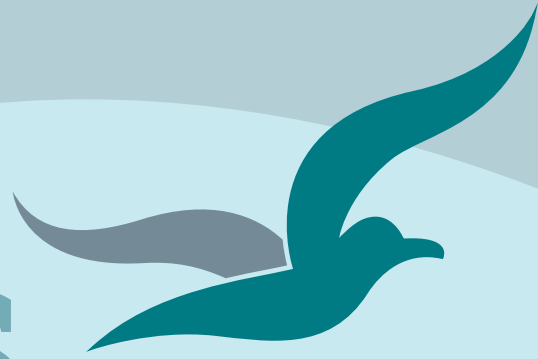


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Turning the sod for the new Ruakākā Recreation Centre building

Torrents of rain and strong gusts of wind battered the small group of people attending a sod turning ceremony for the new Ruakaka Recreation Centre on Friday morning 27 January 2023.

Is this a good omen?

Phil Paikea and Ari Carrington gave their blessings to the project saying that the new facility would be something many people would benefit from.

Andreas Thirling, Chairman of the Ruakaka Recreation Committee, acknowledged that the build had taken some time to get underway but said now that it had finally begun he was sure any shortfall in funding would be overcome. In July 2020 the project was allocated \$2.5 million in the Shovel Ready Covid 19 recovery fund. The Whangārei District Council allocated a further \$1 million in its 2021 -2023 long Term Plan to build a parking area alongside the new facility

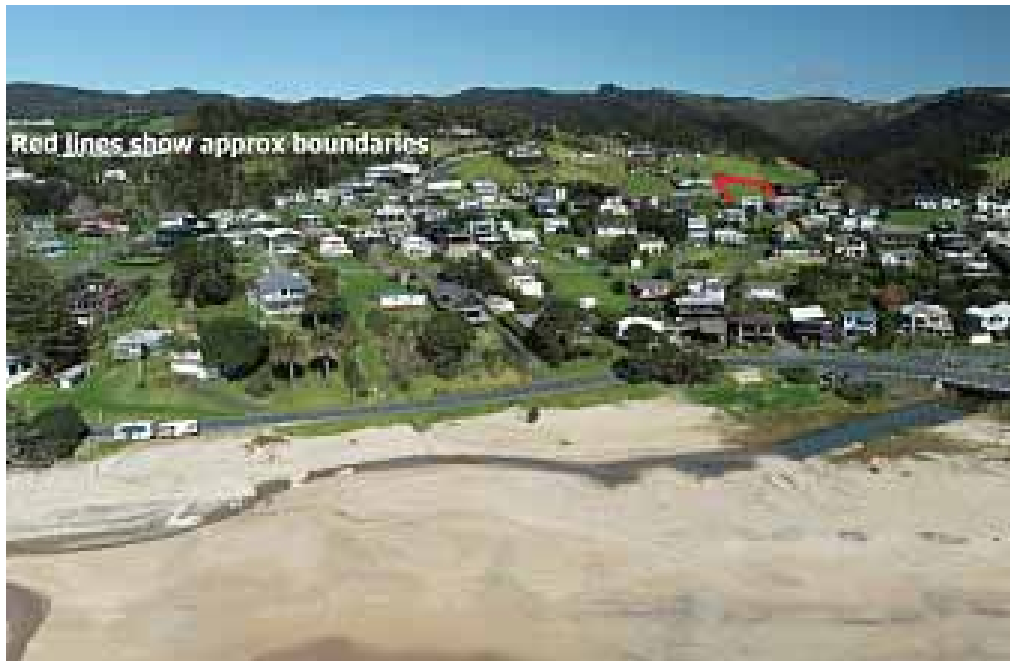
Sarah Simperingham thanked the Recreation Centre committee members for all the mahi they had put in to get to this stage.

"I have 100 children and this is going to be something that will benefit them all."

Site foreman Johnny Wright of the company Earthworks attended the event and said he was pleased to be involved in such a great project.



