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Woman left sitting on Police Station steps with her belongings in plastic bags

A mentally unwell 58 year-old woman was left sitting on the steps of the Bream Bay Police station with her belongings in plastic bags after Police uplifted her from her son's Ruakaka house on Sunday afternoon 21 January.

A local woman was driving past the station with her daughter when they saw the woman being taunted by local children who were throwing rubbish at her.

"I knew those kids so I stopped the car and got out to speak to them.

I said how would you like it if this was your grandmother," the local woman said.

She then asked the woman why she was seated there. Other people had also stopped and some had phoned Sue Rudman of the Bream Bay Community Support Trust but Sue told them she was unable to help until Monday.

So the local Good Samaritan invited the woman home to her own house and arranged for a loan from one of her daughters to purchase a bus ticket so she could return to Hawkes Bay where other

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Thumbs up for the OTP Anniversary weekend Art and Craft Show



From left: Wendy Naepflin, Ruth Port and Mandy Sunlight demonstrating their art of flax weaving at the One Tree Point Art and Craft show held over Saturday and Sunday 27 and 28 January in the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina.

More on the OTP Art and Craft Show on page 13.



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Lack of an adequate mental health crises service puts pressure on Police

The subject of mental health has been in my thoughts a lot this week. The story of the woman left with all her belongings on the front steps of the Ruakaka Police Station sparked this off and where ever I go and who ever I talk to the evidence just piles up – there is a mental health crises here in Bream Bay as there is throughout the whole country.

There was a photograph of a young man who had gone missing in Whangarei on the cover of the Northern Advocate last Saturday (3 February). There are fears for his safety because of his state of mind. The young man looked so hurt and lost in the photograph. My heart went out to him. I hope he is found safe and well. I hope he can find a way to recovery.

There are many cases like this. I hear lots of heart rending stories. I know of local people who have become unwell, some who have died who, for various reasons, didn't received the professional support that may have saved them. Friends and family are trying to help but without sufficient professional back up the strain can become unbearable.

The lack of an adequate mental health crises service is putting pressure on our Bream Bay Police team. Sergeant Simon Craig tells me that Police are more then ever being called in to deal with mental health crises situations and that these incidents take up many hours of their time.

mental health crises team in Whangarei is available. But Police don't receive training in this area and they have other important work to do.

The new Government has launched an inquiry into what in opposition it recognized as "a mental health crises". I hope this inquiry doesn't take too long.

We do need to look at the causes of mental illness and to find ways of steering people away from the abyss. I am interested in the work of Francil Tarua and the Whangarei based organization she heads called Supporting Families, Northland, which provides support and information to parents, partners, siblings, children and friends of people with mental illness.

Last year Francil held a series of Mental Health First Aid workshops at the Bream Bay Community Trust. Mental health problems are widespread and none of us are immune. According to the Mental Health Foundation figures one in six New Zealanders will experience some form of diagnosed mental illness in their lifetime.

Francil says, "If families have support and good quality information, they can make a real difference to recovery."

I am sure some of the answers lie here.

However, right now people are falling off cliffs and we need a few more ambulances. I think the government should be asking district health boards to beef up their crises teams. Why is the Whangarei team unable to respond when it is needed? Has it got enough funding and staff? Is the funding it does get well used? Do we urgently need more beds in the mental health facility at Whangarei Hospital?

It shouldn't take all year to work this out. There needs to be more urgency. People's lives are at stake.

Marilyn

Policemen and women are usually in that job because they want to look after people, and from, what I can gather, usually act with compassion when they are called on because no one from the

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Wet wipes blocking pipes cause sewerage spill in Waipu

Raw sewage spilled into the Waihoihoi River in Waipu late last month after a sewer pipe became blocked with wet wipes.

The blockage forced a manhole cover on a line to a house to pop open and as the house was unoccupied the problem wasn't noticed immediately.

Andy Keith, the Whangarei District Council's Wastewater and Stormwater Operations Manager, said council staff cleared the pipe at 5.30pm on Saturday 27 January after neighbours reported a bad smell. He estimates around three cubic metres of sewage got into the river, although as the section where the leakage occurred is covered in long grass it is likely this helped to filter the sewage.

Asked if there should be an alarm system to alert the Council of sewage leaks Mr. Keith replied that as there are over 500 kilometres of sewage pipes in the district and over 5,000 pipelines fitting each of these with monitors would be very expensive. "We get around \$300,000 a year to run the whole system so we just can't afford to do this."

Asked why there were no signs warning people about swimming at the Waipu boat club which is

a popular cooling off spot for local children, Mr. Keith said a discussion was held with the District Health Board about this but it was decided that the river already has a high load of faecal matter coming off farmland at this time of the year and the difference the sewage spill would have made would have been insignificant.

