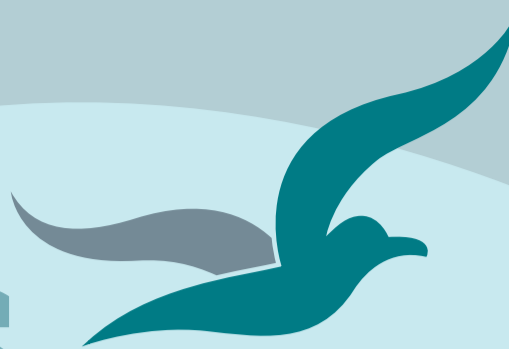


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Mark Stacey of rural Waipu was incensed when he received an email from the Whangārei District Council informing him that work he had requested be carried out to repair a dangerous section of Millbrook Rd. had been “completed” when in fact nothing had happened and the damage had got worse.



The badly damaged section of Millbrook road

Mark sent the Council a message several weeks

ago raising concerns about the state of the road. He told the Council Millbrook road on the hill section six km up from State Highway 1 has narrowed to approximately 1 lane wide. The side channels are very deep (0.7m) and have carved into the road. The damage is worse just before 675 Millbrook rd. Heading east there is no place to stop to avoid upcoming traffic.”

Last week he received an email from the Council telling him the work he had requested had been completed which he says is “ridiculous”.

“Nothing has been done to the road and even the grader on its last drive past didn’t touch this section.”

He said this is the second time complaints about this piece of road have been brushed off. Some of his neighbours had contacted the Council with their concerns two weeks earlier

Mark said, “It is getting worse, the top layer of metal has gone and it’s down to mostly clay. This is a school bus route.”

He noted that photos have always accompanied his complaints.

When the Bream Bay News phoned the Council to ask about the email Mark received stating the work had been completed the receptionist commented that there had been discussions about changing the automatic messaging which gets sent out to people who raise concerns. Questions put to the Northland Transportation Alliance had not been answered when the Bream Bay News went to print on Monday

A stunning performance at the Matariki Festival



Havana Te Pania-Herbert on stage with the Bream Bay College kapahaka group at the combined schools Matariki Festival held at Ruakaka Shool on Wednesday evening 29 June.

More festival pictures on page 10.



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EDITORIAL

Gratitude is a good habit to cultivate

"Stunning" is the best word to describe the Bream Bay College performance at the Matariki Kapa Haka festival held at Ruakākā school on Thursday evening. With a rousing performance like that you get the impression that the school is in good heart.

The festival, with performances from the college, Bream Bay early childhood education centres and our three primary schools is an example of Bream Bay's *Kahui Ako – Community of Learning in action*. I sat on the mats in front of the stage to get photographs and the primary school age children seated alongside were watching the college performance eagerly, waiting for the big boys to come forward for the haka. It was clear how this collaboration between the schools works to inspire the younger children. I wonder if this model can be used in other parts of the school curriculum - maths, reading writing, science etc.

I was asked by several people which school my moko were from. I replied that as the Bream Bay News editor they were all my moko. Sometimes Māori words say it better than English words and what I believe many Bream Bay people have is aroha towards our community's tamariki.

The Kahui Ako model where schools work together and strive to support local children through their primary and secondary education also allows for community involvement and I am aware of many examples of this support.

The Waipu timber mill Northpine funds a Growing Stronger Minds programme where children with particular interests from the three primary schools and Bream Bay College get together for a couple of days each term to work together on a specific project.

The Swap a Book stalls held in Waipu and Ruakākā each school holidays by Wendy Rowsell and her mother Gladys and the wonderful Pukapuka Parties they organise with free educational activities for children to participate in is another way volunteers in our community provide for our children.

The Waipu and Marsden Lions both support our schools. They fund college aged students for trips on the sailing ship – The Spirit of New Zealand and offer awards and scholarships to Bream Bay College students.

Come to think of it the many coaches and team managers who look after our many junior sports teams play an important role in the education of our children.

The list could go on. It might be a good classroom exercise to ask children to list all the opportunities provided for them by local volunteers. Gratitude is a good habit to cultivate. Personally I am very grateful to the organisers of the Bream Bay schools Matariki Festival and the children and young people who took part in it.

Marilyn

LETTERS

How to check if your property is impacted by the Council's new hazard maps

The Whangarei District Council is planning to update their Natural Hazard maps with data supplied by the Northland Regional Council.

No doubt most ratepayers have received the notification from the WDC dated the 31st May 2023, but maybe have not checked to see if their property is affected.

