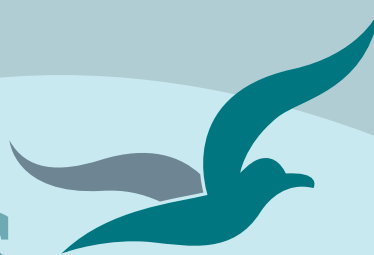


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Plans for a shared cycle/walking pathway between OTP and Ruakākā

A plan is afoot to build an off-road shared path for pedestrians, cyclists, scooter riders etc. between Marsden Cove and the Ruakākā Towncentre.

A group has been discussing the proposal for about eight months and meeting with Whangārei District Council, Northland Regional Council, Northland Transportation Alliance and Bike Northland representatives to try to get the project underway.

Last month the group met with Whangārei MP Emily Henderson after a survey she ran on sustainable transport options for the district drew a big response from One Tree Point residents who said they would like a safe path to cycle on between One Tree Point and Ruakākā.

The group has been considering route options for the pathway. One possibility is that a section linking Marsden Cove to McEwan Rd. could be built as part of the development planned by Marsden Maritime Holdings. A safe way for riders and walkers to get across the McEwan Rd bridge would then need to be found – perhaps a clip-on extension.

Once on Marsden Point Road there is space for a path where the new sewer line has recently been laid.

The Northland Transportation Alliance already has a long-term plan for a cycleway between Waipu and One Tree Point. A draft of a possible route has this running parallel to the gas and fuel pipeline in the Bream Bay dunes. However the shared pathway group has decided that, while the seaside trail would be a good tourist attraction, a more direct route would be of more use to local people.

Dune restoration planting at the Taotahi Walkway



Cheryl Laurie of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust with a tray of spinifex ready to be planted in the badly eroded dune alongside the Taotahi Walkway. Approximately 30 people, including many residents of the Ruakākā Village, turned up to a working bee on Sunday morning 3 September. Over 1,000 spinifex and pingao plants were supplied by the Northland Regional Council and NRC staff as well as Carole Tilman of the Department of Conservation's community liaison team came to help with the project. A fence was put in to define the path to the beach with materials supplied by NRC. The NRC's Coastal Co-ordinator Laura Shaft said the dune damage was mostly caused by people walking and riding motorbikes. She hopes people will respect the restoration effort and keep to the fenced path. The morning's mahi was followed by a shared barbecue paid for by DOC. Contact details of people willing to form a neighbourhood group for ongoing dune protection work were collected.



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Can you help with a survey on seaweed strandings in Bream Bay ?



The Waipu Cove Reserve Trust Board has commissioned Cawthron Institute to design a monitoring programme of algae on the shore and in the water column in the area.

This is a citizens science project and local people are encouraged to record any sightings of the nuisance seaweed they come across

If you would like to participate please contact the Waipu Cove Reserve Board
waipucovereserveboard@gmail.com

EDITORIAL

We need more than slogans

There is a lot of rubbish strewn on the roadside along Nov Scotia Drive. I spotted this bag with the I Love NZ legend while I was riding my bicycle on Saturday morning and decided the irony was such that I doubled back to take a photo. What I really should have done was pick it up. Perhaps I will next time I drive by but actually the whole road needs a big clean up.

This flashing about of slogans that don't amount to anything is infuriating. The environmental problems we face are so large and immediate that diverting our attention, time and resources into activities that might make us feel good but don't actually make a difference is a dangerous pastime.

I think the most important criteria we should be vetting our local government candidates on is their commitment to taking action to combat climate change and to restore our environment. I hope we get a chance to put some questions to the candidates that test their green credentials, bearing in mind that a bit more than lip service is required here.

Spring has arrived and after all that



winter rain and mud, the grass is growing and there is pink blossom on the peach trees. It's hard to be too despondent.

What's more, I have just returned from a morning of planting spinifex in the eroding dunes at the Taotahi Walkway alongside the Ruakākā Village. There was a good turn out of local volunteers, along with Bream Bay Coastal Care members and Department of Conservation and Northland Regional Council staff. A new fence was built to define a walkway to the beach and many hundreds of dune plants were put into bare patches of sand. Now there's a bit of hands on conservation work for you! Names and email addresses were collected to set up a neighbourhood dune protection group, so the work will be ongoing. Something to celebrate.

Marilyn

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Seafarers' mission gets a revamp



Reverend Lance Lukin, the Regional Director for Mission to Seafarers in Oceania, Roger Phillips a Board member and acting treasurer of the mission and beanie knitters: Heather Bond, Bev Ennis, Carolyn Newey and Mary Wilson.

The Marsden Bay Mission to Seafarers has had a makeover. There haven't been too many seafarers coming ashore to use the facilities over the past six months so the opportunity was taken to give the facility a spruce up.

The walls have all been painted, the carpet has been given a thorough cleaning and new furniture has been bought.

The chapel has moved out of the living room and placed on the side of the building with chairs donated by Lifepoint Church and a view of Mount Manaia out the side window. Facility Manager Graeme Johnson said the seafarers who come ashore are of diverse religions so the chapel can also serve as a quiet room for those who want some time on their own.

