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## No Waipu ANZAC Parade this year

New traffic management requirement mean the Waipu Lions can no longer take care of traffic management for the Waipu ANZAC Parade.

The Waipu ANZAC Day Parade will not be taking place this year due, in part, to a requirement that traffic management arrangements be taken care of by a registered traffic management company rather than the Waipu Lions who have provided this service at no charge for many decades.

Dave Wistrand, Waipu RSA President, said he had been informed of this requirement when he made contact with the Whangārei District Council to arrange for a road closure for the parade. He was told that the traffic management plan for the event now needed to be submitted by one of a list of registered companies. On approaching one of the said companies he was told the price would be around \$700, which is almost half the Waipu RSA's annual income.

Dave has since learned that the Whangārei RSA will be holding a dawn service instead of a parade due to Covid 19 restrictions so has decided to hold a service in the car park beside the Waipu war memorial from 11.30am. Another factor influencing his decision was a message from the NZ Defence Forces informing him they would not be able to provide a speaker this year due to Covid 19 concerns.

The Waipu Christmas Parade faces the same problem with traffic management expenses. Graham Boulton of Promote Waipu said it now costs this group \$2,000 for

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## Olive Harvest in Ormiston Rd.



Jess Andrews (right) and Ella Toovey gather olives from branches pruned from the tops of trees at the Narbey Ormiston Rd. olive grove. The Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club's under 23 Women's IRB team along with family and supporters helped with the harvest this year, while raising money to help with the team's campaign at the National IRB Racing Championships in Gisborne this weekend.

Narbey Olive Oil was recently judged Best in Show at the Oliveti Northland Olive Oil Awards. Leon Narbey sells his oil at the Grey Lynn market but has sold out of stock until this year's harvest is processed.



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## EDITORIAL

## What's so frightening about Socialism?

I have some thought provoking conversations with Doug Berry, who drives to Waipu twice a month to deliver the bundles of the Bream Bay News from our printer in Auckland. Doug recently gave me a copy of a five-page letter addressed to Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. The letter was being circulated by Craig Turner, Director of the Sleepyhead Mattress Company but was, according to an article on the Stuff Website, likely to have been penned by former ACT Party MP Muriel Newman.

People have described this letter as racist because it raises concerns about moves towards partnerships with Māori in national governance roles such as in the health system and there have been calls to boycott the Sleepyhead Company. My main issue with it, however, is a socialist equals communist equals dictatorship equation it makes.

The letter suggests the Prime Minister's former presidency of the International Union of Socialist Youth is in conflict with her role as NZ Prime Minister and that this is something we should be very worried about as she is likely to have ambitions to become a communist dictator. This is clearly ridiculous but it is a catch cry I have heard repeated locally.

The New Zealand Labour Party is founded on ideals of democratic socialism.

This is not communism of the variety we saw in the Soviet Union or see today in North Korea or China. Democratic socialist governments, and there are many all around the world, are interested in promoting social justice and in making improvements to things like public health and education, which help to give everyone a better chance in life. Sometimes the NZ National Party can look a bit democratic socialist.

I believe a mix of private and public enterprise is the best arrangement for any successful society but getting the balance right isn't easy and something both our major political parties constantly work on.

While I want everyone in New Zealand to have warm, dry, safe, secure housing, good health care, the best possible education and enough income to live comfortably, I find some people's expectation that all these things will be provided for them without any effort on their part or gratitude for what they are given, annoying to say the least. The condition that state house in Tamingi Street, Ruakākā was left in by its former tenants is a case in point.

On the other hand what were all those government grants that went out to keep companies afloat during the Covid 19 lockdowns if not socialism for private business? I understand in many cases the grants helped to save jobs but I take pride that my little business: The Bream Bay News has survived until now without any government support. I like this independence. It wouldn't suit me to work for a government organisation – it was bad enough working for a big newspaper company. I feel affinity with other small local businesses and cheer on entrepreneurs like Anna Allison who has set up a cut flower growing business in Ruakākā.

But I also have respect and gratitude for those civil servants such as police, teachers, hospital staff etc. who understand the importance of the roles they play and work hard and diligently for their various organisations and for our communities.

Some years ago, I think it was at one of those Meet the Candidate election meetings, I got into conversation with an ACT Party member who told me excitedly about a new private secondary school about to open in Northland. He said I should take my son out of Bream Bay College and send him there.

I replied, "But how would he learn to be a good socialist?"

Knowing the ACT Party's antipathy towards socialism, I was being provocative, I suppose, but I was also serious. I wanted my son to understand the social contract all New Zealand citizens participate in – the state is providing you with a, not quite free but heavily subsidised education. You need to be appreciative, do the best you can with it, gain knowledge that will sustain you throughout your life and provide you with the skills to earn a living and to give something back to society.