However it is evident that a great number of properties in Bream Bay will now be included in the new Proposed Flood Hazards Area including :-

Some 100 properties in One Tree Point, notably the new Marsden Landing subdivision area., Ruakākā Beach Rd and Bream Bay Drive, Breton Drive in Waipu. Evidently all properties affected, have now had their LIM updated to reflect the new changes.

The link to get the side by side comparison between the Current Flood Susceptible area, and the Proposed Flood Hazard Area on the Whangarei District Council web site is :-

• Plan Change 1 – Hazard Maps • Proposed Natural Hazard Maps • Flooding Hazard Area Maps • Open the Flooding Hazard Area Maps • Enter your address
 Alternatively, the staff at the Ruakākā Council Service Centre are very helpful. Submissions close on the 28th July 2023.

Graeme Martyn
One Tree Point.

More letters on page 6.

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Construction under way on new Ruakākā \$5.2 million “Wellbeing Centre”



Floorplan of the Ruakākā Community Wellbeing Centre

The build has begun on what has now been named the Ruakākā Community Wellbeing Centre. The renaming is likely a response to a Government Three Waters Reform Better Off Fund made available to district councils with the criteria the money be used for community initiated wellbeing projects. The project was granted an additional \$800,000 from this fund. Project manager Paul McDonald said the extra money would cover price escalations that have occurred since the new building was first proposed in 2019. In 2020, \$2.5 million was allocated to the new centre from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment’s Shovel Ready Covid 19 Response Fund. The Whangārei District Council allocated \$1million towards a new carpark alongside after strong public submission from Ruakākā residents in its 2021 -2031 Long Term Plan. In addition the Recreation Centre Committee won a \$900,000 grant from Foundation North. The project now has a total of \$5,200,000 available, with \$1 million of this earmarked for the car park and landscaping. This will deliver a new gym with unisex and women’s spaces and a “community room.” The planned indoor sports hall with basketball and volleyball courts will need another \$5million. Trigg Construction has been given the contract for the building and, despite holdups with wet weather, the foundations are being laid. Mr. McDonald said the job of building the car park and landscaping alongside will go out to tender with priority given to local contractors. Recreation Centre Manager Christine Thirling said at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre Committee’s Annual

General Meeting on Monday 26 June that, all going to plan, the building should be ready by 1 April next year. Whangārei’s Deputy Mayor, Phil Halse said 1 April was an ambitious date but he thought the building should at any event be finished in time of the next RRC Committee AGM in June 2024. Mary Drinnan, of the 60s Up Club, asked what the plans were for the current building. Christine replied that this would still be available for local groups to use. The squash club’s courts would remain and the Bream Bay United Football Club used the lounge as clubrooms when it hosted home games. Christine said, “Of course it costs us to maintain this building so it would depend on which clubs are willing to pay to use it.” Andreas Thirling, the RRC Committee Chairman said it was hoped the Council would increase its annual grant to the Centre, as more money will be needed to operate the new building. The Ruakākā Recreation Centre received an operational grant of \$37,429 from the Whangārei District Council for this financial year. Christine also reported that the fire safety upgrade of the current building had been completed at a total cost of \$142,799.15. The committee was re-elected unopposed although Hayden Green of Bream Bay United said it would have been good to have more notice of the AGM so the football club’s committee could discuss at its monthly meeting if it would like to have a representative on the recreation centre committee. Mr. Thirling said, “We try not to have club members on our committee. We want the committee to be as neutral as possible and not have people trying to do something for their own club”



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Kāinga Ora homes already being built in the Ruakākā Village

There are already six new Kāinga Ora homes under construction in the Ruakākā Village. The development is underway at the racecourse end of Peter Snell Rd. Jeff Murray, Regional Director of Kāinga Ora in Northland, has confirmed that the state housing agency has agreed to purchase six homes at 88 Peter Snell Rd. from a developer.

They will all be stand-alone homes. Two are two bedroom homes and four are three-bedroom.

Mr. Murray said, “We’re expecting to be able to move people into the homes in late 2023 or early 2024.”


A plan is also in place to redevelop land Kāinga Ora owns at the opposite end of Peter Snell Rd., in Tamingi Place and Tiki Place.

Bream Bay News understands the agency intends to remove 17 houses built by the New Zealand Electricity Corporation in the 1970s and replace these with 36 residential units, with variable numbers of bedrooms with some two-storey.



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Waipu timber mill Northpine has a big presence in Bream Bay

The Waipu timber mill Northpine seems to be everywhere in Bream Bay sponsoring clubs and events.

