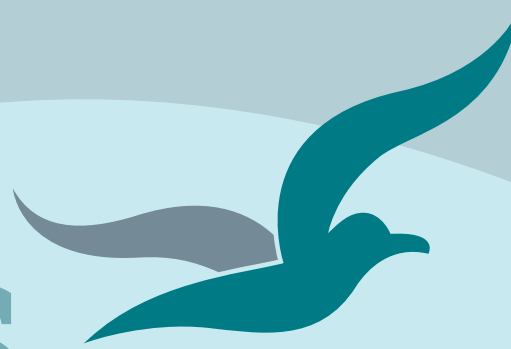


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## Another application for a petrol station and service centre

Yet another application to build a petrol station complex alongside State Highway One in Bream Bay has been lodged with the Whangārei District Council.

This one is proposed for farmland alongside the intersection of Millbrook Rd. and State Highway One making use of a roundabout Waka Kotahi is planning to build at this intersection to access the site.

Vaco Property Investments Ltd is proposing to build the Waipu Gateway Service Centre, comprising a BP petrol station, a fast food and other food outlets with additional space for light industrial and commercial activities.

Antony Ivo Arnerich of Taupaki is the sole director of this company.

The initial development will cover a 59,162m2 area of land zoned as Rural Production, around 20% of a 34-hectare farm currently used to grow crops and fatten livestock. Further development of the site may follow.

Quoting from the application, "The proposed site is well placed along the key SH1 Transport route leading to the coastal settlements of Ruakākā, Langs Beach and Waipu, as well as forming part of the wider service network associated with SH1 and the surrounding rural production land. Service infrastructure of the nature proposed will enable the tourism and rural industries to operate more effectively and provide the level of service in a location that is easily and readily accessible."

The application is currently being accessed by  
*Continued on page 4..*

## Rain stayed away for Waipu Kings Birthday Market



The rain and thunder, predicted to arrive on Sunday 4 May came a day late on Monday afternoon, which was lucky for the big Waipu Kings Birthday market with over 150 stalls in the street, halls and park. Pictured above the Priyal family of Whangārei with their Authentic Flavours spice mixes

*More Kings Birthday market picture on page 10*



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**EDITORIAL**

**Let's set up a photo gallery with portraits of inspiring local people who are no longer with us**

It's been a sad time in Bream Bay over the past four weeks. The tragedy of those two little children murdered in their Ruakākā Village home early on Monday morning 15 May is something we are all struggling with. It is difficult to understand what happened. Perhaps it will be made clearer over time in the court appearances of the murder accused. But the wheels of justice turn slowly. The case in the Whangārei High Court has been scheduled for March 2025. Then a young woman, aged just 28-years, on her way to visit family in Northland was killed in a head on collision on State Highway One at Uretiti on Friday 19 May. Police are still investigating the cause of this accident. I took a week off at the end of last month and travelled to Dunedin to visit one of my brothers and was saddened to learn, while I was there, of the death of Peter Couper, a man who exemplified the spirit of the Waipu community. When I returned home, I heard that Ash Worthy had also died at the age of just 36. I have such a vivid picture of Ash's friendly smile as I encountered him in his electric wheelchair in Waipu and the happiness in his face when he was seated in the cab of one of his tractors. I have included obituaries for both Ash and Peter in this issue of the Bream Bay News. While we mourn their deaths we can also celebrate their lives as, in both cases, these were lives well lived. It was at the social gathering after the celebration of Ash's life in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Wednesday 31 May that Ian Hanna made a suggestion that I think the Waipu community should consider. He proposes that we have a photo gallery of inspiring local people who are no longer with us in one of our public buildings. I can think of a good number of people we could celebrate in this way. It is uplifting to recall their lives and it would be good to have a photographic reminder of them in a place where the community meets on a regular basis. We could tell one another stories and share our memories of these people. I wonder if the late Peter Couper who put so much effort into preserving Waipu history would approve of this idea.

*Marilyn*

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# Congratulations Mr. D



Richard Dunkerton of Ruakākā, has been awarded a Queens Service Medal in the Kings Birthday Honours for his almost 50 years work as a swimming coach in Northland. In 2003 he moved to Ruakākā and became head coach of the Bream Bay Swimming Club. Now aged 81 he continues to mentor young swimmers. Mr. D is pictures here with Luca Matenga, who was senior male swimmer of the year at the Bream Bay Swimming Club prize giving in 2020. This year’s QSM honours are still being handed out in the name of the late Queen Elizabeth 11. This honour will change in 2024 to be the Kings Service Medal KSM in the name of King Charles 111.