Reverend Lance Lukin, the Regional Director for the Mission to Seafarers in Oceania spoke of the hard life many seafarers face: separated from their families, working for around \$1.25 an hour and sometimes unable to come ashore for months on end. He said Covid, which is not going to go away any time soon, is making life particularly hard for seafarers, with many of them unable to come ashore at all. Mental health problems and suicide rates are sky rocketing. The New Zealand economy and our standard of living is dependent on the work these men do.

He said the Mission and its volunteers play an important

role".

"We welcome seafarers. We invite them to engage with us. They show us photos of their children. We enable them to use wifi to connect with their families. It makes a difference."

He congratulated the board and volunteers of the Marsden Point Mission on the upgrade and said this was one of the best centres he visited.

Although it depends on the individual captains and Chinese ships in particular are very strict about not allowing their crews to leave their vessels, seafarers are starting to come ashore once more as Covid restrictions ease.

Joanne Van Kooten is the port welfare office and ship visitor. She does shopping and buys treats and fresh fruit for those sailors who are unable to leave their ships. She has put an appeal out for fresh fruit from local gardens, which she delivers to the ships. Sometimes she drives groups of seafarers on sightseeing tours around the district.

The Marsden Bay mission has a group of knitters who make beanies to present to the crews. Jon Moore CEO of Northport said that knitted beanies are a feature of Seafarers Missions around the world and the warm woolen hats are well received as many of the ships crews come from warmer climates and find it very cold here.

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LETTERS

Parking changes needed to cope with Waipu's growth

The issue of parking in Waipu is and has been much-debated. Suggested solutions range from creating timed parking (180 minutes) to new marked parking areas down Nova Scotia Drive.

The problem is compounded for casual parkers when people park all day in the Museum car park. These people should really be parking out of the Museum car park in streets away from the Village Centre and walking to work.

The Museum car park could have a few more car parks if it were slightly reconfigured. If the entrance was only by the monument / toilet end and the exit only by the Museum, another 4 car parks might be created as the entrance and exit areas would be narrower. This would also make it safer for pedestrians negotiating the main walkway of the Museum car park next to the Museum as there would only be cars moving in one direction, not two as at present. Such a change could also prove safer for cars to drive into and out of the supermarket car parks as people would not be slowing down to turn in by the Museum.

Pedestrians along the footpath of The Centre also 'toddle the gauntlet' of cars driving into or leaving (often reversing) the parks in front of the dairy and supermarket. This situation, while legal, is very dangerous for the pedestrian as vehicles often move before the driver looks. We should examine how we might allow these businesses to have their car parks without endangering pedestrians on the footpath. Angle parking for the supermarket against the road similar to that outside the hardware store and parallel parks for the dairy seem the safest solutions, but would probably not be welcomed by the businesses. It would, however give them prime opportunity to landscape directly in front of their stores and this may attract more customers. Residents will undoubtedly complain about any changes made to parking, but one should make safety in the Village Centre paramount.

As a recent arrival to Waipu, I have also been intrigued by another aspect of driver behaviour in the Village Centre that is very dangerous for pedestrians - the u-turn. There is the traditional front u-turn, but also the reverse u-turn across the street. While this may be convenient for the driver, it is a challenge for any pedestrian to suddenly find a vehicle (or even two) swinging towards them across the street. As Waipu grows we need to look at making changes to car parking in the Village as one aspect to enhance our built environment.

Richard Cole
Waipu

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Police Report

Police appeal for information after man's body found near Brynderwyn waterfall.

Police are appealing for information after body found on SH1 on the Brynderwyns

The body of a man was found on State Highway One near the waterfall alongside the road on the Brynderwyn Hill at around 8.30am on Saturday morning 3 September. A vehicle was recovered nearby and it appears the man may have stopped and got out of his car when he was hit by another vehicle. Police want to speak to anyone who was in the area of the Brynderwyn summit and Artillery Road between 7pm and 10pm on Friday 2 September. Please phone 105 if you can help.

Seventy seven year old escapes with minor injuries after crash at Ruakākā roundabout.

It took some time for local firefighters and ambulance staff to extricate a 77- year old Auckland man from his vehicle after at around 10am on 30 August while on his way from Auckland to Kerikeri he failed to negotiate the Ruakākā/SH1 roundabout, knocking over a lamppost and rolling multiple times into a nearby paddock. The man escaped with only minor injuries, possibly due in part to the modern, high safety rated vehicle he was driving. Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

Three-vehicle pile up at Ruakākā roundabout

There was a three - vehicle nose to tail accident in the south bound lane at the Ruakākā SH1 roundabout at 8am on 23 August. One of the vehicles was towing a digger. No one was injured but tow trucks needed to be brought in and it took some time to clear the road

Ruakākā man in custody

A 46 – year - old Ruakākā man is remanded in custody after neighbours noticed what appeared to be a burglary attempt at an address in Marsden Point Rd. at 4pm on Wednesday on 31 August. He is charged with driving while disqualified, drunk driving and possibly also with attempted burglary.

