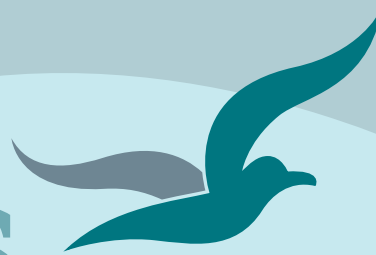


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The vexed question of the Tip Rd. vehicle beach access

A total of 125 people signed the name sheet at the door at a public meeting on Wednesday 29 March in St Peters Anglican Church in Nova Scotia Rd., Waipu with more (an additional 12 people according to the door keeper) coming in without signing. The meeting was part of a consultation the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers are running on the future of the Tip Rd. Beach vehicle access

It was opened by Wendy Boyd with a prayer and a request that people be respectful of one another "in this beautiful church".

Councilor Phil Halse, well accustomed to handling heated meetings, took the chair. He commented that the attendance was much better than at any election meeting and said how good it was to see young people present.

The Department of Conservation, which controls the entrance in question had been invited to attend but declined to do so, asking instead to be sent a report on the meeting.

Shilane Shirkey, read a letter sent to the WRRRA from Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, which stated "Patuharakeke's 2014 Hapū Environmental Management Plan (HEMP)) states that vehicular access to the beach should be limited to the following purposes: i. Customary management and kaitiaki monitoring eg. of mahinga kai (including policing of any bylaws) by Patuharakeke; ii. Emergency and lifeguard services; iii. Scientific or ecological research or monitoring in

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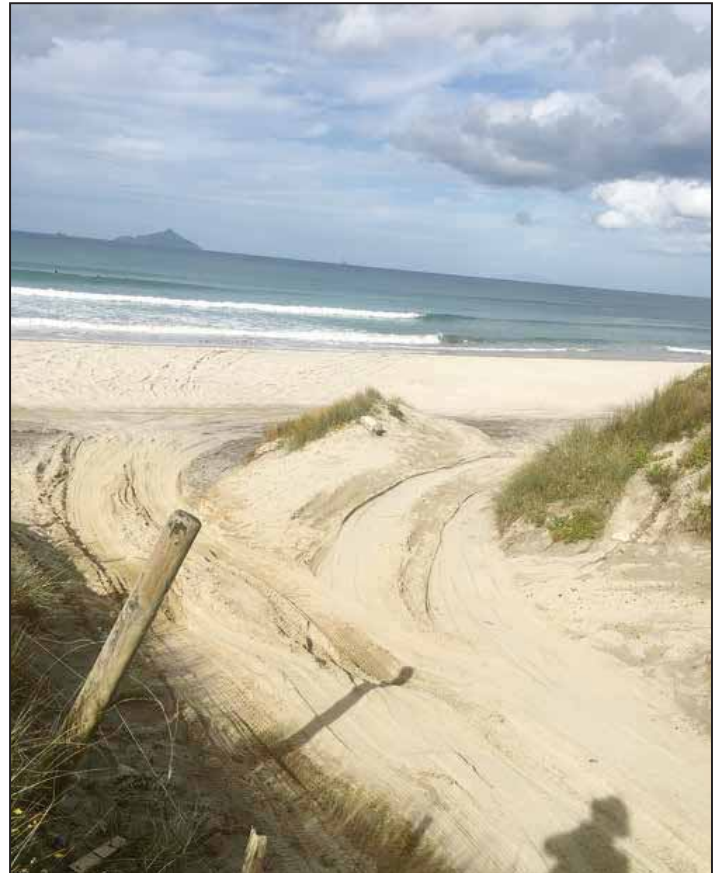
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Tip Rd. vehicle beach access

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conjunction with Patuharakeke.

"This is the only type of vehicular access we support on beaches in our rohe."

Acting WRRRA secretary Marilyn Cox followed up reading emails received from the NZ Fairy Tern Trust and the Northern Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society both asking that the access be closed and one from the Waipu Boat and Fishing Club asking that it be kept open.

49 emails from individuals with - 25 asking for the access to be closed, 18 asking that it be kept open and a further five asking for the access to be better controlled. However, at Wednesday night's meeting, the overwhelming majority of those present wanted the beach access to remain as is.

A few brave women spoke up about the need for a safe place for children to play, and for people to relax without having to worry about passing traffic.

A speaker from the NZ Fairy Tern Trust said that shorebirds don't have a choice about where they live and Cheryl Lourie of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust drew howls of angry derision when she tried to explain that the notion held by many that the beach is a road is based on an incorrect interpretation of the Land Transport Act.

However Jean Tafa said she regularly walked on the beach and had not experienced any problems from the vehicle drivers, who she found to be considerate.

Simon Ellison said local four-wheel drivers are "just a drop in the bucket" compared to the numbers who arrive from Auckland and John Horrocks warned that the population of Bream Bay is predicted to grow rapidly.

Several young men spoke about how they enjoyed meeting with friends for a BBQ on the beach but were careful to keep away from the shorebird-nesting site at the river mouth.

Speakers talked about how important being able to fish and to drive along the beach was for their enjoyment and mental health and others said without the vehicular access they would not be able to bring disabled relatives down onto the beach.