Marilyn

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## No Waipu ANZAC Parade this year

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traffic management for the traditional Christmas Eve parade. The Waipu Lions took care of traffic safety in the past but now we have to have these professional traffic management people come along and put out all their cones.

Whangārei District Council's Communications advisor Ann Midson explained, "In the past year to 18 months the National Standard for Traffic Management's Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management, (national legislation that must be complied with by all roading authorities), has changed.

"Now those applying to close roads for events must provide a traffic management plan that is drawn up by a certified company. Certified companies charge for their services, and the charge must be borne by the organisations applying for closures."

She said groups that have not attempted to hold an event requiring a road closure since before Covid may not have realised the change has come in.

Waipu Lions President Malcolm Norton said the regulations affect other Waipu annual events such as the car and bike show, and the Lions are considering putting several of their members through the required traffic management courses.

We asked the Traffic Management Academy, which is listed on the Waka Kotahi website what it would take for someone gain the accreditation needed to satisfy the new regulation.

This would require a series of courses. Just to qualify as a temporary road management worker you need to undergo a one-day course at a cost of \$542.23. To become a Traffic Management Specialist able to submit a Traffic Management Plan to the Council you would need to take an additional four more courses over five and a half days at a total cost of a further \$1810 and then undergo an on-the-job assessment. Every three years you would be required to take a refresher course costing another \$400. .

Councillor Ken Couper said this requirement for traffic management by a commercial company is the kind of thing that gets him really "riled up".

"It seems like common sense has gone out the window. The Lions have been doing this (taking care of transport management for community events in Waipu) for years and as far as I am aware no-one has ever been injured by traffic at an ANZAC or Christmas Parade in all those years."

## The state of this state house



The state house agency Kāinga Ora is in the process of repairing and cleaning up the house for new tenants

This house in Tamangi Street in the Ruakākā Village with its windows boarded up, old mattresses left in the yard, a broken front fence and the remains of a fire on the front lawn is the property of the state. Neighbours say the previous occupants caused problems in the street with all night parties and loud music. One said he had made numerous complaints and was pleased when they packed up and left.

He said this occurred some time in January but the father had returned a few weeks ago to throw the house contents out a window and then to set fire to them all on the lawn.

A fortnight ago the windows were all boarded up so the Bream Bay News asked the state housing agency Kāinga Ora what was happening here. We put to the agency that there are local people living in cars, tents and garages and there is a long waiting list for state housing in the Whangārei District.

Jeff Murray, Regional Director for Kāinga Ora in Te Taitokerau / Northland said "the house was vacated in mid-March, and the agency's normal processes are underway for assessing maintenance

requirements and preparing the home for its next tenants. He said initial assessments of the house were carried out within 10 days of it being vacated. "Our maintenance partners will now make necessary repairs, remove any rubbish, and ensure the home meets the Healthy Homes Standard; we expect this work to take approximately three weeks."

We asked why the windows had been boarded up and were told that a contractor sent in to fix one window boarded up all the windows by mistake. The contractor has since removed the extra boards.

Mr. Murray said, "Almost 99% of Kāinga Ora homes in Te Taitokerau are tenanted, and the Ministry of Social Development Housing Register has approximately 1,400 people in the region registered as waiting for a home. Our team members are dedicated to providing warm and dry homes for as many families as we can, and so acting quickly to make homes available is always top of mind."



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## LETTERS

### The origin of Waipu's tartan plaques

Recently new residents have been enquiring how the tartan plaque street display came about.

During a visit to Pictou, Cape Breton I saw the idea on lamp poles along the waterfront, featuring clan name, tartan and coat of arms. and thought what a great idea for Waipu.

Then followed a lengthy period of research, emailing, door knocking, and gaining approval from various affected parties. These included Northpower – size of units, pole approval and height, The Whangārei District Council. – roading division- signage regulations.

Quotes were similarly obtained visiting various sign making businesses with the approved size cardboard cutout prototype as a sample.

Funding was lengthy and complex, involving on-line applications to different organisations, emailing representatives of different clans, local clan families as well.

I realized that with the hundreds of tartan styles available not everyone would approve hence clans were contacted for their opinions. The different family name spellings was contentious as well.

After almost two and a half years preparation they were installed at a cost of several thousand dollars. I have enjoyed the challenge and hope that they will continue to enhance Waipu's Scottish heritage for years to come.

*Slainte*  
*Ross Boyd*  
*Waipu*

### Letters to the Editor are very welcome

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### Trailer load of rubbish dumped on roadside in Waipu

This trailer load of rubbish was dumped on the roadside in Shoemaker Rd., Waipu sometime overnight on Tuesday 22 March.

