One at Waipu at 9pm on 23 May. The driver a 17-year-old man was breath tested returning a reading of 140 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The breath alcohol level for those under the age of 20 years is 0 and the young man has been issued with an infringement notice.

Thirteen family harm incidents

Over the fortnight Monday 19 May to Monday 2 June Bream Bay Police dealt with 13 family harm incidents.

Four found driving with suspended or cancelled licences

Over the past two weeks Police have found four people who have had their drivers licenses cancelled or suspended behind the wheel of a vehicle.

If you're caught driving while disqualified or suspended, the vehicle you're driving will be seized and impounded for 28 days. It doesn't matter whether it's your vehicle or not

OTP Esplanade Reserve open for public use by Spring

The Whangārei District Council Parks Manager Louis Rattray has stated the Council will have the section of public coastal reserve between the One Tree Point Rd corner near the boat ramp and Karora Rd open for public use by this Spring.

The Council has received complaints from members of the public about encroachment onto the reserve by private landowners who have blocked public access with fencing and plantings. The complainants pointed out that continuing to allow this encroachment is contrary to the Council's own bylaws and that the various blockades forced people to walk dangerously close to the cliff edge. In reply Mr. Rattray has said, "We are currently having the esplanade reserve surveyed to establish the reserve boundary in relation to private properties. Once we have the survey we will be requesting the homeowners remove private structures and planting ahead of improvements to the reserve to facilitate greater community access."

The Council has already reinstated public esplanade reserve between Pyle Rd West and Karora Rd. so opening up public access to the top of the point will create an approximate 1km walk along this section of coastline with cliff top views across Whangārei Harbour.

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Seen at the Waipu Kings Birthday Market

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Danica Jade Williams of Ruatangata demonstrates her juggling skills



Lucian Ravenwood, Jacob Robinson and Tom Robinson bought new sun glasses to enhance their Mr. Cool poses.

And at the Artisan Junction pop up sale



Zoe and Matilda Hilt of Waipu had colourful braids and sparkles in their hair



Sue McFadden of Mi Studio demonstrates her craft at the Pop Up Art sale held at the Marsden Christian Camp. Organisers report good attendance and sales with 225 visitor on Saturday 31 May and 130 already at midday on Sunday 1 June.

Surprises everywhere in Denise and Ian Billington's McCathie Road garden

Denise and Ian Billington are having a lot of fun building sculptures, mainly from recycled materials, in their McCathie Rd. garden while the rest of us get to enjoy looking over their fence to see all this creativity. Who could miss the big pirate ship which Ian has rebuilt twice, enlarging it to add an extra mast?

Daffodils, made from old vinyl records, brighten up the entrance and closer to the house there are red ANZAC poppies also fashioned from records

A recent innovation is a pond with a boat. While work on this was in progress someone walked by and exclaimed, "What are they doing now?"

"That made us laugh", said Denise.

The Billingtons have lived on the property for eleven years, although they didn't get started on turning it into a fun park straight away. They have a large vegetable garden, a vineyard an orchard and a flock of laying hens. There is a well set up barbeque courtyard with a fire pit inside an old truck bonnet. There are surprises everywhere.

Their grandchildren enjoy visiting and sometimes they get requests from parents to bring their children in to visit. For the past few years they have opened for Christmas and Halloween and have boxes of Christmas lights and Halloween props including a collection of spooky animatronics to put out for these occasions. This year they plan to use these occasions to fundraise for local good causes.



A work in progress. - Denise is turning a set of piano keys into the wings of a giant eagle. The piano frame has become a bar stocked with glasses and spirits.



Denise has a little vineyard and makes her own wine. The bird houses made with teapots are new and this spring she will find out if birds find them suitable to nest in



Ian built this tired looking old nag from a forty gallon drum and some old chains. It is pulling a horse drawn mower sourced from the Dargaville museum when it was getting rid of some of its old stock. The horse is a favourite with a granddaughter.



A whale's tail emerges out of the lawn



Flower power and a VW. Denise and Ian set up this 1960s themed backdrop to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Who looks after maintenance in Te One St. Park?

