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Cycle/walkway from Mangawhai to OTP in NZTA business study

A cycle and walking track from Mangawhai to One Tree Point is being considered under a \$6.5 million Provincial Growth Fund grant to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). The grant is to undertake a Business Case Development Project based on the Twin Coast Discovery Route through Northland.

The Whangarei District Council's Long Term Plan contains the statement that the Council had applied to the Provincial Growth Fund to construct shared paths (for cyclists and walkers) connecting Paihia to Whangarei and One Tree Point to Mangawhai as part of a Regional Walking and Cycling Strategy.

Asked how this application was progressing, Jeff Devine, The WDC's Rooding Manager said, "The project to build walking and cycling paths across rural Northland is one of the seven business cases being developed within the NZTA project.

He said one of the requirements of a PGF project is that it must be shown in the Regional Land Transport Plan, (RLTP) and the needed amendment to the RLTP is being put at the next Regional Transport Committee meeting.

Mr. Devine said "This is an NZTA lead project with Council staff assisting in the business case development."

Asked how much the project would cost and what route it would be taking through Bream Bay, Mr. Devine said these matters were "Unknown at this time, and are part of the business case development."

Waipu's teenage thrash metal celebrities



From left: Niel (Hammerhead) de Jong, Lewis and Henry de Jong and Ethan Trembath at home in Waipu.

The latest in a string of awards for the Waipu based teenage thrash metal band Alien Weaponry is Te Kaipuoro Rakapioi Toa/Best Rock Artist of the year at the 2018 New Zealand music awards held on Thursday night 13 November in Auckland's Spark Arena

Alien Weaponry opened the awards night with a spectacular performance of their song Kai Tangata. The award, a colourful Lego like object designed by

Dick Frizzell, sits on a trophy shelf in band members Henry (aged 18) and Lewis (16) de Jong's home in the Flagstaff gated subdivision just east of Waipu. Last week they left for a tour of America where they will take the stage at Thrash Metal festivals. They will fly back to New Zealand on Christmas day and are hoping the plane will be empty so they can stretch out and get some sleep.

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EDITORIAL

Does everyone need a marae somewhere?

I have just been out in the garden tying some old CDs to bamboo stakes set in the ground around my boysenberry bush. The fruit are just beginning to swell and turn red and the blackbirds are already taking a keen interest.

I got this CD idea from Colleen who looks after the distribution of the Bream Bay News in Mangawhai. I saw them swinging around in the wind and catching the sunlight in her garden and asked how well they worked. "Kind of" she said.

I am not too confident as those blackbirds have already got a taste of those delicious boysenberries but the CDs look nice with their reflective rainbow sheen. It wasn't that long ago that CDs were the latest thing, little round paper-thin miracles that somehow contained hundreds of photos, whole books and albums of music. They replaced those awful tapes, which got tangled up in your car tape player. Now they are just more outdated junk. Its worth a try using them to scare away those pesky birds and it is always good to find a use for something that you might otherwise throw out.

Disposing of or recycling plastic items is a big preoccupation these days.

I sympathise with Olli Krollman, who found plastic bags with dog poo inside at the pedestrian entrance to Ruakaka beach last week. I have also found these nasty little parcels, left at the road entrance opposite Waterman Drive to the Waipu Cove to Langs coastal walkway and at the same spot Olli found them thrown in the meuhlenbeckia alongside the boardwalk beach access to Ruakaka beach. How disgusting?

Putting dog poo in a plastic bag is supposed to be a way for dog owners to remove the offensive stuff from pub-

lic places but leaving it there inside the bag: it just means its going to hang around for a much longer time than if they hadn't bothered to pick it up in the first place. Who do these dog owners imagine is going to come along and clean up after them and their pets? How many people had their serenity shattered on their morning beach walk when they noticed those little green bags before someone took it upon themselves to climb down there and pick them up? With no bins at the beach anyone who did this would have to take those smelly packages home. It's too much to expect of even the most dedicated beach cleaners.

I was interested to read Margaret Webber's letter where she quoted a former chairman of the Waipu Museum board who said, "This is the marae of our people."

I have wondered a bit about the passions people have expressed over the future of the museum but this statement helps me to understand where all this is coming from. Perhaps there is a desire of people of all cultures to have somewhere they can go that recognizes who they are and where they come from and places a value on that heritage.

I remember visiting the Takahiwai marae a few years ago when it was undergoing a big refurbishment. People from all over New Zealand and Australia who had a connection to Takahiwai came to help and were welcomed home by their relations. There was so much pride in the work they were doing and in their belonging.

