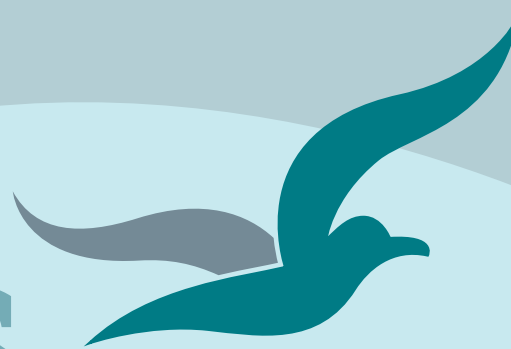


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Plans for 50 new Kāinga Ora homes in the Ruakaka Village

Kāinga Ora has upped its plans and now proposes to build 50 new homes to replace its existing 16 properties on a block along Tiki Place, Peter Snell Rd. and Tamingi St.

Te Tai Tokerau Regional Director Jeff Murray said the public housing provider intended to apply for resource consent early in the New Year. The agency is undecided yet whether the new houses will be built in one or two stages. Existing Kāinga Ora tenants would be rehoused in the interim and then would have first choice of the new homes.

Jo Haunui, the Manager of Regional Placements for Kāinga Ora in Northland, said she had met with the affected tenants. Two had indicated they would be happy to move to Whangārei while another 10 have said they would like to remain in the Ruakaka area.

Six houses under construction for Kāinga Ora in Peter Snell Rd. with an expected completion date in March would be used to house some of the displaced tenants.

Mr. Murray said the resource consent application would be for two, three and four bedroom homes. These would be a mix of single and two storied with bedrooms upstairs.

Mrs. Huanui said the whare would be built in such a way that there will be a fenced outdoors area big enough for a trampoline for children to play on.

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The Villy Day Out team



The organisers - Bobby Joe Paikea, Melody Gardner, Alishea Paikea-Paul.

After two years when it couldn't happen because of Covid 19 precautions, The Villy Day Out returned to the Ruakaka sports grounds on Saturday 18 November bigger and better than ever. Even wet weather didn't stop the fun with free hangi provided by the Pumipi family, free sausage sizzle, free iceblocks and free rides and entertainment. Bream Bay St John was there as was the Ruakaka Fire Brigade, Bream Bay Police, The Bream Bay Community Trust, Safe Men Safe Family and a host of other service providers.

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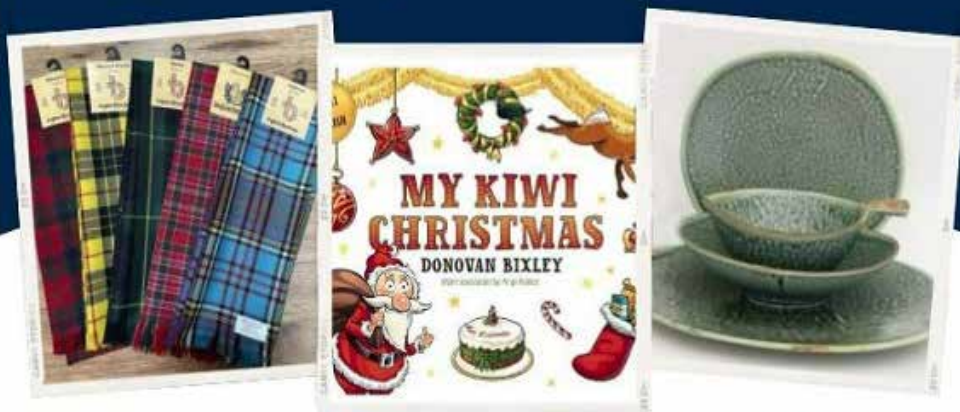
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EDITORIAL

In the public interest

This morning I watched Jack Tame interview Christopher Bishop, the newly appointed Leader of the House of Parliament on his talk show Q and A.

Asked about the justification for his government's move to repeal the anti smoking legislation that would have banned cigarette sales to younger generations, limited the levels of nicotine in cigarettes and curbed the number of stores permitted to sell cigarettes from over 6,000 to around 600, Mr. Bishop came out with the New Zealand First line that this would result in a black market sales and ram raids on the stores where cigarettes remained on sale. He repeated an incorrect statement Prime Minister Christopher Luxon had made at an earlier press conference saying that, under the now scrapped legislation, there would have been just one cigarette outlet in the whole of Northland.

Mr. Tame pointed out that a Ministry of Health paper stating where cigarette sales would be sold, listed 35 Northland cigarette outlets. I looked this up myself to find there would have been outlets scattered around Northland including one in One Tree Point and another in Ruakākā.

The Ministry of Health had made its calculations taking into account populations, number of smokers and travel times. The smoke free legislation, which would have seen cigarette smoking completely phased out over a number of decades, had been carefully thought out and planned and is now being emulated in the United Kingdom. It seems in its rush to wipe out all traces of the previous government Mr. Luxon and his teams haven't bothered to check the facts

I heard the Prime Minister's comment in answer to criticism about the co-alition governments urgent lodging of a reservation to a minor World Health Organisation resolution as pandering to conspiracy theorists when he said "we don't listen to anything the Labour Party says".