At work with the spades are from left: Winston Woods - a member of the Ruakaka Recreation Centre Committee, Christine Thirling - the recreation centres Manager and representing the upcoming generation: Layton Carrington and Kani Epiha. Watching on are kaumatua Ari Carrington and Phil Paikea and, to the left in the fluoro jacket, is Johny Wright who is the project's site foreman for Earthworks Ltd.



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EDITORIAL

Something for everyone in the Bream Bay Sports Trust Have a Go festival

What a wonderful array of sports groups we have in our community! There must surely be something here for everyone and no excuse for anyone to be sitting at home feeling bored and lonely. What’s more, thanks to grants from the Alex McLean Trust and local business Laser Electrical - it’s all free!

I discussed the festival with Bream Bay College Principal Wayne Buckland and he commented that students who are involved in sport tend to do better at school. I hope parents take on this advice and encourage their children to try some of the activities on offer.

. A young person who doesn’t like contact sport or the physicality of netball or football might really enjoy playing bowls or croquet, so don’t limit yourself. Young people with their keen eyesight and quick reactions sometimes do exceptionally well in sports that are traditionally played by older people, and the retired folk who make up the membership of these clubs are usually very supportive of any young recruits.

There is plenty here for older people too: bowls (indoor and outdoor) in Waipu Ruakākā and One Tree Point, Pickle Ball (indoor and outdoor), croquet, short tennis, trampolining, walking, golf the list goes on.

It takes an army of volunteers to keep all these clubs functioning well and I am sure many would welcome some help with the organizational side of things. Even if your days as player of the day on the rugby league field or the netball court are over, you may still enjoy being involved in the game in another role.

Above all I hope people have fun with this festival. The constant rain, failing maize crops, road slips, the rising cost of living have combined to put a damper on our spirits. But look at the wonderful resources we have in all these sports clubs and how much volunteer work is being done by the community spirited people who run them. Trying something new, maybe finding you have a latent talent, diving into something you have been a bit nervous about, improving your physical and mental fitness, making some great new friends can really lift your spirits.

Marilyn

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Uretiti campground under water



The frog life is phenominal


“We need to change our name to the Uretiti Lakes,” Uretiti Camp Manager Steve Farrow joked. “How about Uretiti Water World?” replied a couple booking in for an extra night as they did not want to travel south as planned due to the stormy weather and all the damage on the highway. Big lakes have formed in the Uretiti campground and the land available for setting up tents or parking campervans and caravans has been greatly reduced. Despite the best efforts of camp managers Steve Farrow and Adrien Chevrier, the lakes and flooded roads remain. They have purchased pumps and brought in multiple truckloads of metal from the Mountfield Quarry in an attempt to keep the roads through the camp open. But the water just keeps rising. “We are right at the bottom of the line here. We get all the rain washing off the road and from the farmland behind,” said Steve. Even after a week of dry sunny weather the ponds have kept filling. He described how when he drove a spade down into some spongy ground a waterspout came up a metre into the air. There was that much pressure in the water

table below. Its the prime camping locations closest to the beach which are the worst affected, “The frog life is phenomenal. At night the noise of their croaking is deafening,” said Steve. There are also ducks, herons and black swans. At least there are no mosquitoes. All the tadpoles keep these under control. He wonders if this weather pattern in here to stay. The camp was looking so good but trees and shrubs are turning yellow with their roots sitting in water. The volunteer group of regular campers, which has done extensive planting in the camp is considering a change of tack – planting wetland species in place of dry land shrubs. Over Christmas and New Year they reduced the camps capacity from 1000 to 750 individuals and set up new rules where vehicles had to be left in a designated area so there was more space on dry land for tents. To save space campervans and caravans had to be parked parallel to one another. Steve has had to tow many vehicles out of the boggy ground.

