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Shelving of four-lane highway puts truck stop project back on the table

The shelving of the four-lane highway from the Ruakākā roundabout to Whangārei has meant another project is back on the table.

Simon and Nancy Tan are now able to progress with their plan to build a truck stop, petrol station, fast food outlet, café and restaurant on the north eastern side of the intersection of State Highway One and Port Marsden Highway.

The Tans purchased six blocks of land – around 18 hectares at this location and announced plans for the truck stop at a public meeting in Ruakākā in 2019.

Mr. Tan said the project has been held up for a year or more as Waka Kotahi – the New Zealand Transport Agency, had required the land for the highway upgrade.

The Whangārei District Council has received a resource consent application for this project. The Council has assessed the application as a discretionary activity and has invited public submissions with a closing date of 23 August.

The development will also include a children’s playground, a public toilet, an EV charging station, a convenience store and several other retail spaces – one of which Mr. Tan suggests could sell local produce to tourists.

He said the new hub would provide jobs for Ruakākā people as well as an all hours restaurant.

He said, “I would like to have McDonalds but I am

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Pets in Tartan parade a popular Winter in Waipu event



The Pets in Tartan parade went ahead with the sun shining on Saturday morning 24 July. There were pipers, lots of dogs and owners wearing matching tartan outfits, a Circool Circus stilt walker, a well-dressed goat, a pony and a tiny lamb in a blue tartan bonnet.

The parade had been cancelled the previous Saturday due to rain and wind.

The parade, which is sponsored by the Waipū Vet Centre, is a popular feature of the annual Winter in Waipū festival

More Pets in Tartan photos on page 9.



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damage the ear canal and the tiny hairs inside the canal that gently move the wax out to the outer ear, which is how the ear cleans itself.

The cause of excessive earwax may also be from hearing aids or frequent use of ear plugs, which stop the flow of earwax to the outer ear, and may allow the wax to build up, needing careful removal.

Earwax removal is best carried out either by a doctor or nurse, or by seeing your community pharmacist, who will be able to advise you on the right product to soften and aid the removal of ear wax that is bothering you.

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EDITORIAL

Add a few extra minutes to your travel times

These new speed restrictions on our local roads are going to take a bit of getting used to.

The black covers have finally come off and the new limits have been revealed and are now enforceable. I went for a drive this morning to familiarize myself with the rules. Doing my best to keep within the new boundaries, I found myself constantly touching the brakes to slow down

I had understood that consistency was one of the principles the new limits would be based on but this doesn't seem to be the case in Waipū. Driving into the town along Shoemaker Rd. the speed is 40km/h from the highway. Turning into The Braigh it drops to 30 and changes to 50 along Cove Rd on the outskirts of the town to change again to 80 a little further along the road. Driving back along The Braigh there is a temporary 60km/h sign near where the residential housing ends and then a 100km/h sign as you approach State Highway One.

Driving at 30km/h through the commercial area of Waipū seems sensible to me, as with all those big SUVs backing out of parallel parking spaces, a pedestrian crossing, vehicles pulling in and out of the petrol station, the Nova Scotia / South Rd. intersection and the general busyness of the place there are plenty of hazards to watch out for.

Forty kmph felt pretty slow along Shoemaker Rd. I noted the Ute in front of me was pulling away, although it wasn't going excessively fast.

Fifty kmph along Marsden Point Rd. from the highway towards the Ruakākā Town Centre also seemed a bit slow. I imagined the drivers of the vehicles lining up behind getting a bit grumpy as I attempted to keep religiously to that speed. We are all going to have to add a few extra minutes to our estimated travel times.

I understand there is a bit of an uproar in One Tree Point about the 40km/h restriction that extends from the entrance to the Marsden Cove Marina, along the main route through the marina and along One Tree Point Rd. past the boat club and a good distance up the road towards the highway when it switches to 80km/h. At least you have consistency.

I noted a sign near One Tree Point Primary said School Zone 50k, so a bit of that black covering material may be needed here.