We asked CEO Bruce Larsen just how much money the company has given away since it has been operating in Waipu. He hasn't kept count but said most years its between \$60,000 and \$70,000 so the estimate is well over a \$1 million.

For the past 20 years Northpine has been the main sponsor for the Waipu Rugby Club. Bruce said the



Bruce and partner Angela Purnell who also has a role as Northpine's Planning and Sale's Manager.

rugby club had lost its main sponsor and he was approached by Waipu rugby stalwart Neil Troost to see if Northpine could fill the gap.

"Well I like rugby and that was one reason we agreed but also at that time we were trying to get resource consents for our new kilns and boiler and we were looking for a bit of community support. I had a few long-time Waipu residents tell us they felt it was a good thing to have a business like ours in Waipu offering employment so we were hoping to build on that.

For something like 15 years Northpine has donated \$8,000 a year to a programme run collaboratively between Bream Bay's three primary schools (and in recent years incorporating Bream Bay College) aimed at giving children opportunities to develop particular skills. It began as the Great White Sharks with gifted children from the three primary schools getting together one day a week to work with a specialist teacher at One Tree Point school. It has now morphed into the Northpine Growing Stronger Minds programme with a two-day student conference held each term for children with particular skills. It was largely in recognition of this long time support for local schools that Waipu Primary gave Northpine naming rights to its new school hall.

Bruce said as many of the people working at the mill came from Ruakākā he wanted to spread the company's sponsorship a bit more widely. Sport remains a big recipient of Northpine's largesse. Bruce believes sport teaches young people a lot of skills. With staff involved in the Takahiwai Rugby League Club Northpine has sent some of its sponsorship there. They also support Bream Bay United Football, bowls, surf lifesaving and the Waipu Golf Club.

In 2020 Northpine launched its Growing Stronger Communities fund inviting applications for grants towards good local causes with four rounds each year.

Bruce said he likes to see people getting out and doing things for themselves.

"If a business is doing well I think it should be giving back to its community. Sure I agree we have to pay tax but there is so much bureaucracy involved in government. I like to see money go to local clubs and groups who have a better idea of where it is needed."

He warns that things are a bit tight at the moment with the domestic market for timber slowing down and there might not be quite so much to hand out as there was over the past few years.

But it is good to help if you can. I think people helping out is something that happens a lot in the Waipu community. We are just in a position where we are often able to help a bit more easily than are most people."

Gaylene and Richard Wilson who are also long time share holders in Northpine. Keith Reay was a founder of the company in 2018. He resigned as a director in 2018.

Bruce sees him as a visionary who believed there was a future for the Waipu mill.

"I recall our first team meeting was around the kitchen table at Richard and Gaylene Wilson's place in Henderson. Keith scored the new company's strengths and weaknesses. He outlined his aspirations of the business goals and expectations of what we could do for the staff. Overall, he set the tone."

Richard and Gaylene remain as major shareholders with Gaylene a current director of the company.



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LETTERS

The mangrove pullers are at it again

The “mangrove pullers” are at it again. This time they are pulling out the mangroves growing in front of the properties on the bank along Marsden Point Road between Princes Street and Beach Road. As one of these home owners I am very keen to see the mangroves protecting the foot of my bank preserved. These mangroves are native trees growing in a wildlife refuge. Mangroves have been shown throughout the world to

slow water movement and to protect coastlines from damage caused by rising sea levels, storm surges and even tsunamis. Coastal erosion is enough of a problem without the removal of what natural barriers we have.

Concerned ratepayer, *Sue Jolly*
Ruakaka

Reflections on Ruakākā Energy Park's Progress

Thank you to the Meridian Energy team for the informative presentation at the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers AGM about the ambitious Ruakākā Energy Park. However, I left the meeting with a mix of enthusiasm and caution.

The promise of renewable energy for Northland is commendable. There's no question that we need to transition to more sustainable energy sources, and the Ruakākā Energy Park could play a pivotal role in that journey. The concept of the park, featuring a combination of solar farm and battery storage system, is not just innovative but timely as we grapple with the impacts of climate change.

However, it's crucial to peel back the glossy surface of boilerplate corporate jargon and focus on the core implications of the project. I found the assurances on not using slave labour and being committed to recycling batteries and solar panels a bit too convenient. We must not overlook the fact that these components will be outsourced, possibly from countries with different labour and environmental standards.

In a similar vein, the wetland restoration was presented as a benevolent gesture when it seems more likely to be a requirement of local council consent or NES (National Environmental Standards). The subtle hint at the potential for 35-meter structures - well above the shipping container height - was an unnecessary reminder of industrial zoning norms.