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New date for Waipu Car and Bike Show


The Waipu Car and Bike Show planned for Waitangi Weekend had to be postponed after the heavy rain of the previous weekend made the ground in the Caledonian Park too wet to be able to withstand the 600 plus motor vehicles expected to turn up to the event. The show will now be held on Saturday 25 February. The Rods and Rockers concert at Tahamoana Farm following the show from 3pm to has also been p=moved to Saturday 25 February





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Cones, cones and more cones

The situation regarding cones on roadworks and infrastructure has now surpassed being a joke and become a substantial impairment on the percentage of allocated funds spent on maintenance and upgrading.

Who decides how many cones get put out on a project? At \$2 per cone per day someone is reaping huge magins. I counted on one project over 250 cones, \$500 per day. I understand approximately 32% of the roading budget is now spent on health and safety. Whilst we want to protect workers and ensure their safety I think the number of cones could be reduced by 70% and still be very effective. The huge number of cones in some places actually create a hazard at night as the reflection can create confusion.

Graham Boulton
Waipu

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Nominations open for Ruakākā Citizen of the Year award

Nomination forms are available at the Ruakākā Library for this year’s Ruakākā Citizen of the Year awards . Nominations close on the 14t February and the announcement of the winners and presentation will be held on the 17 March at the Two Birds Café in the Ruakākā Towncentre at 2pm.

This year the library committee has decided to have two categories to encourage more nominations.

These are: the Ruakaka Citizen of the Year and a Community Volunteer Award.

Sharon Booth of the Ruakaka Commuity Library Committee said, “We realize that as a very quickly growing community we needed to cover a wider range of wonderful citizens.”

She said this will be the 10th year of this award, something the committee “is very proud of.”

“We are also very fortunate in having a wonderful group of local business sponsors, most who have been supporting us for the past ten years.”

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Uretiti campground under water *Continued from page 2.*

Last week a campervan and a caravan remained land locked unable to drive through the water that surrounded them.

Then on top of all this, Anniversary Weekend saw another 250mm of water arrive, 170mm of this on Friday alone. With State Highway One over the Brynderwyns blocked many people cancelled their bookings. In Anniversary Weekend of 2022, 760 people stayed at the camp. On Monday 30 January there were just 40 campers on site. With 600 people booked in for Waitangi Weekend Steve was wondering if they would be able to cope.

The camp has lost many

tens of thousands of dollars in revenue and despite this big drop in income it still has expenses.



Uretiti Camp Manager Steve Farrow standing in front of one of the many new lakes to have formed in the camp. Many truck loads of metal have been brought in to try to keep the camp roads open

"Everyone misses out. The campers miss out, the camp misses out and local business also lose trade."

When the campers don't come local business suffers

Anton Trist, manager of Camp Waipu Cove, was hoping for more settled weather over Waitangi Weekend.

The camp at capacity can cater for 900 people and had been booked out since Christmas but last week after all the rain, flooding and road closures there were just 50 people staying there.

Anton said all local business suffers, including restaurants, shops and service when the campers don't turn up.

The seven-day Civil Defence emergency declaration had led to many cancellations however, since this had been called off bookings were coming in once again.

Camp Waipu Cove has 16 cabins and these have been fully booked throughout.

The cabins give the camp a year round income as while people are not usually keen on sleeping in tents over the winter months many still want a break away from home at the beach.

While most campers headed home when weather

warnings came through on Friday 27 January one brave man stayed through the night in his tent and appeared "not too worse for wear" in the morning. Staff at the Ruakākā Beach Holiday Park were also taking bookings in advance of Waitangi Weekend. Manager Anne-Marie Abel said the camp's 350 sites were two thirds booked by last Friday 3 February. A family with two adults and two or three children had braved the torrential rain of Friday night 27 January in "a really good tent."

They commented the next morning that they had enjoyed the experience and were glad to be here in Ruakākā, rather than in the Auckland floods.

Both Anton and Anne-Marie didn't think the closure of State Highway One over the Brynderwyns would be a deterrent for Waitangi Weekend campers as many people preferred to come via the scenic route anyway.