Warning signs did go up at Hamon Rd. and Johnson Point Rd. because shellfish are gathered from these spots. As shellfish are filter feeders a high degree of caution needs to be exercised in gathering and eating shellfish in sewage contaminated water.

Mr. Keith said wet wipes, which don't break down in water, are causing big problems in sewage systems throughout the district. They are often the cause of pump failures in the Ruakaka South area where each property has an individual pump.

He says while most Ruakaka South home owners know about the pump system and are careful about what they flush down the toilet, problems often occur when new owners, tenants or short term holiday renters move in.

Council policy is to cover the cost of the first pump failure but property owners have to pay for subsequent failures.

Freedom campers - A burden on ratepayers for not much return

After much debate and revision the Whangarei District Council passed some Freedom Camping bylaws last autumn setting down a few rules about where freedom campers could park their vehicles.

Freedom camping has been a contentious issue, particularly at Ruakaka Beach Reserve alongside the surf lifesaving club.

The new bylaw prohibits all camping from most of this reserve allowing self contained vehicles only to stay in two rows of marked parking spaces. Depending on the size of the campervans this amounts to between six and eight spaces.



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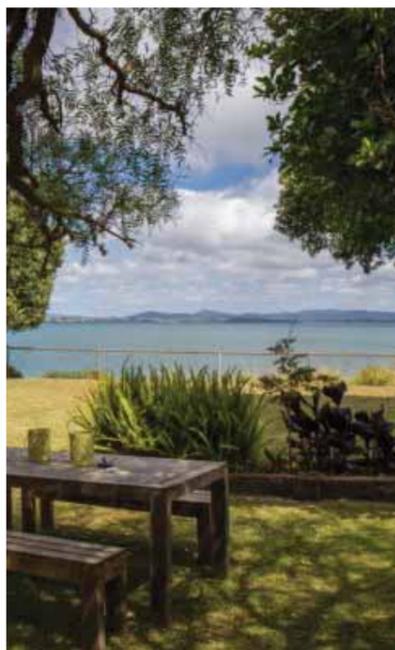
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Woman left sitting on Police Station steps with her belongings in plastic bags

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members of her family live.

However the woman left the house in the night to return to her son's home.

Her host's family members were out looking for her in the early hours of the morning and eventually found her making her way back to their house to retrieve her belongings.

By that time it was too late to get her onto the bus they had arranged for her.

They then took the woman to the Bream Bay Community Trust and later that morning she was spotted sitting alone at the bus stop at the Ruakaka roundabout.

It appears however that she didn't board the bus and is now living in Whangarei.

The woman's son has since made a payment towards the cost of the bus fair and has promised to pay the rest of the amount when he can afford to.

Asked why Police had left the woman sitting on the steps of the station, Senior Sergeant Simon Craig said, "Obviously, for privacy reasons Police cannot comment on a situation involving a specific person."

"However, you will be aware that incidents arising from mental health issues form a significant part of modern policing duties.

"It is not uncommon for people with mental health challenges to fall short of requiring compulsory treatment under the Mental Health Act, and to also not have committed any criminal offence which would empower Police to take affirmative action - such as arrest.

"In situations of that type Police have no right to detain a person, or to compel them to go anywhere they do not wish to.

"Although Police make every effort to keep all members of our community safe, sometimes individuals are not willing to accept assistance. Choosing to deal with their situations without Police involvement is their right - even if it sometimes appears ill-advised."

Asked why the Bream Bay Community Support Trust

was unable to assist in this emergency situation, Ken Andrews, the Trust's Chairman said, "We cannot, for confidentiality issues, disclose details of the lady herself, nor her background, much of which if you knew, would provide quite the context and a real understanding of the path to the predicament she found herself in.

"However, I can comment in general regarding 'emergencies' as you described the incident below.

"The BBCST is not, nor has never been, an emergency service, nor an emergency crisis team. We have neither the contractual requirement, nor adequate resources to be a 24/7 service. And we join the long list of the majority of community services around the country that do not provide that constant service.

"However, there are a number of service providers who are 24/7, readily accessible, including through 0800 numbers or the emergency 111 number (and then typically through the Police who find themselves initially dealing with a very wide range of issues).

"In saying that, my dedicated BBCST team frequently is called upon out of hours, and during their days off and holidays, as if they are on call, which they are emphatically not. In my position I frequently remind the staff of that fact, and the need for them to have adequate rest away from their work - which is all part of professional staff management lead by Sue (Rudman)."

Craig Brown, who is a member of the Northland Health Board and a former police officer, said he thought it "strange" that the woman should have been left seated on the steps of the Police Station and in that situation she could have been taken into the Whangarei Hospital for assessment.

Having said that, he acknowledged that there isn't enough provision in small communities such as Ruakaka for people suffering mental health crises and he would be raising this issue at the next Northland Health Board meeting.



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Rolls at three primary schools now almost even

The rolls of our three Bream Bay Primary schools were pretty even at the end of the first week of school 2018.