This sounds like petty spite. Wouldn't it be in New Zealand's best interest to first carefully consider some of those major pieces of work undertaken by the previous administration such as: Three Waters, Resource Management reform, The Therapeutic Products Bill and alter what you don't agree with rather than this wholesale binning.

We seem to be heading down the same path as the United States where the divide between the two main political parties has become so bitter and antagonistic that it is very difficult to pass operating budgets let alone any legislation to move that country forward.

I recall when John Key led the National Party to victory in the 2008 election he didn't repeal the popular Kiwisaver scheme established by the previous Minister of Finance Michael Cullen, although it did get tweaked a bit.

This partisan uncompromising attitude seems to have spread to the Northland Regional Council where four councillors re-elected in 2022 have been ousted from most of the committees they served on by five first termers. I watched the NRC meeting of 28 November on You Tube after reading Susan Botting's report in the Northland Advocate. I was appalled at the way that meeting was conducted and by the loss to Northland of the knowledge and commitment of the ousted four.

The Northland Regional Council has 285 staff and a \$76.9m operational budget. It manages the air, land, freshwater and coastal resources of the Northland region. It also co-ordinates civil defence, transport and economic development. We need to keep a closer watch on what is happening there.

Incidentally, government funding for public interest journalism supports both Jack Tame's Q and A TV1 programme and Susan Botting's local government reporting in the Northern Advocate. We need this to remain.

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Shut the road, do it properly and be done with it.”

State Highway One over the Brynderwyns will close for some major repair work for two months later this summer. A sum of \$61million dollars has been approved for the work but the timing of the closure has yet to be confirmed with a balancing act required between the need to complete the work during the drier, warmer months while avoiding the busy summer holiday period which many Northland business rely on to maintain profitability. While some believe the closure will begin immediately after Waitangi day, retail and accommodation providers favour a later starting date after the Easter break. The bypass routes also have yet to be decided although likely to be through Mangawhai and Waipu for lighter traffic and over the Oakleigh/ Paparoa road for larger vehicles.

Paul Jensen of Fresha Valley, whose trucks travel to Auckland to deliver milk seven days a week said, “It’s got to be done. Patching it up is never going to work. Shut the road, do it properly and be done with it.”

Those two months with the highway closed are going to cost his business an estimated \$8,000 a week. He is hoping his smaller rigid trucks will be able to travel via Mangawhai, which involves an extra 45km each way. Four of these trucks carry Fresha Valley milk to Auckland seven days a week.

In addition three truck and trailer units carry milk to Auckland five days a week. These will need to travel via the Oakley/Paparoa Rd. - an extra 70km each way. It will be difficult for drivers to do this return trip and deliveries within the 13 hours maximum time truck drivers can work and he may need to put on extra staff. There is also the wear and tear on his fleet from driving over the bypass roads. He said the cost of truck repairs was horrendous when the highway was closed following Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023.

Ian Newey of the Ruakākā based log-hauling company Newey Transport had some strong words to say about the state of the road over the Brynderwyns. He is also the Deputy Chairman of the National Road Carriers Association so has a good understanding of what the proposed two month closure will entail.

He says the closure needs to happen so the road can be repaired to last for another seven years while an alternative route is built. He believes if work doesn’t go ahead we could end up with a situation as exists in the Mangamuka Gorge where, the highway has been closed for years after some massive slips in 2022.

He is adamant that building a bypass to the Brynderwyn Hill should be a priority.

“Every man woman and child in Northland should be



Major slips on the Brynderwyns need urgent and major remedy work. Photo from the Waka Kotahi website.

standing on a hill and shouting this out. For decades there has been under investment on Northland roads and now we are at rock bottom.”

“Now is our time. We have a good number of Northland based MPs. We should be able to get this done.” With other representatives of the National Road Carriers he plans to drive over the proposed bypass routes for the two- month stoppage to inspect upgrades Waka Kotahi is making.

He said having a planned closure of SH1 won’t be quite as bad as the forced closure earlier this year and Waka Kotahi has been consulting with his organization along with other Northland’s business and political leaders.

But all those extra kilometres trucks will need to travel will hurt local business and the Road Carriers will be asking for some funding assistance from the Government to help.

Ian said having a funding buffer would encourage trucking companies not to use the shorter and more dangerous routes such as Gorge Rd. and help to keep the roads safer for all users. Antoinette Laird,

communications advisor for the National Road Carriers Association said, “As it stands, State Highway 1 through the Brynderwyns is prone to further slips and prolonged closures, and with every passing day we risk the road being closed permanently. If this happens direct access to Northland will be cut off indefinitely while Waka Kotahi undertakes a bypass. She said, the section of State Highway 1 over the Brynderwyns “consists of seven or eight corners all delicately balanced on a steep slope. Repairs require space to be dug out of the uphill slope to move the road across while the existing series of under-slips are simultaneously remedied. This work cannot occur while the road remains open, there is simply not enough space. Repairs are a critical priority due to the precarious state of the road. They will buy the road an additional seven years of life, which will allow authorities to build the bypass. To do nothing is not an option. She said, “Learnings from recent weather events are being used to facilitate planned diversions far more safely and effectively – a

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Athletes foot

Is the skin between your toes peeling? Do your feet have a rather whiffy aroma? If so, you may well have athletes foot.