Both Peter Blanch of Waipu and Peter Hope of One Tree Point introduced a consolatory note saying that conservation and leisure activities are able to coexist if rules are followed.

There was a call for more education and signage, in particular, the need for a sign at the entrance to the Waipu Wildlife Refuge and there were comments that the community needed to take ownership of the beach management and not expect Councils or Police to control behaviour.

Earthworks company clears fallen trees from cycle trail

Several large pine trees which were blocking the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway trail have been cleared thanks to Roy Bradley of Bradley Earthworks and his son Eric.

Roy said with so much traffic using Waipu Cove Rd. due to the closure of State Highway One over the Brynderwyns he was worried that a cyclist forced onto the road might get hit by a vehicle. He said the job took him and Eric about half an hour. "We have cleared a path through but more tidy up work is needed. Actually all those big pines need to come out." He suggests native shrubs such as manuka be planted in their place



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Public meeting - a venting exercise

Regarding the recent public meeting about the Tip Rd beach access for vehicles: I was astounded to be told by Councillor Hulse that I could not ask a couple of procedural questions and that those questions would be counted as part of my speaking time. I was also surprised that the report on feedback to WRRRA on the issue was counted as a viewpoint. It should have been read at the beginning of the meeting. It was not the opinion of M.Cox, it was opinion of people who had taken the trouble to write. It was a summary.

The public meeting was little more than a venting exercise. Councillors did not explain at the beginning that no major changes to beach driving can be made without a full review of legislation and a proper, formal consultation process. The public meeting was not proper consultation. It was a straw poll, an opinion poll based on emotion.

There was no explanation regarding WDCs Vehicles on Beaches by Laws or how they are made. We all know that if DoC did try and close the access through the dunes that drivers would just force another one. DoC has never proposed closing the Tip Rd access. The real control lies with WDC.

What I heard at the meeting was "I am my car, I can't go anywhere without it." To hear a young man say he can't carry fishing rods to the beach without a vehicle is just sad. To hear middle aged men say it makes me think they are old before their time.

From the outcry at the meeting, one would think legs were going to be cut off (apologies to the disabled) People seemed to think they are going to be denied access to the beach and will never be able to go there again. This would never be the case. It is not the case anywhere in New Zealand unless through private land. Mobility issues can be worked through, they have done this in other regions. BoP is a good example, they have very sensible rules around vehicles on beaches, including transporting recreational equipment to the water edge. That doesn't however, mean any vehicle can drive the whole expanse of the beach when ever they want to, for whatever reason.

I can't help but think that what people really want is the right to joy ride any expanse of beach they want at the expense of everything else. This is evident by vehicle monitoring at the refuge end. Half of people who arrive at the refuge turn around without even getting out of their cars. They just want to drive. And yes, we do have data to prove this.

Vehicles on beaches a nation wide problem

The problem of vehicles on beaches, (yes, they actually are a problem) to public safety, the environment including dunes, bird disturbance, biota, the shorebirds food source and dune stability, is nation wide. At Kawhia, the Maori Womens Welfare League local chapter is about to raise the issue at their national conference. Forest and Bird are currently gathering data from their branches across the country. At a recent national conference of the Coastal Restoration Trust NZ, the issue of vehicles on beaches was discussed around impacting coastal ecology. Sooner or later people are going to have to accept some change in behaviour is desirable if we want an ecologically functioning coastal environment. Do we want Bream Bay to be an example of good environmental management? Or do we want to be the last bastion of four wheel driving, left with degraded dunes, barren shellfish beds and no birds?

If I hadn't been shouted down every time I stood up, I could have clarified some points, such as the number of vehicles recorded at the south end of Uretiti at the

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Celebrating new seal on Glenmohr Rd But McLean Road will have to wait

A gathering was held in Glenmohr Rd. last month to celebrate the completion of the long awaited road sealing there.

On Friday afternoon 24 March, Lynda Glibbery and Liz Perales, who campaigned long and hard for this outcome, set up afternoon tea with cakes and bubbly under a colourful beach umbrella and held a ceremonial cutting of a yellow ribbon stretched across the road.

Downer staff who had worked on the road upgrade, former Fire Chief Trevor Vaile who had written in support of the campaign and MPs Dr. Emily Henderson and Dr. Shane Reti as well as Glenmohr Rd residents, joined them.

Dr. Henderson said the achievement of the two women was an example of what could be done by people with determination and persistence to improve their neighbourhood.

Liz began campaigning for the road sea back in 2014. With Lynda she collected 620 signatures on a petition asking for the upgrade. They made the argument that Glenmohr Rd is used as a detour when there is an accident on State Highway One between Waipu and the Brynderwyns and gathered evidence about the harmful effects of dust on human health.

Each of the 15 homeowner with a driveway onto the section of newly sealed road paid \$5000 towards the upgrade – so \$75,000 towards the total cost of \$653,000.

The sealing of McLean Rd was included in the current year's programme but due to the cyclone and associated repair works now needed this project has be deferred



Lynda Glibbery and Liz Perales celebrate with neighbours, Downers staff, former Waipu Fire Chief Trevor Vaile and MPs Dr. Shane Reti and Dr. Emily Henderson

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Police Report

Firearm presented at traffic incident

On Tuesday 21 March a man in a vehicle on SH1 at Ruakākā presented a firearm at another vehicle during a traffic incident. The offender left the scene and drove down a side road and was unable to be located. The investigation is ongoing.