Waipu Primary had 228 enrolled children, One Tree Point Primary - 226 and Ruakaka Primary - 227.

This is a big turn around from 12 years ago when Ruakaka Primary with a roll of just 64 children, was the smallest of the schools by quite a margin.

Ruakaka Primary is growing so fast that, at the directive of the Ministry of Education, the school's board has drawn up an enrolment zone defining the area where children need to live to attend the school as of right.

One Tree Point School already has an enrolment scheme in place and each year allocates a fixed number of available places for out of zone children. Preparations are under way for the building of two new classrooms and a new school hall at Ruakaka

Primary.

In comparison with 2017, Waipu Primary has three extra children, Ruakaka has 10 extra children and the roll at One Tree Point has dropped by 22. One Tree Point school secretary Val Klink said this is because there was a particularly large group of 48 year 6 children in 2017 who have now moved on to secondary school. She expected the roll to get back to last year's numbers as five-year-olds start school throughout the year.

Bream Bay College has had another big roll jump with 557 students enrolled at the end of the first week of term one. The roll was 514 at the start of 2017 and 450 at the beginning of 2016, so the school is in a steady growth mode.

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Two striped marlin from different sides of the Pacific in a single week

Gayle McPhee lives a double life. Most of us know her as the woman behind the counter at the Whangarei District Council Ruakaka Service Centre but in her other life she is a champion fisherwoman, holding a number of fishing records in different countries. Her most recent fishing accomplishment is to catch two striped marlin within the space of a week at different edges of the Pacific Ocean.

On Friday 19 January, while in Mexico on holiday with her son and his partner, they took a charter boat fishing at Cabo San Lucas at the bottom of the Baja Peninsula. All three caught marlin, which they photographed then tagged and released.

Back home in Ruakaka on Friday 26 January, Gayle was feeling a bit jet lagged so decided to go our fishing with her husband Rod on their boat *Riff Raff* and she caught another marlin. This time the big fish had been hooked so they brought it home.

"We gave fish to about half of Ruakaka," Gayle said.

"Nothing went to waste."

Right: Gayle McPhee at Marsden Cove with her locally caught marlin.



Car and bike show postponed until Easter Sunday

The Waipu Lions Bike and Car Show, planned for Sunday 4 February had to be called off due to heavy rain and has been rescheduled for Easter Sunday 1 April "And this is not at April fools day joke", said organizer Ron Cave.

Ron said a meeting was held between Waipu Lions committee members and members of the Caledonian Society early on Sunday morning and it was decided that the heavy down pours of rain would not only play havoc with the 1960s era outfits accompanying the cars and their plush leather interiors, the vehicles would have made a mess of the park in the wet conditions.

Moving the show to this date will make for a busy Easter in Waipu with Waipu Primary School's annual carnival day scheduled to be held in the park on Easter Saturday.

Ron said this could work in well with some of the attractions such as the bouncy castle being able to stay put for two days.

He said a Rock and Roll evening at the Waipu RAZZA on Friday night was a success with around 80 people attending.

"Everyone enjoyed it so much we might consider holding another one at Easter."

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I went to school in Hawera, South Taranaki and graduated from Auckland Medical School in 2007. I have experience in all aspects of general practice, and have a special interest in chronic disease management as well as paediatrics. My husband, Lucas and I have two children – Lauren who is 5 and Joseph who is almost 3. We live (together with the four cats who keep us all in check) in Poroti.

In our spare time, we like to find new walks to do around the area, which we are allowed to visit a second time if there is ice cream or a playground in close proximity!

As well as the welcome news of a new doctor, Bream Bay Medical Centre, also welcomes all new patients and new enrolments as we are able to offer more health services now and in the future.

Police Report



People in Ruakaka Village need to be on the watch for a burglar

Police warn residents of the Ruakaka Village to be careful about securing their homes after a series of minor burglaries over the past few months with the thief entering houses through unlocked doors or windows. They suggest homeowners use security stays if they need to leave windows open.

Police ask people to be on the look out and to report any minor burglaries as this could help them identify the burglar.

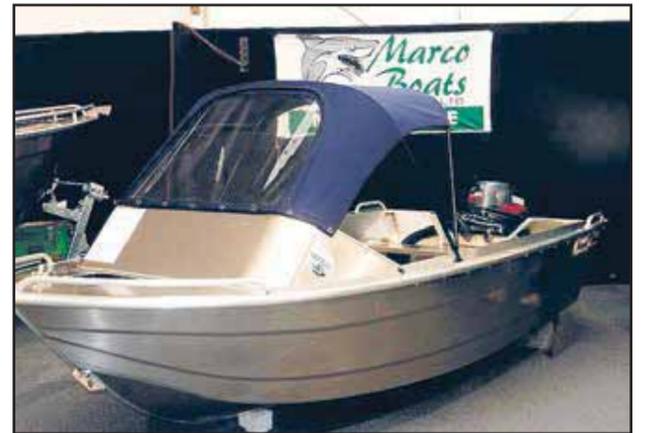
Eight-year-old in car pursued by Police

On 27 January Bream Bay Police were called in to help with a pursuit after a 43-year-old Whangarei man failed to stop the vehicle he was driving after being asked to do so by Police.