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Police Report

Fatal two car collison on One Tree Point Road Drink drivers

A 25-year-old local man was killed and a 42-year-old woman, also a local, was injured and taken to Whangārei Hospital by ambulance in a two car collision on One Tree Point Rd., near the Marsden City subdivision, on Thursday 26 January at around 5.45pm. Police are investigating but it appears one of the vehicles crossed the centre line.

Man’s body recovered from the Waipu River.

Police responded to a report of a distressed person in the Waipu River near the Boat Club at around 10am on Monday 23 January. The Waipu Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Northland Rescue Helicopter also attended. The body of a 69 year - old man was recovered from the river. The death has been referred to the coroner.

Taxi taken in aggravated robbery found in Ruakākā

A taxi stolen from Onerahi on Wednesday 1 February was recovered in Ruakākā and two local youths aged 15 and 17 have been identified by Police and are being dealt with. The taxi driver was threatened and forced out of his vehicle by the two young men, one of them brandishing a screwdriver. The taxi has been returned to its owner and the two young men face charges of making a threat with a weapon and unlawfully taking a motor vehicle.

Series of crashes on Waipu Cove Rd.

With the closure of State Highway One over the Brynderwyns and the diversion via Mangawhai and Waipu Cove there has been a series of minor crashes with vehicles running off the road and in some cases flipping over on Waipu Cove Rd. By Friday 3 February at 9.30am the tally was five crashes but no serious injuries.

More than three times over the limit

On 20 January at 2.30pm Police stopped a vehicle on State Highway One near Mata after reports of poor driving by other motorists. The driver a 30-year-old Waipu man returned a breath alcohol reading of 940 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath and will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court on drink driving charges. The legal limit for drivers over the age of 20 is 250 micrograms.

Found driving with alcohol in breath on zero licence

On Tuesday February 2, a vehicle was stopped by Police on Marsden Point Rd. The driver, a 42-year-old Waipu man was on a zero alcohol license following earlier drink driving convictions. He returned a breath alcohol reading of 150 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath and will be appearing in court on a drink driving charge.

Drink driving infringement notices issued

- On 22 January at 6pm a vehicle was stopped by Police at Mata. The driver was breath tested and returned a reading of exactly 400 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. He was issued with an infringement notice and forbidden to drive in the next 12 hours. Police practice is to issue infringement notices to drivers returning breath test readings up to and including 400 micrograms of alcohol and to bring drink driving charges against those whose levels exceed this amount.
- On 22 January at 6.30pm a vehicle was stopped by Police on Plover St. in One Tree Point. The driver returned a reading of 354 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath and was issued with an infringement notice and forbidden to driver for 12 hours.

Kayak taken from campground

On 24 January a large red fishing kayak with a seat and pedals was stolen from the beach front of the Ruakaka Beach Holiday Park.

Inflatable fishing boat stolen



This three-metre long inflatable fishing boat along with its trailer was stolen from the Finch St., Marsden Bay area some time between 26 to 28 January.

Nine family harm incidents

Bream Bay Police dealt with nine family harm incidents in the fortnight 20 January to 3 February

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Achmed Abman, founder of Circool Circus, is leaving Waipu

Achmed Abman, the founder of Waipu's Circool Circus is leaving.

Achmed and his wife Hanne are moving to Auckland to be nearer their two daughters and grandson and so that Hanne, who suffered a stroke some years ago, can get more support.

Achmed explained it like this – "It's a family decision. When you come from another country as we did you don't have a large family here. You don't have uncles, and aunts and cousins so you want to stay close to the family you do have."

Achmed and Hanne are both from Germany.

The family moved to Waipu in 2004 after Achmed had spent two years finishing work on a partly built house they purchased high on a hill in McAdam Rd., in rural Waipu.

Achmed began teaching local children circus skills fifteen years ago with regular Friday after school classes in the Waipu Coronation Hall. The young circus performers travelled with Achmed to circus carnivals, gave performances at local fairs, added a circus twist to Art'n Tartan shows and each year came up with a spectacular float entry for the Waipu Christmas Parade.