Local people affronted by this degradation of their neighbourhood phoned the Whangārei District Council to ask that the rubbish be removed. The rubbish remained on the roadside for a week and was finally removed by a Council contractor on Wednesday afternoon 30 March.



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We have a passion and enthusiasm for people, places and supporting the community that is close to home, and close to our hearts.

## Have a safe and happy easter



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## Ward system remains for October local government elections

The Local Government Commission has ruled that the Whangārei District Council cannot go ahead with a district wide system for the election of councillors at the October 8 elections.

The WDC had consulted on an initial proposal for a six ward system including a new Māori ward but changed tack at its September 7 2021 meeting opting for a two ward system comprising a Māori Ward and a single general district wide ward.

In a 19-page decision the Commissioners said that a district wide system would not allow for effective representation of communities of interest, something both the Ruakākā and Waipu Resident and Ratepayers Associations had pointed out in submissions.

The Commissioners said that while elected members are required to pledge that they will act in the best interests of the whole district this is not the same as ensuring effective representation for diverse communities.

"To our minds that requires bringing the perspectives of different communities to council decision making and both at election time and on an ongoing basis, effective engagement between councillors and the community."

As 50% of electors in the Whangārei District live in the urban ward the Commissioner felt this 'must at least create a risk of urban block voting.'

They also had concerns about the way the decision in favour of the district wide election was arrived at pointing out that this had not been a widely favoured option in submissions and Council representations, while stating that this proposal had wide support had not provided evidence that this was the case.

"We believe that a final proposal that does

not align with this feedback would require a greater degree of substantiated reasoning than the Council provided."

In its defense the Council said that the Local Electoral Act only allowed it to formally consult on one option as its initial proposal. However, the commissioners pointed out that a wider range of possible election arrangements could have been canvassed during preliminary consultation.

"We recommend the Council carries out more work early in its next representation review to gain a deeper understanding of the community's views on the district wide option for the general electorate and to more clearly articulate the likely impacts on effective representation."

As a result of this ruling at the 8 October election, 13 Whangārei District Councillors will be elected from six wards. Two councillors will be elected by a district wide Māori ward, two will be elected by the Bream Bay Ward, two by the Hikurangi – Coastal ward, one councillor will be elected by the Mangakahia- Maungatāpere Ward, one by the Whangārei Heads ward and five by a new Whangārei urban ward combining what were formerly the Denby and Okara wards.

As in previous elections, the Mayor will be elected across the whole district.

Territorial authorities are required to review their representative arrangements at least every six years. A previous review by the Whangārei District Council was conducted in 2019 but another review became necessary when the decision was made to introduce a separate Māori ward as this changed the distribution of voters across the general wards.

Neil McLeod who attended the commission hearings on behalf of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association commented, "I am pleased to see that the rights of democracy have prevailed from the Local Government Commission as for the representation arrangements for the Whangārei District Council. Councillors need to be reminded that they are there to represent the public and when asking the public for their views then those majority views need to be acted on."

"It is important at local government level where party politics is not shown at election time that councillors do have a good understanding of what the community needs and want are."

"From the report issued by the Commission it clearly shows that that while community's fall under the collective of a council they all have their own communities of interest and need and that those communities have rights"



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## Waipu ATM to be removed

Waipu's ATM machine is to be taken out this week.

Glennie van Prehn, who had the job of cleaning the machine, alerted the town to this when she received a notice from the company she works for that the job would finish. She asked why and was told the machine is to be taken out.

Glennie said three or four people usually turn up to use the ATM in the shop window of what is now the "Unbothered Wellness Centre" at 45 The Centre in the five minutes it takes her to do the clean.

"I can't imagine how many people would use it each week."

Glennie also holds a stall at the monthly Waipu Sunday market and said people often go to the machine for cash before buying something.

"Then there's the Car and Bike show, the Park and Street Markets etc."

Graham Boulton, Secretary of Promote Waipu, said losing the machine would have a devastating effect on the town.

He said it was bad enough when the ATM outside the Waipu pharmacy was destroyed in the fire in the town in January 2018 before it was replaced at its current

location near the Waipu Lotto and Post Shop.

"A lot of people, particularly the elderly depend on that machine. The nearest ATM to Waipu is 13 kilometres away outside the Westpac Bank in Ruakākā.

Last summer with all the tourists here the machine ran out of money it was that busy. It is a particular blow to lose our ATM just before Easter and the big Waipu Street and Park Market due to be held on Easter Sunday.

Graham said he believes the removal of the ATM machine aligns with the ANZ's policy of encouraging people to use online banking. He suggests Waipu people, particularly those who ANZ customers make their displeasure known to the bank.