The pursuit ended in Griffin Rd., Maungaturoto when the man attempted to crash his car through a fence. The man faces multiple charges including endangering the life of an eight-year-old child who was in the car.

Boat and trailer stolen from Langs Beach

A brand new boat and trailer were stolen from a holiday home in Langs Beach some time between 21 – 23 January. The missing trailer is a 2017 DMW boat trailer with registration number 7E221. The boat is a Marco, 4.2-meter vessel with a brand new Yamaha, 18 horsepower motor



Forty - nine year old local man charged with sustained loss of traction

On 19 January Police observed a vehicle doing wheelies on Port Marsden Highway. A 49-year-old local man now faces charges for “sustained loss of traction” and drunk driving. He allegedly recorded a breath alcohol level of 614 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The legal driving limit is 250 mcg of alcohol.

Alcohol stolen from Karawai St. home

On 20 January a burglar stole alcohol from a home in Karawai St., Ruakaka.

Lots of car crashes on wet roads

There have been multiple car crashes in the Bream Bay area over the past fortnight, however none of these resulted in serious injury.

- On 20 January a car crashed into the wire medium barrier on State Highway One over the Brynderwyns.
- On 22 January there was a single vehicle crash on Cove Rd. when a car slid off the road in wet conditions.
- On 23 January there was a nose to tail crash on State Highway One at Waipu.
- * On 24 January at 8pm a car slid off the road and into a ditch on Nova Scotia Drive, Waipu.
- On the afternoon of Thursday 1 February there were two nose to tail crashes on State Highway One. Senior Sergeant Simon Craig said both were the result of people failing to drive to the weather conditions and not leaving more space between themselves and the car in front in wet weather.

Sixteen family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police attended 16 family harm incidents between 19 January and 2 February

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Summer Passport Programme keeps children learning through the holidays



Elise Doherty, aged six, is one of 30 children who took part in the Bream Bay Learning community's Summer Passport programme.

Learning Community team came up with a list of inexpensive learning tasks children could accomplish over the holidays. Each completed activity earned the children an entry into a draw for prizes.

Elise completed eight activities including picking up 11 pieces of plastic rubbish from the beach, cooking (she made donuts) and finding the answers to five of 14 questions at the Waipu Museum. Elise found all 14 answers. Jeannie Mckee, one of the learning passport organisers, said the most popular activities were picking up plastic on the beach and cooking.

Department of Conservation to remove illegal boat ramp

After a concerted effort by members of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust the Department of Conservation will this Friday 9 February be removing the broken concrete placed in the Ruakaka River at Waimanu Place. Coastal Care members are concerned that the illegal boat ramp has been placed in the wild life refuge and that riparian planting along the riverbank to protect the reserve has been cleared.



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Tue 13 Feb	6.58	2.4	7.06	2.3
Wed 14 Feb	7.44	2.4	7.53	2.3
Thu 15 Feb	8.26	2.5	8.36	2.4
Fri 16 Feb	9.05	2.5	9.17	2.5
Sat 17 Feb	9.44	2.6	9.57	2.5
Sun 18 Feb	10.22	2.6	10.38	2.5
Mon 19 Feb	11.01	2.7	11.19	2.6
Tue 20 Feb	11.42	2.7	~	~
Wed 21 Feb	12.01	2.6	12.24	2.6
Thu 22 Feb	12.47	2.5	1.09	2.6
Fri 23 Feb	1.36	2.5	1.59	2.6

King tides bring surface flooding but no serious damage



Oyster catchers find some dry ground on the Princes Rd Reserve which was mostly under water during high tide on Sunday 3 January.

King tides last week brought some high water but no flood damage (that we have heard about) to homes in low lying areas such as in Princes Rd., Ruakaka. David Baylis, who lives in Princes Rd. said there was surface flooding at the southern end of the road where it dips and sea water backed up in drains which filled up with Sunday's heavy rainstorms but, thankfully, the wind was blowing in a nor - easterly rather than an easterly direction and, although there was some ponding on front lawns and in the park at the northern end of the road, "no one got wet". Mr. Baylis is advocating the Whangarei District Council build a sea wall to protect the road. He says such a wall was proposed 38 years ago when the road was built. The wall would also protect the Princes St. Park, which is being well

used this summer. He said the state of the park is a "disgrace." "You don't see any parks up in Whangarei in that state." Simon Megchelse, of the Whangarei District Council's roading department, said he was unaware of any major roading damage in low-lying areas due to the extra high tides. "Some of those roads do get normal surface flooding but they are in estuarine areas rather than on the open coast and they don't get the same erosion as areas that are subject to wave action." Mr. Megchelse said there was a lot of discussion amongst Councillors and Council staff about building and retaining sea walls to protect coastal roads. He said extreme high tides are "the new norm" so the Council needed to take this into account.