What's more, Ruakākā risks becoming the “dumping ground” of Bream Bay, an area already shouldering its share of industrial activities. This sentiment is amplified by the proposal to site the solar farm and battery storage here, a decision undoubtedly influenced by the excess capacity in the local grid following the refinery closure.

Given the profitability of the power sector, with the four major companies (Meridian included) raking in over a billion dollars annually, let's not be naïve, the operation of charging batteries at the NZ Electricity pool's lowest spot price and selling the power back to

us when the price is higher could enable Meridian to make significant profits, but also allows Meridian to keep their slogan “All the energy we generate comes from 100% renewable sources” even if the batteries have drawn power from Genesis Energy's coal fired generator in Huntly.

The concern extends to the existing kanuka planting. While I do appreciate this grove not being removed, it does risk becoming another dumping ground, as seen with the macrocarpa planting behind the old power station. Where local volunteers and school children removed seven high sided trailers full of house hold rubbish and other trash plus three burnt out cars only to have it all quickly replaced.

Nevertheless, I'm not a luddite. I appreciate the potential benefits the Ruakākā Energy Park brings Nationally. Surely there are opportunities for community enhancement, one possible option would be a path the length of Marsden Bay Drive allowing access for walkers and cyclists from Marsden marina to Blacksmiths Creek Walkway and on to Port Marsden Highway without having to drive or run the gauntlet of marina vehicles.

Continuing a pathway to the new Mitre 10 Shopping Centre would offer a safer and more enjoyable route for pedestrians and cyclists. A path like this would not only provide a means to appreciate the local landscape but also promote sustainable transportation alternatives. Given that Meridian owns a significant stretch of land between the battery bank at Rama Road and the Ruakākā Shopping Centre, they have many of the resources needed to make a project like this a reality.

Deputy Mayor and Bream Bay Ward Phil Halse has rightly reminded us that while the battery farm has started, the solar farm has yet to receive consent. This leaves time for all the community to have its say, and for us all to propose our ideas.

Aaron Pirini
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Northpine Cup Winner Not Ideal with jockey Kozzi Asanni , Bruce Larsen of Northpine and trainer Ken Harrison of Cambridge.

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Despite having to carry topweight of 62 kilos on a rain-affected track, the 7-year-old gelding was too classy for his nine rivals, trailing the pacemaker Jodelin Girl throughout, before outsprinting her down the centre of the track for jockey Kozzi Asano, and winning by three-quarters of a length. Jodelin Girl held on bravely for second, ahead another two visiting mares, Bella Luce and Imprevu.

Now trained and part-owned by Cambridge horseman Ken Harrison, Not Ideal was having just his second race back in New Zealand, having won over \$1 million from 17 starts on the lucrative Hong Kong circuit over the last two years.

The two locally trained winners on the day were Diamond Girl (Chris Gibbs) in the \$30,000 R75 1200m sprint and Whisky Lies (Ken Rae/Krystal Williams) in the \$30,000 1100m dash for 2-year-olds.

Swap a Book Stalls

The Bream Bay Learning community will be holding its school holiday Swap a Book stalls at the Ruakākā Towncentre on Wednesday 5 July from 10am to 2pm and at the Waipu shops on Wednesday 12 July.

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New Vet Centre in Ruakākā



Left: Kylie Shepherd who takes care of customer service and administration at the new Ruakākā Vet Centre with veterinary Surgeon Sue Crow

Ruakākā now has a resident veterinary service. The Vet Centre, which already operates in Waipu, Mangawhai, Ruawai and Maungaturoto has opened a new clinic and animal supplies shop opposite the Ruakākā Towncentre.

The Ruakākā clinic will be staffed by a customer service person and a veterinary nurse. The vet nurse is able to administer vaccinations and to give advice on flea control. A veterinary surgeon will be in attendance several days a week.

The clinic's main focus is to look after companion animals, although it will also stock supplies for farm animals. The Waipu clinic will remain as the main centre for farm support.

Darren Rowbotham, Vet Centre General Manager lives in One Tree Point and said it made sense to make the move into Ruakākā because of the rapid residential growth in that area.

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A climate resilient solution to beach access

The Department of Conservation will install two sand ladders giving access to the beach at Mair Road and Station Road.

The wooden stairs ways at both these locations were broken up by Cyclone Gabrielle on 5 February and getting down onto the beach at these places has involved a scramble down a steep bank since then.

Joel Lauterbach Operations Manager for DOC said, "The ladders are designed to float on top of the sand and to move with the tides. Planting will help support the dune around the structure as well. The ladder is anchored at the landward end with no anchorage at the seaward end. This helps the sand ladder to 'float' on top of the sand. This approach is expected to be more climate resilient, which is a crucial consideration for the long-term.