In the meantime the Promote Waipu will be seeking an extension for the ANZ machine or a replacement by another bank.

The Bream Bay News has been in contact with the ANZ Media team on this issue and while we received an email saying someone would get back with information on the reasons for the removal of the machine this had not happened when the paper went to print on Monday evening.

## Abandoned cats cause problems in dunes

Cats abandoned in the dunes at Uretiti are having a devastating effect on the birdlife there.

Last week Uretiti camp manager Steve Farrow reported that in the previous 10 days he had trapped seven cats. These included two grey tabbies and five ginger. There were both male and female adults and some eight-month-old kittens.

Steve thinks the adult cats produced the kittens after being let loose in the dunes.

He set the traps out of concern the cats were killing birds in the camp and surrounding dunes. Campers taking walks along the beach towards Ruakākā were also reporting cats in the dunes north of the campground.

If, for whatever reason, you have a cat or cats you can no longer care for the Whangarei SPCA phone number is 09 438 9161 or try the Wandering Angels Animal Sanctuary based in Waipu - 027 572 9776.

## More than half Northland Covid hospital patients unvaccinated

Some interesting data, which hopefully will make some people think a bit harder, has been assembled in graph form by the data analysts of the Northland District Health Board.

The data which takes us up to 24 March 2022 shows a steep climb in the number of Covid 19 cases in Northland at the end of February.

On 25 March there were 4,251 active cases in Northland and these were widespread throughout the region. In the previous 24 hours new 558 cases had been reported.

There were 23 people in hospital, 13 of whom were unvaccinated, 6 were partially vaccinated and only four had received all three vaccination shots.

Just 10% of Northland people over the age of 12 years remain completely unvaccinated and 70% of those over the age of 18 years have received their booster shot. On these figures you are more than five times more likely to end up in hospital if you come down with Covid 19 if you are unvaccinated.

Six Covid 19 related deaths have been recorded in Northland.

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## Ranburn staff going “above and beyond” to care for our community’s most vulnerable people



Norman Hamilton has been manager at Ranburn for the past five months

Norman Hamilton had spent the morning making beds. He's the Manager of the Ranburn Retirement Complex in Waipu and he likes to be hands on. He says it helps staff morale if he works alongside.

“If I give them a hand it means they can get off for their break a bit earlier. Also sometimes I come across problems, which I can sort out. Yesterday, for example, I was giving a man a shave and his shaver wasn't working properly. I was able to organize a new one.” It's been a tough two years at Ranburn. There is the ongoing challenge of preventing the vulnerable elderly people who live there being exposed to the Covid 19 virus

Norman - “That's what I worry about the most - keeping everyone healthy.”

The Northland District Health Board requires resthome and hospital staff to have a negative RATS test every morning before they come to work and to show the result of that test to another staff member. Norman shows his result to Claire Orchard Ranburn's Clinical Services Manager and Claire hers to Norman. Norman took on the manager's role five months ago when his shifted to Bream Bay from Whangarei where he managed a similar facility.

Maintaining a full roster in the hospital and resthome is another of Norman's concerns. He says the staff are “really supportive of one another”

“They all go above and beyond. We have a great bunch of nurses and caregivers. They go out of their way to insure the residents are kept safe and happy.” As if to illustrate his point, Norman's phone rings and it's a nurse offering to come in on Sunday and fill in a gap.

“We have a great team. We are really multi cultural. We have Italian, English, Pilipino, Indian and Māori people working here.”

During the lockdowns (which went on for longer at Ranburn than for other local workplaces) staff would sometimes come in on their days off for a few hours just to sit with and talk to the residents.

“They had to isolate at home so they thought they may as well come in.”

Relatives couldn't visit so it was up to staff, in particular the activity co-ordinators, Angela Stolwerk and Corina Pentz, to keep everyone's spirits up. Corina shows one project they worked on at this time – an entry for the Waipu Art 'n Tartan Parade, which was canceled last year but, hopefully, will be able to go ahead this July featuring the Ranburn entry.

Ultimate Care, the company, which owns Ranburn, has a scheme to help with the national nursing shortage by providing scholarships for employees to gain nursing qualifications.

Norman introduces Cathrene Kumar who was previously a registered nurse in Fiji. Cathrene came to New Zealand with her husband who was studying for a PHD and who now has a job as Dean of English at Bream Bay College. Cathrene got stuck in New Zealand when Covid 19 restrictions came in. Unable to work for three years her registration lapsed and she now needs to undergo an 18-week course to become a registered nurse in New Zealand. Ultimate Care is taking care of her course expenses.

Retirement homes in some parts of New Zealand have been forced to close because of staff shortages. Norman is working hard to keep the roster full at Ranburn.