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More rafts needed for Waipu river Race



Last year's raft race

Entries are slow coming in for the Waipu Boat and Fishing Club's raft race scheduled to be held in the Waipu River off Nova Scotia Drive on Sunday 18 February.

"It's typical Waipu people wait for the last minute but it makes it a bit worrying for the organisers. We have a few fixed costs with getting the ambulance along and entertainment so it would be good to have these covered and it would be helpful to know how many people we are catering for", said Graeme Giles, who resurrected this old Waipu tradition last year.

There are some big cash prizes to be won - \$1,000 for the main race, \$500 for the children's race and \$200 for a paddleboard race.

People can enter on line at the Waipu Boat and Fishing Club's website where the rules are laid out for exam-

ple: no hard fruit can be used as missiles against the opposition (presumably tomatoes are OK), no fixed propulsion units i.e; sails, fixed oars, rudders, motors or other mechanical means of propulsion can be used. Manpower pedal propulsion is permitted.

If you haven't got access to a computer you can phone Graeme 432 1537 and he will sort your entry for you. Entries cost \$100 for an adult team, \$50 for junior teams and \$20 for paddle boarders.

If there aren't enough participants to cover costs, the event won't be repeated as the Waipu Boat and Fishing Club cannot afford to cover repeated losses.

"This would be a shame. It's a great fund day. I hope a few more people get something together they can throw in the water and have a go," said Graeme.

Dead dolphin washed up on rocks at OTP

What appears to be the half decomposed carass of a dead dolphin washed up onto the rock revetment wall north of the One Tree Point Boat and Fishing Clubhouse with the king tide on Sunday 4 February.

Ian Mccartney said he had seen the carcass floating out in the bay on Saturday morning and thought it may have been a human body. He was relieved to learn after someone paddled out for a closer inspection that it was a fish.

Pictured: Geoff Spencer takes a closs look at the carcass washed up on the rock wall at One Tree Point.





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Freedom campers - A burden on ratepayers for not much return

Continued from page 3.

We asked Mike Sharrock, manager of the Ruakaka Beach front motel, if the new laws had improved the situation from his perspective.

He said the bylaw had made some difference but the freedom campers were still causing problems for the motel. Some motel guests had complained that they had paid top rates for sea views and found themselves looking over a camping ground with people hanging out their washing to dry on the fence, brushing their teeth and spitting on the grass.

Mike said that he would not class the majority of the vans which parked on the reserve as self contained. "They have a sticker on the back but all they have is a bucket, which they don't use because there is no privacy here for them to do so."

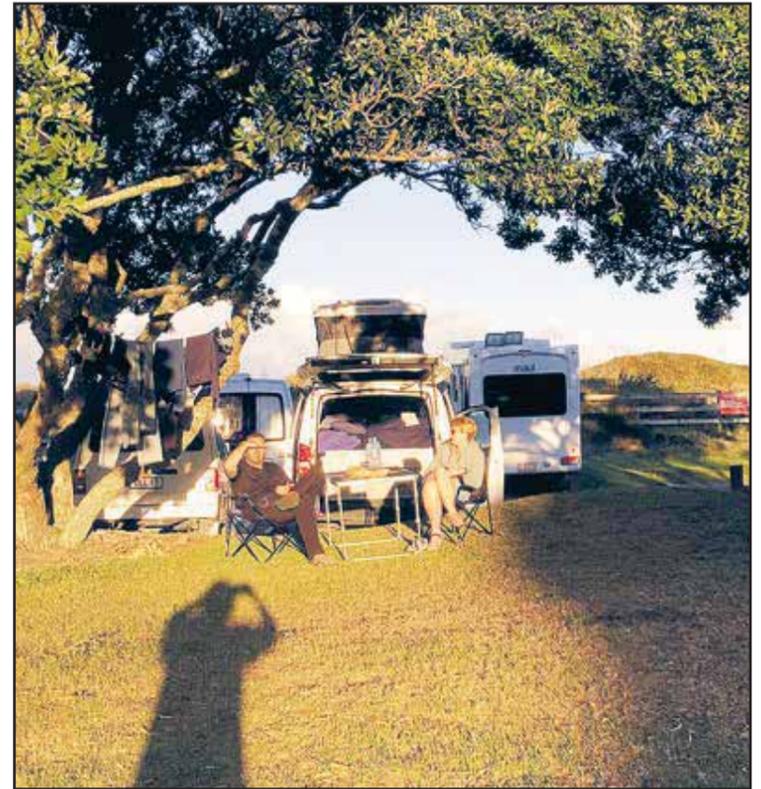
He said he didn't blame the people who had hired the vans but rather the firms they had rented them from. Sometimes a rental van had a self-containment sticker but the rental company had charged a bond, which would be returned only if the toilet had not been used. Some of the campers came into the motel grounds to deposit their rubbish in the motel bins and almost every night he went out to tell campers setting up outside the designated camper parking that they risked being

moved in the night and a hefty fine if they stayed at that spot.