Another confusing sign is the 40k notice at the entrance to the by-road opposite the Arise Church alongside Marsden Point Rd. People are likely to assume the 40km/h relates to Marsden Point Rd. itself, giving the baffling message that there are two speed limits here depending on the direction you are travelling in. That sign might need to be re-angled.

The speed limit along Mountfield Rd. where I live remains at 100km/h, despite lots of new driveway and some sharp corners. The rule out here is - drive to the conditions. Most of us do just that although there are, as always, a few reckless and sometimes running late for work drivers who speed along the road with engines roaring.

Marilyn



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The site of the proposed truck stop

not sure if this will happen. It will be some fast food chain.”

Only around a third of the 18 hectares would be built on. In 2019 the Tan’s consultant John Duthie explained that the developed portion of the site would need to be raised above flood level with the balance of the land used as a reservoir to hold floodwater.

As regards access onto and off State Highway, One Mr. Tan said his engineers had presented a number of options for Waka Kotahi to consider.

Fund raising dinner brings in over \$13,400

The fundraising dinner with guest speaker Eric Rush, which was held in the Waipū Celtic Barn on Friday night 30 July raised just over \$13,400. The money will go to the Boulton family to assist Janine who is undergoing extended cancer treatment in Auckland and her young daughter Evie.

Funds were raised through ticket sales, a cash bar run by the Waipū Lions and an auction Juanita McGoldrick who helped to organise the dinner commented, “A great result from a very generous community.”

Look who visited Ruakākā School last week



Look who visited Ruakākā School last week! Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern along with Associate Minister of Education Kelvin Davis, Whangarei MP Emily Henderson and Northland MP Willow Jean Prime along with their staff descended on the school last Monday 26 July to announce funding to build two more classrooms to accommodate the rapidly expanding school role.

In just seven years the school’s roll has more than doubled, from 155 at the start of 2014 to 330 today. Pressure for space is so great that the school’s teachers and other staff are using a corner of the Multi Purpose Room for their morning tea and lunch breaks so the staff room can be used as teaching space.

Ruakākā School currently has 16 classrooms with the promised new rooms bringing the number to 18, and is running out of space to accommodate them all.

During the visit to Ruakākā School Kelvin Davis announced an allocation of \$100 million for short-term roll growth classrooms. Other schools in the region to benefit are: Whāngarei Intermediate, Te Rangi Aniwaniwa in Kaitaia, and Oruaiti School in Mangōnui. The minister also announced a \$150 million top up for shovel ready school property projects with Kamo High School the first to benefit by way of a \$7 million for the redevelopment of a teaching block.

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Another missing sign

The large Wildlife Refuge sign that was located on the north bank of the Ruakākā Estuary is also missing. What can have happened to it? Even if it had been washed away by the tide, surely it would have come ashore somewhere. It seems as if our shore birds are fighting a losing battle against disturbance by unwelcome visitors. Surely it is not too much to expect people to keep clear of the birds' roosting, feeding and nesting areas when everybody has most of Bream Bay for them-

selves.
 If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the sign could they please inform the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust. Thank you.

*Margaret Hicks
 Ruakākā*

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MP faces some tough questions on the shelving of the four lane highway

Some tough questions about the Government’s failure to deliver on its promised four lane highway between Ruakākā and Whangarei were put to Whangarei MP Emily Henderson at a community hui she held in the Ruakākā recreation Centre on Saturday 24 July.

A woman who identified herself as a Labour supporter but said she was bitterly disappointed at the dropping of the highway project. “It feels as though Northland has been left out once again.”

She said that stretch of road is very dangerous and both the road and the rail link would be needed for the expansion and growth of Northport.

Dr. Henderson said the geotech work on the proposed route had revealed that the cost of the proposed highway upgrade would almost double from \$602 million to \$1.3 billion due to the presence around the Portland area of a rock of a sub soil structure known as Onerahi Chaos Breccia. This is a form of subsoil composed of mudstone with pieced of harder rock embedded within it.