Photograph ny Dawn Dutton

# Progress on the Ruakākā Energy park

The Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers AGM with representatives of Meridian Energy attending to talk about the Ruakākā Battery Energy Storage System and Solar Farm has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 13 June at 7pm in the Ruakaka Recreation Centre after twice being called off – the first time due to heavy rain and flooding on Tuesday9 May and the second time out of respect for the tragedy that occurred in Ruakākā on Monday 15 May with the deaths of two children. Meridian Head of Renewable Development Rebecca Knott sent out a letter earlier this month updating the community on progress with what it has named the Ruakākā Energy Park. Earthworks for the 100MW battery system began in March after Patuharakeke held a dawn blessing ceremony on the site at Marsden Point alongside the Port Marsden Highway. Earthworks are expected to be completed this month (June 2023) followed by construction of buildings, foundations and electrical installation works. The scheduled completion date for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is September 2024.

The proposed solar farm will be built across three sites located on Marsden Point Rd., McCathie Road and Ben’s View Road. Meridian is working on an assessment of environmental effects including ecology, archaeology, noise, traffic, sediment and visual amenity effects. Patuharakeke is compiling a cultural effects assessment with input from Te Parawhau and Ngātiwai. The power company has also been talking with the Northland Regional and Whangārei District Councils residents who live alongside the planned development as well as the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association. All going to plan a resource consent application for the solar farm will be lodged next month. The letter states that Meridain is “looking forward to establishing a long term relationship with neighbours and the community at Ruakākā, supporting the local economy by by employing and purchasing locally wherever possible” It will also be establishing a community fund once the Energy Park is completed and operational.

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Waipu Menzshed still looking for a new location

The Waipu Menzshed is still looking for somewhere to move after being given notice by the Waipu Museum committee that the old Masonic Lodge the group has operated from for the past five years will be needed to store part of the museum’s collection from May 2024.  
The Menzshed has a membership of 34 retired men who meet each Tuesday in the old hall, to work on a variety of community projects. The group needs some land close to the centre of Waipu so that members who are unable to drive can attend its meetings.  
Gordon Walker the group’s chairman said the search for a suitable spot has so far been unsuccessful.  
“Everyone agrees that keeping the Menzshed going is a good idea but, so far, we haven’t been able to find anywhere to move to.”  
If you can help out please phone Gordon - 027 493 4030

Another application for a petrol station and service centre

Continued from page 1.  
Earthworks have already begun on another service centre development alongside Port Marsden Highway 200 metres from the Ruakākā SH1 roundabout. The developer here is Wolf Development Ltd with directors Barry Trass and Simon and Nancy Tan also have an application with the Whangārei District Council for a truck stop development at the Ruakākā Roundabout with an off ramp from the highway into the complex they hope to build at the SH1- Port Marsden Highway intersection



# Department of Conservation considering options for replacement beach walkways



The Malr Rd steps, which were undercut and damaged by Cyclone Gabrielle have been demolished and removed

The pedestrian beach stairways at Mair Rd and Te Kamo Street, which were destroyed in Cycone Gabrielle which arrived in Northland on February 6 have still not been replaced and as a result multiple informal tracks have been formed over the dunes and down onto the beach.

Communities at both these sites have been urging the Department of Conservation to replace the access ways and there have been offers of help to build formalized new accessways by members of the community.

The Department of Conservations has been consulting with engineers about the best way to restore beach access at these locations and will be presenting some options for discussion in coming weeks.

# Trial of woman accused of the murder of two children scheduled for March 2025

The woman accused of the murder of the two little children in Ruakaka on Monday morning 15 May appeared in the Whangarei High Court on Tuesday 16 May but did not enter a plea. She was due to appear again on 2 June via a video link but due to technical issues this did not happen.

She has name suppression and is currently being held in custody at a mental health facility.

She was represented by Catherine Cull KC who has since sort leave to withdraw as her counsel. The woman has indicated she wanted to represent herself.

She will re-appear in the High Court in July when reports on her mental health are completed.