Department of Conservation staff have met with Patuharakeketo discuss this proposal.

Mr. Lauterbach said construction is scheduled to begin in late July, pending the arrival of the necessary equipment and the work itself will take less than a week to complete. Funding for the sand ladders will come from the Government's Cyclone Recovery Fund.

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A festival for children but not all on board

What is billed as the Urumatatiki Festival, “Celebrating our tamariki for the shining stars they are” will be held in Te One Reserve at the corner of Te One and Tamingi Streets this Saturday 8 July, from 11am.

The festival will feature games organised by Sport Northland, a performance by Mahi Pai, a Maori Television children’s show, face painting and free kai – a sausage sizzle and fruit for lunch and Pizza and popcorn in the evening when at 6pm a drive in movie will be shown - Avatar the Way of Water

The festival is organised by representatives of Patuharakeke and has funding from Te Puni Kōkiri, - the Ministry of Maori Development and The Whangārei District Council as a response to the violent deaths of two little children in the Ruakaka Village on Monday morning 15 May.

Some long time residents of the village however are unhappy that the funding for this event has been channeled through Patuharakeke, which they say is not representative of the majority of people who live in

the Ruakākā Village. One woman told the Bream Bay News they have their own village based initiatives such as the Villi Day Out, a popular event with free activities, information stalls, raffles and hangi for all which is well supported by village people and local business. She said the funding would have been more appropriately spent bolstering the support services offered at the Bream Bay Community Trust.

Tiki Rd residents woken to a gang altercation in their street

Residents living in Tiki Place in the Ruakākā Village are concerned that they have Mongrel Mob gang associates living in a Kāinga Ora house in the street.

One resident told the Bream Bay News that late one night he heard an uproar and looked out the window to see several car loads of gang members arriving and proceeding to break the windows of the house and smash up a car parked outside.

He said the cars sported Mongrol Mob insignia and the house inhabitants wear Mongrel Mob tattoos and clothing.

Another resident of the village said people living in the street were “terrorized” by the presence and behaviour of the gang members.

Traffic calming measures at Waipu Cove

The Whangārei District Council plans to build three raised platforms on Cove Road between the Waipu Cove beach store and the carpark south of the beach to reinforce the 30kmph speed limit there. A recent survey found that 90% of traffic travelling on that section of road was not compliant with the new limit with an average vehicle speed of 61kph through the zone.

The middle platform alongside the Cove Café will be painted with white lines to denote a pedestrian crossing. The platforms will be installed before the end of 2023.

Residents of the Cove have lobbied the Council for a pedestrian crossing and measures to reduce traffic speed since 2017. The need became urgent earlier this year with the increase in traffic when Cove Rd was used as a bypass for State Highway One due to slip damage over the Brynderwyn Hill.

The Council was due to hold a drop in session at the Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club to discuss the project on Wednesday 5 July from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Those unable to attend the drop in can comment by emailing their thoughts on the speed reduction plan to: mailroom@wdc.govt.nz by Monday 10 July.



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Bream Bay schools and Early childhood learning centres get together for a kapahaka festival to celebrate Matariki

The rain, thankfully, stayed away on Thursday evening 29 June when Bream Bay's three primary schools joined with Bream Bay College and the district's early learning centres in the courtyard of Ruakākā School for a kapahaka festival showcasing the kapahaka talents of each school.

Children from local early learning centres had just finished their performance when the fire alarm went off and everyone was asked to move from the courtyard onto the school fields where there were signs telling children the fields were only suitable for ducks. The evacuation didn't last too long and hopefully didn't churn up too much mud.

There was hot food, including hangi on sale during the break until the stage show resumed with a stunning performance by Bream Bay College.

Waipu Primary, which will be hosting next year's festival gave the final performance of the evening.



Hope Maine of Ruakākā School enjoying her hangi meal



The Bream Bay College group gave a stunning performance



Combined early childhood centres with some future stars in evidence

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Why lettuce is the world’s worst food

Why lettuce is the world’s worst food, why Langa Beach is the best beach, how much I love rugby league, how my life might be better if I didn’t have siblings, how great my dad and his Big Red Truck business is, the things I do with my poppa, how firefighters protect us all, how I came to be living in Waipu after being born in London, why I want to be a rap star and why the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway needs to be completed were some of the diverse topics addressed at the Waipu Primary speech contest held in the school’s Northpine Hall on Tuesday evening 27 June 2023.