Dr Henderson said the \$602 million would still be spent on transport in this area. Somewhere between \$300 - \$400million would be spent on building the rail spur into Northport and the remainder would go on safety upgrades on the highway.

She said statistics showing a decrease in serious road accidents on the highway at Oakleigh since the centre lane bollards were installed there were “pretty compelling”. In the five years prior to the posts going in there had been 9 deaths and 25 serious injuries on that stretch of road. In the past three years since the installation there had been one death and five serious injuries.

Keith Newey asked Dr. Henderson if she knew how much freight is carried by rail at present. She did not but Mr. Newey informed her this was around 23% and he said indications are this proportion would decrease not increase as loading goods on and off rail carriages is “very labour intensive.”

“Northport needs rail but it also needs roads.”

“The road upgrade is a lot of money but think what it will cost in 10 years time.”

He said trucks certainly cause a lot of damage but people should understand that trucking companies are paying around 50c per kilometre to use the roads and that this amounted to \$60,000 - \$70,000 per truck per year.

Dr. Henderson replied, “At some point we have to start thinking about the cost of carbon. We can’t con-

tinue business as usual.”

Mr. Newey said that world wide only 0.03% of carbon reaching the atmosphere was generated in New Zealand.

Dr. Henderson said, “All we can do is take responsibility for ourselves. I am not prepared to say we can go on producing carbon emissions and other countries need to cut down on theirs. Look at what Biden is doing in the US. If the US is doing it than we had better look at where we are going. Markets are looking for green producers. If we are not going to make these changes now, then when? “

President Biden has set a target of reducing US greenhouse gas pollution by 50 -52% of 2005 levels by 2030.



Dr. Emily Henderson, MP for Whangarei at the hui in the Ruakākā Recreation Centre

Why Onerahi Chaos subsoil is such an expensive problem

Bream Bay News asked Waka Korahi for an explanation of the problems presented by Onerahi Chaos and why the prevalence of this type of subsoil had led to such a big cost increase.

Andy Thackwray, Waka Kotahi National Manager Infrastructure Delivery said, “There are a range of factors that led to increased cost estimates for the Whangārei to Port Marsden Highway project. When the New Zealand Upgrade Programme was first announced the project was in an early stage of development, with detailed project information still being established. Significant work has since been carried out to get a better understanding of risks and costs.


“With this better understanding we updated the cost estimate to reflect increased property costs, the need for higher design standards to provide climate change resilience and the impact of Northland Allocthan (Onerahi Chaos) soil.

“ Areas of the Port Marsden to Whangārei corridor are particularly vulnerable to climate change and the increased cost takes into consideration the higher design standards in respect of route alignment and structures to ensure the corridor is resilient and future proofed.

“Our Geotech investigations have shown that Northland Allocthan (Onerahi Chaos) is even more prevalent than originally thought, meaning more land required and also more cost to stabilize the ground. There’s also a risk we would need to import fill from other locations rather than re-use earth cut from the site itself, meaning more costs would need to be factored in.

“This type of soil is really unstable – it doesn’t bear weight well and slips easily meaning that cuts need to be much more shallow (and therefore wider requiring more property). Stronger rock can be cut more steeply with less property impact.”





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Refinery land would become available for new industry

Speaking at a Ruakākā Development Group (REDG) organised public meeting in the Ruakākā Recreation Centre on Saturday 24 July Jack Stewart, Chief Operating Officer at Refining NZ, said the last 18 months have been the most challenging in the 60 year history of the refinery.

“When Covid 19 hit us everyone stopped driving and no-one wanted to buy our products. We recovered from this but there was the underlying problem of a global oversupply of refined petroleum products, which has driven down our profit margins.”
The proposal to cease refining operations and for the refinery to become a storage depot

for imported refined products for distribution to Auckland and Northland had received support from BP and Z Energy, two of the company’s customers. Agreement is still needed from its third customer Mobil.
The company is also waiting on a vote by its shareholders, the results of which are expected this month. He said the de-commissioning and transformation to storage facility would “not be a simple exercise.”
The process was expected to take four or five years and to cost around \$200 million. Around \$60 million of this would be spend decommissioning the refinery assets. Some of the plant would be retained, as it might be viable to repurpose this for biofuel production. Some of the tankage might also be needed to provide fuel security for customers.
However, a substantial amount of land would be available for potential new industries. NZ Refining had just gained resource consents to operate heavy industry on the site for another 35 years and there was a skilled