Cathrene Kumar has a scholarship from Ultimate Care to renew and upgrade her qualification to become a New Zealand registered nurse

## Half price bus fares

The Government funded half price bus fares announced last month to help people cope with high fuel costs and encourage more use of public transport applies to the Bus Link Thursday return service between Bream Bay and Whangarei.

The discounts will run until 30 June. A return fare between Waipu and Whangarei is now just \$4 and between Ruakaka and Whangarei - \$3.50. The bus picks up and drops off in Kaiwaka, Mangawhai Village, Mangawhai Heads, Lings Beach, Waipu Cove, Waipu, Ruakaka and the Rose St terminus in Whangarei. For the full timetable and exact location of bus stops see page 15 of this issue of the Bream Bay News.

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burn.

He said, "We are always looking for new people. We need people with a desire to help others who can work as a part of a team helping to give comfort, care and support for the most vulnerable people in our community."

Ranburn employs 65 people, including: registered nurses, caregivers, activity coordinators, cleaners, maintenance staff, a gardener, and kitchen staff

"We have a very flexible shift system, which works around personal circumstances, and we would love to hear from anyone who would like a change of career and would consider care giving or ancillary work."

In order to better serve the local community Norman has decided to reserve rooms for respite care. He is aware that things can be difficult for those caring for loved ones at home and has refurbished three rooms in the complex for this purpose. The plan is people will

book in for two-week stays, which will enable certainty about when these rooms will become available.

Norman said, "For family members caring for their loved ones in their home this could mean they do not have to consider having them in permanent care but allows the family to have a much-needed break and a chance to relax knowing that their loved one will be well cared for."

Each room has its own bathroom and a door leading onto an outside deck.

The Ranburn complex was initially built as single men's accommodation for the Marsden Point refinery and Norman gives credit to a company that had enough thought for the well being of its employees that it would provide this access to fresh air and sunshine

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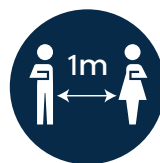
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## A new Ruakākā business set to Flourish

Anna Alison loves flowers. When she takes a day off from working in her garden and her Flourish flower and gift stall she likes just playing with flowers and making up arrangements for her home. Anna is a teacher by profession and has worked at both One Tree Point Primary and Bream Bay College but during the long locked down days of March and April 2020 she made the discovery that what she really wanted to do was to grow flowers. She has a large garden with almost every variety of flower suitable for placing in a vase that can be grown here and even some that can't. She is experimenting with growing peony by spreading ice over the ground to simulate a frosty southern winter.

She grows most of her flowers from seed and at present has raised beds with poppies and nigella just up in preparation for the spring.

There are beds of chrysanthemum budding up ready, with a bit of luck, to burst into bloom in time for Mothers day. Zinnia are in full colour and dahlia, while slowing down a bit after a busy summer, are still managing to put up some striking blooms.

Around a year ago Anna set up a little wooden cabin at the end of her driveway in Marsden Point Rd. to sell her flowers. She named her business *Flourish*. The cabin was purpose built for her by her brother who has a cabin building business in Whangārei. Last week she moved this to Takutai Place alongside the Ruakākā Recreation Centre and just opposite the library. She thinks trade will be brisker here with people coming in to change library books or to attend classes at the Recreation Centre and it's just around the corner from the Ruakākā Shops.

The shop's emphasis is on selling local seasonal blooms.

Anna says, "I am not a certified organic grower but I don't use chemical sprays."

Like most local gardeners she is currently doing battle with an invasion of armyworm caterpillars and is experimenting with an organic insecticide spray, which contains the endotoxin of a naturally occurring bacterium.

Along with flowers from her own garden and some supplied by Orange Tree Flower Farm in One Tree Point the shop sells locally made gifts such as soaps Chocolates from the Waipu Chocolate Barn and jewelry. Anna's sister is a potter and her work, which appropriately enough, includes vases



Anna Allison opening her Flourish flower stall at its new location opposite the Ruakākā Library and next door to the Ruakākā Recreation Centre.

in blues and green shades, is for sale there as well.

Anna is committed to giving away some of her business profits to a charity in Kolkata in West Bengal, India which provides vulnerable women with work skills to help them earn a living outside of prostitution. The products of this organization will be the only items in her shop not made locally. The Flourish flower shop winter hours are: Wednesdays and Thursdays 11.30am to 3.30pm, Fridays 11.30am – 5.30pm and Saturdays 10.30am to 12.30pm.



Anna in her garden where she grows flowers for sale in her stall

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## POLICE REPORT

### GAS station robbery

Two men entered the GAS station at the Ruakaka roundabout on the evening of 23 March intimidating staff and making off with the till and cigarettes. They left the scene in a stolen vehicle, which Police have recovered. Police are following some strong lines of enquiry.