Her trial has been scheduled for March 10 2025.

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of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 22 June  
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## LETTERS

### Well said Mr. Buckland

I am writing in response to your recent article on outgoing Principal Wayne Buckland, and I will quote the piece mentioned that I would like to respond to....

'When I met him (Wayne Buckland) he was extolling the virtues of a neuroscience based method for teaching students to read fluently. He said reading is not a natural process and needs to be taught in a way involving repetition so new words become embedded in the brain. He believes if schools adopt this method the declining rates of literacy amongst New Zealand's children could be reversed. I (Marilyn) disagree as I have often disagreed with Wayne in the past. I think humans have a natural desire to communicate and this is the motivation children have to learn to read and write. Maybe this neuroscience technique will work for some. I can't believe this would be a match for wanting to find out what is on the next page in an exciting storybook but then no one has all the answers.'

When Wayne was referring to declining rates amongst NZ children he was not wrong. A report conducted by the Education Hub, by Nina Hood and Taylor Hughson last year 2022 found that a staggering ONE THIRD of our fifteen year olds struggle to read and write. Here is the link to the report. I Don't Know my ABC's Report The neuroscience based method you mention is called 'The Science of Reading'. The Science of Reading is derived from researchers from multiple fields over many years: cognitive psychology, communication sciences, developmental psychology, education, implementation science, linguistics, neuroscience and school psychology. 'Structured Literacy' is the instruction that applies the Science of Reading (SOR) to classroom practice.

Reading and writing is biologically a secondary skill, like driving or playing an instrument. Our brains have evolved to speak, but writing and reading is a relatively new invention. The brain must be 'rewired' to become a reader. In evolutionary terms we only started reading and writing 5000 years ago. Unlike talking which the brain has been adapting to from the beginning of the human genus thought to be more than 2 million years ago.

Many children do not have the motivation to read and write as their 'reading brain' can indeed be activated. The area in the back of the brain, the left occipital temporal region, or the word forming area - activation in that area is significantly related to a child's skill as a reader. But what has been discovered, thanks to Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI), is that through a highly explicit, systematic reading instruc-

tion - 'Structured Literacy', these areas can be activated. It has been found that all brains learn through Structured Literacy but this system is absolutely essential for one third of us that have an underactivation of these areas in the brain. Some will always learn at a faster pace than others but Structured Literacy gives all children the tools to read and write and the passion "for wanting to find out what is on the next page in an exciting storybook."

For more information on this research here are a couple of links from internationally acclaimed researchers. Stanislas Dehaene - French author and cognitive neuroscientist Sally Shaywitz. - American physician-scientist

Bream Bay College is supported by Learning Matters and using the Ideal Approach, which has provided the Professional Development and resources they need to implement Structured Literacy. Learning Matters has developed a map showing the amount of schools within New Zealand making the change to Structured Literacy (and growing), and it also includes some of our local Primary Schools. Here is the link - Schools using Structured Literacy.

And conveniently - half way through writing this letter, the Paddy Gower 'Has Issues' programme was aired on TV3, Wednesday night 24th May. If you missed it here is the link - NZ Literacy Rate in Spotlight. It highlights the need for all schools to adopt Structured Literacy to give all our tamariki their right to read and write and for the Ministry to give full support. It has some amazing success stories.

NZ literacy rate in spotlight as principal calls out 'malpractice' | Pad...

I don't know Wayne Buckland well, but I commend him for recognising the measures we need to take to turn our literacy rates around. EVERY child has the right to learn how to read. It is a skill absolutely vital to function within our society, not to mention for our mental health and well being. Prison statistics within NZ and across the globe reveal that up to 80% of inmates are illiterate. It doesn't take rocket science to figure out the likely unfortunate outcomes for kids who leave school without the skill of reading and writing.

I end with Wayne's quote from the same article - "If you are working in education and you don't learn and change over time there is something wrong."

Well said Mr Buckland. Enjoy your retirement.