Although the experts are divided as to whether athletes foot



(Tinea pedis) is worse during the heat of summer - or the cold winter months when your feet are couped up in shoes all day - either way this condition can spread like wildfire through your household unless treated immediately.

Athlete's foot is caused by a group of fungi called dermatophyte fungi that grow in warm moist environments and can cause infection in the skin. It spreads easily through direct skin-to-skin contact or indirectly through contact with infected surfaces – like sharing towels, shoes and bath mats. It can also be caught by walking barefoot in warm damp areas like communal showers, gyms, swimming pools or changing rooms. Secondary infection can occur if skin is split, bleeding, or blistered.

Athlete's foot commonly affects the skin between the toes – particularly between the fourth and small toe. The skin may appear soft, white and peeling but can also be red, itchy and scaly. It can also sometimes spread to the sole of the foot where it appears dry, cracked and scaly. Other symptoms include itching, burning, stinging, small blisters, fissures (splitting) and bleeding.

The good news is that athletes foot is easily treated by using creams and powders.

Antifungal creams work by preventing fungi from multiplying (fungi-static), or by killing fungi directly (fungi-cidal). Fungi-static antifungal creams need to be applied for approximately two weeks after the infection has cleared, while fungi-cidal antifungal creams can be stopped once the infection has cleared.

Antifungal powders are good for dusting in shoes or socks to kill residual fungal spores and prevent reoccurrence, while corticosteroid creams help reduce itch and inflammation. Corticosteroid creams must be applied sparingly and used strictly according to product recommendations and the advice from your community pharmacist.

It is a good idea to talk to your community pharmacist for advice on using these products. Some products contain both an antifungal and a corticosteroid so you will need to ensure treatment is not duplicated.

Your community pharmacist can also advise you on making lifestyle changes so that you can minimise the risk of getting athletes foot in the future.

LETTERS

Concern non compliance with the Road Code could lead to a serious accident at McCathie Rd./Marsden Highway intersection

It would appear that about 50% of the drivers coming off the STOP sign on One Tree Point Road turning right at the offset intersection with Port Marsden Highway (S H 15) and McCathie Rd are unfamiliar with the Road Code.

Drivers of cars on Port Marsden Highway heading towards the Port which are turning right into McCathie Road and have signalled their intention to do so have the right of way. It is my understanding that when on a STOP sign you give way to all other traffic.

I am worried that there will be a serious crash. Many times over the past years cars have come off the STOP sign and I have had to slam on my brakes to avoid a collision when turning right into McCathie Road. I am aware of the problem but motorists unfamiliar with the area would not be.

Gaye Cann
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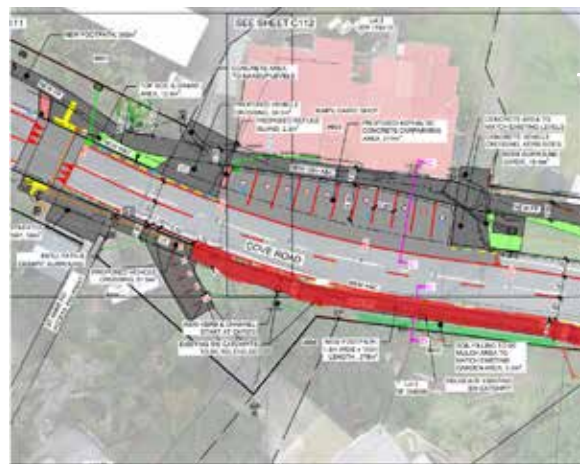
The road cones set out on the roadside opposite the Dairy have killed off half the business for the dairy overnight. The cones are soon to be replaced with a footpath that less than 1% of the Cove foot traffic will ever use. All of those Tradies and Travellers will have nowhere to pull over and grab a quick ice cream or drink.

I live across from the Dairy and yes, it would be nice to have a footpath on our side of the road, but not at the expense of all those people that throughout the year pull over to pick up a refreshment.

The traffic calming measures mean that it will be a whole lot safer for people to pull over and nip across the road.

Save our Dairy, give NTA the clear message we don't NEED that footpath, we NEED that space as a pullover zone for travellers, throughout the year, to grab an ice cream, coffee or some fish and chips.