Road workers almost hit when driver ignores road closure

On Tuesday 28 March a 40-year-old man of no fixed abode, ignored road closure signs at Waipu and continued through a barrier almost hitting road workers and impacting a metal barrier. He continued on and was stopped on SH1 at Oakleigh. When breath tested he blew 600 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. A cannabis pipe was seen in the vehicle and a drugs search was executed with charges to follow.

Car impounded after 15 year old found driving

A 15 year old Ruakākā boy will be referred to the youth court for driving while forbidden. He was stopped on Takutai Place on Saturday 25 March. The vehicle he was driving was impounded for 28 days.

Burnt out vehicle in Te One Street

On Thursday 23 March a burnt out vehicle was located near Te One Street in Ruakākā. Investigation is ongoing.

Drink Driving

A 47-year-old Waipu man will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on 10 May on a charge of driving with Excessive Breath Alcohol. He returned a reading of 488mcg of alcohol per litre of breath when he was stopped by Police on Port Marsden Highway on Sunday 24 March. The legal limit for people over the age of 20 is 250mcgs.

• On Saturday 25 March a vehicle was clocked travelling at 150km/hr on SH1 at Waipu. The driver, a 42-year-old Waipu man, blew 748 mcg of alcohol per litre of breath and has been summoned to appear in the Whangārei District Court.

• On Saturday 25 March a 60-year-old Onerahi man was breath tested by Police after a traffic incident. He blew 656mcg of alcohol per litre of breath and elected to also have a blood test, which gave a result of 1.21/100. The legal limit is 0.5%. Has been suspended from driving for 28 days and will be summoned to appear in Court.

Driving while disqualified

• On Sunday 26 March a 23-year-old man from Pakotai was found to be driving while disqualified after being stopped on Marsden Point Road. He will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court.

• On Wednesday 29 March, a 67-year-old Taipa man was stopped by police on Marsden Point Road and discovered to be disqualified from driving. He has been summoned to appear in Court on 26 April 2023

Eight family harm incidents.

In total Bream Bay Police dealt with eight family harm incidents over the fortnight Friday 17 March to Friday 31 March. Three were in Ruakākā, three were in Waipu and two were in Maungaturoto. In all cases Police attendance was sufficient.

Excavator hits overbridge

On Monday 20 April an infringement notice was issued by the Police Commercial Vehicle Safety Team to a 59-year-old One Tree Point man after the arm of an excavator he was transporting on the back of a truck hit an overbridge. This caused the excavator to spin around and come off the truck.

Focus on Waipu Cove after reports of speeding vehicles

Police have been notified of several incidents of speeding at Waipu Cove and there will be an enforcement focus in this area.

Campervan broken into at Piroa Falls

On Sunday 18 March a campervan was broken into at Piroa Falls and several valuable items were taken. The investigation is ongoing

Report of man exposing himself at Waipu Cove

Police received a report of a man exposing himself to the public at Waipu Cove beach on Saturday 18 March. His identity is unknown and Police were unable to locate him. The complainants were referred to Victim Support.

A date in court after burnouts in Maungaturoto

On Monday 20 March, a 23-year-old Maungaturoto man was dealt with for sustained loss of traction (burnouts) in the town of Maungaturoto. He was summoned to appear in Court, issued with a Road Safety Directive and an Infringement notice as well as being referred to a partner agency for assistance with obtaining a correct driver's licence.

Facebook Market Place scams

Two Facebook market place scams where Maungaturoto people have deposited money into accounts before the items arriving have been referred to the Fraud Team.

Sergeant Jess Beckett advises people not to pay over any money until the goods have arrived.

Food taken from chiller

Overnight on 29 March a Real Town Pies chiller was broken into in Maungaturoto. Several items of food were taken including a bag of cheese. Investigation is ongoing.

Vehicle vs cow

On Monday 27 March a vehicle hit a cow at SH12 in Paparoa. There were no injuries

Construction site burgled

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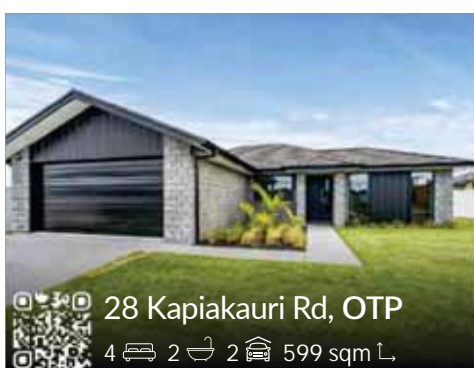
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refuge. For instance. On Nov 13th, between 1.30 and 5.00, 15 vehicles drove to the south end and stopped at the Refuge. That's a car at least every 15 minutes not counting the ones that turn around before the refuge because they see someone is there. Oh, and two vehicles didn't stop that day. They felt entitled to continue on to the spit, into the refuge. If a member of Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust hadn't been there, the other 15 vehicles would have driven through as well. Yeah, nah, signs don't stop 'em. Signs get vandalised, fences get driven through. We know this because we stand there for hours on end, monitoring driver behaviour and we see the result of behaviour when we are not there. Behaviour of regular beach drivers like those at the meeting.