Possible arson at Langa Beach

Police are investigating a possible arson after a shed was badly damaged by fire at Langa Beach on Friday 2 September. The fire endangered a nearby dwelling

Driving at 129kmph on the Brynderwyns while over the alcohol limit

A young man driving at 129km per hour on SH1 on the Brynderwyns was stopped by Police and breath tested. The 19 - year - old Wellsford man returned a reading of 297 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. He will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on a drink driving charge. The alcohol limit for people under the age of 20 is zero.

Court appearance for disqualified driver.

Police stopped a vehicle on State Highway 1 at Ruakākā at around 1.30pm to find, a 40-year-old Whangārei man who is disqualified from driving was at the wheel. He will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court.

Just five family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police were called out to just five family harm incidents in the fortnight 22 August to 4 September.



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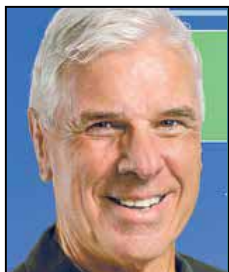
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The Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association sent a set of three questions to each of the candidates standing for the Whangārei Mayoralty Here are their answers.

Mike Budd



What will you be bringing to the office of Mayor which will make the district's ratepayers vote for you?

A tireless working approach that listens to the ratepayers and represents their needs. A business background to ensure every dollar is spent wisely

to support ratepayer services and growth. A leader who ensures that responsibility, accountability and deliverables are where councillors and WDC staff start their day. Focus on our roads and fight against three waters.

How will you ensure that the executive is fully accountable to the Council?

Hold quarterly community meetings where councillors and WDC staff meet with ratepayers. Also by, introducing quarterly key actions that need to be monitored and met. A project will have a) A councillor who is responsible for the project b) a WDC person who is accountable for the project and c) a set of actions that are to be achieved by a certain time.

How will you ensure that delays in resource consenting are reduced?

This is not a silver bullet fix. We need to employ staff to handle the work load and also "keep" good staff in our organisation. To start this we need to assess remuneration and benefits to hold and entice new employees to want to work for the WDC.

Vince Cocurullo



What will you be bringing to the office of Mayor which will make the district's ratepayers vote for you?

Experience; nine years' experience working on Council as an elected representative, 15 years' experience working with the community getting

projects through Council, over 22 years' experience working with businesses and local people dealing with their technology issues, 10 years' experience working in Civil Engineering designing and supervising construction projects, and all this experience has shown me that generally the local communities know how to fix their own issues, they just need the funds to do it.

Strength of Character; I stood by my principals by keeping local voices heard in Council, when some voted to disband the local wards, I stood against that and together we had that overturned. I will always stand up to central government on issues like Three Waters, as I firmly believe that the assets are owned by our residents, and I voted against taking the Three Waters "Better off funding" which I saw, and still believe, as a payment for our silence.

How will you ensure that the executive is fully accountable to the Council?

By strengthening the performance measures of the CEO. The Council CEO is the only staff member that the Mayor and Councillors hire, I have always found by providing a vision and by giving good performance standards, and balancing the salary with those standards, that I get the best results.

How will you ensure that delays in resource consenting are reduced?

By changing the culture within the consents department from "No you Can't" to "How can we help" and enabling the staff to reduce processing times, by putting better communication practises in place.

Ken Couper



What will you be bringing to the office of Mayor which will make the district's ratepayers vote for you?

I bring experience as a sitting Councillor, local businessperson, and rural farmer. I also bring strong, fair leadership to guide the Council to

work for the needs of ratepayers. This leadership and experience comes in many forms, like bringing decision-makers together, being present, having knowledge, listening, guiding the Council staff, and working with central government in Wellington. My priorities for ratepayers are: driving value for rates, more and better jobs, and strengthening communities for a family friendly, safe environment.

How will you ensure that the executive is fully accountable to the Council?

I believe that Whangārei deserves strong, fair leadership to guide the Council to work for the betterment of the district. We need to set a clear strategy that elected members and Council staff back 100%. This includes amendments to the district plan, which must include measurable deliverables. Working to get everyone on board is key – when the Council sets its collective efforts on something it can be a powerful driver positive change. I think the other key is consistency: once the direction is set and the plan made clear, we must stay the course and review progress regularly.

How will you ensure that delays in resource consenting are reduced?

Having personally worked on subdivisions, I know the delays are an issue and I acknowledge that consenting is taking too long. We must recognise the causes, which are a shortage in planners and the heightened demand from growth in the district (which is ultimately a positive thing). I think there are two keys here. First, getting the consenting department more capacity is a priority. Second, I believe that there should be streamlined services offered for cookie-cutter projects and for mum-and-dad investors that allow these groups to navigate the system as a matter of priority.

Brad Flower



What will you be bringing to the office of Mayor which will make the district's ratepayers vote for you?

I will be bringing over 30 years of experience working in and on behalf of the community with diverse groups. I have the skills and experience to remove the current

dysfunction from the council chamber and ensure as a collective we move the District forward together.

I will also be bring the skills I have acquired from my 30 year career in the Civil Infrastructure industry to get the roading teams to focus on a delivery model that sets 'value for money' ahead of 'lowest price conforming' giving the ratepayers a better end result from less re-work and less disruption.