Four finalists from each of Year 4, 5 and 6 each gave three minute long speeches and judges Peter Davies, Anne Green and Head of English at Bream Bay College, Sarah Molloy commented on how well all the contestants spoke, how they used humour, dress ups and props to make their talks more interesting and how brave they all were to stand up in front of an audience.

Lachie McLean explained during the interval, while the judges added up their scores, how the speech contest is sponsored by the committee set up to organise the celebrations for the celebrations marking 150 years since the arrival of the Nova Scotian settlers who founded the town and settlement of Waipu. He said the speeches needed to have some connection to Waipu however tenuous and most of the contestants managed to do this.

Overall winner Sienna Mewett of Year 6 spoke enthusiastically about Bruce Bay on the wild west coast where her grandparents live but slipped in a comment that four of the seven inhabitants of that place came there from Waipu.



Waipu Primary speech contest winners from left: Daniel Couper - Year 5, overall winner Sienna Mewett of Year 6 and overall winner and Indie Blainey, Year 4.

Daniel Couper won the Year 5 competition with his speech about how much he dislikes lettuce. His mum tells him that lettuce contains lots of healthy minerals but there is more magnesium in white chocolate “and I know which I prefer.”

Indie Blainey dressed for a hike in the bush, spoke of

how much she enjoys tramping - “we get to eat more lollies and chocolate than we normally do”. She spoke of her family’s adventure on the Able Tasman Great Walk but also of local tracks such as the coastal trail between Waipu Cove and Langa Beach. Indie won the Year 4 section.



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Perlita Cuenca Smith thinks everyone should be growing bananas



Perlita in her suburban garden, which is crammed full of banana trees

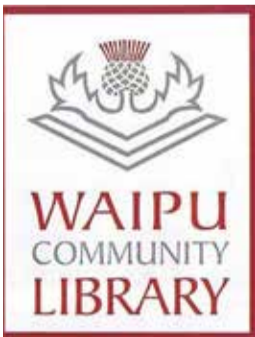
Bananas have played a big part in the life of Perlita Cuenca Smith and now she wants to encourage people to plant banana trees in their gardens. She came to New Zealand from the Philippines because of what she calls her “banana love affair.” While working at a banana pack house in Davao City in the Philippines she would sometimes write notes on the thick brown paper lining the boxes she was filling at a banana pack house where she worked in Davao City on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao, Philippines inviting those who found them to become her pen pal. One such note was found by business Bob Smith who ran the Otaika Dairy. They corresponded and eventually met and married. Perlita moved to New Zealand. They built a house in One Tree Point and had two children and now five grandchildren. Perlita has planted banana trees all over the 723 square metre section at the downsized home they moved to in Kohi Lakes in 2013. At first she planted bananas around the perimeter but now they also grow in lines crossing the lawn as well. She has built boxing around each tree to keep the birds from scratching the dirt around.

“I made those myself,” she says. Perlita said sometimes when there wasn’t much work at the pack house she would go out and work in the banana plantation and learned how to tend banana trees. Bob now lives in Ranburn where Perlita visits regularly and as she can’t eat all those bananas she, she gives away big bunches of fruit. She is very supportive of the local Filipino community praying for and lighting candles for anyone who is not well, visiting people in hospital and driving relatives to visit them and holding welcoming parties for new comers. She also has vegetable gardens with cabbages, broccoli, kumara, kale and taro. At present most of her trees is the Ladies Finger variety with small fruit but she is trying out new types Saba, for example, which she said is cooked green the Philippines and is similar to taro. She is also trying the Cavendish variety, which is the long sweet type most commonly found in our supermarkets.

Some clever young mathematicians at One Tree Point Primary


There are some clever young mathematicians at One Tree Point Primary. The school’s teams won both the year 5 and year 6 competitions at an interschool Mathex contest involving Bream Bay’s three primary schools held at One Tree Point Primary in May. The year 6 team went on to take second place at a district wide competition with the Year 5 team just missing out on a third placing. Mathex challenges children to work as a team to solve mathematical problems. The team that works out the most correct answers in a set time frame wins.

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Fund raising for a bus shelter at Marsden Cove

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Takahiwai Under 18s have made the Northland final

The Northpine Takahiwai's Under 18 team has made the Northland final, which will be played at Semenoff Stadium on Saturday 8 July. The team has won all three of its games played this season, scoring 98 points with 62 scored against it.

The players get lots of practice, albeit sometimes in a different code. Some Takahiwai team members also play in the Waipu Rugby Under 18s team and some for the Bream Bay College First XV as well.