Long may the Waipu House of Memories serve that purpose for the descendants of Waipu's Nova Scotian settlers.

Marilyn

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Helen's Head Shave



Sian McGregor grimaces as Anna Worthington, watched by Isobel Paton, prepares to cut off one of her long plaits. The head shaving to raise money for breast cancer research was held in the Waipu Coronation Hall on Saturday 24 November. The event commemorated the life of Sian's mother, Helen McGregor who died of breast cancer in 2003 at the age of 36 when Sian was just four-years-old.

Ruakaka General Store owners receive an apology from the court

Dina Bahkta and Ravi Patel, of the Ruakaka General Store, are feeling let down by the New Zealand justice system after a former employee who stole from their business was given a nine months suspended sentence by Judge John McDonald in the Whangarei District Court on 14 November.

Vilmae Allen was caught on camera pocketing cash after a sale while she was working at the store. A search through the shops till transactions revealed this was not an isolated incident. The suspended sentence means, if Mrs. Allen does not come before the court again within the next nine-months, her sentence can be dismissed.

To make matters worse, Mrs Bahkta had attended every court appearance by Mrs. Allen to date but when the sentencing date was moved forward two days, the court failed to inform her about this

Mrs. Bahkta learned from a supporter of Mrs. Allen's that the sentencing had taken place and heard from her about the suspended sentence.

She then went to the court to find out what had happened and was directed to the court's Victim Advisory Service but was told that they could not help as the victim of the crime was a business and not an individual.

At a previous court appearance, Judge Greg Davis had noted Mrs. Bahkta's presence in the public gallery and her interest in the court process and asked if she would like to have a restorative justice meeting with Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Bahkta had replied enthusiastically saying, "Absolutely" however, she received no further advice from the court about the proposed meeting.

Contacted by the Bream Bay News and asked about the way Mrs. Bahkta and her husband had been treated, Jacquelyn Shannon, Group Manager Courts and Tribunals Regional Service Delivery said,

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LETTERS

Why the croquet club needs a new clubhouse

I thought this might be amusing for your readers to see our croquet committee in meeting mode. The heading says it all.

*Christine Martin Captain
Waipu Croquet Club*



Editor's note: The Waipu Croquet clubhouse is very small and has no running water, toilet facilities (players and visitors alike have to go next door to the Waipu Bowling Club or the hotel) or electricity. The club has grown rapidly. After hitting a low with just 10 players six years ago it now has a membership of 41. The Waipu Croquet Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2021 and the club committee's aim is to have a new clubhouse in place by then.

Proud to know Annie cast members

We had the pleasure of watching our local folk perform in the play, Annie. It was pure delight, and all credit to Lizzie and Steve Thom who were playing lead roles and were just so superb and their previous acting experiences shone through. Annie was played by Emer Lea this night. What a wonderful girl she is, and a beautiful voice as well. Along with all the other children who were on stage, they were all a delightful team. Congratulations to all. I am sure Hannah plays a lovely Annie too! I thoroughly recommend that if you get the chance to go to this show, make it a priority. Well done. Made us proud to know you!

Wendy and Ross Boyd.
Waipu.

Congratulations to the Takahiwai Community for its roadside tidy up

I wish to congratulate all those in the Takahiwai Community who have been responsible for cleaning up the roadsides, beautifying the area and making it so much safer for children and walkers, joggers, gardeners etc. along Takahiwai Road and, in particular, those few who are "driving" it all. What a huge improvement in such a short time! I drove past the bus shelter yesterday, what a joy to see. It is truly a credit to you all.

*Robyn Hembry
Ruakaka*

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Waipu Carol Service to move to Whangarei

“The Waipu Carol Service has outgrown the venues in Waipu so this year it is being hosted at the Whangarei Anglican Christ’s Church in Kamo Rd says a press release by publicist Tim Dower.

The annual carol service was a project started by Waipu farmer and theatrical director Lachie McLean in the 1970s. Lachie’s philosophy was that for the choir quantity was more important than quality and he encouraged everyone, including children to take part.

But because of the high esteem Lachie is held in by the performing arts community of Northland and beyond he was able to bring top musicians (often home to visit family in Northland for Christmas) to play in the orchestra and some of Northland’s most celebrated singers as soloists.

For many ears the Waipu Carol Service was held in the Waipu Presbyterian Church, which Lachie, despite being an Anglican, recognized as the spiritual home of Waipu. More recently it has been held in the Waipu Celtic Barn, last year with no involvement by Lachie. Lachie is back directing this year’s service.