Mike said ratepayers are footing the bill for the freedom campers who contribute very little to the local economy. He had never seen any of the campers patronize the café nearby as they had their own cooking facilities. Sometimes these amounted to gas burners, which they set up on the grassed reserve besides their vans. Mike said during the dry weather when the grass was dry and brown these constituted a fire risk.

The Council paid the security company Armourguard made regular checks of the freedom camping area and council staff had extra work to do cleaning the public toilets and the reserve.

Also there remains the issue of freedom campers taking over a public reserve land. This is particularly a problem when there is an event such as a recent surf carnival at the beach and parking space is in short supply.



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Bream Bay Swimmers take on Northland's Best

By Julie Paton



Bream Bay's Charlotte Dutton and Casey McKegg swim side by side in a breaststroke race

The Douglas Logging Swimming Northland Age Group Championships is the biggest swimming event on Northland's calendar, and Bream Bay's 24 swimmers made their presence felt over the three-day event. They returned home with 38 gold medals, 37 silver, 38 bronze and 40 other minor placings. Paul Linton (17) was a standout performer – despite just recovering from injury, picked up seven medals and broke event records for his age group in 50m and 100m backstroke. Other swimmers who performed well were: Chelsea Rickey (10) with seven personal best times from her seven swims, and Abbey (13) and Casey McKegg (11) with 8 personal best times from 11 and 10 swims respectively. Lawrence Reade (12) swam ten best times from his 14 events, while Hunter Dobson (12) got nine from 13. Amy Swanson (12) put in an exceptional performance, with 10 personal best times from 10 swims. High medal counts went

to Rebecca Reade (15) with 11, Hunter Dobson and Abby Wright (14) with ten; Luca Matenga (14), Ocean Shadbolt both won seven medals, and Amy Swanson, Kiera Carroll (13) and Rose Linton (17) five apiece. Jackson Somner-Allen won six gold medals from six events. Kieran Swords (19) emerged from semi-retirement to pick up two silver medals and deliver an excellent anchor-leg swim to win gold in the 14 years and over mixed relay with teammates Paul Linton, Rebecca Reade and Jackson Somner-Allen. The 10-11-year relay team (Charlotte Dutton, Casey McKegg, Ethan Carroll, Chelsea Rickey) came fourth, and the 12-13 year team of Kiera Carroll, Fidel Poulson, Hunter Dobson and Amy Swanson won bronze. The mixed age eight-member team in the championship's final event, the Crawford-Woodman relay, fought hard but could only manage third place behind Whangarei Swimming Club and a triumphant Bay of Islands team.

Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club trying for a second \$10,000 grant from BP

The Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club was recently the recipient of a \$10,000 donation from the petroleum company BP.

The company is giving \$10,000 to a surf club every week for eight weeks to mark the fiftieth anniversary of its association with surf lifesaving clubs in New Zealand.

Kath Manning said, the prize money will go to much needed lifesaving equipment and maintenance of the facilities at the club

The club is attempting to win another \$10,000 by sharing the message about the grant on Facebook as grants are dependent on widespread publicity. This year the Waipu Surf Club will celebrate its 90th anniversary so a second \$10,000 grant would help it celebrate in style.

SPORTS RESULTS

Men's Wednesday Golf

24 January 2018

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Cottage industry



Nina Quan and Riki Taiaroa in front of the cottage they are running their new businesses in

“Keep it simple and do what you are good at” is the maxim of Riki Taiaroa who has opened what he describes as a Steam Punk espresso bar in a renovated kauri cottage near the bridge on The Braigh on the western edge of Waipu.

Riki makes good coffee. He came second in the Northland barista competition last year. His other specialty is cheese rolls a feature of the town of Mosgiel where he grew up.

Nina Quan, Riki’s partner, who came to New Zealand from Saigon at the age of ten, makes Vietnamese rice paper rolls.

“The magic is in the sauce,” says Riki. Nina’s rolls,

other beauty services such as waxing, eye works and eye brow feathering or microblading.

It should work well they say as Riki will be available to run errands for Nina during the day. Their two children Benji, aged 18, and Jade -16 will also help out when needed. Benji is already in demand in local cafes and coffee wagons and was Northland junior barista of the year in 2016.

The family is in the process of moving from a rented house in Ruakaka to a newly built home behind the cottage.