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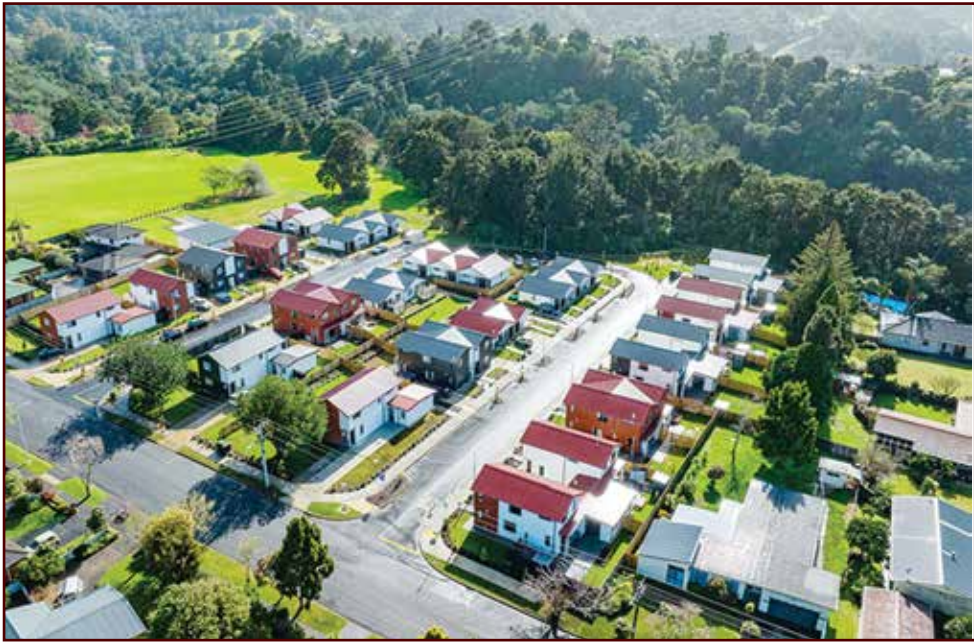
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Plans for 50 new Kāinga Ora homes in the Ruakākā Village

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Asked about pets she said this would be considered on “a case by case basis.” Once the existing tenants have been provided for “we will look at the wait list and there will need to be a genuine connection to the community either through mahi (their work) or through whanau support.” She said in previous developments in Te Tai Tokerau outsiders moving in have mostly been people wanting to return home to Northland.

She urged Bream Bay people living in overcrowded or unsuitable conditions to apply to the Ministry of Social Development to put their names on the housing waiting list. Asked about the procedure when people living in Kāinga Ora homes behave in an anti social way disturbing to people living nearby, Mrs. Haunui said attempts are made to find more suitable homes for people “who have been playing up.” They usually agree to move but if necessary there is legal provision to force them to relocate to another Kāinga Ora property considered more suitable. This has only been used twice in Northland. The tenants of a Kāinga Ora home in Tiki Place to which Police were called 56 Police times between January and August 2023 have, after two years, agreed to move out of the Ruakākā Village. Transitional Housing, where people who struggle to live in a community are provided with wrap around support services, is not available in Northland.



Kāinga Ora housing in Whangārei's Puriri Park Road

Kāinga Ora is holding an all day drop in session (10am – 6pm) on Thursday 7 December at the Bream Bay Community Trust followed by two morning drop in sessions on Thursday 14 and Thursday 21 December from 9am – 10.30am. Mrs. Huanui has also offered to take a tour of the Kāinga Ora housing development at Puriri Park which she said, although the Ruakākā development will not be the same, would give an idea of the kind of homes the agency builds. There are currently 1100 households on the waiting list for homes in Northland. Twenty of these families are considered in urgent need by the Ministry of Social Development, Mrs. Haunui said this urgency is often because whanau members suffer from rheumatic fever and need to live in warm and dry homes. Kāinga Ora currently has 28 homes in the Ruakākā area – two of these in One Tree Point, one on Marsden Point Rd. but most in the Ruakākā Village. It has no properties in Waipu.

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Two Family Harm incidents

He reports two family harm incidents both in Maungaturoto. These resulted in reports being entered and follow up by the family harm team if required.

Two mental health call outs

Police assisted at two mental health incidents, one in Ruakākā where a woman was taken to Whangārei Hospital for assessment and on in Waipu where a man was referred to mental health services for a follow up.

In court after burnouts on public road

A young man will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with sustained loss of traction after Police were notified of a group of young people doing burnouts at the Shoemaker Rd./ Mountfield Rd intersection on Sunday 26 November.

Missing person callout quickly resolved

Bream Bay Police responded to a report of a missing woman in One Tree Point where concerns were raised because of the woman’s medical condition. However she was found shortly afterwards at a One Tree Point location.

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Sharon said she has no idea who nominated her but wants to thank them. “I also wanted to acknowledge all who have helped with the things I have been involved in. Whether this is through connecting through various volunteer community groups, through any of the crazy projects and events that I may have roped you into, or the ongoing work we do to ensure there are more equitable and inclusive opportunities for all within our community.” “This award represents all the mahi we do together, so from the bottom of my heart I want to sincerely thank you.” Her citation on the local hero website reads Sharon Carroll is widely regarded around Te Tai Tokerau Northland as a community legend: dedicating her life to supporting others through a wide range of programmes and initiatives. Her extensive volunteering record includes working for organisations like Swimming Northland, Bream Bay Swim Club, Waipu Cycle and Walkway Trust, Waipu Primary School, Bream Bay College, Waipu Lions as treasurer, Chair of the Northland Sports Coalition, intern on the Sport Northland Board and Parafed Northland – delivering inclusive sport, active recreation and play opportunities for



Sharon Carroll

Northlanders living with a disability.” Recently, she has taken on a new role as Community Liaison Manager for the home care service tlc4u2,

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“Shut the road and be done with it.”

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planned road closure enables authorities to prepare detour routes appropriately to accommodate both commuter and freight traffic.” transport costs.