I have spent decades dealing with process and procedures, contracts and legislative requirements. This has prepared for the challenge of being the Mayor

How will you ensure that the executive is fully accountable to the Council?

I have spent the past 20 years of my career in senior leadership positions within a large corporate, an SME and a family owned company. I have also been a small business owner. I know what accountably looks like and what needs to be done to make it happen. It's about setting specific key performance indicators for the CEO and holding him accountable to have them achieved. Remember the only person the council can hold accountable is the CEO as he is responsible to the Mayor. Set the expectation early and then monitor and enforce it.

How will you ensure that delays in resource consenting are reduced?

With the current reform being undertaken by the current government in this space it is likely this function will be removed (or greatly altered) from councils across the country going forward.

The process requirements for resource consents (as it stands) needs to be enforced and look at where the 'blockages' are. If it is as simple as a lack of people resource then council needs to ensure the gaps are filled.

Fiona Green



What will you be bringing to the office of Mayor which will make the district's ratepayers vote for you?

Empathy, Administration and management skills, inclusive practices as extra support to some of the systems in place including modifi-

cations to policies. Putting systems in place to increase community involvement and engagement in any plan or project impacting your region. Connecting and promoting business and leisure between Whangārei,

other districts - with Bream Bay.

Putting children, youth, and the elderly first and seeking input from then on any community or social matters that need assessing.

Reinstating the Finance Committee to control Council spending. To be made up of less Councillors and more people with accounting and finance experience.

How will you ensure that the executive is fully accountable to the Council?

Through staffing policy reforms - looking at targeted professional development, by keeping a finger on the pulse and watching, listening, questioning.

Rereading material that's been presented or submitted and ensuring all material that is supposed to be there - is. And in investigated further as and when required.

How will you ensure that delays in resource consenting are reduced?

Design a simplified checklist that is easy to follow to ensure applicants have all the necessary supporting documents, have gone through all the correct processes before submitting their application.

The process itself needs to be simplified. I will conduct a review.

Nick Jacobs



What will you be bringing to the office of Mayor which will make the district's ratepayers vote for you?

I have many policies that will improve people's lives and the District's wellbeing. I want to build a better world we can be proud of to hand over to

the next generation.

We need to cancel the new airport-it's like building a new coal power station. The Ruatangata Airport is Council's most spectacular waste of ratepayer money to date. It will cripple ratepayers with a debt burden like nothing before-for the benefit of Air NZ only. Whangarei ratepayers should not be subsidising Air NZ..There is a lot more information on the website www.nickjacobsformayor.nz

How will you ensure that the executive is fully accountable to the Council?

Firstly you have to let them know what you expect from them-what their key performance targets are. After that everyone knows what they have to do.

If the Executive do not meet their targets then they will have to explain why they haven't. We can discuss options and find solutions together.

Worse case scenario is if any member does not meet targets through inability or non cooperation then they will be replaced.

How will you ensure that delays in resource consenting are reduced?

I would like to see better communication between Council and Professionals.

There are two main areas-building consents and resource consents.Council as a regulator is required to ensure applications comply with regulations that are set by central government.This means it has to act like a cop upholding the law in the same way police do.Council does not make the rules-Wellington does. This doesn't mean WDC couldn't do it better.

Shaquille Shortland



What will you be bringing to the office of Mayor which will make the district's ratepayers vote for you?

I will bring an already existing, strong commitment and connection to the community through over 7 years of community and youth development

initiatives, governance and business management experience. There will be innovative new approaches to solutions and increased community engagement to ensure I don't lose touch.

I'm honest and real, I'm not afraid to have those courageous conversations to make sure I am advocating on behalf of our town. Rates, roads, crime, protecting our water and environment is what I am hearing, but first we need a culture change, if you don't vote for change, there will be no change.

How will you ensure that the executive is fully accountable to the Council?

An article I read recently holds my answer to this question. "A culture that is current to forward thinking and behaviour is critical to future success, It's always about the people and culture. People first organisations win, you are missing a significant piece if you don't instigate Accountability first."

Essentially meaning that team building, creating trust and a sense of purpose between the executive is crucial to creating a level of professional safety where

everyone can hold each other accountable, where they don't avoid being transparent or creating opportunities for the community to do the same. I'd do this first.

How will you ensure that delays in resource consenting are reduced?

In all fairness I'd have to listen to the experts here. I wouldn't have the slightest idea on how to improve delays in resource consents. If I was to take a swing at it, it would look like making sure good training is provided on the processes, good access to assistance pre-application so there is a minimal amount of back and forth and good monitoring of timeframes to reflect, reassess and improve.

All six of the candidates standing for the two seats on the Whangārei District Council's newly created Māori Ward were invited to answer two of the questions submitted to the Bream Bay Ward Candidates. Deborah Harding was the only candidate to respond in time for the Bream Bay News deadline.

Deborah Harding



Kia ora koutou katoa
Ko Deb Harding tāku ingoa, Whilst I was born in Whangarei, I grew up in Ruakaka/ Takahiwai and after school left the area to seek my fortune!

After some time my Mum called us kids back to help out at the Takahiwai Marae

and I soon found myself on a Patuharakeke trust board - claims progression subcommittee!