Nadia Blackwell, who manages all three teams. said Bream Bay College hasn't had a First XV for over 12 years. Waipu Rugby has been without a team in this age group for 8 years and Takahiwai hasn't fielded an Under 18 team for the past six years.

The Waipu team is also helped out by players who come across from Dargaville to make up the numbers. Nadia said there are some good friendships being forged. "It's pretty cool."

The Waipu team currently sits in fifth place on the results table with seven teams involved in the competition.

The Bream Bat College team sits at third place in the standings (out of six teams in the Northland Secondary Schools 1st XV competition) having won two and lost two games.



The Takahiwai Under 18s League Team preparing fo the Northland Final at the Semenoff Stadium on Saturday 8 July.

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Book your place at the Waipu Lions Senior Citizens lunch

The Waipu Lions will again be holding their Senior Citizens mid winter lunch in the Coronation Hall. The date is Saturday 5th August. The doors open at 12noon with lunch served at 1pm There will be a hot roast lunch and dessert served as well as non alcoholic punch Please RSVP to Sharon Carroll on 027 265 3227 for catering numbers.

Sharon said, "We had a fabulous turn out in 2022, so please make sure to book in to avoid missing out."

WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **THE GREAT DEBATE.** Wednesday 5 July. 7pm - 9pm at the Waipu Hotel. Teams arguing for and against the moot - 'Living in Waipu for 5 years is long enough to gain local status' Waipu Winter Festival event.
- **ART & TARTAN COSTUME AND MASK DISPLAY** 10am to 3pm on Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of July and the following week on Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th of July. Entry will be by koha gold coin donation.
- **URUMATARIKI FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN** Saturday 8 July. Starts at 11am in Te One Reserve at the corner of Te One and Tamingi Streets. Face painting, Mahi Pai performance, games by Sport Northland. Free sausage sizzle and fruit. At 6pm drive in movie. *Avatar, the Way of Water*. Register at the Mahi Pai tent before 3pm.
- **MATARIKI BALL** Saturday 8 July 7.30pm to 11pm in the Coronation Hall. \$60pp. Waipu Winter Festival event.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 9 July from 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- **SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CELLIDH** Monday 10 July \$5pp from 7pm in the Waipu Coronation Hall. Waipu Winter Festival event
- **BEER AND BITES** Tuesday 11 July from 5.30pm at the Pissa Barn. Beer tasting matched with local artisan produce. \$35pp. Limited tickets. Waipu Winter Festival event
- **WEAVING WORKSHOP** Saturday 15 July 9am - 3pm in the Coronation Hall. Waipu Winter Festival event
- **RUAKAKA RACES** Next on Saturday 15 July The Northern Winter Champs. Free entry. Gates open 11am. The Ruakākā racecourse is located at the end of Peter Snell Drive.
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 16 July Fund-raising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward. Sunday 18 June from 9am-1pm. One Tree Point School field.
- **TARTAN TEAMS at the Waipu Golf Club** Sunday 16 July from 9am. Waipu Winter Festival event
- **PET PARADE Saturday 22 July** Leaves from outside the Waipu Pizza Barn at 10am. Waipu Winter Festival event
- **PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 23 July from 12 noon to 3pm. In the Paparoa Memorial Hall
- **MID WINTER SWIM** Sunday 23 July from midday - 12 noon at the Waipu Surf Life Saving Club. Waipu Winter Festival event
- **THE KAURI MUSEUM** The Kauri Museum is open 9am-5pm every day except Christmas Day. 5 Church St., Matakōhe.
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A display of Art & Tartan costumes and masks from last year's show



Hope and Deliverance models Robert Spriggs and Marilyn Humphrey share a cuppa backstage at the 2022 Art & Tartan + show. Designer Carole Hebberd won the Supreme Award with this entr

Costumes and masks from the 2022 Art & Tartan show will go on display as part of the Waipu 2023 winter festival.

The display will be in the newly restored Heritage School behind the Waipu Scottish Migration Museum. It will be open 10am to 3pm on Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of July and the following week on Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th of July. Entry will be by koha gold coin donation.

There is also a free workshop for those interested on Sunday 16th at 2pm where designers will answer questions about their work and encourage first time exhibitors to enter Art & Tartan+ in 2024. This will also be held in the heritage school .

Please email: wearableartwaipu@gmail.com if you would like to attend the workshop.