The Tim Dower press release states that the move to the Whangarei Anglican church will mean “the orchestra can be embellished with the magnificent sound of the pipe organ and the service can be held in the ambience of candle light.”

Steve Goldthorpe who helped organise last year’s Waipu carol service said, “It really does need to be held in a church.”

Opera singer Kawiti Waetford will be part in the performance and will be joined by Sophie Sparrow of Opera North as well as singers from the Otamatea Repertory Theatre, the Whangarei Choral Society and the Whangarei Theatre Company.

Rehearsals for the choir will take place simultaneously at the Anglican churches in Waipu and Whangarei beginning on Thursday 13 December at 7.30pm. There will also be practice sessions at both venues on Tuesday 18 December and one on Whangarei only on Thursday 20 December.

The service itself takes place on Sunday 23 December at 8pm – in Whangarei.

Store owners receive an apology

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“While the Ministry is unable to provide details on specific cases – that is information held by the court – it is clear that Mrs Bhakta didn’t receive the information from the justice system that she should have and I want to apologise to her for this.

“A court manager will call Mrs. Bhakta and we’ve also requested a copy of the judge’s sentencing notes so the court manager can communicate the detail of what happened.

“The Ministry will also be discussing the service court victims advisers provide to businesses that are victims of crime to ensure an appropriate and consistent level of service is provided.

As background information she explained, “Restorative justice referrals from the District Court are only for an assessment as to whether a session can proceed. Restorative justice is a voluntary process and can only proceed if both the victim and the defendant agree to participate and the facilitator considers it appropriate. If one party does not want to participate, or the facilitator does not consider it appropriate, the court is advised.”

The Registrar of the Whangarei District Court advised, “The sentencing occurred on 14 November and the defendant was convicted and received a nine month suspended sentence. The date was moved due to there being too many cases set down for sentencing on the original date. “



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LETTERS

Why are we considering hiding our beautiful House of Memories?

In regard to the discussion about plans for the Waipu Museum, I have just visited Glen Innes in New South Wales, where we visited the Australian Standing Stones and Crofter's Cottage. This project was largely completed by a few dedicated citizens who are committed to acknowledging Glen Innes' Celtic Heritage. The replica crofter's cottage was built to remember these pioneers and the area is the home of the Australian Celtic Festival. Why are we considering hiding our beautiful House of Memories?



Replica Crofters cottage in Glen Innes, New South Wales

The majority of the attendees found neither of the plans presented acceptable. Mr Couper says that he suspects "that no-one will get exactly what they want and we are all going to have to compromise".

Phillipa McKegg
 Auckland

Waipu House of Memories is the marae of Nova Scotian settlers

I just read with interest the articles in your paper dated 8th and 22nd November. I was at the meeting on October 28th mentioned in the first article and felt that the majority of the attendees found neither of the plans presented acceptable. Mr Couper says that he suspects "that no-one will get exactly what they want and we are all going to have to compromise".

I can see no compromise at all being made by Mr Couper and would like to know why these grandiose plans have been sprung upon the Nova Scotian descendants without proper consultation. Little effort seems to have been made to ensure that the Nova Scotian community at large had any input. Most of us don't live in the area but this does not mean that this museum is not important to us. To quote the chairman of the 1953 board, "in the words of the Maori, this is the Marae of our people".

It was quite by accident that I heard what was planned and was able to attend the meeting but it looks as though this was a wasted effort as, from reading these articles, it looks as though this expansion plan is a fait accompli.

I was happy with the original plans that I thought were agreed on some time ago to build additional museum space and offices to the rear of the House of Memories - thereby leaving the look of the building intact. I don't want my heritage stuck in a glass box.

We all know the saying - if it is not broken why fix it. How many small museums have a UNESCO heritage register inscription? Expansion yes, a change of focus away from the Nova Scotian migration story - no.

Helen Webber
 Auckland

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Buzzing after surviving the rigours of a 21 day Outward Bound course

Kelsi Levell, aged 19, and Matt Deverell – 21 have just returned from a three-week Outward Bound course sponsored by the Bream Bay Community Trust. They are both buzzing with the experience.

Kelsi, who works as a caregiver at Ranburn and hopes one day to join the Police Force, said it is an experience she will never forget and she believes it will help her in her quest “to lead a healthy, happy and exciting life”.

Matt, who is a youth worker, said one of the hardest activities was a 17-hour hike, starting at 7am and finishing at midnight. He said it wasn't



Matt Deverell and Kelsi Levell

just a matter of fitness but of finding the mental strength to keep going.

For the whole 21 days they had to leave their cell phones behind.

Matt said everyone is so interested in what they are doing they don't miss it.