*Zeralda Pirini*

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## Police Report

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### Car stolen from Marsden Cove taken on crime spree

A car stolen from the Marsden Cove Marina on 24 May was taken on a crime spree around Whangārei and the Far North before it returned to Ruakaka before 6am to be used in a ram raid on the Gas Service Station on Port Marsden Highway. The stolen car was abandoned nearby and the offenders drove off towards Whangārei in a second stolen car which had been taken from the Bay of Islands. Police attempted to stop this vehicle but it was driven away to be later abandoned in Tikipunga. Police have gathered forensic evidence with which they hope to identify the five young

### Sixteen year old referred to Police Youth Services after drink driving

At 9pm also on Friday 19 May a 16 year old girl was stopped by Police while driving on Marsden Point Rd., in Ruakaka. When breath tested she returned a reading of 309 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The legal alcohol to breath limit for drives under the age of 20 years is 0. The 16 year old from the Bream Bay area has been referred to Police Youth Services.

### Fatal Accident on State Highway One at Uretiti

A 28 year old Auckland woman: Samantha Amy Williams was killed in a head on collision on State Highway One at Uretiti at around 6.45pm on Friday 19 May. She had been driving North on a family visit. The Ruakaka Fire Brigade which was celebrating newly gained qualification of some of its members was at the scene within minutes. They extricated the woman from her vehicle and helped to keep the scene safe. The driver of the second vehicle received only minor injuries. Police have heard from witnesses of the crash and are looking into the cause of the accident.

### Driving on the wrong side of the road on SH1

A vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road on State Highway One at Waipu was pulled over by Police on 4pm on Monday 29 May. A breath test was carried out and the driver, a 41 year old man from Whangārei returned a reading of 727 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. He will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on a drink driving charge.

### More than three times over the limit

On Friday 19 May at 10pm Police stopped a woman driving at a speed of 117km per hour on State Highway One at Ruakākā. When breath tested she returned a reading of 782 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath, more than three times over the legal limit of 250 micrograms. A 60-year-old Rotorua woman will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on a drink driving charge.

### Five family harm incidents

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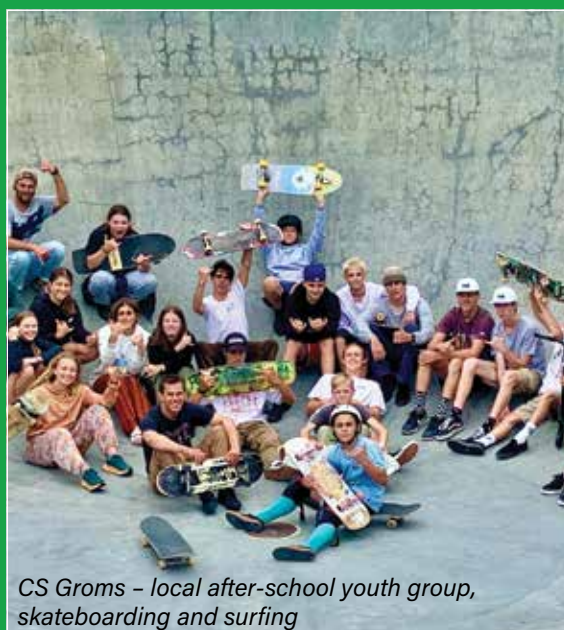


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# Ashley Colin Worthy

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Ash in the cab of one of his tractors with his faithful dog Itsy

When 36-year-old Ash Worthy of Waipu knew he was dying his mother Kathryn Worthy said to him, “I hope we have done you proud” and Ash replied, “Mum, I have had a wonderful life.”

Ash was born with a rare congenital condition: epidermolysis bullosa, which caused his skin to become very fragile. As a baby and young child he was in and out of hospital and throughout his life his whole body needed to be wrapped in bandages to cover wounds and to prevent injury.

He used an electric wheel chair to get around and at the age of 14 had a leg amputated so he could get his license, which was necessary for him to be able to drive a vehicle.

None of this slowed Ash down much. At six years of age when asked by his Waipu Primary School teacher to write a story about what he wanted to be when he grew up Ash wrote he wanted to be Mr. Jenson. He loved farm machinery and his parents often took him to see agricultural contractor Paul Jenson’s big tractors and harvesters in St. Mary’s Rd. At the time of his death Ash had achieved this ambition having set up Worthy Ag together with his Dad, offering mulching, mowing and rotary hoeing services to local farmers and small block owners.

He had a collection of tractors of various vintages and while planning the celebration of his life with his mother he told her not to talk too much but to just show everyone photographs of his tractors.