### Floodwaters flip vehicle

At around 6am on 21 March a vehicle being driven on the Oakleigh/ Paparoa Road was washed off the road by floodwaters and flipped onto its side. No one was injured.

### Collision on SH1 at Mata

At around 10am on 27 March a southbound vehicle appears to have crossed the centre line into the path of a northbound vehicle, which was towing a trailer. The northbound driver attempted to take evasive action but the oncoming vehicle collided with the trailer. No one was seriously hurt but both vehicles suffered extensive damage. Police suspect alcohol was a factor in the accident and are waiting on test results.

### Fifteen family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police attended 15 family harm incidents in the fortnight Monday 11 April to Monday 25 April

### Person injured in collision between vessels at Marsden Cove

On 1 April there was a collision between two vessels at the Marsden Cove Marina. The sole occupant of one of the vessels, which was at anchor, received a gash to the side of his head and suffered swelling when his boat was run into by another vessel. Police enquiries are underway.

### Drink Driving incidents

- On 21 March at around midday Police stopped a vehicle on Marsden Point Rd and breath tested the driver who returned a reading of 962 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath, more than three times over the 250mcg limit. A 60-year-old Ruakākā man will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on a drink driving charge.
- On 26 March at 8pm Police stopped a vehicle on Marsden Point Rd. and breath tested the driver who returned a reading of 770mcg of alcohol per litre of breath. A 25-year-old Auckland man will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court to face a drink driving charge.
- On 27 March at 9.30pm Police stopped a vehicle in Shoemaker Rd, Waipu and breath tested the driver who returned a reading of 756 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. A 39-year-old Waipu man will face a drink driving charge in the Whangārei District Court as a result.

### RUAKAKA RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Ruakaka Parish Residents and Ratepayers Association was scheduled for Tuesday 12 April at 7pm in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka

### WAIPU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 27 April in St Peters Anglican Church, Nova Scotia Rd., Waipu. All welcome.

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Sat 9 April	12.54	2.4	1.11	2.3
Sun 10 April	1.46	2.2	2.02	2.2
Mon 11 April	2.42	2.3	3.00	2.2
Tue 12 April	3.40	2.3	3.59	2.2
Wed 13 April	4.34	2.4	4.58	2.3
Thu 14 April	5.25	2.4	5.51	2.4
Fri 15 April	6.12	2.5	6.42	2.5
Sat 16 April	6.58	2.6	7.29	2.6
Sun 17 April	7.44	2.7	8.16	2.7
Mon 18 April	8.30	2.8	9.03	2.8
Tue 19 April	9.18	2.8	9.51	2.8
Wed 20 April	10.07	2.8	10.40	2.8
Thu 21 April	10.58	2.7	11.32	2.8
Fri 22 April	11.51	2.6	~	~
Sat 23 April	12.28	2.7	12.47	2.5
Sun 24 April	1.27	2.6	1.48	2.5
Mon 25 April	2.30	2.6	2.53	2.4
Tue 26 April	3.33	2.6	3.59	2.4
Wed 27 April	4.33	2.6	5.02	2.5
Thu 28 April	5.28	2.6	5.59	2.5
Fri 29 April	6.19	2.6	6.50	2.6

## Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club's rising IRB racing stars



The Ruakākā Rippers, from left: Jess Andrews Alesha Ahrens and Jade Jennings at the North Island Championships held at Waihi on 26 and 27 March.

After several years of not having an IRB racing team the Ruakākā Surf Club now has two.

Both teams competed at the Northern Regional Championships held at Waipu Cove on the 12 March in some very challenging conditions.

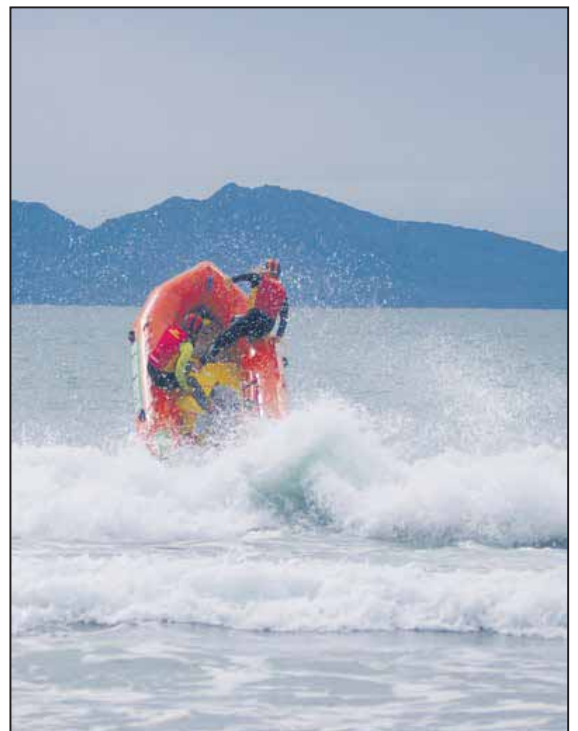
The Ruakākā Rookies, under 23 Women's team of Alesha Ahrens and Jess Andrews finished the day with gold, silver and bronze medals while Kaka Masters Open men's team of Steve Jennings and Jason Tovey picked up a bronze. Emily Dainty and Jade Jennings played the part of *patients* for both teams.