Kelsi said a couple of times people in her group would wonder what was happening out there in the world.

Kelsi's most challenging activity was spending three days and two nights on her own in the bush with just a sleeping bag and a fly cover for shelter and three

apples, three carrots, three biscuits and a small bag of nuts and raisins for food. She was given a pen and some paper but could not take a watch, her phone or even a book along for company.

She said she felt she was going a bit crazy with no one to talk to for that amount of time and could hardly wait for dinner the day her solo camp ended.

Sue Rudman of the BB Community Trust said the sponsorship which is worth \$4,500 to each candidate is an annual one by the trust. This is the first time two young people have been sent on the course.

Summer bathing spots water testing begins

Annual summer water quality tests begin this week on some of Northlands most popular swimming spots. In Bream Bay tests are carried out at: Marsden Bay, Ruakaka River alongside the campground, Ruakaka Beach, Uretiti Beach at Tip Rd., Waipu Cove, Langs Beach and on the Ahuroa River at Piroa Falls.

Water samples are taken from these sites each Monday and are forwarded to the Whangarei District Council and the Northland District Health Board. They are also posted on a national LAWA (Land Air Water Aotearoa) website : www.lawa.org.nz so people can check sites before they go swimming.

Asked why the Uretiti sample is taken at Tip Rd. rather than at the beach front of the Department of

Conservation's campground, Ricky Eyre, the NRC's Coastal and Water Quality Field Operations Manager said he was new in the job but thought this is probably due to ease of access. He said building up a historical record at each site is important and this would likely outweigh the benefits of shifting to the more popular Uretiti camp spot.

Last year testing at Piroa Falls showed consistently high E.coli content from mid December throughout the summer testing period. Samples from the site were sent to a laboratory for analysis but this came back with the inconclusive information that the E.coli could have originated from either waterfowl or ruminant animal

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LETTERS

Not the way to dispose of dog poo

I think we need to provide some education for the community that putting dog poo in plastic bags and chucking them in the dunes is not the right way of disposing of it – unless the idea is that it's still there and well-preserved for everyone to admire in a hundred years...

Seen at the Ruakaka Beach entrance platform on Wednesday 28 November

Olli Krollman
One Tree Point



Some "shellfish" person

We have a bach on Kororo Rd. On the early morning of 11 Nov, some 'shellfish' person has dumped their kina shell on the beach at Kororo Rd and it has all ended up near the high tide mark. This is a particular hazard to children, pets, in fact anyone using the beach. You may like to publish this photo of Kororo Rd beach to draw attention to the incident as a warning to beach goers and hopefully a deterrent to the person who dumped them from continuing the practice.

Gary Leslie
Whangarei



A wonderful new sign

Wonderful to see the new sign just down from the entrance into Takahiwai Road. Thanks to all concerned. Hopefully this will make a difference to traffic speed and safety for walkers, cyclists etc. on our road. Again thanks to all concerned.

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Police Report



Two gold medals at Australasian Games

Constable Mark Stuart has returned from the Australasian Police and Emergency Service Games held in Mandurah south of Perth with two gold medals in table tennis: one for a singles and the other for a team competition.



Constable Stuart at the medal ceremony in Madurah

Constable Stuart is a former New Zealand representative player but hasn't played competitively for 23 years. In preparation for the Mandurah games he went up to the Whangarei Table Tennis Centre on two consecutive Wednesdays to practice.

The Police and Emergency Service Games are held every two years. As well as Australia and New Zealand, China, Singapore, New Caledonia, and Papua New Guinea were represented at this years games, which attracted 3,500 competitors across 50 different sports.

Car stolen from Cove Rd.

Overnight on Tuesday 20 November a car was stolen from an address in Cove Rd., Waipu. The stolen car is a silver Subaru with the number plate LHT613.

Fatal crash at Topuni

Police attended a fatal crash at Topuni on 20 November. A 29-year-old Auckland woman, the driver of one of the vehicles was killed on impact. A passenger in the car remains in hospital with serious injuries. It appears that one of the vehicles crossed the centre line and Police are investigating.

No burglaries but 14 family harm incidents

There have been no reported burglaries in Waipu or the Ruakaka, One Tree Point area over the fortnight 19 November to 3 December.

Police dealt with 14 family harm incidents over this period

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Getting the most from your sunscreen

Most of us aren't benefiting from the full SPF value of sunscreens. We either apply too little, too late, or don't reapply it often enough.