Nearly ten years later and my involvement is now as Chair for this Trust board, constantly responding to resource consent issues for industry development and assessing applications for potential economic opportunities and urgently throwing together a social resource distribution plan when the Covid-19 pandemic arrived.

A kaupapa I strongly stand for is equitable resourcing and connectivity for our rural/coastal areas. Acknowledging that there are smaller populations in these areas and therefore limited income. However, this should not be a barrier to having improved community infrastructure. I would endeavour to work hard within council, marae, hapū, iwi and local communities to prioritise grass roots solutions.



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Ratepayers Association

Thanks Shelley

When Councillor Shelley Deeming attended her last Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association meeting on Wednesday evening 31 August she was presented with a huge bouquet and a card signed by members expressing their gratitude for her service to the community over the past 18 years.

Councillor Deeming, who lives in Maungakarama, has been particularly conscientious about attending both the Ruakākā and Waipu Residents and Ratepayers monthly meetings.

Shelley apologized for not letting people know sooner that she would



Councillor Shelley Deeming at her last Waipu Residents and Ratepayers meeting.

not be standing for re-election this time around but said the decision had been a sudden one. Initially she had planned on staying on the Council for just two terms but this had stretched to six. Over that time she has chaired many council committees including the important Finance Committee and the Strategy Planning and Development Committee.

Councillor Ken Couper, who was also at last week's meeting, said while he often found himself taking the opposite side on issues he appreciated how when

Shelley chaired meetings she kept participants on subject so they didn't go on too long.

WRRRA Chairman Morris Somner thanked her for keeping the WRRRA members informed about what was going on in the Council and for advising the group on how to best address issues as they arose.

Shelley said she "was sad to be bowing out and will miss the regular contact not to mention tough talk and satisfying solutions."

Hi, I'm Mike Budd, I'm a proud Whangārei homeowner and ratepayer. I believe it's time for fresh, energetic, responsible leadership and action. Here's why I can deliver.

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I'm an experienced and successful businessman who has a consultative leadership style. I have worked across multiple organisational structures: family/ private, co-operative, franchise and corporate. I know that success comes from people working well together.

That's why my measurement of success is in developing collaborative teams that work cohesively together and then deliver beneficial outcomes.

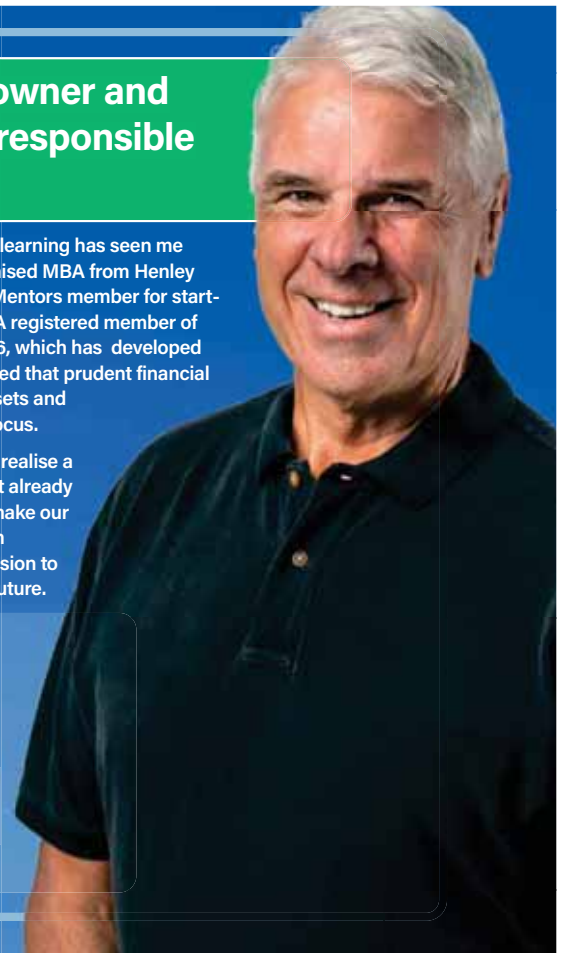
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Bream Bay Ward candidates answers to three questions put to them by the Ruakākā Residents and Ratepayers Association

Steve Bean



What is your vision for the future of the Bream Bay Ward?

My Vision is to have a total connection with the community, not just voicing any given agenda myself, but taking a collective approach with all the community having a

say, Transparency for my community - I want to create "Team Bream Bay", be the best Ward in Whangarei District

How will you ensure the electorate is heard on local issues?

If elected its my duty to connect to the community via media, via websites, make myself available to all concerns with open communications - quarterly meetings with the community to transfer information and take back concerns, make communications "Fresh of the Press"

How will you ensure that the rate take from the local area is more equitably reinvested in local amenities and infrastructure?

Wow this will be the toughest assignment, Being strong and assertive, clearly voicing concerns but above all be factual, present to the council on behalf of the Ward - clear reinvestment issues, Are our public toilets good enough, Are our water/wastewater infrastructure world class, Are our land developments getting a fair go, Are we looking after our environment, Do we need more learning tools for our Youth, Are our Elderly being treated fairly - We need our rates to be clearly used in our Ward - Team Bream Bay need and will "Get Results"

Phil Halse



What is your vision for the future of the Bream Bay Ward?