Following this success the girls changed their name to the Ruakākā Rippers and entered the North Island Championships held at Waihi on 26 and 27 March.

Here Alesha Ahrens as driver, Jess Andrews as crew and Jade Jennings as patient competed strongly against some fierce competition picking up gold medals in the assembly and mass rescue and a bronze in the single rescue.

The girls are grateful to Bream Bay Painting for sponsoring their team shirts and to Trigg Construction for its support in getting the team to Waihi. They also have the Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club to thank for lending its race motor to the girls for the event.

The team is now fundraising to get to the national championships to be held in Gisborne from 8 -10 April. They are also looking for a grant to purchase a race motor for future competitions. Anyone wanting to support can do so via a donation to the Ruakākā Surf Club IRB Racing.



Jess Andrews and Alesha Ahrens in action at the North Island IRB racing championships at Waihi on 26 and 27 March.

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# Waipu Tennis Report

By Paul Ramsay



Senior Men's Champion Peri Woods

Prize giving was held on 27 March. The Juniors and Intermediates were awarded their prizes earlier in the day so only a few people were there for the Senior Prize giving. Prize-winners were:

JONES CUP - JUNIOR BOYS Champion - Ewan Pentz, JONES CUP - JUNIOR GIRLS Champion - Chelsea Stuart, JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON Karun Ferrira, NORTHPIKE JUNIOR ENDEAVOUR - Olivia Ferrira, JUNIOR MOST IMPROVED - Emma Donaldson, M & S MCKAY CUP - INTERMEDIATE GIRLS CHAMP - Emily Stuart, MILLER FAMILY CUP - INTERMEDIATE BOYS CHAMP still to be completed, INTERMEDIATE SPORTSPERSON - Jamie Grace, STEVE & LYN JONES TROPHY - INTERMEDIATE ENDEAVOUR - Emily Stuart, INTERMEDIATE MOST IMPROVED - Ben Donaldson, HUNTLY CUP - SENIOR LADIES CHAMP - Not played, LEECH CUP - SENIOR MENS CHAMP - Peri Woods, COMMITTEE CUP - SENIOR MOST IMPROVED - Shelly Couper and Karl (Kina) Hansen, WOMENS DOUBLES - Harshinni and Hannah Nayyar, MENS DOUBLES - Stephen Abercrombie and Thomas Mulloy, PEGGY HUNTLEY CUP (Service to the Club) - James Donaldson and Sean McCombe.

Winter tennis will start at the Waipu Club on Tuesday 5 April at 6pm. There is no charge and games will be organised for those who arrive. Winter is a good time to alter and practice new techniques. It is a good time to come along and start tennis too as there are less players taking part and more opportunity to hit tennis balls in a relaxed environment. Northland Seniors also start their season on Sunday May 8, 10am at Thomas Neale Stadium. In tennis a Senior is anyone over 35. A small fee is payable for balls each week along with a sub of \$25 to belong to the Seniors group. Check our Facebook page for club updates



Men's Doubles winners Thomas Mulloy and Stephen Abercrombie

With summer coming to an end so do our summer tennis competitions. Thirty-two members have enjoyed our Tuesday night competition since January while another group of 32 have battled away on Thursday night in the Sawmill competition.

The Sawmill competition finals night saw the McLeod's team (Sean McCombe, Peri Woods, Neil Roblin and Anton Trist) take out the \$500 prize over Team Donaldson (James Donaldson, Wendy Owen, Murray Owen, Murray Grace, Paul Ramsay and Chuck)

The Waipu Raiders Interclub team have continued an improved season with wins over Mairtown 6-0, and Ngunguru Coasties 6-0 and a 3-3 draw against Kamo Kings \ and even the count back to games tied at 46-46. The most recent game was a 5-1 win over neighbours Springfield Snipers.