Antoinette said the Road Carriers Association is also asking that a permanent solution bypassing the Brynderwyns be treated as a priority and that construction should start as soon as possible.

“There is nothing to be gained by kicking this can down the proverbial road.”

Anton Trist, Manager Camp Waipu Cove hopes the two-month closure can be put off until after Easter.

He said Easter is a busy time with lots of families coming for a last summer holiday. Some people might come up anyway but others won’t want to risk travelling on the by pass roads.

We had Covid and then all the storms of last summer. We were looking forward to this summer with forecasts that the weather will be fine.

Jennifer and David Rodrigue opened Origin Northland a shop selling mostly locally produced food products in Waipu in August. Do they expect the highway shutdown to impact their new business.

Jennifer said, “Origin Northland stocks local products for locals. That being said, extra business from our visitors over the summer period would be most welcome to help this new business flourish. It is very hard with fresh product to plan for the unknown. We are making investments to be sure to keep our level of service and availability acceptable in peak times, and if we don’t have those peaks due to the road closure, we will have losses. We are putting our faith in the beauty and vibe of Waipu as a destination and the hope that those who want to visit will find a way.”

Hoping this time the road closure will be better organised

People who live alongside State Highway One on the Brynderwyns are hoping the upgrade of the highway will incorporate safety measures to help them turn into the access road to their properties. Seven properties are connected to the access, which is alongside where the 80kmph zone



Log trucks on the south side of the Brynderwyn hill

becomes 100kmph towards the bottom of the northern slope.

The residents say that, although their access is inside the 80kmph zone, the 100kmph sign is only 15 metres to the north and traffic seeing this tends to speed up. What’s more the school bus stops there on the side of the highway to pick up and drop off children.

Suzy Estick said it can be quite frightening turning off the road in her little Ford Fiesta with big log trucks following close behind.

“I have to slow down because its quite a sharp turn and I often get truck drivers leaning on their horns as they go by.”

Paula Gilmore said they are planning a neighbourhood meeting to talk about their common concerns which they will put to Fulton Hogan, the contractor which will be working on the Brynderwyn upgrade. She agrees with Suzy that the turn off is very dangerous and fears that sooner or later there will be a bad accident there.

Since the medium strip barriers went in the residents have been unable o turn right into their road but instead must drive up to the scenic lookout point and turn there.

Tim Dower said, while some of his neighbours have a different view, he thinks this has been a safety improvement but he also has concerns about the 100kmph sign being so close to the access road.

When the highway over the Brynderwyns is closed early next year Tim expects to be give a resident pass to show to road workers so he can get in and out of his property. This is what happened when the Brynderwyns were closed following Cyclone Gabrielle in February. However neither Suzy or Paula were issued with passes and had to argue with road workers to return to their homes. They hope this time around things will be better organised.

The Mayor’s summer message



It’s been a busy year, full of highs and lows, and I think we’re all well overdue a break.

For some the work never stops, regardless of the season and to all of you in that position, I send out heartfelt thanks. No one could fully express how much the work you do and the sacrifices you make are appreciated by the rest of us. Grazie.

To everyone affected by wars and events in other countries, may this season bring some form of peace and relief to you. Let us all care for each other at this time.

Bringing it back home, let’s also be extra caring of our own District this summer. It’s old news that our District has been hit hard this year. It has suffered millions of dollars of damage, with millions of dollars having been invested in repairs so far, and millions more needed over the next few years. Our teams have been working flat out, and with dry weather forecasted over the summer months, the work will continue at pace. While you may notice that there are still some repairs to be made, be assured they are on our lists and we are working solidly through them.

Our teams will get on with programmed works including road building and repairing, and keeping the wastewater systems, freshwater supply and rubbish collections going over the summer. Libraries will still be open and the parks and reserves team will still be caring for places we all enjoy spending time, not to mention looking after coastal assets.

While they are concentrating on all that, you, your family, workmates, neighbours and friends can play an important role caring for our District – you can be our eyes and ears.

Please report any issues you notice as soon as you can. If you notice fly tipping, a water leak, overflowing rubbish bins, damaged signs or a problem with anything else that we look after, call us on 09 4303200 or go onto our website and report it as soon as you can.

We would rather have a dozen people report a broken pipe or a water leak than have it go on for days and get much worse. The quicker we know about a problem the sooner we can get the team onto it, stop things getting worse and sort it all out.

Before you go to the beach, check our website for the rules on dogs, horses, camping and driving. You can find them at www.wdc.govt.nz or call us on 09 430 4200. If you have a problem with noise, animals or anything else, let us know. Use “report it” or Facebook messenger for non-urgent issues. Be proud of our community and report anything that needs our attention.

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Mere Kirihimete koutou, Merry Christmas, happy holidays - and as we would say in my family’s language, Buon Natale e buone feste!