Our Bream Bay Ward will be the envy of all other Northland Wards. Steady and well planned growth will see our Industrial / commercial areas, especially the Port generating employment

and wealth while the buffer zones between will enable vast new housing developments that will cater for the projected high growth. It will be the leading Live ,

work and Play ward with vast lifestyle choices around our beaches, sports facilities and open spaces. Townships / villagers will be more important and council will be a major investor and partner in building community assets.

How will you ensure the electorate is heard on local issues?

All issues are important from the small to the multimillion dollar investments. I have a Proven record of Trust and follow through on issues. Having been a councillor this term, it is possible to be heard if you are well prepared, do your homework then seek councillors support on a well thought out plan , success generally follows a good plan. I enjoy public meetings as all residents need to be heard and it is beneficial to have residents and ratepayers supporting and guiding you on issues.

How will you ensure that the rate take from the local area is more equitably reinvested in local amenities and infrastructure?

Standing up and debating strongly is one of my key attributes that I enjoy , and it is important that back ground work is done and debate is centred around fact. By building and gaining respect from fellow councillors and ensuring that each area gets fair rate spend is crucial for a balanced council. I have gained support from councillors and staff to get major works funded through rates and / or loans for many projects.. Strong teamwork with my other BB councillor and Mayor is necessary. We need to make a case that investment is critical and a genuine need.

Shilane Shirkey



What is your vision for the future of the Bream Bay Ward?

A better Bream Bay for us to enjoy living, working and doing business here. Enjoying our weekends and holidays at home. I'd like to work on a way to bring back the "cream

run". 100 years ago, my great grandfather owned the "cream run/passenger ferry" from One Tree Point to Whangārei return. That's what I'd like to see WDC do, invest money on an alternate route to Whangārei

How will you ensure the electorate is heard on local issues?

I am a fantastic listener which I believe is the first thing

I need to do. Listen to you and ensure our priorities are heard by gaining buy-in from like-minded Councillor's who also know Bream Bay is one of the premium wards of WDC. We are the gateway to Northland and everyone travels to or through Bream Bay.

How will you ensure that the rate take from the local area is more equitably reinvested in local amenities and infrastructure?

Making sure our local communities have community-led projects always on the go. I am an integral committee member of the Waipu River walkway that successfully received \$100,000 from WDC last year. Stage 1 recently opened at Waihoi Park I'm a Trustee and Treasurer of Patuharakeke Trust Board where earlier this year we successfully received \$100,000 towards bettering children's education post-Covid. Classes are currently being held in conjunction with Bream Bay College. I am a member of the Waipu Placemaking Plan committee and currently working on the spatial planning for the next 25 - 30 years. I consistently support my community and know how working together works. I can't wait to do more across other communities within the wider Bream Bay ward.

Sitting Councillor Ken Couper is also standing in the Bream Bay Ward. As he is also standing for the mayoralty he has answered a set of questions with other mayoral candidates on page 7.



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New season begins at the One Tree Point Bowling Club



The One Tree Point Bowling Club held an open day last Saturday 3 September to start its 2022-2023 season. The club now has a membership of 47 full members, plus 15 limited members who only play interclub games. A good number of members were at the club on Sunday afternoon playing some fun games to get back in practice and making the most of some early spring sunshine. Pictured: President Michael Perry sends his bowl down the green.

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Sat 10 Sept	6.58	2.6	7.27	2.8
Sun 11 Sept	7.52	2.7	8.17	2.8
Mon 12 Sept	8.42	2.7	9.04	2.8
Tue 13 Sept	9.29	2.7	9.49	2.8
Wed 14 Sept	10.14	2.7	10.33	2.7
Thu 15 Sept	10.59	2.6	11.16	2.6
Fri 16 Sept	11.43	2.5	~	~
Sat 17 Sept	12.00	2.4	12.29	2.4
Sun 18 Sept	12.46	2.3	1.19	2.3
Mon 19 Sept	1.35	2.2	2.14	2.2
Tue 20 Sept	2.29	2.1	3.14	2.2
Wed 21 Sept	3.29	2.1	4.13	2.2
Thu 22 Sept	4.29	2.1	5.07	2.3
Fri 23 Sept	5.25	2.2	5.54	2.4

Bream Bay United Women in plate final at Kensington this weekend

By Hayden Green



Bream Bay United's senior women's football team, BBU Oliver Tuck Construction, has made the plate final of Northland's annual knock-out competition after winning its semi-final against Paihia FC 3-0. In a closely fought match, BBU-OTC took a narrow 1-0 lead into the half-time break after Kayla Rickaby scored from a powerful shot in the 37th minute. BBU-OTC's superior fitness and structure came to the fore in the second half, with Jess Buhr and Shauna Farrell both hitting the back of the net to ice the result. Dharia Ward (pictured) was awarded player of the day. The ladies will now be seeking to defend the plate they won only a few months ago (in a final delayed by Covid). They face Central Brown AFC in the final at Trigg Stadium in Kensington – kick-off at 11am on Sunday 11 September.