The Teaspoon Rule

To make sure you have enough sunscreen cover, use the teaspoon rule. Assuming your torso is covered up, you'll need a teaspoon for each of your arms and face, and two teaspoonfuls for both your legs. On an average adult body, that's at least 7 teaspoons (approximately 35ml). If you are wearing swim wear, you'll need even more!

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Re-apply

Re-apply sunscreens at least every two hours. Water resistant sunscreens may be removed by towel drying or sweating so re-apply after getting out of the water.

Cover up

Remember to cover up as well. Hats, shirts and sunglasses all help to increase your sun protection. And seek shade, especially between 10am and 4pm.

Understanding how to be Sun Smart

Become Sun Smart

New Zealand has some of the strongest levels of UV radiation in the world. Making the right choice regarding sun care is important for you and your family's health. Your Pharmacist can provide you with the right care + advice to help you be sun smart with your everyday sun care choices.

What is SPF?

SPF stands for Sun Protection Factor. It gives an indication of how much protection a sunscreen has against the burning rays of the sun. If used correctly the higher the number, the greater your protection.

What are UVA and UVB rays?

UVA rays are responsible for wrinkles and premature aging as they penetrate deep into the skin. UVB rays penetrate the skin's top layer causing sunburn. Both can cause skin damage.

What is a broad-spectrum sunscreen?

A sunscreen product that shields against both UVA and UVB rays.

Tips for treating sunburn

It is best to prevent sunburn with good sun care protection but if you do get burnt:

- **Act quickly.** As soon as you see a touch of pink or feel any tingling of a burn on yourself or a child, get out of the sun and start treatment.
- **Cool down.** Apply a cold compress or immerse the affected area in cool water.
- **Moisturize.** Gently apply a cream or lotion to soothe the skin.
- **Hydrate.** Drink water, juice or sports drinks with electrolytes to replace body fluids.
- **Shade.** Stay out of the sun until the burn fades.
- **Get expert advice.** Talk to your Pharmacist if the blisters break, you are in severe pain or discomfort or the sunburn is accompanied by chills, fever, nausea or vomiting.
- **Be smart and get checked.** If you are concerned about a mole or funny looking skin spot get it checked by a Doctor straight away.

More information about being Sun Smart is available from:

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They say it takes a village to help raise a family, but in our case the village is our family.

Jo, Tori and the Deli team would like to thank all of the amazing locals, in their wonderful efforts in getting our Cafe up and running within four weeks of the fire. The tradies, volunteer painters, donations of furniture, flowers and the ladies who bought us home-made morning tea: Thank you! We are truly grateful for all of the love and support we have received from our village family.

The Cafe Deli is Open 7 days from 8am, serving the same great Allpress coffee our famous date scones and Deli-licious cabinet food all with free smiles. We currently have a limited menu, as the work starts on our commercial kitchen - which we hope will be ready before Santa comes.

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Revamping the Waipu Hotel ready for re-opening on Saturday

Lorraine Baker and her husband Richard Mahoney had been in possession of the Waipu Hotel for just nine days on Friday, when your Bream Bay News reporter called in to see what was happening there.



Thriving on pressure: Lorraine Bradley (left) who with her husband Richard Mahoney has purchased the Waipu with the hotel's office manager Raewyn Epps .

There were lots. The lounge bar had been completely stripped. There were tradesmen everywhere. Lorraine was in the midst of it all thoroughly enjoying herself. She is obviously someone who thrives on pressure.

Reopening at midday

on Saturday 8 December was just a week away. Lorraine had it all worked out. "There will be face painting, tattoo artists, a clown show" and the following morning Sunday 9 at 8.30am she planned to open for breakfast.

The framing for a new super sized bar area is under construction in the middle of the room. One side will be for diners and the other the sports bar where the pool tables and the TAB will be situated.

There will be 13 pumps on each side and big fridges in the middle.

Lorraine said the hotel will be specialising in craft beers and have a wide range of non-alcoholic drinks.

A room off the dining area is being fitted out as a kids' area with games like Air Hockey because Lorraine says – "What kids like to hang out with their parents?"

Out the back a big deck is under construction where Lorraine plans a beer garden.

Two full time chefs, a sous chef and a kitchen hand have been hired. The menu will have an English bent – Yorkshire pudding, sausages with mashed potatoes and gravy. Lorraine came to New Zealand from the UK 11 years ago and is from the Cotswolds. Richard is from Huddersfield.

There will be salads too for the summer and Lorraine pulls from a shelf an ice-cream dish the size of a small goldfish bowl.

"We will have sundaes in these with all kinds of ice-cream for people to share. They will be lovely."

Breakfasts will be available every day of the week. Coffee and food will be served all day long.