The whole of the refuge is a habitat for birds, they feed in the wet sand. Shorebirds are shorebirds because that's where they live and feed. All year round. 24/7. Roosting birds are resting. Waders are feeding. If you have walked along the beach at low tide you will have noticed small tuatua shells that birds have picked out of the sand, small worms, tuatua spat in the wash, all being impacted by tons of metal on wheels.

We have this issue today because of the number of 4 wheel drive vehicles in the national fleet, along with a rapidly growing population. When the family car was a 1960s Holden sedan we somehow still managed to get to the beach and enjoy ourselves. Even with picnics, fishing rods, togs and towels, babies in back packs and grandma.

What we did have then was a healthy bird population that hadn't been driven into a corner by human disturbance. Some of us have been around long enough to remember when the Ruakaka Racecourse was a bird nesting area. They had to shoot the ones that kept coming back. Just a couple of seasons ago two oyster catchers were brave enough to nest outside the refuge area. They didn't survive.

Bream Bay is a growth area. I asked the question, what is an acceptable number of vehicles on the beach? What will it be in 5-10 years time? It seems no one is thinking about that. The meeting was all about what I want, now. The environment and the future doesn't matter.

One constructive solution would be to upgrade Tip Road carpark and even extend the area to provide more

parking and better tracks. A targeted rate perhaps. The same could be done at Sime Road, Ruakaka. Investigate what's an acceptable distance for vehicles to park inland from the dune. This would of course require all agencies to work together, which they seem incapable of, even though it's a requirement of WDC's Coastal Management Strategy (6.12.1)

The beach is not a road

The idea that the beach is a road, is a self-serving piece of nonsense that amounts to mass irrationality. Yes, the Land Transport Act adds beach to the other places where enforcement can be carried out, but that is the end of it.

No other legislation refers to the beach as a road. Not the Local Govt Act, which empowers councils to do work and regulate Roads, Service Lanes and Access ways. Not in the Govt Rounding Powers Act 1989. Not in the Land Transport Management Act 2003. Not in any of the National or Regional transport planning documents.

In a piece of case law in 1981, (Brader vs MOT) the Court of Appeal stated that 'the liberty to drive is not a natural right and that provisions in legislation impose restrictions and obligations rather than granting rights.' Beach drivers grasp the idea that the beach is a road because it justifies their behaviour. What other reason is there to treat a natural habitat as a road? Why else would there be such an outcry when someone tries to point out the difference? How about trying to dig tuatua on Cove Road and see how you go? How about sending the grandchildren down the middle of the Braigh to build a sandcastle. Doesn't stack up does it?

That's not even touching on public safety and other peoples right to a peaceful environment. A woman sitting next to me said she had been lying in the sand at Uretiti and a motor bike jumped out of the dunes over her. Where were the upstanding, self policing citizens of Waipu then?

It would be good if people at that meeting took some time to educate themselves on the actual impacts of vehicles on beaches instead of pretending they don't exist. Is that too much to ask?

*Cheryl Laurie
Ruakaka***A good meeting**

A good meeting held with many speakers listened to. The verbal slanging that has been appearing on Face Book is so untrue.

If all the "negative" Waipu folk would like to come along and join The Ratepayers Assoc, pay \$5 sub, and have a polite conversation and perhaps listen to what the Association has achieved over many years, you would be most welcome.

Some of our achievements to date have been: Slip roads (left turning lanes) from SH1 into the three access roads into Waipu. Which meant asking the local MP to meet me at these corners. Yes, mE. An old 72 yo resident who sees safety first for our families. Safety barriers on corners, Bus stop at end of the town. Overgrown corners on metal roads cleared, continual asking for a painted roundabout at the intersection of Cove and South Road. Asking for another pedestrian crossing...ongoing. The Four Square parking issue...ongoing. The purchasing of extra land for car parks below Saorsa, Uneven footpaths addressed, St.Mary's road widening, Repainting of yellow stop signs, Roadside clearing organised and operated by

rate payers assoc. .Yes , us old fellows did that., Donations made available to The Community Patrol to maintain tits vehicles

The tartan signs which bring tourist into the area.

How can these people on Facebook say we are a group of non caring , useless lot just wanting a beach access closed. We weren't given a chance to voice our opinions and that's fine. Politeness won on the day. I am appalled at the mud slinging from some members of the group. How could you! I thought we were better adults than this.

Instead of griping and growling behind the backs of the Association, come and join us and put your energies into " helping the community we live in" . This would be the most positive thing anyone could do. Get off you backs Come and help.

*Wendy Boyd
Waipu*

State Highway One over Brynderwyns open for Easter but due to close for two weeks from 17 April

Photo supplied by Waka Kotahi

Both lanes of State Highway One over the Brynderwyn Hills reopened on Friday 31 March from 12pm midday for the duration of the Easter holiday break but will close in both directions from 17 April for two weeks to enable major earthworks and drainage installation to be undertaken before the road can be permanently opened in May.