They previously run a café in Sydney. When they decided to return to New Zealand they chose Northland because they wanted to be somewhere warm.

The cottage was relocated from Whangarei and is thought to be over 120 years old, built originally by the pioneer Mander family as part of a flax works. It has also served as a bakery.

Riki and Nina did most its renovation themselves with Riki learning the corking technique used in boat building to seal the gaps in the kauri plank floor.

There is a Lambretta motor scooter parked on the deck at the entrance, a memory of the time the family lived in Vietnam when both Riki and Nina worked for Fonterra.

All four would ride on the bike, Nina seated behind, Riki on the front seat with Jade on his knee and Benji standing on the side

“It was too nice to leave behind,” said Riki.

There are comfortable chairs and a couch in the espresso bar; it’s a bit like a living room, with conversation and good coffee.

While, no doubt, a few tourists will hunt them out Nina and Riki say they are mostly here to look after the locals.

“If visitors find us that’s fine, but our focus is the local community”.

Nina and Riki are holding an open day at their cottage on Sunday 11 February from 12 noon to 2pm.

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works of art in themselves, are accompanied by a sauce made to a secret recipe handed down through her family.

Riki’s bar will be open during what he calls “the fringe hours” from 6am – 10am each morning and then from 4pm to 7pm each day.

The cottage also houses Nina’s business, a skin care and beauty clinic. She says she has noticed there are a lot of people with skin damage in Northland caused by sun exposure and says she can help. She has a degree in biochemistry and genetics and spent 15 years marketing skin care products through Australasia. Her clinic will operate by appointment only and will offer

One Tree Point Art and Craft Show gets thumbs up from stall holders and public alike

Colin Coutts, one of the organisers of the One Tree Point Anniversary weekend Art and Craft Show, said the event was a complete success despite a lack of funding which meant it had to be run on a shoestring budget.

Colin said without the help of "The Hopper Group" and "Macsway Scaffolding" this large exhibition with close to 50 stall holders could not have been held. He said, "The feed back from stall holders and the public alike gave it a big thumbs up, with one well travelled art collector commenting that it was right up there with the top three shows in New Zealand.

The first OTP Exhibition held in 2017 attracted approximately 700 people. This time over 1600 came through the door.

Stall holders commented about the happy, vibrant atmosphere and how well organized the show was, Colin attributes this to "a very dedicated and motivated committee and a great crew of volunteers."

Pulse Dance to move into dedicated studio space in Keka Rd.

Pulse Dance Studio is soon to open a new studio in Keka Rd., Ruakaka from where it will be offering some extra classes.

Director Krystal Williams said she hoped the new studio would be opened at the end of February.

"We will be renting half the building and the studio will have a purpose built floor and mirrors. When you have students that dance three or four nights a week it becomes another home and family to them. So they are excited to have a space they can call their own."

Pulse Dance is taking on some new teachers: Jayden Rudolph, Briar Taylor and Ashlyn Muir as senior teachers and Abbie Sheehan, Kristyna Hayward and Ruby Stewart as student teachers.

Krystal said after another successful trip to the dance competition Showcase on the Gold Coast the dancers are focusing on the hip-hop regional competitions. Then they hope to take part in Performing Art Competitions Association of New Zealand PACANZ in October.

"We are looking for a new exciting competition to take kids to experience. The students have their hearts set on Hawaii so we will see how hard we can work and aim for something there in the future."

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Technology is moving ever faster and keeping up with progress will require some learning. SeniorNet Bream Bay will be introducing some new courses along with their base courses. Courses begin on 5th February and include a varied assortment of classes and topics including Introduction to computers classes in Word using operating systems 7, 8.1 & 10, navigate your way around Windows 10 - Parts 1 & 2, Excel Spreadsheets for Seniors, PowerPoint, Android Phones, Trademe, Gmail, Electronic greeting cards plus Apple workshops on iPhone, iPad and Mac computers. Last year a new interest group was trialed which helps you get underway with writing poetry and showing different ways of recording your memoirs. This was warmly received and certainly spurred on participants to record these precious moments. Some students used their new skills to help record history of the local area. This workshop is held on the 2nd Thursday of every month. If you want to know the dates when these courses/workshops are being held and course fees, a brochure has been placed in the following businesses which are - Hammer Hardware - Waipu, Westpac Bank - Ruakaka, and Ruakaka Stationery & Gifts. If you are interested in any of the courses or need help with any technology problems please contact SeniorNet on 4327692 and leave a message or alternatively email seniornetbb@gmail.com