Lorraine said she first decided she wanted to own the Waipu Hotel two years ago.

"We went to the Pizza Barn but as usual there was a 20 minute wait. My husband will drink anywhere, so we went over the road to the hotel. I thought then, 'I would love to get my hands on this place.'"

Lorraine and Richard launched a competition for a new name for the hotel after being told by their plumber that their own idea – "The Slathering Tusk", wouldn't go down too well. Entries have flooded in from Australia, England, Hawkes Bay and the South Island. At last count there were over 600.

Have they picked one yet?

Lorraine liked the suggestion: The Rose and Thistle but she has some Maori grandchildren and is wondering if it might be better to include the name of a native plant such as flax.



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New doctor impressed by diagnostic powers of the Waipu Bowling Club

Doctor Edwin Reynolds has joined the team at the Waipu Medical Centre. He will work as a general practitioner there every Monday morning and held his first clinic there on 26 November.

He was amused that a succession of his first Waipu patients had diagnosed their conditions with the help of friends at the Waipu Bowling Club.

Asked if the diagnosis were correct he said most of them were.

He said, "The Waipu Bowling Club seems to be Waipu's chief diagnostic centre."

Dr. Reynolds works as a doctor for Auckland Regional Public Health four days a week. He is also a medical advisor for the Immunization Advisory Centre, IMAC. He specializes as an immunologist and answers questions about vaccinations from general practitioners around New Zealand.

Dr. Reynolds has owned a holiday home at Waipu Cove since 2,000 where he spends weekends and says that by working one morning a week in Waipu he gets to stay up here a bit longer.

As both his other jobs don't involve interacting with patients, another advantage of the Waipu Medical



Dr. Edwin Reynolds

Centre job is that he gets to keep his hand in as a general practitioner.

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20 December deadline for comment on One Tree Point shoreline proposals

There was a good turn out at the Whangarei District Council's consultation morning on recommendations for erosion control and improved public access for the One Tree Point foreshore.

Around 60 people came along to the One Tree Point School hall on Saturday morning 1 December to discuss the plans with Grant Stevens of RS Eng the consulting engineering company which had prepared a comprehensive set of options for the stretch of shoreline from Marama Place around One Tree Point to Pyle Rd. as well as Heather Osborne, an Infrastructure Planner and Rachael Mannion a Project Engineer of the Whangarei District Council.

"We sometimes hold these mornings and only about

two people turn up", said Rachel.

Heather said health and safety; particularly for children playing on the beach below crumbling limestone cliffs was a big concern.

People also wanted improved access onto the beach for people to swim and to make sure recreational amenities such as public walkways were provided.

People have until 20 December to comment on the proposals which can be viewed on the Whangarei District council's website www.wdc.govt.nz search for One Tree Point Consultation. There is also a printed copy for people to view at the Council Service Centre in the Ruakaka Library building in Takutai Place, Ruakaka.



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Summer bathing sites water testing begins

Annual summer water quality tests begin this week on some of Northlands most popular swimming spots.

In Bream Bay tests are carried out at: Marsden Bay, Ruakaka River alongside the campground, Ruakaka Beach, Uretiti Beach at Tip Rd., Waipu Cove, Langs Beach and on the Ahuroa River at Piroa Falls.

Water samples are taken from these sites each Monday and are forwarded to the Whangarei District Council and the Northland District Health Board. They are also posted on a national LAWA (Land Air Water Aotearoa) website : www.lawa.org.nz so people can check sites before they go swimming.

Asked why the Uretiti sample is taken at Tip Rd. rather than at the beach front of the Department of Conservation's campground, Ricky Eyre, the NRC's Coastal and Water Quality Field Operations Manager said he was new in the job but thought this is probably due to ease of access. He said building up a historical record at each site is important and this would likely outweigh the benefits of shifting to the more popular Uretiti camp spot.

Last year testing at Piroa Falls showed consistently high E.coli content from mid December throughout the summer testing period. Samples from the site were sent to a laboratory for analysis but this came back with the inconclusive information that the E.coli could have originated from either waterfowl or ruminant animals

Waipu Lions planning a free Christmas community breakfast in the Coronation Hall

The Waipu Lions will be holding a free Community Christmas breakfast on Christmas morning from 8.30am to 9.30am in the Coronation Hall.

The breakfast is particularly for those who might not have any family or friends around to share the day with.

Sharon Carroll, one of the organisers said, "We will be doing both continental and hot breakfasts with a Christmas theme."