Jacqui Hori-Hoult, Waka Kotahi's (NZ Transport Agency's) Northland Regional Manager of Maintenance and Operations said the teams on the ground "have been working extremely hard in tricky conditions" to get the road open in time for the Easter break so that local roads are not impacted by expected heavy flows of traffic.

Up to seven teams have been at work at any given time and to have cleared away enough material to fill three Olympic sized swimming pools but there is still the equivalent of another 20 more pool fulls to go.

The teams have been clearing multiple over slips and cutting tracks to access the top of the major slip.

Forty eight reinforcing bars have been installed at the major underslip and concreted in place.. Anchors have been installed in a retaining wall and barriers were configured ready for the Easter opening

However, Waka Kotahi staff will be keeping a close watch on the situation and in particular - the weather.

Ms Hori-Hoult said, "We won't hesitate to close the road at short notice should conditions become unsafe for road users."

"We know that this route is a crucial connection to and from Northland for both people and freight, so getting it fully reopened is a priority. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this."



Repairs underway on the major underslip on SH1 over the Brynderwyns

Threatening emails sent to Recreation Center manager over Co-governance meeting

The meeting planned by the Stop Co-Governance Campaign in the Ruakākā Recreation Centre on Friday evening 24 March was called off after the centre's manager Christine Thirling received some menacing anonymous text messages. Asked about this the Stop Co Governance spokesman Julian Batchelor said, in fact, a death threat had been made.

The meeting was moved to the Mata Hall. Although it was run as a private meeting and attempts to control those attending were made two opponents of the Stop Co-Governance message did in fact manage to get inside. One was removed from the meeting after shouting that what Mr. Batchelor was saying was untrue, however, he managed to persuade the bouncers to allow him back inside. A second man had the microphone wrestled from him by Mr. Batchelor's supporters when he attempted to make a statement rather than ask a question later in the meeting.

DOC exploring options for beach access restoration

"This will be done through DOC processes. But this is not to say that these will indeed be replaced and, if they are, that this will be done with similar structures". "The cyclone itself has only served to highlight the need to question what and how we build structures in coastal environments. Government policies relating to climate change and investment in these areas will need to be taken into account when exploring future options.

He/she said the delay in answering this query "is due to the fact that we do not yet know what the result will be. DOC might build something but also might not. There is lots to consider, not least of all budgets and building structures in coastal environments that are susceptible to erosion, climate change and sea level rises."

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What is an ostomate?

Terry O'Meara is an ostomate and, in fact, the President of the Northland Ostomy Society. He finds when he mentions this to people he gets a blank look. Most of us don't know what an ostomate or what ostomy is.

Terry explains, "We are a group of people who have undergone surgery, which necessitates us having a special ostomy appliance or bag."

The Northland Ostomy Society is a non-profit organization, which aims to assist in the rehabilitation of people who have undergone bowel or bladder surgery.

These operations involve a stoma or opening surgically made in the belly from the large intestine, small intestine or bladder so that waste: urine and stool can be expelled from the body. This becomes necessary when there is damage caused by disease or a traumatic injury, which prevents this happening in the normal way. This type of surgery is called an ostomy (from the Latin word ostium – mouth).

Terry underwent surgery for bowel cancer five years ago and has just been given a clean bill of health by his doctor. When part of his bowel was removed he opted to use a bag rather than to become incontinent. Sandra, Terry's wife says he manages the situation well. She is just glad that he is "still above the ground."

Terry has been President of the Northland Ostomy Society for the past two years.

The society has 250 people on its books, twenty-five new members signed up just last week, but there are



Sandra and Terry O'Meara

known to be between 600 – 700 ostomates living between Wellsford and Cape Reinga. Some are young children. Just two nurses employed by the Ministry of Health look after all these people. Terry sometimes meets with those who have recently had surgery to help them adjust to their new life.

Terry said, "Ostomy group members are not medical people, although we each get to know a fair bit about this type of surgery after a while."

"There are quite a few of us in Ruakākā and Waipu," The Northland Ostomy Society holds meetings, offers mutual support to members, shares information about new products and arranges for the occasional guest speaker.

It's part of a wide network as a member of the Federation of New Zealand Ostomy Societies with affiliation to the International Ostomy Association.

The Northland society's email address is: info@northlandostomy.co.nz

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Tue 11 April	11.09	2.6	11.43	2.6
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Thu 13 April	12.36	2.6	12.52	2.5
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Council engineers find Tiki Place sewer pipe needs replacing

The repair of the Tiki Place sewer pipe will take a bit longer than expected.

The Whangārei District Council's onsite engineers have concluded the pipe is no longer fit for purpose and will need to be replaced.

"The condition of the pipe is such that the ground wa-

ter pressure and sand ingress means relining is not possible."

They will also take the opportunity to upsize the pipe. Work was due to start this week, with an approximate three week construction programme.