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- **THE WAIPU STREET AND PARK MARKET** Easter Sunday 17 April 9am - 2pm The Centre, Celtic Barn, & Caledonain Park 150 + stalls The big market in the little town
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET.** Next on Sunday 17 April in the marquee at Marsden Cove. 9am - 1pm.
- **OTP MARKET.** At OTP Primary School Sunday April 24 from 9am - 1pm. Call Sue 021 530 153 to book a stall. Profits donated to Whangārei Hospital children's ward. Marsden Bay Garden Club will hold a stall at this month's market.
- **WAIPU ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION.** Monday 25 April from 11.30am. There will be no street parade this year. Instead there will be a static service with a short address by the President of the Waipu RSA, a prayer, a recitation of the Ode to the Fallen and a wreath laying ceremony in the Waipu Museum carpark alongside the War Memorial.
- **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am - 4pm. New Tangata Whenua exhibition.
- **THE RED DOOR GALLERY.** New work by 60, mostly Northland, artists. Runs until the end of January. Gallery open Friday - Sunday 10am - 4pm. The gallery is in the old Waipū Fire Station on The Braigh
- **THE KAURI MUSEUM,** 5 Church St., Matakohē. Open 9am-5pm every day except Christmas Day. [www.kaurimuseum.com](http://www.kaurimuseum.com)

## Success for Waipu Croquet at final season tournament



Kent Kent and Neville Pomana of the Waipu Croquet Club both won silver badges in their respective divisions at Kensington tournament.

The final Northland Croquet tournament of the 2021/2022 season was held at the Kensington Croquet Club on Sunday 27 March, with the top players from each club, competing for a Silver Badge, given out by Croquet NZ in their respective grades: Premier, Senior, Intermediate and Primary. Waipu did very well taking two of the four badges with Jean Kent winning all six of her games in the Premier division and Neville Pomana winning the Primary division.

Jean points out that croquet is an equal opportunity sport where physical strength is not necessary to be a successful player. As coach for Northland she invites anyone interested in trying the game to contact her on 027 688 5985 for details of the nearest club.

## Plans underway for National Youth Festival in Waipu in May

The circus is coming to Waipu – the National Youth Circus Festival that is, which is due to take place in Waipu's Coronation Hall from May 13 to May 15th. A group of circus instructors and performers were in Waipu last Monday making plans.

The festival is for young people aged 12 to 24 years. Local secondary schools will send along groups of students to participate and busloads of young people will be arriving from Kaitiaki, Taipa and South Auckland.

Workshops will run through out the three days culminating in a show by the young people on Sunday 15th. Registration for young people who want to take part is at <http://circability.org/ycf-registration>

On Friday at 7pm the instructors will put on a show. There will be jugglers, acrobatics and aerial performances by circus artists from around New Zealand.

Achmed Abman who runs circus classes in Waipu said this will be something extraordinary and he encourages local people to come along to watch. Entry will be by koha.

The festival is funded by Creative New Zealand and the Ministry of Youth Development.



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## Carleen at the RAZZA



Carleen Still on stage at the Waipu Cycle and Walkway fundraising evening at the Waipu Citizens and Services Club on Saturday night 26 March

With so many big local fund raising events forced to cancel because of the Covid 19 pandemic, raising money for projects such as the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway completion isn't easy.

So the cycle/walkway committee was grateful when singer Carleen Still offered to hold a fundraising event at the Waipu Citizens and Services Club.

Carleen with her husband Peter on guitar played country and western and popular rock songs for an appreciative audience of people not afraid to get up on the floor to dance and enjoy themselves, some commenting that it was good to blow the cobwebs away after all those months of Covid restrictions.

Claire Nicolls copper manta ray – donated to the fundraising effort was auctioned on the night and fetched \$500 after some competitive bidding overseen by Carleen who has another talent as an auctioneer.

Along with raffles and door sales the night raised \$2,329.

The Waipu Cycle and Walkway project is also raising funds on a Give a Little page: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-us-to-build-the-final-stage-of-waipus-cycle> or donations can be made directly into the projects bank account - 031538 001 3377 00.

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9.20am	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
9.35am	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
9.40am	Departs	Waipū Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	Departs	Waipū Monument Bus stop
10.10am	Departs	Ruakāka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus

### AFTERNOON

3.00pm	Departs	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus
3.40pm	Departs	Ruakāka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
4.00pm	Departs	Waipū Monument Bus stop
4.10pm	Departs	Waipū 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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FARES	One Way	Return
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The service will be a static ceremony at 1130am at the Memorials Carpark, at "The Centre" Waipu, for our Veterans, their families and organisations wanting to participate in the Remembrance.

There will be no NZDF support for this years' service and as such we will not have a NZDF guest speaker. The President of the Waipu Returned and Services Inc will give a short address.

This will be followed by the laying of wreaths. Wreath layers will be called forward. A prayer will be given. The Ode to the Fallen will be recited.

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