Looking for young singers to take to the World Choir Games

Emma Couper a teacher at Waipu Primary School, is setting up a choir and performing arts group for children aged 7 to 11 years with the intention of taking a group to the World Choir Games, which will be held in Auckland in July of 2024. Children who love to sing and perform (including in Kapa Haka and cultural groups)

are invited to book a time to come to the Workshop room at Waipu Primary School on

Sunday 23rd of July between 10am and 12 noon. You will need to have a short song ready to sing and will be asked to do a few easy vocal exercises. You can come alone, or sing with a friend or two. Please contact Emma Couper to arrange a Time – emmacansing@hotmail.com or 0278 251 558

Rehearsals will involve group singing as well as drama games and musical theatre performances. They will be held during term time at the Workshop, Waipu School on Sundays from 10am - 11.15 am, although the time may change in Term Four to accommodate Surf Lifesaving.

Spaces are limited and the aim is to have an equal number of girls and boys. For more information, please email Emma.

The World Choir Games hold competitions in 28 divisions, including for children and young people as well as mixed, male or female choirs with championship and open competitions in each division. More information is available online if you Google World Choir Games Auckland 2024.

Some good battles to watch at the Bream Bay Classic Golf Tournament this weekend

The Waipu Golf Club already had 70 entries to its Northpine Bream Bay Classic tournament last week. The tournament will be played over this weekend the 7 and 8 of July and is the club's biggest event of the year.

Golf Club manager Vic Martick said he expected the event would end up with its maximum 90 contestants.

"People tend to hang back to see what the weather is going to do."

This is the 37th time the event has been held. It was not run in 2022 due to some major reshaping and irrigation of the course.

Mr Martick said despite all the rain and a persistently very high water table the course is in good condidtion and ready for the big day.

Ponding, which had occurred over the stormy 2022/2023 summer had drained or been pumped away with just one out-of-the-way section still under water. He said, despite all the rain, the irrigation had been useful in reseeding areas where new grass had been washed away.

The tournament has three divisions: Open, Master's for players over 40 years and Women's.

Notable's in the field are Kahu Tautarangi son of Phill Tautarangi, will be up against Stewart McCaw, Robby Turnbull and Sheldon Kearns on +3 handicaps.

We have a guest player Richard Lee who is now a professional golfer and heading to Wales the following week to qualify for the British Open. Richard is using the Waipu tournament as a competitive practice round. As a professional he cannot win the Bream Bay Classic.

those to watch in the Ladies 'category are: Angeline Loh, Amy Im and Waipu member from Wellsford Alana Cox.

In the Master's Division two Waipu club members Nathan Jacoby and Gavin Ashwel will be going up against Vaughan Witten of Whangārei and a player that has held the course record in the past: Alex Tait, so this should be a good battle to watch

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- Legal Advice
- Marriage Celebrant
- House and property blessing
- One to one counselling
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- Supervisor for court ordered access
- Work brokers/ help with employment opportunities.

No appointments are necessary, we have an open door policeu - if you need help or know someone that does just come on down to: **9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā.** We are right next door to Jimmy's Barber Shop or I can be reached by phone 021 121 0763 - Phil Paikea

Bream Bay Community Support Trust



Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone: 09 432 7197

Services we provide:

- Registered Social Workers
- Family Support Workers
- Youth Workers
- Youth Hangout Space (watch this space...)
- Community Connectors (Connecting community to various services)
- Driver Mentor Programme
- Free Whanau Ora Medical Clinic with Ki A Ora Ngatiwai. Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon, by appointment only phone 09 435 4586
- Free Budgeting Service – Tuesdays 10am-12pm by appointment
- Mana Wahine – Wahine Toa, women's group
- Ha Tane – men's group
- Listening Ear – need to talk? Mon-Fri 9am-4pm no appointments necessary, cuppa and a listening ear available

Waitata Sessions 12:30pm every Wednesday, in our hall, come along for a sing along in collaboration with Whangārei Salvation Army.

Community Connections 10:30am-12pm every Friday in our hall. Hot soup and cuppa available. The purpose of these sessions is for the community to get together and partake in different activities together, getting to know one another, sharing talents/hobbies/passions creating connections in the community, building friendships. The session topics are driven by the interests of participants. Coming up: Friday 9th June – Rongoa – Kawakawa Balm Workshop
Friday 16th June – Indoor Bowls
Friday 23rd June – Ukulele Learners Group

Follow us on social media – facebook and Instagram for updates on what's happening here during the week

THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 20 July
The deadline for all copy is 4pm on
Wednesday 12 July

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ASH WORTHY

We Ash's family would like to thank our Bream Bay Community for the amazing love, support and uplifting tributes we have received on his passing.

Please accept this as a personal thank you to each and every one of you.

In one of the last conversations we had with Ash he said "just say thanks mum, they know who they are"

So from the Worthy Family

Thanks xx

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