Easter Services, Bream Bay

Waipu Presbyterian Church, 50 the Centre

Good Friday Service April 7 — 10.00am

Starting at St Peter's Anglican Church, Waipu and Finishing at the Presbyterian Church (a short walk in between)

Easter Sunday Breakfast—9.30 am (in Hall)

Celebration Service - 10.15 am

Holy Family Catholic Church, Peter Snell Road,

Easter Sunday 10.30 am

Anglican Parish—Bream Bay

Maundy Thursday — April 6 - St Peter's, Waipu 5.00pm

Good Friday — Ecumenical Service 10.00 am starting at St Peter's Waipu,

Service - 2.00pm—St Paul's Ruakaka

Saturday—Easter Vigil—8.00pm St Paul's Ruakaka

Easter Sunday St Peter's Waipu — 9.30 am

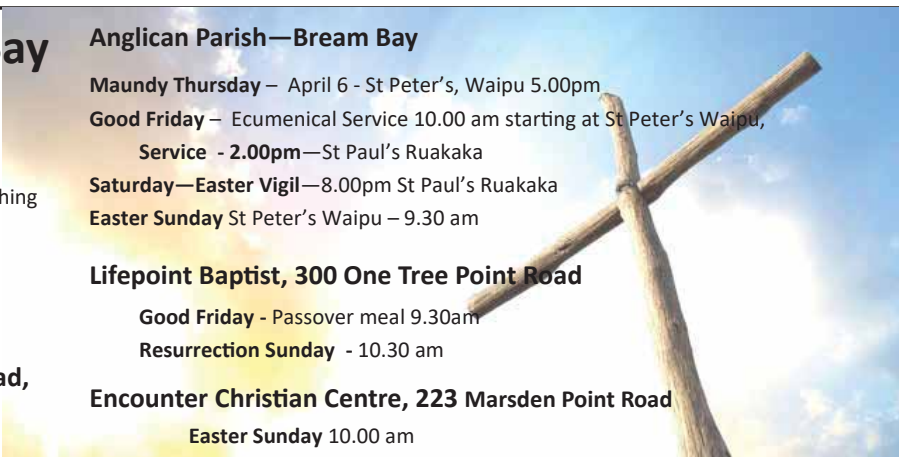
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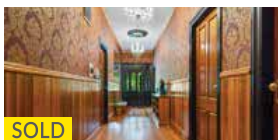
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We are a small group who meet every second Tuesday of the month at 10am at the Apple Basket shop in Kaiwaka. We knit various items for the children in Ward 2 and dialysis patients at Whangarei Hospital.

Although we have had generous amounts of yarn already we need more in any quantities

Should you be able to help please phone Gale 09 431 4827 or leave donations at the Apple Basket on SH1 at Kaiwaka.

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LETTERS

Working together for the Bream Bay Anglican Church

The article on 23/3/23 about our new Priest in Charge ended with some incorrect information.

Over the last 27 years, while I have been a member of this Church, we were fortunate to have Rev Tony Ross as a part time Priest, paid, Rev Des Olney full time Priest in Charge and Chaplain for Seafarers Mission, voluntary, and then we became a Local Shared Ministry, with an enabler.

During the last 22 years, we have trained five ordained priests and a Deacon. Our enablers were all priests from the Auckland Diocese and paid by our congregation for at least a quarter of their stipend.

Our Ministry Team was formed to cover all the duties of a paid Priest, eg theology, preaching, administration, education, outreach, and pastoral care. We

attended sessions with our enablers and also a three year course on ministry and theology together with others in Northland. We have several lay preachers and sometimes visiting preachers including our enablers.

We have been extremely fortunate to have retired priests living in our community as well as very talented musicians. Our new part time Priest in Charge will have the Church Council recently elected at the AGM. We all work together to keep our Anglican Church here in Bream Bay flourishing. We hope to continue as a caring and welcoming congregation.

Jacky Ancliffe,
Deacon

A damehood due

Good afternoon Marilyn, It is always great to receive a new copy of your journal, you do work hard.

What a thrill to read the article on our local wahine sharing a hongi with King Charles and full marks to him for his ready reciprocation and his affirmative words in the Abby later.

Surely this action by Reanne speaks wonders for our place in the commonwealth and the wider world far more than any diplomat, politician, sportsman or mountaineer has ever attained for this country?

I hope a damehood is in the mail to her.

Tom McClelland
Waipu

Waipu gardens get a much needed tidy up

Thankyou Marilyn Cox for contacting the Whangarei Council to attend to the Waipu Township Gardens.

And they are all back looking great.

The power of the media works, we tried three different avenues to find out about this problem with no luck.

So thanks Marilyn.

Lyn White
Waipu



Reanne Poutama, who grew up in Takahiwai, greeted King Charles with a hongi as he arrived at Westminster Abbey for a service to mark Commonwealth Day on Monday March 13. Reanne is a leader with the Ngati Rānana London Māori Club. This photograph appeared in newspapers around the world.

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 20 April

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- **THE WAIPU EASTER CARNIVAL** Saturday 8 April in the Caledonain Park. 9am to 2pm. Fund raising for the Waipu Primary PTA.
- **WHANGAREI HEADS ARTS TRAIL** Easter Weekend Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 April. 10am - 5pm. Free entry www.whangareiheadsartstrail.org.nz
- **PENALTIES, PINTS AND PIROUETTES** 20 - 29 April A Play By Neil Troost directed By Blair Strang. In the Waipu Coronation Hall. For tickets - trybooking.com
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 9 April from 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward. Sunday 16 April from 9am-1pm. One Tree Point School field.
- **PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 23 April from 12 noon to 4pm, In the Paparoa Memorial Hall
- **THE KAURI MUSEUM**, The Kauri Museum is open 9am-5pm every day except Christmas Day. 5 Church St., Matakōhe.
- **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am- 4pm.