The tornado that swept through the northern edge of the Ruakākā Village in 26 January this year – 2025 did some severe damage to the line of pohutukawa trees in the Te On Street Park.

The broken branches were gathered up into piles under the trees but have lain there ever since. Local residents have been trying to get the mess cleaned up.

The park is used for pedestrian access, Rescue Helicopter evacuation of patients from St John’s ambulance and sometimes-local events. The residents say the numerous large branches left piled up on the park allow weed growth, interfering with mowing and are an unsightly mess that degrades their community area.

However they have been having difficulty in establishing just who is responsible for the care of this park.

Whangārei District Council staff at the Council Hub in Takutai Place told them it is not a WDC owned park so not a council responsibility.

The land, which was previously part of the Marsden Power station property, is held by the crown. The asset management company FBL has previously looked after the park but when contacted said they no longer look after the park as the client LINZ (Land Information New Zealand) had taken it back into their own care in March 2025.

When contacted the Crown Property assets management office said a maintenance request could be raised with the Land and Waterways team but the exact location of the reserve was needed so instructions could be given to the contractor.



Piles of broken branches under pohutukawa trees in Te One St Park have remained piled up under the trees since a tornado ripped them from trees in January

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	Workshop for all levels. Includes all materials, tea and scones. Adults \$65 Kids \$65 Red Door Gallery, The Braigh Limited to 7 adults / 3 kids Contact Victoria at Red Door Gallery		The second of a two series workshop for adults. \$60 for both workshops. 5.30pm – 7.00pm Black Shed Art Collective Bookings: claire@sculpturenz.com		Featuring an afternoon of thoroughbred racing at Ruakākā, where the turf meets the surf. 11.00am – 4.30pm Ruakākā Race Course Ph: Rebecca Swords 09 432 7249		Celebrate mid winter with this annual spine tingling, chilling and invigorating dip. 12:00pm Waipua Cove Surf Club, Cove Rd Ph: Kath Manning 021 554 401		An exhibition of local Waipua artists at the Black Shed Art Collective. Wed – Sun. 10.00am – 4.00pm black-shed-art-space for details	

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Planning for a new Catholic Church in Ruakākā

Ruakākā’s Holy Family Catholic Church community is making plans for a new church in on its Peter Snell Rd site.

Monica Johnson told the Bream Bay News, “We are still in the concept stage of planning, including costing, and hope to have firm plans by the end of the year, ready to get underway early next year.

The current Holy Family Church was officially opened in 1992 . the building had an original life as the recreation hall for the single mens quarters at the Marsden Power Station.

Recently a fundraising Variety Concert was held at the church. The programme featured local acts including: the Ruakaka Friday Jammers, Anthony and Joy Jiongeo, Highland dancers Peyton and Kyah Murray, Eva Ragnet, Gigi Austin and Liza Machan, the OTP Filipino dancers, and a guest appearance by wearable arts winners from Pompallier College, Amelia Milner and Cassandra Ferrer.

The main performer was renowned songwriter and singer Father Chris Skinner who travelled up from from Auckland with Father Phil Bennenbroek and a Peruvian priest Father Miguel Angel Contreas, currently head of the Marist Fathers in South America. Father Miguel was recently honoured by the new Pope Leo and made Auxillary Bishop of Callo, Peru.

It was also special to have four Marist priests at the concert. The order of Marist priests have served the St Francis Xavier Parish for 100 years but they are leaving and Diocesan priests are replacing them.

The concert was supported by Whangarei Businesses: Farmers and the Cosmetic Clinic and in Bream Bay by Two Bird’s Cafe, and Marsden Cove Pharmacy.