If the proposed transition to a fuel distribution hub goes ahead at the Marsden Point Refinery some of the plant could be retained as it might be viable to repurpose this for biofuel production.

workforce available from refinery staff about to be made redundant.
The refinery work force would be reduced by 90. Mr. Stewart said he was pleased to report that of those who had already left their jobs all but two had found re-employment.
The development of a solar farm is still continuing to being explored. This would become more viable if electricity prices were to increase.
Biofuel production was another possibility but this was dependent on the availability of feedstock such as wood waste.
In particular, there is a need for sustainable aviation fuel and the production of green hydrogen is another possibility
Mr. Stewart said it would take five or six years to bring any of these proposals to fruition.

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Resource consent applications for port expansion likely to be lodged next month

Jon Moore was the third speaker at the REDGE public meeting in the Ruakākā Recreation Centre on Saturday afternoon 24 March.

He told the audience that he didn't believe Ports of Auckland could shift to Northport.

"It wouldn't fit."

Rather he said Northport had an important role to play in supporting Auckland, particularly North Auckland and Northland.

"We can do a lot to ease congestion in the other ports."

He said this was already happening. Last December the container ship Constantinos P laden with 1340 containers of goods for the Auckland Christmas market was diverted to Northport because of congestion at the Auckland Port.

"It was a great challenge for my team. We had both our cranes working and trucks up and down the highway.

Mr. Moore said "all but one of the boxes" made it to its destination on time.

Since then the Constantinos has returned twice and another container ship, the Tianjin Bridge has come to Northport.

Northport has also "helped Auckland out of pickle" by providing space for 1,000 empty containers.

Northport had invested in its development at a container port having purchased two mobile container cranes as well as a \$250,000 crane simulator for training purposes.

The second crane was purchased at a price of \$7million

early in 2020. Mr. Moore said this was needed to give certainty to customers in case of a breakdown with the first big machines. Both cranes were put to good use last December.

Log exports are up this year due to a good price in China.

The decision in 2018 by Golden Bay Cement to ship cement from Northport to its customers around New Zealand rather than trucking it to a storage facility in Auckland was "a good opportunity for Northport".

Mr. Moore said cement trucks continue "to trundle up and down that bit of road that is not going to be four lanes" from Portland.

Kiwifruit exports are on the increase with 50% of the fruit grown in Northland now shipped through the port and likely to increase.

Local engineering companies SPIND and Cullens relied on the port to barge big constructed items such as the new pontoons for the Auckland ferry terminal to Auckland.

Nine cruise ships had been scheduled to call at Northport before the Covid 19 pandemic arrived and severely impacted the tourism industry. However, Mr. Moore believes cruise ships will be back with the Hundertwasser Centre acting as a draw card.

He referenced a 1969 article in the Northern Advocate where building a port at the current location was referenced. Northport finally opened for business in 2002 so will be 20 years old next year.



Jon Moore speaking at the REDGE meeting

"These things take time", Mr. Moore said.

Within the next few months Northport would be lodging resource consent applications for its planned expansion. The port would be expanded to both the east and west, with its harbour frontage extended to 1390m and total land area to 75 hectares.



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Road safety now the flavour of the month for NZ transport Agency - Waka Kotahi

Representatives of the Northland Transportation Alliance were guest speakers at the Waipū Residents and Ratepayers Annual General meeting last week.

Nick Marshall, Team Leader of Road Safety and Traffic Engineering, and Aram Goes, Maintenance and Operations Manager, explained the Alliance – NTA is an amalgamation of the Whangārei, Far North, Kaipara and Northland Regional Councils. Although each council retained a separate budget and set its own priorities staff expertise was shared between the three district councils.