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- **KARAOKE WITH BEX** Saturday 10 February Waipu Hotel from. 7.30pm
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET.** In the Waipu Coronation Hall. Next on Sunday 11 February from 9am - 1pm.
- **SNAKE BANK REGATTA** Off the One Tree Boat Club. Saturday 10 February. Paddle race briefing at 11.30am race starts 12 noon. Sail boat race briefing starts at 2pm. Race starts at 2.30pm.
- **BREAM BAY SPORTS AWARDS** with guest speaker Eric Rush and a catered buffet dinner. Friday 16 February. Tickets available from Ken Moreland 432 0637 or Michelle Hallaron 027 555 4300.
- **BOXWOOD CELTIC MUSIC CONCERT** Saturday 17 February from 7.30pm in the Waipu Coronation Hall. Chris Norman on flute and pipes, James Kelly on violin and Rennie Pearson on guitar and flute. Tickets \$20 at the door.
- **MARSDEN COVE MARKET** Next on Sunday 18 February from 9am - 1pm. In the marquee at the Marsden Cove Marina
- **THE WAIPU RAFT RACE.** Sunday 18 February from 12 noon to 4pm at the Waipu Boat and Fishing Club in Nova Scotia Drive. Registrations on the Waipu Boat and Fishing Club website.
- **WAIPU PRIMARY EASTER CARNIVAL** In the Waipu Caledonian Park on Saturday 31 March
- **THE GREAT WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW.** Sunday 1 April in the Waipu Caledonian Park from 10am - 2pm. Entry \$5 for everyone over 10 years. Fundraiser for Northland Rescue Helicopter and the Waipu Lions.

Ships expected at Marsden Point

Photo by Peter Grant



The coastal tanker Kakariki loading refined oil products on Jetty 2 at the Marsden Point Oil refinery.

- **Kokako** ETA 5 Feb at 11am. ETD 8 Feb at 3am. Coastal tanker loading with refined oil products at the Marsden Point Refinery
- **Melanesian Chief** ETA 6 Feb ETD 7 Feb. Loading LVL
- **Guanabara** ETA 6 Feb at 8pm. ETD 9 Feb at 2.30pm Delivering crude oil to the refinery.

- **British Cadet** ETA 7 Feb at 6.30pm ETD 9 Feb at 12 noon. Loading with refined oil products.
- **Spinnaker WE** ETA 8 Feb at 3pm. ETD 10 Feb at 4pm. Loading logs.
- **Shuntien** ETA 8 Feb at 2pm. ETD 10 Feb at 8pm Loading LVL and Veneer.
- **Fengtien** ETA 10 Feb at 12.01am. ETD 15 Feb at 2am. Loading logs.
- **Aotearoa Chief** ETA 11 Feb at 8am. ETD 13 Feb at 7am, Loading cement for Auckland.
- **Island Chief** ETA 11 Feb at 5pm. ETD 12 Feb at 8am, Loading cement at Portland for Lyttelton.
- **Nong Lyla** ETA 11 Feb at 7pm, ETD 13 Feb at 7am, Loading logs.
- **Matuku** ETA 13 Feb at 6.30am ETD 14 Feb at 12.01am. Loading refined oil products for Dunedin.
- **Clearwater Bay** ETA 13 Feb at 8am. ETD 15 Feb at 8am. Delivering fertiliser.
- **British Chief** ETA 14 Feb at 12.01am, ETD 15 Feb at 11.59pm. Delivering crude oil.
- **Glorious Maple** ETA 14 Feb at 2am. ETD 14 Feb at 11pm. Loading woodchip for Japan.
- **British Rigour** ETA 14 Feb at 6.30pm. ETD 16 Feb at 8am. Delivering crude oil.
- **Aotearoa Chief** ETA 14 Feb at 11pm. ETD 16 Feb at 9pm. Loading cement at Portland for Napier.
- **La Guimorals** ETA 17 Feb at 11pm. ETD 19 Feb at 8pm. Loading logs.
- **Island Chief** ETA 19 Feb at 5am. ETD 20 Feb at 8pm. Loading LVL in containers.
- **Hawke Bay** ETA 20 Feb at 12.01am. ETD 22 Feb at 11.59pm. Loading logs.
- **Matuku** ETA 21 Feb at 9am. ETD 21 Feb at 11pm. Loading refined oil products for Tauranga.

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Other Club News – Our Youth week held 22nd to 25th January was successful with 15 youngsters introduced to sailing. Although winds were light they all gained experience in sailing a boat. They were ably taught by Club Instructor, Hazel Hornell.

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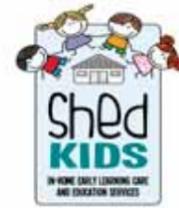
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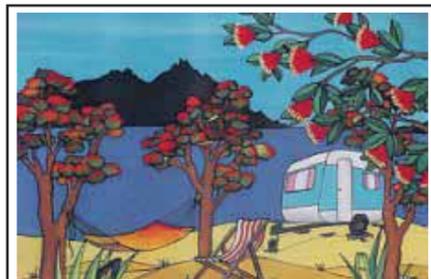
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