The Ruakākā Friday Jammers at the fundraising concert



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Mon 9 June	5.52	2.4	6.36	2.4
Tue 10 June	6.36	2.4	7.18	2.5
Wed 11 June	7.19	2.4	7.59	2.5
Thu 12 June	8.02	2.4	8.39	2.6
Fri 13 June	8.44	2.4	9.19	2.6
Sat 14 June	9.27	2.4	10.00	2.6
Sun 15 June	10.11	2.4	10.43	2.6
Mon 16 June	10.57	2.4	11.28	2.6
Tue 17 June	11.44	2.4	~	~
Wed 18 June	12.15	2.6	12.34	2.4
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Ngā whetū o Matariki (the stars of Matariki)

By Lydia Draper in korero with Gina Murray

Matariki is the name of a cluster of over 500 whetū (stars), nine of which are visible to the naked eye. The name Matariki is an abbreviation of Ngā Mata o te Ariki Tāwhirimātea, which means the eyes of the god Tāwhirimātea (the god of the wind). Tāwhirimātea was so angry when his siblings separated their parents, Ranginui the sky father and Papatūānuku the earth mother, that he tore out his eyes and threw them into the heavens. His eyes became the star cluster that we know as Matariki.

The cluster is also known by other names such as the Pleiades or the Seven

Sisters (in Greek mythology). According to Māori traditionster is part of a larger constellation called Taurus which is one of the earliest recorded constellations in human history, dating back 17,000 years.

The theme for this year's Matariki celebration is Matariki mā Puanga. Some iwi look to Puanga instead of Matariki, and the theme acknowledges and celebrates this. Puanga is a whetū that, like Matariki, adorns the night sky for most of the year. The first new moon in the month of June marks the period when Puanga and Matariki disappear from view. This time is a chance to reflect on the past year and to remember our loved ones. It is also a time to clear the earth of things that have gone before, both physically and spiritually, ready to sow the seeds of the new year.



Puanga and Matariki then rise again in a fortnight in the eastern sky. This is the time to acknowledge the rising of our loved ones that have passed onto the spirit world, and to prepare for the celebrations of the new year.

Puanga is also known as Rigel and forms part of the Orion constellation which is located on the celestial equator and can be seen throughout the world.

The date of Matariki changes each year. It is influenced by the maramataka (the Māori lunar calendar) and reflects the phases and rhythms of the marama (the moon) and the natural world. This year, the Matariki public holiday will take place on 24 June 2025.

The nine whetū of Matariki carry associations which, depending on how bright each whetū shines or its po-

The nine whetū of Matariki:

Pōhutukawa is the whetū that connects to loved ones who have passed into the spirit realm. It is the whetū that gently reminds us to never forget. That through remembrance, our loved ones live on. It is the whetū of grief and gratitude, helping us honour those who have passed and remember all we have learnt from them. It is the reason why people would cry out the names of the dead and weep when Matariki was seen rising in the early morning.

Tupuānuku twinkles to the importance of harvesting crops. As Matariki sets in the west, this signals the end of the harvest before the weather cuts up rough for the winter months.

Tupuārangi rises for the birds and kai (food) that grow up high, such as berries and fruits. Ranginui is the atua (ancestor/God) of the sky. If the whetū of Tupuārangi is faint, kai from the sky will be hard to find. If she is burning bright, there will be an abundance.

Waitī beams for the freshwater rivers (awa) and tributaries that nourish all life. If she is beaming

brightly, kai from awa will be bountiful. If she is dim, it will be hard to find.

Waitā shines for the ocean and all of its creatures. If Matariki hovers just above the horizon, it means it will hold influence over the tides and flooding.

Waipunarangi is the whetū of rain. If it is crisp and clear, rain will fall lightly during the year. If it's not clearly visible, there will be much rain and a risk of flooding.

Ururangi soars in with the wind. If he's easy to spot, wind won't be an issue this year. If he's hard to see, we can expect it to be windy.

Hiwa-i-te-Rangi welcomes our wishes and dreams. We can wish upon Hiwa-i-te-Rangi to help realise our hopes and aspirations for the year.

Matariki is the guardian of the constellation. The mother who watches over the other whetū and inspires hope for the year to come. She is synonymous with health, good fortune and peace.

Matariki events in Bream Bay

The Bream Bay schools annual kapahaka festival

This year's Bream Bay Kapahaka Festival will be hosted by Bream Bay College and will be held on Wednesday 18 June from 1.30 – 5.30pm. There will be kapahaka performances by local schools, a student market and food stalls.

Hangi

.Matariki Hangi Fundraiser for Patuharakeke Maori Rugby League to attend the National Māori Rugby League tournament in Rotorua, Saturday June 21. Orders to : promotewaipu.co.nz/hangi. Pick up from the Celtic Barn 5pm to 6.30pm.