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A great season for Waipu Senior Netball

The Waipu 1 netball team has won the A grade competition at the Rodney Netball Centre. The final was played against the Rebels of Wellsford, which Waipu won convincingly 44-20, finishing the season undefeated.

Waipu 2 finished 5th in the A grade and Waipu 3 made the B Grade final but went down 21 – 25 to Rodney.

Waipu club members to come away with individual awards from the Rodney Netball Centre prize giving are: Shannon Te Amo - "Netball Achievement Award", Cara Jackson - Club Coach or Manager of the Year" and Grace Oldfield - Most improved badged umpire.

With an eye to the future the club held a netball workshop during the July school holidays with 70 young players aged from 5 to 15 taking part.

Also during the holidays Waipu hosted its first club day with 12 teams competing from primary to premier grade. Waipu teams won five of the six games played.

Over 100 people attended a fundraising quiz night on raising over \$4,000 for the club.

The club sent a team to a two-day tournament in Rotorua last weekend and the season will round up with prizegiving at the Waipu Hotel at 5pm on 24 September.



Waipu 1 and Waipu 2 players after games in the rain at the Rodney Netball Centre To cap off a great season Waipu 1 player Janay Lidgard (back row third from left) has been selected to represent Northland in the Phoenix Basketball women's team, while Wairangi Thompson back row fourth from left, has made the Northland U18 netball squad.

Ken Couper for Mayor of Whangārei District

Ken Couper is a community man. He spends much of his time working with local community organisations, speaking with local people and helping those around him. As an engaged member of the community and an active Councillor a lot of Ken's time is spent hearing what the issues in our district are. Ken is hearing that Whangārei residents are worried about safety in their community and want Whangārei to be a safe and family friendly place. Probably the biggest issue Ken hears is that people want to see better value for the rates they pay. As the cost of living rapidly climbs nobody is finding it easy to stretch their budgets. As a business owner Ken also knows money is hard to make so big Council spends need to be considered carefully. Ken Couper has been hearing the community raise their issues loud and clear, and he has a plan to tackle them. He is asking for your vote for Mayor so he can lead Whangārei District Council to implement solutions to these issues.

"It will be my job as Mayor to bring the council together to focus our strategy on what is important for

ratepayers," Ken says.

"I would expect the new strategy to look at value for rates paid, safety in our community, the creation of jobs, affordable and healthy homes, supporting families and households and to show respect for our environment," Ken says.

"My first and top priority as a new Mayor would be to work with the councillors on our first annual plan. As a new Council we inherit the long-term plan, however as newly elected members the annual plan is our first opportunity to have a hand in shaping the strategy as the Council goes forward."

Ken believes that Whangārei deserves strong, fair leadership to guide the Council to work for the betterment of the District. This leadership comes in many forms, like bringing decision-makers together, being present, having knowledge, listening, guiding the Council staff, and working with central government in Wellington.

Ken believes that improving our District's infrastructure like the Port, Dry Dock, and roading and rail links will help deliver prosperity to our region.

"All these things require strong relationships with local businesses and industry and then a united, joint approach to central government," Ken says.

Developing this infrastructure will naturally bring more and better jobs to the area, but Ken believes the Council needs to be more enabling for business and become a leader in working with business to improve opportunities in our city.

As for roading infrastructure, Ken knows Whangārei deserves better. "We need to work with the Northern Transport Alliance, and hold Waka Kotahi to account. We will not tolerate substandard roads, and we need to keep a loud presence in Wellington until more funding is available for the North. We haven't had our fair



share in the past, so we need to strive for it now," Ken says.

With his farming background, Ken knows there are concerns about the future of our environment.

"We need to make sure our own backyard is clean, then work with agencies to address identified problems. I want to create a Mayoral Task force to focus on environmental issues, as happens in other cities," Ken says.

Ken has lived in our District and heard what people are concerned about. He has learned through time in the community and on Council and knows he can help address those concerns. Ken says, "I am asking for your vote for Mayor so I can lead a Council to carry out those plans."





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Pukapuka Party number seven

Bream Bay's seventh Pukapuka Party will be held on Saturday 17 September from 10.30am to 1.30pm for the second time in the courtyard under the canopy at Bream Bay College.

Organiser, Wendy Rowsell said the day would follow the format of previous years with free educational activities for children who get stamps on a "passport" for every activity completed. Once they have collected five stamps in the case of the smaller children and eight for the older ones they can go to 'passport control' to be given a prize package with books and other learning resources and a ticket to collect a sausage and drink.

Activity stalls are set up by schools, early learning centres and other community organisations. The Marsden Lions are the driving force behind the event with support from the Waipu Lions.

A feature of the day is an interschool quiz with teams from Waipu, Ruakākā and One Tree Point Primary Schools taking part.

An innovation last year was a *Tech for Teens* competition aimed at students in Year 9 or above. Participants are invited to answer a set of 12 questions on subjects from teenage literature with a prize draw for the winning entries.

Wendy said that children who participated in some of the first Pukapuka Parties are now teenagers and it is important to keep them engaged in reading and learning.

The joy of living in a small space

The joys of living the simple life in a small space will be the subject of a talk at the Bream Bay Community Trust on Friday 16 September at 10.30am to 12 noon.