Mr. Goes said that Northland was split into five contracted areas, two of these within the Whangārei District Council. The contract specifications were the same for each area as the aim is to get a regional level of consistency.

“We can measure the performance of contractors against each other and pressure some to step up their game.”

Mr. Marshall explained that his job was strategic planning and preparing the case for subsidies to Waka Kotahi (the NZ Transport Agency). As Waka Kotahi subsidies provided the bulk of the funding for most roading projects applications needed to be tailored to central Government requirements.

“Six years ago the flavor of the month was cycleways. This time around it’s road safety. “

A lot of number crunching had been carried out to determine the worst roads (in terms of serious accidents causing injury and death). In Bream Bay apart from State Highway One, which is the responsibility of Waka Kotahi, Cove Rd. and Marsden Point Rd. were identified in the top 10% of “worst roads”.

Mr. Marshall said that the new speed limits placed on these roads is one measure to make them safer. Other options are: better road marking, skid resistant surfaces and cats eyes along the road edges. He said the next round of Waka Kotahi funding would be announced around September- October and the amount of upgrades able to be carried out on Northland roads was heavily dependent on this. He added that every Council in NZ “is in the same boat.”



New 50kmph speed restriction on Marsden Point Rd. from the towncentre to the highway

Questions from the floor

Petition presented to Council to seal last kilometre of Glenmohr Rd.

Gabi Kinnell said a petition with 600 signatures had been presented to the Whangārei District Council requesting that the remaining one kilometre left unsealed on Glenmohr Rd. be sealed.

She said that after the stormy weather on Sunday 25 July the road was in such a bad state that some residents couldn’t leave their properties and a fallen tree branch had reduced the road to a single lane.

She made the point that Glenmohr Rd is used as a detour when there is an accident on the highway south of Waipū and that the tsunami warning of March saw 750 vehicles drive up the road on route to higher ground.

Mr. Goes said a situation where a road needed some urgent repairs was an operational matter and something he would deal with. The longer-term upgrade would require capital investment and was a matter for NTA’s planning department. He said the factors of the road being a detour and an escape route should there be a tsunami or flood warning were relevant matters to consider when priorities for road seal upgrades are being considered.

Waka Kotahi rep unwell but will attend at a later date

Jon Pheloung who was booked to attend the meeting on behalf of Waka Kotahi to talk about imminent safety upgrades for State Highway One, sent in his apologies as he was unwell. He said he hoped to be able to attend a meeting in Waipū some time soon.

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Traffic management getting a bit out of hand

Waipū Residents and Ratepayers Chairman and milk tanker driver Morris Somner commented, "Traffic management seems to be a bit out of control."

He said that traffic management is set up even when the contractors haven't arrived to do the job.

"Maybe it is giving unemployed people jobs but it seems to be very wasteful and it is money not going into roads."

Mr. Marshall said in his previous job as a project manager traffic management could account for as much as 30% of the total cost of a project and that it had cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000 a month to replace road cones, which were mostly stolen or lost.

Mr. Goes said there were many complaints about excessive traffic management not only about wasteful spending but also about the disruption this was causing to people using the roads. He explained that the roading contractors sub-contracted to the traffic management companies so it was up to them to control how much was being spent in this area. But he said contractors are dealing with increased regulation and are "freaking out about the cost of liability" should any of their workers or a member of the public be injured at a job.

However he said it might be possible to specify in the contract requirements that excessive spending on traffic management be controlled and commented that this situation seemed to be nation wide.



A road cone left behind by a traffic management crew.

A "new brew" for metal road surface

In reply to a question about the availability of contractors to deal with unsealed road maintenance at the optimum time between when the roads were too wet and before they become too dry in the summer, Mr. Goes replied that he was confident local contractors had the capacity to deal with this work.

"We need to plan early and get the work done early."

He said that every unsealed road will have corrugations in dry weather and people using these roads often ask for a grader. While he sympathized with those who had to drive on corrugated roads sending in a grader could be wasteful as the benefit was often very short lived and, despite the best efforts of the grader driver, metal would be spilled over the sides of the road which was wasteful. A wet grade roll treatment was up to ten times more expensive that normal grading so is done sparingly.