In fact, these machines, all washed and polished were lined up outside the Celtic Barn for people to admire after the service.

At Bream Bay College Ash had joined a school band as a drummer, sticks bandaged on. Singer Tammy D’Ath posted on line that he had excelled at this being very attentive to the music and the singer.

While still at school he volunteered at the local radio station Waipu Community Radio and went on to purchase this business, renaming it Radio Waves. He ran this for many years from a little green caravan in the garden of his family home. This became the focus for many local creatives who ran radio shows with Ash the much-respected overseeing manager.

Much as he enjoyed his time with the radio station in 2017 he sold this business in order to pursue his original life plan – to become an agricultural contractor.

Ash had an adventurous spirit. As a youngster he once disappeared in his electric wheel chair for five hours along with a friend who was on a bicycle. The pair had ridden down Shoemaker Rd., crossing the highway along Mountfield Rd and back to Waipu via Nova Scotia Rd. His parents knew where he was because three separate people had phoned her out of concern for the two young boys. Kathy acknowledged how supportive the people of Waipu had been to her son. “ It takes a village to raise a child”

He had attended camps where he tried skiing, white water rafting and abseiling. He went out shooting and boating and his family discovered amongst his photographs that he had once tried twirling a fire stick – a hazardous activity for someone with bandages wrapped around his arms.

His willingness to try new activities and his positive outlook stayed with him right until the end as in the last weeks of his life he had decided he needed to be able to carry out repairs on his tractors himself and had taken lessons in welding.

Ash is survived by his mother Kathryn, his father Colin (Joe), his sister Nadya and his faithful dog Itsy.

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## Rosie Mercer, CEO of Marsden Maritime Holdings - a champion of provincial development



Rosie Mercer

Rosie Mercer was appointed CEO of Marsden Maritime Holdings, in July 2022.

Slight of build and youthful looking she is not what you expect the CEO of such a large important company to look like but she has an impressive CV.

She is a civil engineer. She served in the NZ Defence force reconstruction team in Afghanistan. She was infrastructure engineer and then General Manager of Sustainability at Ports of Auckland and she served on the Independent Advisory Panel for the Provincial Growth Fund.

Rosie said after living in Auckland for five years she and her family were glad of the chance to move into the provinces. With her children reaching school age she felt it was an important time to get out of the city. The family purchased a lifestyle block in Mau-nu where they graze sheep and Rosie said she likes nothing better than getting out in the paddocks in her gumboots.

She grew up on a farm in Taranaki, just North of New Plymouth, and says she is really enjoying life in Northland.

Asked if the stormy, wet weather over last summer hadn't dampened her enthusiasm for the north, she said she likes the rain. It rained a lot in Taranaki.

MMH owns approximately 180 hectares of land at Marsden Point. It has a 50% share in Northport and owns and manages the Marsden Cove Marina.

Last October MMH launched a master plan for the business park it is in the process of developing at Marsden Point. The park is named Te Ara Huringa which translates to English as "The Path of Change". The 180 hectares is divided into four "eco systems:" Industrial, Commercial, Marine and Port. There is a promotional video about this on the Marsden Maritime Holdings website with MMH offering to organise bespoke builds for the business it hopes to attract. The development of this plan had begun before Rosie's arrival but she was in the driving seat for the launch.

She says every other port in New Zealand is constrained by land availability and having so much space available is Northport and Marsden Maritime Holdings selling point.

Was it her role in the Provincial Growth Fund that led her to this job?

She believes provincial New Zealand has enormous potential for growing this country's prosperity but the infrastructure needs to be in place to support this.

She considers MMH has a significant role to play in

the development of the Northland economy.

Asked how MMH purchasing the land alongside the Hatea River where the proposed Oruku landing development would be built fitted into MMH purpose and function,

she explained this purchase is conditional on the development proceeding. A Government grant of \$60 million is dependent on significant local investment and, as MMH has the skills to own and develop industrial and commercial land, getting involved in this project seemed like a good fit.

What employment and training opportunities can MMH offer to Bream Bay?

Rose said MMH has a small team with most of our people live in Bream Bay. In addition the businesses that set up on the MMH land employ people, often in highly skilled jobs with some of these businesses offering apprenticeships. The boat haul out facility developed by MMH alongside the marina is a good example of how business development can offer opportunities for Bream Bay People with many specialist boat servicing businesses setting up there.