Achmed is hopeful some way of keeping Circool Circus alive will be found. He is leaving in Waipu a collection of circus equipment and a bank account with funds raised by the group.

"The ship is afloat but the skipper (me) has left so the boat is drifting around", said Achmed.

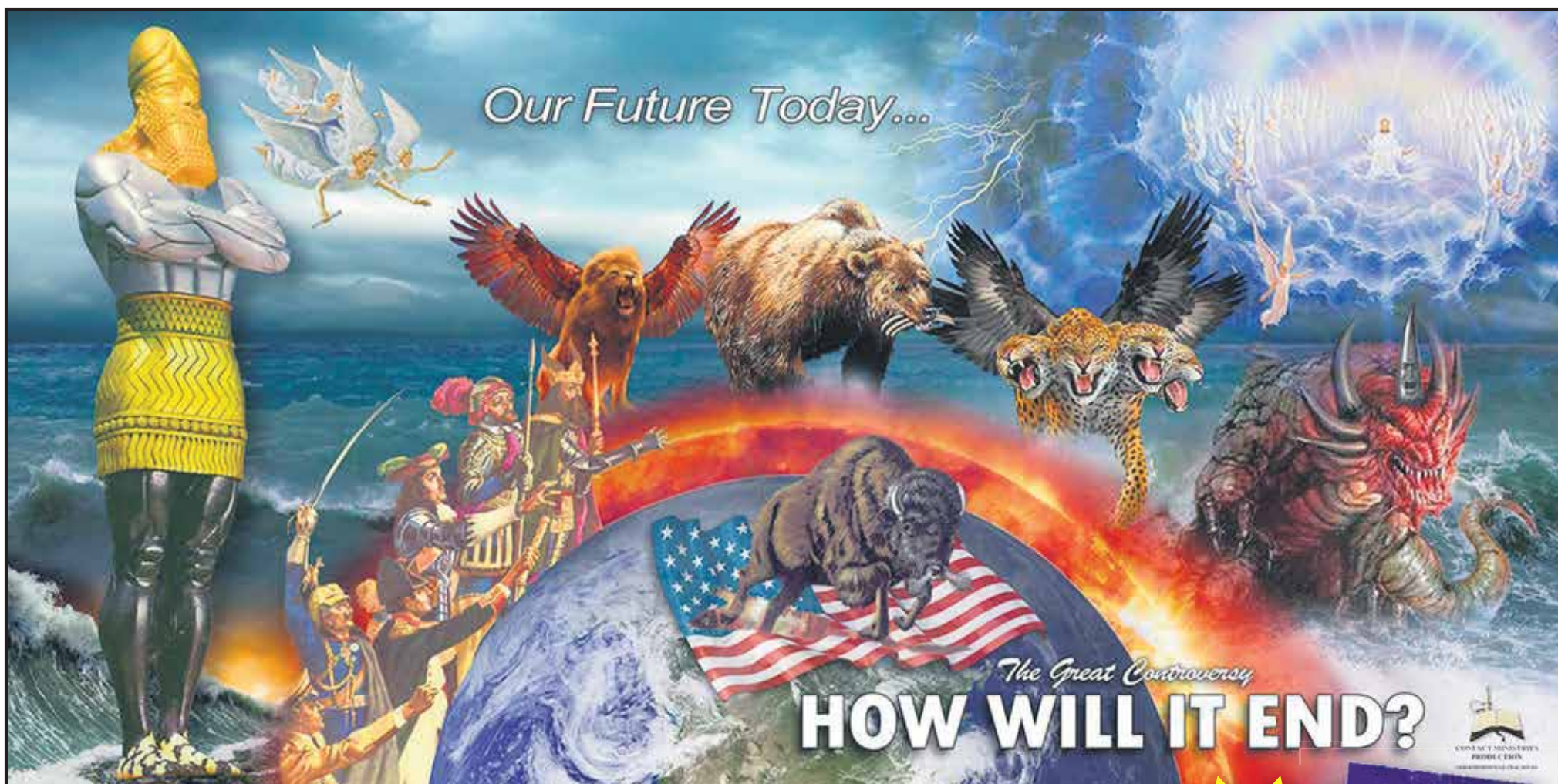
Circool Circus belongs to the New Zealand National Circus Association and Achmed is hopeful that with support from this organization as well as Dargaville's Circus Kumarani and Auckland's Circability a suitable solution will be found.