Gail and Rex Roberts - on the move

Gail and Rex Roberts have lived in One Tree Point for the past 16 years but this week will be travelling in their campervan to the Tasman district where they will search for a new home.

They will be missed. Both have been very active in the local community.

The Marsden Bay Mission to Seafarers has been a major preoccupation. Rex carried out ship visitors, meeting and checking on the welfare of ship's crews and Gail was treasurer. Rex also been involved in a recent upgrade of the mission building interior and has taken care of ongoing maintenance of the mission building.

Gail said they became interested in the Seafarers Mission while on their OE. They both retired from their jobs, Rex as a builder and Gail (who had previously been a legal executive) working in administration for Huanui Orchards. They had just moved from Glenbervie to a new home in One Tree Point with many of their belongings still in boxes and off they went.

While visiting a cousin in Wales whose husband was a Mission to Seafarers chaplain they became interested in this work.

They have also been volunteer drivers for Linking Hands, Rex has been heavily involved with the Ruakākā Indoor Bowling Club and they have both been members of the Marsden Bay Garden Club with Rex winning many novice gardener prizes at the annual flower show.

Gail served as treasurer for the Waipu Anglican Opportunity Shop and Rex put in some long hours helping with the build of the Ruakākā Skate Park.

Together they successfully lobbied the Whangārei District Council to get some playground equipment installed in their neighbourhood Shearwater Street Park and have enjoyed seeing and hearing children having fun there.

More recently Gail has been on a quest to have public access to the beach restored from Manaia View Rd. where steps have been washed away by stormwater, but this is an uncompleted project she will be leaving behind.

"We can't wait any longer. We have lived life to the fullest here. We really have but we miss out children and grandchildren."

A son and a daughter with their partners and six grandchildren aged from 8 to 18 all live in the Tasman area.



Last week Gail and Rex Roberts were presented with a gift (a matching wall clock and weathervane) by Jon Moore, CEO of Northport, on behalf of the Marsden Bay Mission to Seafarers. Jon, who was once a seafarer himself, said how important the mission's work is in providing ship's crews at ports around the world with "a home away from home". He thanked the couple for all the voluntary work they had put into the Marsden Bay Mission and he wished them well for the next stage of their lives.

Gail expects they will both find projects to occupy themselves with in their new neighbourhood.

"We are working people. We don't stop doing things."

Northpower

Latest news & updates from around our Network

Work Starts on Mangawhai Substation

Late last month Northpower, along with local hapu, blessed the site where a brand-new substation will be constructed in the heart of Mangawhai Central.

Steady population growth in Mangawhai means an increased need for more infrastructure including electricity, so Northpower is building a substation to increase supply capacity and reliability in the area.

Northpower CEO Andrew McLeod says, "the new substation is a material investment for Northpower, and one of a number of staged investments being made to support ongoing growth and development in the area. We see development in the area as positive for the North, and we are keen to do our bit to make that future possible."



Northpower CEO Andrew McLeod and Matua Ben Hita turn the first sod at the Mangawhai substation site

"In completing projects of this type, it is important to Northpower that we work closely with local hapu to appropriately acknowledge the history of the site, and the changing nature of its use. Te Uri O Hau have been guiding us through this process at Mangawhai and have been extremely generous with their time, advice and support," McLeod says. Mangawhai was once a small seaside

settlement, but that has changed significantly over the years, with steady rates of growth. It is now a community with many full-time residents, schools and commercial areas. Northpower's 15-megawatt substation is being built within the Mangawhai Central development area and will initially support 1500 homes and businesses with capacity for many more.



It has been designed to fit in with the surroundings, consisting of a modern tilt slab building to house all the electrical equipment. From the outside, the substation will look modern and fresh with landscaping designed to blend into the surrounding development. The substation will be completed early next year.

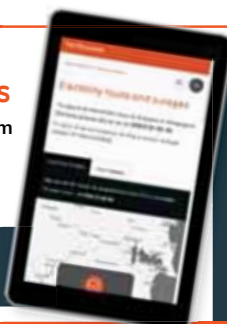
"The substation will be built with room to grow and includes space to house an additional transformer of 15 megawatts, which means as Mangawhai grows, we can expand our capacity" McLeod says.

Local contractors will work alongside Northpower on the construction of the new Mangawhai substation.

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- Only use your heaters when you need them and heat you or the room you are in rather than trying to heat the whole house. Close windows and drapes early to keep the warmth in.
- Timers on heaters can be useful for controlling when you want the heat, e.g. when you get up in the morning or for when you get home at night.



Enjoy your sport

Ex Bream Bay College head girl Laura Andrews was guest speaker at the Bream Bay Sports Awards held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Friday evening 31 March. Laura was chosen for an expedition to the South Pole by the Antarctic Heritage Trust. With four others she trekked for 50 days covering 950 kilometres from the Ronne Ice Shelf to the pole. The journey began on 18 November 2022 and finishing on 6 January 2023.