Vince Cocurullo
Mayor, Whangārei District Council

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Cricket in the Caledonian Park



Ruth and Murray Gillingham were at the Caledonain Park on Saturday 2 December 2023 to watch thier son Dean bowl for Waipu in a match against Tomorata. This was the first match played in the park since the Bream Bay team relocated there from Bream Bay College. The move revives an old tradition as cricket predates rugby in Waipu with the first Waipu cricket club formed in 1870. The first record of cricket being played in the Caledonian Park is an item in the Northern Advocate on 1 April 1899. Saturday's game was won by Tomarata with Bream Bay fallins short by 36 runs in the 40th over. The next game will be played against Maungakaramema this Saturday 9 December, once again in the Waipu Caledonian Park.

Ruakākā Wellness Centre on schedule to be completed by next April

The Ruakākā Recreation Centre is applying to the Whangārei District Council for an increase in its operating grant as once the currently under construction Wellness Centre is open it will be operating from two buildings. Christine Thirling who is the manager of the Recreation Centre said another person would need to be employed and there will be maintenance costs for two buildings. Christine said there are costs that just can't be cut back on such as insurance, which has gone up from \$4,500 to \$13,000 in the past few years. There is also an annual fire safety audit, as well electricity, water and maintenance costs. The Recreation Centre currently gets an annual grant of \$46,000 per year and Christine said even with the money earned from gym fees, rental from the adjacent former childcare building and hall and

meeting room hire it's a tight fit. She said it would be help if groups, which use the centre, could write letters of support to the Council. Paul MacDonald, the Wellness Centre project manager said construction the \$5 million project is progressing well with the roof in place and wall cladding underway. There was a two- week hold for the steel wall cladding to arrive but the construction team was able to work on other parts of the build so this didn't have too much impact. The Wellness Centre will have 888 square metres of floor space or 1200 including a deck which will be built on the North side with a view out to Mt. Manaia. The completion date is still next April although Christine said it might take some time to set up the new gym. She has nightmares about moving all that heavy equipment across but has had of offers of help from gym users.





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The next stage of Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway

Work is about to begin on the next stage of the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway. This will take the trail from the McLean Rd corner to approximately 250m along the straight approaching the Waipu Cemetery. The trail will cross Cove Rd. at this location, where there is good visibility and will continue along the estuary side of the road.

The required easements have been agreed with most in place, spraying has been carried out in preparation and it is hoped contractor Paul Jenkins will be able to get to work there after Christmas.

The Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway Group has funds to the tune of \$130,000 in hand but will need more to build the trail all the way to the cemetery and is working on a range of funding options to plug this shortfall. Cycle/Walkway Trusts Chairman Tim Manning said, “We should have a more accurate idea of how much more is needed once the first 250metre section is completed.”

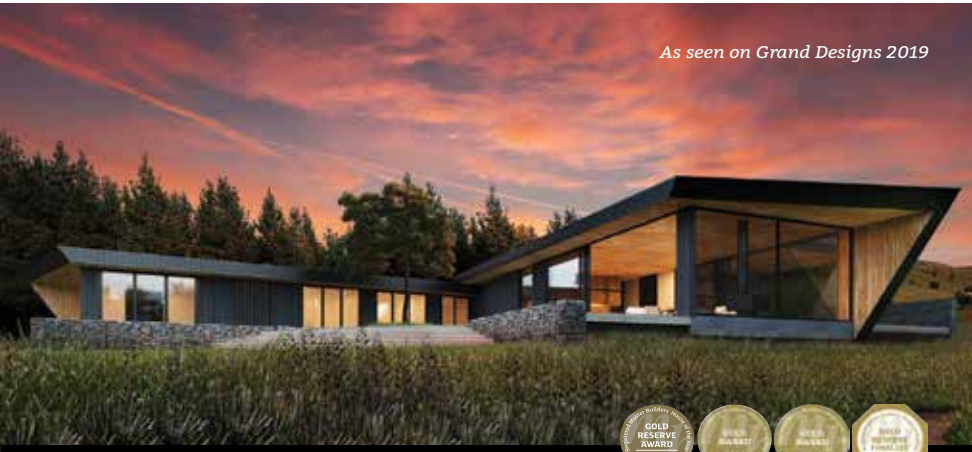
The Whangārei District Council had committed to building the final section of trail from the cemetery to link with the three kilometres of established trail from Waipu town running alongside the Flagstaff Terrace subdivision. This will involve finding space around the tight corner alongside Riverview Place. The sum of \$600,000 was set aside for this work in the 2023/2024 year of the Council’s current Long Term Plan, however, the cycleway group has recently been informed that \$300,000 has been taken from this budget to use to repair storm damaged roads and will need to be re-approved in the new 2024 -2034 Long Term Plan. Public submissions on the 2024 – 2034 Long Term Plan will begin in March.

Pool open for the summer

The Bream Bay College 25 metre swimming pool is once again open to the public this summer on weekends from 10am to 5pm and next week from Monday 11 December it will be open weekdays from 11am to 6pm.

Paid lifeguards will be in attendance and swimmers are asked for a gold coin donation. CLM (Community Leisure Management), the company that runs Whangārei’s Aquatic Centre, will be managing the pool for public use over the summer holiday period with funds provided by the Lotteries Commission

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The Villy Day Out, celebrating the people of Ruakākā

Photos by Peter Grant



Sophia George, aged 11 from Ruakaka, taking part in a fire fighting challenge with the Ruakākā Fire Brigade



Alexis Morley, aged 7, of Ruakākā trying out her building skills at one of the many activity stalls for children.