Will her interest in sustainability be carried through to her current job?

Engineers traditionally have come up with designs for a project, which they put before the community and ask how do you like this?

"A more sustainable way to operate is to talk with the community first and ask what they want and then the engineers look at how they can make that work.

"I did see some really good examples of that with the community being involved in projects right from the outset"

She is a strong advocate for the development of Coastal shipping, particularly when it comes to moving produce around New Zealand and to the Pacific Islands.

"Coastal shipping has a much lower carbon footprint than does road transport and the potential to get trucks off the roads.

"But we need the roads and we need the rail link."

She said if we have all three modes of transport in place business could choose the most appropriate transport for their different situations. Te Ara Huringa's promotional video has a animated section with ships, trains and trucks coming back and forward to the port, suggesting to future business operators they will be able to take their pick.

Most importantly we need a resilient roading network and a road link to Auckland.

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## At the Waipu Kings Birthday Sunday Market



Louisa Staemmler of Pipiwai doesn't like to waste time and sat knitting between customers on her hand woven and knitted garment and jewellery stall.



Loraine Swanepoel with her little dog Zoe, who was a bit nervous in the crowd. Zoe is an Australian terrier, dachshund, chihuahua, papillon mix. "I call her my liquorice allsort", said Loraine.



Max Souness, aged 3 of Mangawhai, was making lots of noise with his new rattle drum.



The pipe band at the entrance to the Caledonian Park gave the market a Waipu flavour







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Sun 11 June	1.06	2.7	1.31	2.5
Mon 12 June	2.03	2.7	2.32	2.5
Tue 13 June	3.00	2.6	3.35	2.5
Wed 14 June	3.57	2.6	4.35	2.5
Thu 15 June	4.52	2.6	5.32	2.6
Fri 16 June	5.45	2.5	6.25	2.6
Sat 17 June	6.36	2.5	7.13	2.6
Sun 18 June	7.25	2.5	7.59	2.6
Mon 19 June	8.11	2.5	8.42	2.6
Tue 20 June	8.55	2.4	9.23	2.6
Wed 21 June	9.37	2.4	10.03	2.6
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# Serving list MP Angie Warren-Clark will contest the Whangārei seat for Labour in the October election



Angie Warren-Clark at the Waipu Kings Birthday Market with current Whangārei MP Emily Henderson, who is retiring from politics at the end of this Parliamentary term

Angie Warren – Clark, who has been chosen as the Labour candidate for Whangārei in the October General Election, was at the Waipu Kings Birthday market with retiring MP Emily Henderson last Sunday. She is currently a list MP based in the Bay of Plenty. She grew up in Northland, mostly in Okaihau, and has many family members here. As her parents are getting older she is pleased to be moving to live closer to them. Her husband is of Ngati Kahu so moving north also means coming back home for him. Angie is serving her second term in Parliament and chairs the Social Service Select Committee, which has a wide brief covering matters relating to: social de-

velopment, social housing, income support, women children, young people, seniors, Pacific peoples, ethnic communities, arts, culture and heritage, sport and recreation and the voluntary sector. She also sits on the Environment Select Committee, which is currently considering the bills that will replace the Resource Management Act. She has a special interest in minimizing food waste and initiated an investigation on this subject by the Environment Select Committee. Before becoming an MP, Angie was Manager of the Tauranga Women’s Refuge.



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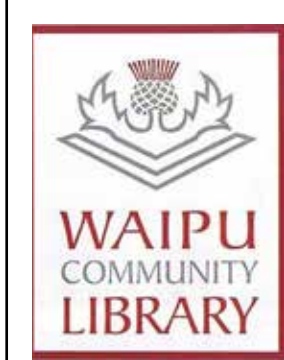
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## War on weeds

By Melinda Butt.



Simon Cox a volunteer with the Wairahi Trust clearing wild ginger from the Langs Beach Reserve. After a massive effort including bringing in a digger to clear away the mass of roots there is now a cleared pathway into the reserve.

You don't have to look far to see some sort of weed invasion in the Bream Bay area. Over the years there has been an inundation of a variety of weeds, the unfortunate cost of this onslaught is a major loss of native plants and bird life. A weed is a plant growing and thriving in an area where it shouldn't be, basically when it starts becoming a pest.