Laura described how carefully they had to plan for the journey and how cautious they needed to be about avoiding even small injuries in that hostile environment. They couldn't push themselves too hard, as this would produce sweat, which would freeze inside their nine layers of clothing.

She said she had never been the fastest, the strongest

or the best in any of her sporting activities but "I always turned up and always gave it a go."

League star Louis Anderson and local rugby hero Sam McNamara (a former Bream Bay College head boy) gave a Sports Talk answering a series of questions put to them by MC Jenni Carr. Asked what advice they would give to Bream Bay's young sports people they both said just "enjoy your sport."

Brad Boulton spoke about the opportunities being a volunteer can give you. Brad is volunteer Team Manager with North Harbour Rugby. This club was asked by Rugby New Zealand to lease with the manager of the Irish Rugby



Laura Andrews at the Bream Bay Sports Awards

Sports awards winners

Wendy Jambor was named Sportsperson of the Year at the Bream Bay Sports Awards held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Friday evening 31

In 2021 Wendy, who is a member of the Waipu Tennis Club, was placed at number 19 in the International Tennis Federations Mixed Doubles 34 plus ranking and 33rd in the ITF's over 34 Women's Doubles ranking. She won gold medals at: the New Zealand National 35+ women's doubles, the the New Zealand National Champion 35+ Mixed Doubles and the New Zealand National Teams Event 35+ where she represented Team South Auckland

Wendy was also named Sportswoman of the year for her 2021 entry and Masters Sports person of the year for 2022.

As last year's awards were cancelled due to the Covid 10 pandemic the Bream Bay Sports Trust decided to combine nominations received for the 2021 sports year with those received for 2022.

Other award winners were:

• Junior Sports person - Liam Thornhill.

The judges commented From ripping up the motorcross tracks of Northland to the Whangarei hockey turfs, to the athletic tracks around the North Island, Liam has done it all.

"We as judges were in awe of his mass participation in motorcross, hockey and athletics, wondering how he managed to find enough hours in the day to achieve all of his successes."

• Senior sportsman - Sam McNamara -

Sam is a great example of a club man and show this his commitment to his team and to the Waipu Club.

Sam skills and hard work has opened opportunities for Sam to be included with the Chiefs Squad for the 2022 season as well as playing a key roll in the Northland

Taniwhas team reaching the semi final in the 2022 NPC Competition. Sam is always seen helping out with the Waipu Rugby Club, sharing his knowledge and experience with teams of all ages.

• Senior team - The Takahiwai Senior Rugby League Team - "This Team has show great commitment to each other, the club and to the sport of Rugby League. The last two years the Takahiwai Rugby club has sacrificed their Weekends travelling and competing in a strong Auckland competition. They Were winners of the Minor Premiership in the Ray Cranch competition in Auckland and lost the final in the dying minutes to Pukekohe Pythons."

• Referee of the Year - Shannon Te Ano

"the only umpire in the Waipu Senior netball club to hold both Centre badge and pass Zone theory and the practical exam, making her the most qualified umpire. Well done on your dedication and achievement, a real asset to the sport of netball."

• Junior Team of the Year Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club's Junior IRB team. - "As well as being busy volunteering and coaching nippers, these young ladies have been very busy competing at several north island champs, meddling in each event and followed on to 4 silver medals at the Nationals, including selection for the IRB High Performance development squad.

We would like a special mention to the dedicated Bream Bay Cricket Collegiate team for an outstanding season with great accomplishments."

• Coach of the Year - 'Graham Dewes Graham's outstanding coaching career has been gaining momentum over the last several years culminating in 2022 with the assistant coaching job of the Northland NPC team. A long season starts for Graham with season planning, talent identification, training camps, preseason train-

ing and pre-season games culminating in what turned out to be one of Northland Rugbys most successful years. Graham's hard work was rewarded with the Fiji National Mens Assistant Coaching gig for their end of year tour to Europe.

• Community Impact - "The Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club has once again led the way with their initiatives introduced over the last couple of years. Their hard work continues with huge club member numbers and active lifeguards. The accessibility project has been a game changer for our disabled community.

A huge group of volunteers continue to contribute to the Bream Bay and wider communities in so many ways.

• Service to Sport - Ventry Reid "Wow - what a tough task this was for the judges, several incredible sportsclub volunteers who have given a lifetime of service to their clubs, we would have loved to pick them all.

Ventry's involvement in the Waipu Bowling Club has been monumental. Nearly 50 years of service in a huge variety of positions within the Club.

One thing that stood out for the judges was Ventry taking on personal responsibility to attract new members, which of course is the foundation of any Club.

Once again, a huge thank you to all the amazing sports club volunteers for making sport in our Bream Bay area so enjoyable.

• The Pulse Dance team won the People's Choice Award.

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Proceeds will go towards the ongoing maintenance of the Coronation Hall. Hall Committee Chairwoman Juanita McGoldrick said, "monies raised will enable the committee to keep the hall in a high standard of repair while allowing us to keep hire fees at a reasonable level. We are very grateful to Neil for offering to put on his play for us."

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9.00am	Departs	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall
9.15am	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
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

*For travel within Whangārei see CityLink Whangārei timetable www.citylinkwhangarei.co.nz or get your timetable from the Rose Street office.

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)
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