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Fri 22 Dec	3.56	2.4	4.20	2.5



Despite wet weather the crowd turned up to the Villy Day Out in the Ruakaka Sports Park on Saturday 18 November. The popular event, for and by the people of Ruakākā, returned after a two year forced break due to the Covid 19 pandemic

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Rain couldn't dampen the spirit of the Villy Day Out held at the Ruakākā sports grounds on Saturday 22 November. Organiser Bobby Joe Paikea estimates over 1,000 people turned up and there were over 50 stalls including stands by many service providers.

This was the third time the event has been held, after being cancelled for the last two years due to Covid 19.

The Villy Day out is run for and by the Ruakaka community with free activities and give-aways, including a hangi for 400 people by the Pumipi family. There were kapahaka performances from local schools and a ukulele group which practices together at the Bream Bay Community Support Trust had a spot on the stage.

"It's all for love, coming together to celebrate the community", said Bobby Joe.

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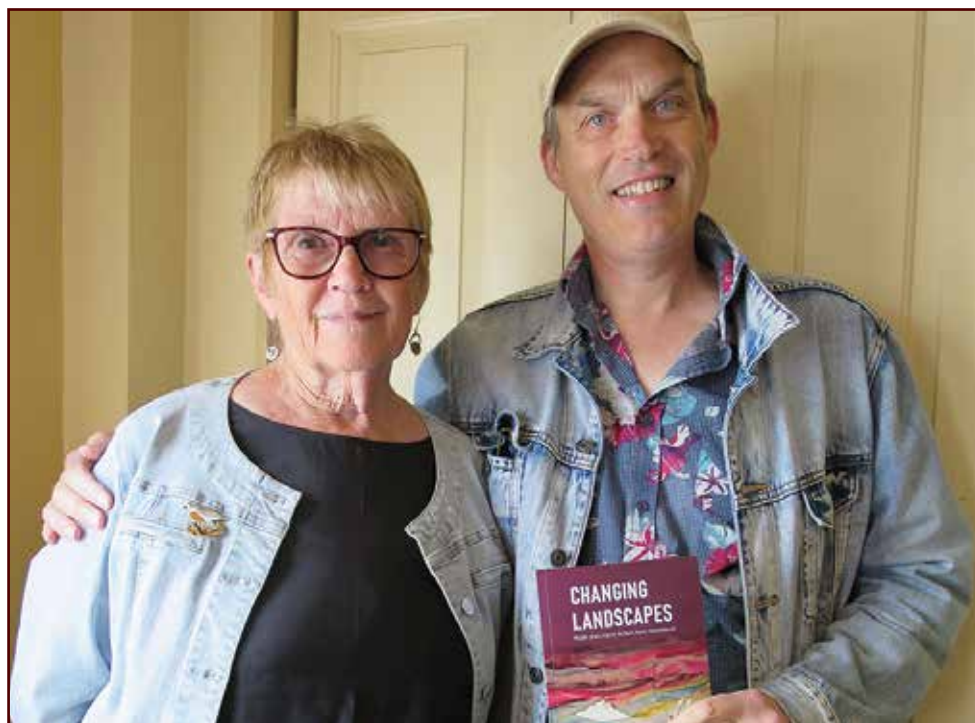
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Waipu writers feature in new Northland anthology

By Melinda Butt



Eddie Williams and Sue Barker

Eddie Williams and Sue Barker from Waipu celebrated their contribution to the launch of a new anthology of Northland authors titled 'Changing Landscapes.' The launch was held at the Dickens Inn, Whangārei on Saturday the 25th November. Participating writers, young and old attended the event with many reading their submissions to the crowd.

Sue Barker is a flash fiction and poetry writer has been involved with the Whangārei Library's Flash Fiction group for five years. Passionate about supporting aspiring writers she is a key member of the group. *Changing landscapes* "was a way to support and express ourselves through a challenging year" she said.

Sue writes all short form fiction and some poetry. She won the 2020 Whangārei Library Flash Fiction Competition and has been published in Fast Fibres Poetry 9 and 10. She co-edited and contributed to *You Might Want to Read This*, an anthology of Whangārei Library Flash writers in 2021.

Eddie Williams has been writing all of his life. He originally started with song writing, which then evolved into a broader scope of expression. In 2021 he self-published his debut novel, *A Volatile Mixtape*, a young adult fiction which he said was inspired by his 'misspent youth'. Eddie is a NZ society of authors Northland Branch short story competition winner and has previously had two flash fiction stories published in *You Might Want to Read This*.

Another Waipu writer, Jan Haraldsson also contributed to the Changing Landscape book but was unable to attend the event.

The inspiration behind the Changing Landscape anthology was a response to the multiple weather events we have all experienced. After a year of ongoing downpours the Whangārei Library's Flash Fiction group used the unprecedented bad weather as an impetus to create. The group called for submissions with a theme of 'our many and varied changing landscapes, from climate change and natural disasters to life, family and relationship shifts, the approach was broad and imaginative. The eclectic mix of flash and micro fiction reflects Northland's local talent from writers young and old, and with a grant funded by Creative Communities this collection could be published and now purchased.