The Magical Matariki Glow Show



Cast of the Magical Matariki Glow Show

The Magical Matariki Glow Show in the Waipu Coronation Hall on Monday 30 June with two sessions: 10am – 10.40am and then 11.30am – 12.10pm. Adults \$21.50, kids \$16.38. Children 18 months and younger are free of charge on the lap of a paying adult. Tickets can be purchased from: glowshow.co.nz
The Glow Show children's theatre company was founded by costume designer Sarah Burren in 2017 and the company has toured New Zealand annually since then. This year it is telling the story of te kāhui whetū o Matariki (the star cluster or whanau of Ma-

tariiki) as they gather to light up the skies for te tau hou Māori (Māori New Year). But where is the smallest star, Waipuna-a-rangi Could the little one be lost in the moana?

Sarah says, "Celebrating Matariki is such a beautiful part of living in Aotearoa. It connects us to our universe, our ancestors and to each other". The show features glow in the dark magic, giant puppets, a toe tapping soundtrack and story telling in te reo Māori and English.

CELTIC HARMONY



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Action needed to stop moth plant spreading in Waipu

The invasive moth plant is making its presence known across Waipu village and surrounding areas, with infestations now confirmed in places like Flagstaff, The Braigh, Argyle St, Shoemaker Road, and Ferry Road. This aggressive vine is a serious threat to our native bush and gardens, smothering other plants and spreading rapidly through its prolific seed pods.



The Piroa Conservation Trust (PCT), funded by Northland Regional Council, is calling on Waipu residents to join the fight. “We know moth plant is here in force,” says Martina Tscirky, PCT’s Weed Action Coordinator. “But we need locals to reach out so we can help.”

Moth plant is easily identified by its sticky white sap and distinctive pods, which resemble chokos but are not edible. These pods burst open to release hundreds of wind-blown seeds, making early detection and removal critical. Take care to wear gloves as the sap is poisonous.

PCT has secured a free disposal solution for moth plant pods, and Whangarei District Council has agreed to contractor-led weed removal in the Ferry Road reserve and wetland.

Inspired by a successful initiative at Whangarei Heads, PCT is offering a free one-hour consultation for landowners ready to tackle moth plant or other invasive weeds. Whether you’ve seen moth plant in your backyard, on a neighbour’s fence, or along a roadside, now is the time to act. PCT is also trialling a new treatment method for mature vines to reduce seed viability.

For advice, support, or to book an Hour of Power, contact Martina at weedaction@piroaconsevation.org.nz or 027 449 0464.

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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
4.30pm	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
4.35pm	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
4.50pm	Arrives	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Kaiwaka/Mangawhai Road, Molesworth Road, Mangawhai Heads Road, Cove Road, The Centre Waipu, Nova Scotia Drive, SH1, Marsden Point Road, Peter Snell Road, Marsden Point Road, SH15A, SH1, Otaika Road, Maunu Road, Walton Street, Rose Street Bus Terminal.

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New restaurant opening this week at Marsden Cove



Head chef - Robert Stringer, restaurant owner - Jas Minhas and Cook - Alycia Bull outside the new restaurant in Marsden Cove.

Marsden Cove's keenly anticipated new restaurant will officially open this Thursday 5 June. It is called Oregano and the cuisine style is Mediterranean with gourmet pizza and tasting platters featuring olives and focaccia breads.

The restaurant is fully licensed.

Head chef Robert Stringer previously worked on Auckland's North Shore at the Clarence Rd. Eatery and the Stafford Road Wine Bar. There is also an executive Chef Tobias Wilkinson who designed the menu and helped to set up the restaurant. "It was just a shell to begin with", he said. There is space for 55 people in the dining room and more seating outside. The kitchen is filled with shiny new bench tops fridges and ovens. An archway into the dining room, plants and mosaic styled wall decoration help to create the Mediterranean atmosphere.

Tobias said he and Robert have known one another a long time and work well together.

The business owner is Jaswant Minhas who owns the Shiraz Indian restaurants in Whangārei, Dargaville and Kamo.