A local man who has lived in a bus for over 20 years said he wanted to try to dispel the stigma attached to this style of living.

He maintains there are some advantages to "having nothing" "You don't have to insure it, look after it, loan it to anybody or have it stolen."

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- **RUAKAKA RACES** Next on Saturday 10 September Harcourts Hospice fundraiser. Racing starts at 12 noon.
- **THE WAIPU SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 11 September. 9am - 1pm in the Coronation Hall.
- **THE WAIPU HIGHLAND PIPE BAND** will give a performance of Scottish music with some special guests in the Celtic Barn foyer on Sunday 11th September from 4pm until around 5.30pm. Tickets will be sold at the door and seats are limited.
- **PUKAPUKA PARTY** Saturday 17 September 10.30am - 1.30pm. under the canopy at Bream Bay College. Free fun activities for children aged 0 - 16 years
- **OTP MARKET.** At OTP Primary School. Next on Sunday September 18, from 9am - 1pm. Call Sue 021 530 153 to book a stall. Profits donated to Whangārei Hospital children's ward
- **PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET** Locally produced arts, crafts and food. On 25 September from 12 noon to 4pm, then ongoing on the 4th Sunday of every month. In the Paparoa Memorial Hall.
- **MUSIC CLUB** at the Ruakākā Recreation Centre. Next on Monday 3 October
- **ART 'N TARTAN** tickets are now on sale. The contest will take place in the Celtic Barn on Friday 14th October at 7.30pm, Saturday 15th October at 2pm, and the Gala Awards night at 7.30pm. Tickets are online from www.trybooking.com and through the Waipu Museum, 36 The Centre, Waipu
- **THE KAURI MUSEUM, 60TH BIRTHDAY OPEN DAY.** A free family festival will be held at the Kauri Museum on Saturday October 15 from 10am-5pm. The Kauri Heritage Festival will celebrate 60 years since the Museum's opening, and is a celebration of kauri, settlers, forests, the harbour and the Kaipara Community. More information to come. The Kauri Museum is open 9am-5pm every day except Christmas Day. 5 Church St., Matakōhe.
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Waipu Tennis Club summer season begins next week

By Paul Ramsay

The summer tennis season starts in Waipu at 6pm on Tuesday evening with three come and try nights on 13, 20 and 27 September. If you are keen to play, make sure you come along and let the match committee know you are keen to commit to regular Tuesday play. We cater for all levels in our club competition and you don't have to be an expert!

After these three nights players will be put in graded teams up until Christmas for our pre-Christmas competition. This competition will start about October 4. Ladies night will start at 6pm on a Wednesday night around the same time. (October 5) Take advantage of a decision made at the recent AGM to lower subscriptions by \$20 per person and join up for exercise and social contact. This decision was made to help people who may be finding things tough in the current economic climate and perhaps allow them to continue their sport.

After 20 years as President Paul Ramsay stepped down and James Donaldson will take over. Otherwise little has changed on the club committee.

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9.35am	Lings Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads	
9.40am	Waipu Cove Beach Car park	
9.50am	Waipu Monument Bus stop	
10.10am	Ruakāka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)	
10.50am	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus	
AFTERNOON		
3.00pm	Whangārei Rose Street Bus Terminus	
3.40pm	Ruakāka Peter Snell Road (opposite Takutai Place)	
4.00pm	Waipu Monument Bus stop	
4.10pm	Waipu Cove Beach Car park	
4.15pm	Lings Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads	
4.30pm	Mangawhai Heads I-Site	
4.35pm	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)	
4.50pm	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall	

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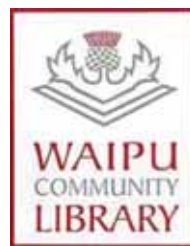
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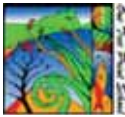


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Out of Zone Enrolments 2023

The Board of Trustees invites applications from parents/caregivers of out of zone pupils who wish to enrol their child(ren) at One Tree Point for 2023. The school's enrolment scheme details are available from the school's office along with application forms.

The Board has determined that there are:

- 10 spaces for priority 6 - All students in years 4, 5 and 6**
- 5 spaces for priority 2 - Siblings of enrolled students**

All priorities as follows:

- Priority 2: siblings of current students at the school;
- Priority 3: siblings of former students at the school;
- Priority 4: children of former students;
- Priority 5: either a child of an employee or a child of a member of the board of the school;
- Priority 6: all other students:

The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday 28th September 2022.

If the number of out of zone applications is more than the number of places available students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Wednesday 19th October 2022.

For application forms and enquiries please contact the school office:
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The school's enrolment scheme details are available from the school's office along with application forms.

The Board has determined the following places are available for out of zone students for 2023:

- Priority 2 - siblings of current students; 3 - siblings of former students;**
- 4 - child of a former student; 5 - children of board employees or a child of a board member; 6 - all other students. (a total of 20 places)**

The deadline for receipt of applications is Wednesday 28, October 2022.

If the number of out of zone applications is more than the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Wednesday 19th October, 2022. Parents will be informed of the results of the ballot within three days of the ballot being held.

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AGM**

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