The anthology includes stories from 35 different writers, and stories are no longer than 300 words. If you are interested in reading and supporting our local writers you can purchase the book from whangareilibrary3.30flash@gmail.com or contact Sue Barker on 027 281 8829.



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Waipu Tennis update

By Paul Ramsay

Club nights continue with 36 people plus a few reserves out having fun. Tuesday is our busy night with Juniors and Intermediates starting at 3pm and the Senior Social night at 6.00pm. Current leaders are Team 7 (Dayle Widdup, Stuart Abercrombie, Brent Rice and Jo Reid) with 17 wins. Team 5 (Sean McCombe, Simon Townsend, Gary Prohm and Ebony Antony-Conner) are close behind on 16 wins with just two games to go. The pre-Christmas season finishes on 18 December.

Waipu ITM sponsored some paint and building materials that allowed Margaret, Paul and David to spruce up the clubhouse a bit.

Bragging rights in A grade interclub go to Waipu Gold who beat Waipu Silver 4-2. Waipu Gold continued their winning streak beating Keri Keri Aces 5-1 but then fell heavily to Mairtown Megatrons 6-0. Meantime Waipu Silver have yet to win a match losing to Keri Keri Deuces 5-1. Waipu Bronze had to default a game postponed by rain but have played two more games since drawing with Mairtown Angels but losing on countback 50-49. A good win 4-2 over Kamo Kings followed.

Tennis starts again on 16 January for hit ups. The social nights will start in February as will the Sawmill competition on Thursday nights. The Sawmill competition is open to everyone so get a team of four together and your entry to Sean or Steve.

Our One Set Wonder doubles tournament is on 17 February with a 10am start. The tournament is graded into A and B grades and there are around \$800 in prizes on the day for winners, runners up and lucky draws. The tournament is open to everyone. Text your entries to Paul (0274416542) by 14 February.

It is never too late to come along to tennis as we are always looking for people to fill in when someone is away or injured.

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9.35am	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
9.40am	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
10.10am	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus

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AFTERNOON		
3.00pm	Departs	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
3.40pm	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
4.00pm	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
4.10pm	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
4.15pm	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
4.30pm	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
4.35pm	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
4.50pm	Arrives	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall

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 - **RAYWHITE BREAM BAY FAMILY PICNIC CHALLENGE.**Saturday 9 December at the Marsdn Cove Marina. Start time 12.30pm. \$20 per family. Family challenges with prizes.
 - **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 10 December . From 9am to 1pm in the Coronation Hall
 - **MARSDEN COVE CHRISTMAS MARKET** Sunday 17 December. 9.30 -2pm at the Marsden Cove Marina
 - **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 17 Decembervember Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children’s Ward. Sunday 18 June from 9am-1pm. One Tree Point School quadrant and field. Free Santa photos
 - **CAROLS AT LIFEPOINT** Sunday 17 December. Free dinner from 5pm. Music from 6pm. 300 One Tree Point Rd.
 - **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT THE WAIPU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,** 50 The Centre, Waipu. Sunday December 17 at 8.30pm. Supper served afterwards
 - **WAIPU CHRISTMAS PARADE. BACK ON CHRISTMAS EVE.** Sunday 24 December starting at 7pm by the Pizza Barn in Cove Rd., Waipu. Finishing with a prizegiving in the Caledonain Park at 7.30pm. Organised by Promote Waipu.
 - **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am-4pm .
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Gelato in Waipu



Hannah Engelman Little Lato founder with understudy Stella Murray (third from left) and local gelato scoopers Georgia Moodie and Ava Mewett

There is a pop up gelato shop here for the summer in the old bank building opposite the Pizza Barn in Waipu. This is the latest venture of gelato queen Hannah Engelman who founded the company Little Lato

Hannah previously worked for Fonterra and won a scholarship to study gelato making in Italy where there is a university dedicated to this art form. In 2017 she established a gelato-making kitchen on Auckland's North Shore, which now churns out many litres of gelato in multiple and often innovative flavours and supplies outlets in Auckland and around New Zealand.

Little Lato recently opened its first parlour in Hamilton and now this one in Waipu. Last Saturday Stella Murray, a food technology student and one of Hannah's protégées, as well as local girls Georgia Moodie and Ava Mewett, who have holiday jobs scooping gelato were in the Waipu parlour with Hannah. On offer were 20 different gelato flavours with dairy and non-dairy options.

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Bream Bay Community Support Trust



Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone: 09 432 7197

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- Registered Social Workers
- Family Support Workers
- Youth Workers
- Youth Hangout Space (watch this space...)
- Community Connectors (Connecting community to various services)
- Free Whanau Ora Medical Clinic with Ki A Ora Ngatiwai. Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon, by appointment only phone 09 435 4586
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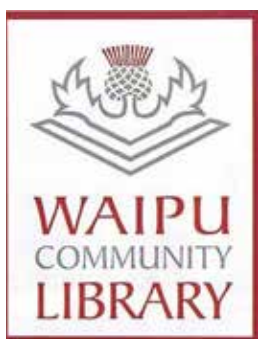
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