Applecross Rd. in Waipū has been rebuilt and has a layer of the new aggregate mix on the surface.

Mr. Goes said the practice is now to use a "new brew" of aggregate on unsealed roads with finer material such as silt in the mix to encourage cohesion. This mix replaces traditional stony loose metal and creates a harder smoother surface requiring less grading. The down side is the road surface gets muddy when wet. But Mr. Goes said this is less of a problem as there are usually many more fine days than wet ones.



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Some of the stars at the Pets in Tartan Parade



Caro Stanners with her Arapawa goat who, on this occasion was named McMasport, in matching outfits were winners at the Winter in Waipū Pets in Tartan Parade held in sunshine on Saturday morning 24 July. McMasport wore a Tam O'Shanter and tartan coat with pockets, which held: a whisky flask, a packet of shortbread and a miniature set of bagpipes. He is a bit of a star and travels with Caro to many SPCA outreach events. He makes hospital visits, has ridden a paddle board, climbed up fire brigade ladders and goes hiking. He loves it', said Caro, particularly if the stunt involves climbing up on something. Mc Masport is one of just 300 Arapawa goats in the world



Rose Dominick dressed her black lamb Hades in a blue bonnet to match her own blue hair.

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Waipu Cycleway & Walkway Update July 2021



Thanks to everyone in the community for your continued support to help us build the 8km trail between Waipu Village and the Cove. We've had such positive feedback from users of the newest section between Cullen and McLean Road, including appreciation for the generous donation of an easement over land from the Brown family. Last year's plants have survived the summer well and we'll be looking to do some more planting shortly. Keep an eye on our FB page for planting date.

What's next?

We want to connect up the last 3km between McLean Road and Riverview Place. Discussions with landowners along this route are starting to take shape now but none of this happens quickly and we need to make sure that landowner views are thoughtfully considered.

Over the next 6 months we will be:

- Finalising a budget to build and finish the remaining 3km
- This includes costs for land surveying, excavation, metal, fencing, planting, signage, bus shelters and other amenity.
- Holding further discussions with landowners along the trail
- Finalising a buildable trail route and design
- Obtaining all agreements and any consents required
- Fundraising to build and finish the trail

We're committed to promoting safety and accessibility of the trail for all cycleway and walkway users, acting in an environmentally responsible manner, being good stewards of the funds raised by our community and contributed by Whangarei District Council, and listening to the views of landowners and the community.

What's in the future?

When completed the Waipu Walking and Cycling Trail will be included within a proposed new 350km trail around Northland, linking Waipu to the north with Ruakaka and the Tutukaka Coast and to the south east with Mangawhai and Puhoi.

To donate to our fundraising efforts: contact Louise Wickham, mobile 027 434 5353 or go to our website: www.waipucycleway.com

A Great Debate to finish a month of Winter in Waipū celebrations with a flourish



Jill Mutch, for the in favour of tartan team, driving home her arguments in rhyming couplets

A Great Debate was the final act in this year's Winter in Waipū festivities. With the Moot – "Should Tartan be banned from Waipū?" and the winner determined by a vote from the floor. the result was always going to go one way.

There were however some pretty compelling arguments from the affirmative. Pat Hadlee argued that the tartan was akin to "a gang symbol" and encouraged tribalism and aggression.

Debbie Walters Brown said as her ancestors were predominantly of the Nordic race she could just as easily be walking around wearing a Viking helmet and Neil Troost said he was sure Arthur of Arthur's Emporium was rubbing his hands in glee whenever Tartan Week came around as Waipū people all rushed up to his store in Whāngarei to buy their tartan accessories.

On the in favour of tartan side – Ken Couper said other cultures were jealous of the Scottish Tartan. The English danced around a silly Maypole and Neil Troost, whose parents came from Holland, should be running around with a tulip in his mouth.