He said, as Ruakākā already has two Indian restaurants and there is another in Waipu, he wanted to provide something different for Bream Bay locals.

Once the restaurant is running smoothly it will also offer takeaways and deliveries. Twelve people are employed in the new business, most of them living in Ruakākā or One Tree Point.

Opening hours are 11am to 8.30pm from Tuesday to Sunday. Coffees and muffins will be available through the day.

The restaurant's phone number to make bookings is 09 955 1089 or book online at: www.oregano.co.nz

WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **MOVIE. MUFASA** Saturday 7 June from 4pm. Doors open 3.30pm. at Bream Bay College. Tickets \$10 per child or \$15 per adult. Pre purchasing available at Ruakākā Westpac or by email - ruakaka_branch@westpac.co.nz also limited number of tickets at the door. A fundraiser for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.
- **CARLEEN STILL AND KYLIE AUSTIN** at the Waipu citizens and Services Club . Saturday 7 June at 7pm. Tickets \$20. Fundraiser for the Waipu Fire Brigade.
- **COASTAL PLANTING MORNING.** Saturday 7 June 8.30a, - 10.30am at the entrance to the Uretiti campground. Bring a spade. Wear sturdy shoes or boots. Morning tea provided. Bream Bay Coastal Care event.
- **WAIPU MUSEUM KNITTING AND SEWING FOR FUN.** Tuesday 10 June. For 6 - 10 year olds 3.15 - 4.45pm. The first of two sessions. The next on Tuesday 17 June - same times. \$10 per child per session.
- **THE GREAT DEBATE FRIDAY** 13 June 6.30PM - 8PM. At the Waipu Hotel. Topic *Langs Beach is part of Waipu.*
- **VET CENTRE PET PARADE** Saturday 14 June. Meet outside the Pizza Barn at 10am.
- **COUNTRY MUSIC BARN DANCE** Saturday 14 May in the Waipu Coronation Hall . Kamo Line Dancing Club will give lessons. 7.30 - 10.30pm.
- **SHORTBREAD COMPETITION** Sunday 15 June Entries to the Waipu Fire Station 10am - 12 noon. Judging at 3pm.
- **MATARIKI KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL** Wednesday 18 June at Bream Bay College 1.30pm to 5.30pm. Kapahaka performances by Bream Bay schools.
- **CELTIC HARMONY PIPE BAND CONCERT**, Saturday June 28, 7pm, Celtic Barn, Waipu. Full backing band, singers, dancers. Tickets: trybooking and Harcourts Waipu plus door sales. Light supper. Contact Jill Mutch 0274821967
- **BREAM BAY MUSIC GROUP** First Monday of every month starting at 7pm At the new Rec Centre in Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka Contact Ross or Fulco on 0274 410 584
- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** Fridays 10.30 - 12noon, Bream Bay Community Trust Hall, Takutai Place, Ruakākā coming up: . 23 May Matariki crafts Kono weaving, 6 June - Matariki crafts - star weaving.
- **COMMUNITY BINGO** every last Wednesday each month (except December) Every one welcome. Raffles, restaurant and Bar open from 5 pm. Calling starts at 7.30 pm 15 games and 2 jackpots open to the public. At the Waipu Citizens and Services Club
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From the Bream Bay News June 1975 issue

Members of the Bream Bay Discussion Group gave their opinions on what kinds of industries and development they would like to see at Marsden Point and in the Bream Bay area as a whole.

Light industry to employ women and girls as well as men was thought more desirable than heavy noxious industries, which could create pollution, including noise pollution, with a residential A area so close to land zoned for industry.

Also it is essential to preserve the great natural beauty of the area. Other points suggested were that rural farm areas should continue as such; that a Refinery should be isolated from industry (especially in the event of war) and all agreed that the residents of a growing area must have positive and constructive ideas as to what is wanted to create employment and that they should be the ones to decide what comes.



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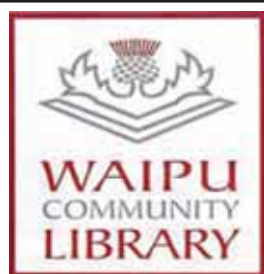


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