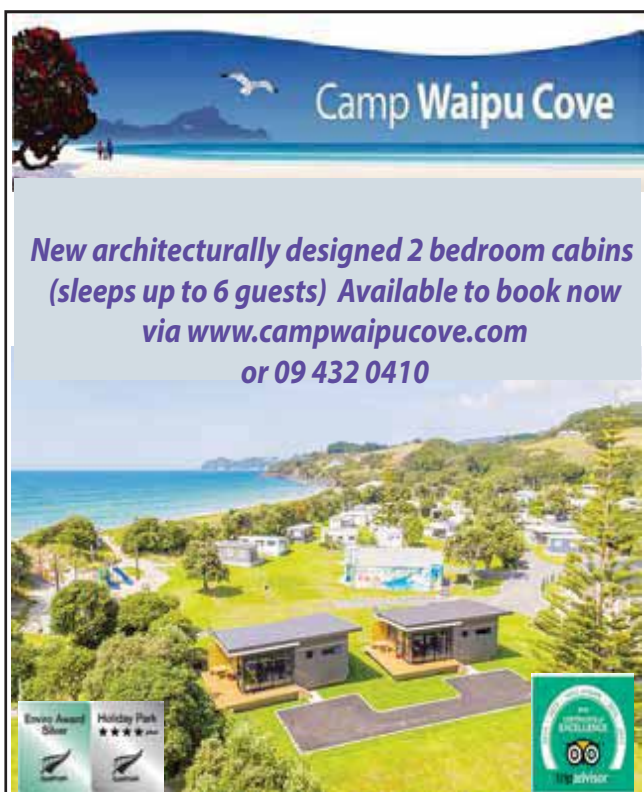
Anyone who would like to attend please phone Sharon on 432 0333 or 027 265 3227 so she can get an idea of likely numbers for catering purposes.

Free dinner and Christmas Carols at Lifepoint Church

Lifepoint's annual Christmas Carol service will be held on Sunday 16 December Before the music begins there is a free dinner from 5pm (including Lifepoints famous sheep on the spit and mussel fritters) and the music program with a band on stage singing carols starts at 6pm. All welcome.

Organiser and carol singer Sandra Currie says, "Bring a cushion to sit on and your best carol voice as we get in to the spirit of Christmas as a community!"

Sandra reiterates – "There is no charge for this event."



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Waipu's teenage thrash metal celebrities



Continued from page 1.

Earlier in the year they travelled to Europe and performed at the Wacken Open Air festival in Germany, the biggest heavy metal festival in the world, which was attended by 75,000 people.

They have just announced a tour of Australasia for 2019.

Lewis and Henry formed the group in 2010. Ethan Trembath joined them a few years later and they started entering high school rock quest competitions, which they won outright in 2016.

Even in the primary school days they were

smiling (for once) when he went on stage at the music awards. She said she is into "worshipful music."

Niel says having family support like this is normal for musicians. At a recent concert by a prominent NZ performer his mother was tending a stall selling his branded Tee Shirts and posters from a stall outside the venue entrance.

From a young age Lewis and Henry have listened to a wide variety of music: from Bob Marley, Pink Floyd, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Vivaldi and Bach

Niel – "There was always a lot of music in our house."

Henry – "Not too much of the Wiggles though."

The family never had a television set but played music videos on a big screen.

Alien Weaponry got a lot of notice when they channeled a great great great grandfather of Lewis and Henry and began to sing in Te Reo.

The lyrics of the song *Kai Tangata* seem like they could be taken from an ancient haka but I am told they were written by Henry. They are masterful, if somewhat disturbing.

Te kikokiko rekareka o aku hoariri - (The sweet flesh of our enemies)

Nga umu whakakā tātau kōpū ki te utu - (The ovens fill our bellies with revenge)

E mahi nga mahi a Tūmatauenga - (This is the work of Tūmatauenga)

Niel says the song is about the turmoil of the Musket Wars.

Does thrash metal music celebrate violence?

Lewis – "Well Bob Marley sings about looting and burning."

Niel – "Thrash metal has always been a genre that has a social political platform."

Lewis says they write songs about anything they happen to be thinking about. An interview on RNZ with Don Brash prompted him to write a protest song called *Whispers*.

Henry said some of the bands they met in Europe were interesting. Norwegian heavy metallers invoke their Viking past.

There are all kinds of metal bands from death metal bands, which Niel says emit a series of "grunts and groans." There are metal bands from Palestine, from the Eastern block countries and the genre is big in Japan. There are even Christian heavy metal festivals.

"It's a kind of release for a lot of people," said Niel.

Henry said, "There are these big scary heavy metal dudes but they are really just like big teddy bears."