When left unattended weeds can damage ecosystems and invade agricultural land. Often weeds outcompete native plants, shade and dominate native seedlings so they can't grow, or they dramatically change the habitat so that native plants and animals can no longer survive.

If you enjoy seeing Tui, Keraru, Piwakawaka's, and other native birds flying about then creating a sustainable native buffet of seeds and flowers is a must. Most weeds are exotic plants introduced into New Zealand. Because they haven't evolved with our native bird life they do not supply the same sustenance as the plants that have evolved with them.

There are some volunteer groups in the area who are tackling pest plants and restoring natural habitatst- like those coordinated by Weed Action Piroa-Brynderwyns (WAPB). But most of us are unaware of the work that is needed to restore our beautiful native forests.

Some of the more pesky weeds in Bream Bay are :

- **The Moth Plant - otherwise known as 'Cruel vine'.**

This rampant, evergreen vine can grow to 10m tall, it has smelly, milky sap that can burn skin. Its twining flexible stems are fast climbers.

It has dark green leaves and clusters of bell-shaped white flowers.

A noticeable feature is the pear-shaped, choko-like pods containing black wind spread seeds. The seedpods may be harmful to humans or animals if eaten. If you have a developed plant on your property you can contact the Northern Regional Council to help assist with removal. If it is only just started to grow, remove from the roots up and dispose in the rubbish. Gloves are recommended, these plants can irritate skin and eyes and stain clothes, so take care.

- **Wild Ginger - known as a 'forest invader'.**

Due to its dense root system it will eventually replace all other species. A great before and after example of the affect this weed can have is looking at the tenacious effort the Wairahi Trust weeding team has put in at the Langs Beach reserve. If you have wild ginger and would like more information on removing Rt contact: Weed Action at [weedactionpb@gmail.com](mailto:weedactionpb@gmail.com) or <https://www.weedbusters.org.nz/Northland Regional Council> can also help with herbicide for the control of ginger on your property.

- **Woolly Nightshade (Tobacco Weed)**

Often seen along the roadside Woolly Nightshade grows rapidly and can crowd out or shade out native plants. It also effectively poisons the soil to inhibit or prevent the establishment of other less hardy species, including native plant seedlings. This weed can prevent the regeneration and establishment of native forest. Even young plants can produce seeds. It can also spread vegetatively if it is mechanically damaged by cutting or uprooting. If Woolly Nightshade is not removed properly pieces of root remaining in the soil will regrow.

The berries are also moderately toxic to people (especially children) and they may be poisonous to livestock. The leaves shed fine hairs when touched, which irritate the skin, eyes, nose and throat and in some cases cause trouble with breathing.

## Pre-loved clothing in Cove Rd. cottage



Rebecca Templemann (left) and Patsy Montgomery at the launch of their new collaboration

A pre-loved clothing store has moved into the cottage at 3 Cove Rd., in Waipu sharing the space with Patsy Montgomery's art and design studio.

Rebecca Templemann operates Swanky Pants sourcing good quality, stylish items of women's clothing for resale. She will also have some men's clothing if she can find the space in the store to display this. As well as hunting for suitable items at markets and op shops, Rebecca is open to arrangements with people who have clothing they would like to sell. This is on condition that she sets the price the garment will go on sale for with the vendor receiving 40% of this price upon its sale. Patsy is pleased to be sharing the cottage with Rebecca who can look after the shop and sales to give her more time to put into her design and art work.

Swanky Pants alongside Patsy Montgomery Design is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

## New technology on display at Waipu pest control workshop



A Northland Pest Control workshop was held in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Sunday 28 May 2023, by Kiwi Coast a collaboration of community led conservation projects and hosted by the Piroa Conservation Trust and Patuharakeke. Conservation groups from around Northland attended. Pictured above: Andrew Mentor of Kiwi Coast, Fraser Cann of Owl Optics and Mike Cadogan of Bay of Islands Pest Management. Mr. Cann had some new technology to display including a UAV or drone, a night vision rifle scope and a trail camera.



## WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **RUAKAKA RACES** Winter racing begins Saturday 10 June with the Bream Bay Business Day. Then on Saturday 1 July is the Northpine Waipu Cup on International Tartan Day so punters and spectators are invited to dress up appropriately. Free entry. Gates open 11am. The Ruakākā race-course is located at the end of Peter Snell Drive.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 12 June from 9am -1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- **RAZZA CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** Wednesday 14 June 6pm. Op Shop party theme. Fund raiser for the Waipu Tennis Club. All welcome Teams of 6. \$15pp. Booking essential. Ph/Text 021 782 662 or email: razzakitchen@hotmail.co.nz
- **BHP FUNCTIONAL FITNESS CHARITY WORKOUT.** Raising funds for men's mental health. Friday 13 June from 5pm. Spot prizes, BBQ, Special challenges. 3/82 Marsden Bay Drive.
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward. Sunday 18 June from 9am-1pm. One Tree Point School field.
- **PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 25 June from 12 noon to 3pm, In the Paparoa Memorial Hall
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### THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 22 June  
The deadline for all copy is 4pm on  
Wednesday 14 June

## Penalties, Pints and Pirouettes raises a pretty penny for the Coro Hall



The cast and crew of last month's production of Neil Troost's play *Penalties, Pints and Pirouettes*

The play *Penalties, Pints and Pirouettes* staged in the Waipu Coronation Hall in April raised \$34,000 for the upkeep of the hall. The show a rerun of a play written by Neil Troost, about a struggling rugby club whose members decide to win the approval of their wives and partners by performing a ballet piece as a fund raiser for the local schools PTA proved popular with local audiences and played to full houses over the week 20 -29 April.

Blair Strang of Shortland Street fame was director and retired Waipu RD contractor Steve Jones was Production Manager.

Juanita McGoldrick, of the Waipu Hall Committee, said, "Their tireless dedication to the show made it the success it was. We are also grateful to the actors Johnny Fetelika, Jenni Carr, Lui Ander-

son, Kylie Reynolds, Bruce Larsen, Elijah Purnell, Amos Cook, James Alexander and Alex Murrie, who put in hundreds of hours of rehearsal time as well as to the many volunteers: Waipu Lions for running the bar, the choreographer, the back stage crew, front of house people, those who worked on the costumes, props, kitchen duties and cleaned up after each show. There are too many to name but thank you all."

She also thanked all the members of the public that brought tickets to the show.

Juanita said the monies raised will be used to purchase a number of small appliances such as a new oven to spruce up the bar and some needed maintenance.

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Weed Action Piroa Brynderwyns, is a local volunteer group, which is part the Piroa Conservation Trust. We are largely funded by the Northern Regional Council, and we are looking for a coordinator to raise awareness through education, and advice to local neighborhood groups and landowners on how to control pest plants in our environment. The role involves networking within the community to bring people together to be trained and facilitated to tackle pest weeds in their neighborhood.

For more detail on the role please contact our Chair, Gill Webb on [webb.gill@mail.com](mailto:webb.gill@mail.com) or call 021 623 811

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9.00am	Departs	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall
9.15am	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
9.20am	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
9.35am	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
9.40am	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
10.10am	Departs	Ruakākā Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)
10.50am	Arrives	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus

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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

FARES

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Ruakākā	\$5.00	\$7.00

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Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone: 09 432 7197



### Services we provide:

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

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

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

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 22 June

The deadline for all copy is 4pm on

Wednesday 14 June



## PUBLIC NOTICES

# Ruakaka Recreation Centre – AGM

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 at 7pm

Place: Ruakaka Recreation Centre  
9 Takutai Place Ruakaka

For more information please contact  
Christine on 4327962 (8am – 2pm)  
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WAIPU CALEDONIAN SOCIETY  
Sunday 18th June 3.00pm, Celtic Barn Foyer

RUAKAKA RESIDENTS AND  
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## New Date

7pm Tuesday 13 June

Ruakaka Rec Centre

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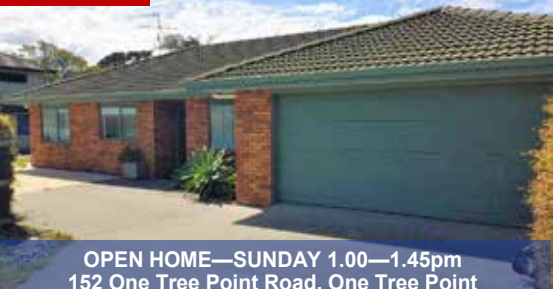
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