James Alexander said tartan made Waipū famous and with street names such as McLeod Rd and McLeans Rd. the tartan should remain.

But it was a poem crafted by Jill Mutch that sealed the vote –

*Don't touch the Scottish tartan, observe the Bill of Rights.
For if you do remove it, you'll plunge into a fight.
I see no mention in the moot of banning pipes and drums,
If tartan goes just watch this space, they'll march with naked bums.*

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Fundraising to buy a new piano for their school



Bream Bay College music students from left: Devon McGuire, Connor Williams, Gabriella Uphof, Mirabella Uphof, Teeana Finlayson

Bream Bay College music students are fundraising to buy a new piano.

Music teacher Margo Finlayson said the school has a number of accomplished pianists and want to buy a good quality upright piano to replace several it already has which are in poor condition.

The goal is to raise \$5,000 and to kick off the

fundraising effort, the students will be holding a concert at Land and Sea Caf  on Sunday afternoon 29 August starting at 3pm. Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$20 per person. Some of those star pianists will be performing on an electric keyboard.

Summer tennis not too far away

Winter tennis continues at the Waip  club on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. Club President Paul Ramsay invites people to . "Come along and keep yourself warm while doing some exercise and practising a skill! "

He said now is a great time to get in some early season practice.

The summer season will start in mid-September and that is not far away. Intermediate and Junior Tennis will start after the September holidays.

Last season the club ran two days of the nationwide

Love Tennis promotion and had lots of people come along and try. This promotion is happening again on the weekend of 18/19 September.

Mr. Ramsay said tennis cannot survive without a committee of dedicated people to run the club. The committee only has about six meetings every season and is looking for some younger people to put their hands up to help out at its AGM on Thursday 2 September at 5.30pm.

Updates on what is happening with Waip  Tennis can be found on the club's facebook page.

Ruak k  Library Children's section to get an upgrade

The children's section at the Ruak k  Library is about to get an upgrade. Librarian Lindsay Dobbinson said some new shelving is due to arrive next week and Bream Bay College art students would be providing some work to brighten up the walls.

There have also been new books purchased and a cull of some of the older books.

Lindsay said the children's section has picture books, early readers and books for young adults. Picture books are the most popular with borrowers although grandparents often take out books for older children staying with them during the school holidays.

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Mon 9 August	7.55	2.4	8.12	2.6
Tue 10 August	8.40	2.5	9.04	2.7
Wed 11 August	9.24	2.6	9.47	2.7
Thu 12 August	10.09	2.6	10.31	2.7
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Sun 15 August	12.04	2.7	12.36	2.5
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Wed 18 August	2.49	2.5	3.38	2.5
Thu 19 August	3.53	2.4	4.43	2.5
Fri 20 August	4.58	2.5	5.43	2.6

Lots of positive feed back for Twilight Walk

The Twilight Walk along the Waipū walkway on Tuesday evening 20 July was a well organised fun event with ghosts, cardio drumming an LED pio show, Pooh Stick races under the bridge, a ball throwing challenge and a Waipū Lions sausage sizzle at the finish.

Unfortunately though, having been cancelled the previous Sunday evening, due to wet weather, it wasn't all that well attended. It was a fundraiser for the still to be completed Waipū to Waipū Cove cycle and walkway trail and as holiday entertainment for children.

However, one of the organisers Jan Francis said there was lots of positive feedback from those who did turn up and the lights and other props will be stored away for another Twilight Walk

The *On Ya Bike* challenge planned originally for Sunday 11 July, then rescheduled for Sunday 25 July was finally held over until the summer as the grounds of the Caledonian Park had become very rain saturated. This event will have a slow riding contest, a ride the plank, follow the leader, an obstacle race and a rodeo race. Local bike riders now have plenty of time to practice.



There were ghosts along the trail

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- **THE MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 15 August from 9am - 1pm. In the big marquee at Marsden Cove
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- **FUNDRAISING CONCERT** by Bream Bay College music students. At Land and Sea Cafe on Sunday 29 August from 3pm. \$20 entry. Tickets at the door.
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Local companies sponsor the Ruakākā Recreation Centre's fire safety upgrade

We would like to thank everyone who supported us in our fundraising campaign with the gift basket raffle to raise funds for the \$3,000 Fire engineer's inspection fee.