I wonder are there any heavy metal girl bands? Ethan says girl metal bands seem to be a growing trend.

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a pretty impressive stage act with the long blond hair swinging and the heads banging in trash metal style, so furiously I was afraid they might come loose from their necks and roll from the stage onto the floor.

Henry is the drummer. Ethan and Lewis, these two little blond boys would come onto the stage and start screaming. Why were those kids so angry?

Lewis says they aren't and that being on stage is a way of releasing tensions and getting rid of any anger he may harbour "in a healthy way."

Their father, Niel, was always around setting up the sound system, turning the microphones up loud. It was good to see he also won a Tui at the music awards along with Simon Gooding and Tom Larkin of Shihad for the production of the Alien Weaponry album *Tū*.

Niel is a surprisingly genial, softly spoken man for someone whose email signature is *Hammerhead*. He says his award is a shared one and doesn't measure up to the achievement of the three boys.

Is he a heavy metallor? He played in an 80s alternative rock band in his youth. He has worked in recording studios as a sound engineer and one day a week teaches this skill to Bream Bay College students.

If you want to be part of the music industry and playing music is not for you being a sound and lighting engineer is another pathway, says Lewis.

Lighting technician Seth Giles gets to travel with the band in North America.

Henry and Lewis's mum Jette is also right behind them, organizing their tours and sending out press releases with photos of the three boys with thrash metal style glowers. Ethan's mum Lisa said it was good to see her son

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Sail GP trials going well

Progress of the sea-trials of the Sail GP boats in Bream Bay is going well said Peter Heath a publicity agent for Core Builders Composites, the Larry Ellison owned company building the boats in Warkworth.

He said. Friday 30 November was the last day of training for the crews of Team Australia and Team GBR (Britain).

From Monday 3 December through until 15 December it is the turn of the final two teams: Team France and Team Japan and the sea-trials will wrap up on 15 December.

For those who are wondering the equipment on the cherry picker behind the Ruakaka Surf Club picker has the functions of boosting the uhf radio

signal between the boat and the shore.

Mr. Heath said, "Testing has been going exceedingly well. It has shown the boats to be reliable and fit for purpose, and it has validated the various configuration changes that have been made to the boats. The teams have adapted to the boats well and speedily - quickly getting to the point where they have been able to move past the basics in boat handling and into more advanced manoeuvrability training."

He said, "The Core Builders Composites technical team have been delighted with the encouragement and support they have had from local residents, businesses and suppliers and Brad Marsh, technical team operations manager, extends his sincere thanks to the community."

What's On in Bream Bay

- **PULSE CHARITY GALA** in the Waipu Coronation Hall on December 8 at 6.30pm. Dance, entertainment and motivational speakers. Nibbles, cash bar and a silent auction. Tickets \$30 from: pulseperformingstudio@gmail.com. In support of youth mental health and wellbeing.
- **DAVE UPFOLD COMEDIAN AND HYPNOTIST** At the Takahiwai Rugby League Club on Saturday 8 December at 7pm. Doors open at 5.30pm for drinks and nibbles. A fundraiser for the Marsden Lions. Tickets \$40. Ph Todd 021 522 574.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET.** In the Waipu Coronation Hall. Next on Sunday 9 December from 9am - 1pm.
- **RUAKAKA CHRISTMAS PARADE** Saturday 15 December. From the Ruakaka Tavern along Marsden Point Rd. in front of the town centre. Starts at 10.30am followed by free family fun in the town-centre. Prizegiving at 12noon. Register your float at:marsdenlions@gmail.com

- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 16 December from 9am - 1pm. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina
- **LIFEPOINT CAROLS** Sunday 16 December. Free dinner from 5pm. Carols start at 6pm.
- **CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES.** Tuesday 18 December from 12 noon to 5.30pm Entry \$5 for everyone over 18-years. Entertainment by Tammy D'Ath. Spot prizes for best Christmas themed race wear. Jockey riding Santa's Pick in each race will be wearing a Santa hat.
- **WAIPU CAROL SERVICE** - to be held at the Whangarei's Christ Church at 2 Kamo Rd. On Sunday 23 December at 8pm.
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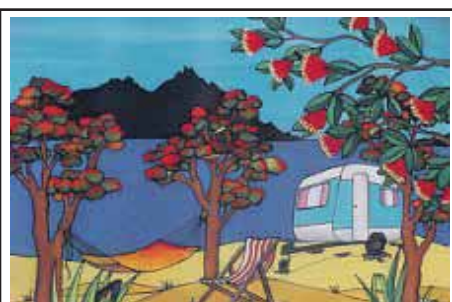


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