Our goal was to make a net profit of \$ 1,500 and we reached our goal raising \$ 1,518.30. Our winner of this large gift basket was Doug Mills from Waipu, he is a member of the Bream Bay Squash Club here at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. Congratulations Doug!

It is so great to see local companies sponsoring the fire safety upgrade at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. Ruakaka Engineering and Rudolph's Abrasive Blasting and Coating Specialists LTD have offered sponsorship worth \$ 3,500 each. Busck Prestressed Concrete LTD offered their help from the start when we began our fundraising campaign for the fire protection upgrade. They will donate the Unispan planks we need for the two new landings, worth \$ 2,000. We can't thank all three companies enough for their generous support.

We have already started the fire safety upgrade. Fireco has finished the type 2 fire alarm system upgrade and Alan McIntosh, one of our committee members and a retired builder, has installed the two new fire doors. He's halfway through fireproofing the viewing platform in one of the Rec Centre's squash courts, and he's also started building the new escape stairs. The Ruakaka Recreation Centre is fortunate to have such highly qualified committee members who sacrifice their free time to support our many projects. Thank you all!

*Christine Thirling
Manager, Ruakaka Recreation Centre*



Raffle winner Doug Mills

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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)
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4.00pm	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
4.10pm	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Bream Bay Community Patrol

Working with the Police to reduce crime in the Bream Bay area.

To inquire about joining, contact Senior Constable Martin Geddes
Waipu Police Station – 432 4030



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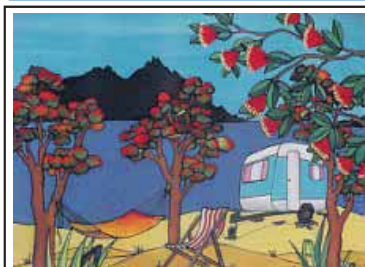


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THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

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

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Ruakaka Town Centre, Ruakaka

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

Marsden Cove Medical Centre
1A Ngawaka Lane, One Tree Point

Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm

Please advise at time of booking if you require an extended consultation.

Ph: 432 8060 Fax: 432 8230

AGM
 Waipu Business & Community Incorporated

Will be held on
 Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 5:30pm
 @ Salt n' Pepper café
 WAIPU GOLF CLUB

Special Guest Speaker
 Peter Gibb
 Hon Consul Nepal

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For further information & apologies
 Contact Graham Boulton
 secretary@waipu.kiwi
 (027) 397- 8934

AGM
MenzShed
Waipu Inc.

10am
 Tuesday 10 August
 2021
 At the
 MenzShed Building
 Waipu Heritage Precinct
 41 Halifax Drive,
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WAIPŪ TENNIS CLUB AGM –
 Thursday 2nd of September 2021 5.30 pm
 at the clubhouse in the Caledonian Park

WAIPŪ COVE RESERVE BOARD
2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 To be held Sunday 5th September, 11am
 in the All-weather Room at Camp Waipu Cove
 Contact 09 432 0410 or
 waipucoverserveboard@gmail.com

**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 0274 849 764.

**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. All services start at 9.30am.

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

Lifepoint. 300 OTP Rd, 10.30am.

SOMETHING NEW HAPPENING AT
SeniorNet Bream Bay
“Drop In Sessions”

Drop in & investigate our services & what we have to offer or just chat every Wednesday morning 10.30am – 12.30pm.

No appointment necessary
Members of the public are most welcome to come along and inquire about us too
See you at 7 Kepa Road, Ruakaka

Bream Bay Community Support Trust

Community Support Trust, Ruakaka Phone 09 432 7197
Together in Partnership

SERVICES WE PROVIDE:

- Social workers
- Family violence support workers
- Youth services - youth workers
- Youth hang out space
- Schooling - family liaison
- Community Connector
- Driver mentor programme

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

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