Achmed and Hanne want to say thank you to the Waipu community for the acceptance, friendship and the support they have received.

Achmed said, "Waipu has a very vibrant artistic but still relaxed kiwi lifestyle. We truly have good memories. Those few issues where options collided are forgotten as we look forward and let go."



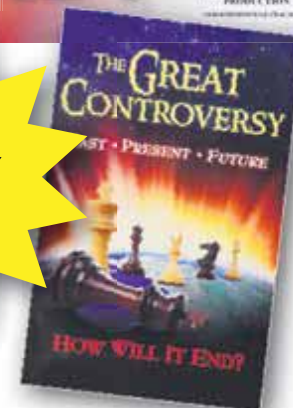
Achmed with his five-year-old grandson Bowden Wright



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Helmsdale and Millbrook Roads not fit for heavy vehicle traffic



A section at the top of Helmsdale Rd where the road has slipped away to leave just a single lane

With State Highway One over the Brynderwyns blocked by slips some truck drivers drove down Millbrook and Helmsdale Roads to get back onto the highway rather than follow the Oakleigh/Paparoa Rd all the way to Oakleigh.

This was a big concern to the roads’ residents who say their roads are in no state to cope with so much heavy traffic. Jossie Turner, who lives on Grant Rd. off Millbrook Rd., said there are places where banks had slipped or are threatening to slip leaving clay and rubble partly blocking the road and sections where the road has fallen away reducing it to a single lane.

Josie said she hoped this situation would demonstrate to the Whangārei District Council that the sealing of Helmsdale Road needed to be higher up on its priorities list.

Tree blocks South Road Photo by Philip Eustace



This large tree became uprooted from the rain soaked ground and toppled over, falling across South Rd overnight on 1/2 February, blocking traffic until it was chainsawed into pieces and removed by Whangārei District Council contractors.

Neither WDC or NRC able to remove dead cow

The bloated body of a dead cow washed up on the bank of the Waipu River near the cemetery last week.

Dave and Maggie Wistrand discovered it there on Thursday 2 February, while out walking their dogs.

It smelt terrible and they phoned first the Whangārei District Council, which was unable to help and then the Northland Regional Council. The NRC sent a woman out to inspect the dead animal but she informed the Wistrands that the NRC couldn’t do anything either. Next Dave phoned our NRC representative Rick Stolwerk who made some phone calls, including one to the NRC’s CEO Jonathan Gibbard but still no action.

At this point a group of locals took the matter into their own hands and used a jetski to tow the dead animal out beyond the river mouth.

It has since washed up on the beach north of Waipu Cove.

Stormwater drain a safety hazard



A big open culvert behind a row of houses in Watch Lane, Waipu was full and overflowing after the heavy rain that fell on Friday.

After hearing about the drownings in flooded culverts in the Auckland floods Carole Calvert, who owns two properties backing onto the culvert, was concerned a similar tragedy could happen here.

Storm water from surrounding sections in Glenn Wallace Rd. drain into the culvert, which Carole said she tries to keep clear of leaves and other debris. Carole is hopeful that with the increased development of residential housing in the Ferry Rd. area the storm water system there will be upgraded.

Waipu water main replacement

Some major water main replacement work is underway in Waipu.

The project involves the replacement of water main pipes in Braemar Lane, Shoemaker Road, Ferry road and the Braigh. The Braemar Lane section has been completed and the Shoemaker Rd /Ferry Rd section is well underway.

In total, a kilometre of pipe will be replaced.

The old water main was between 50-60 years old and mostly made of asbestos cement with some smaller diameter alkathene as well. The new pipe is made of



polyethelene. It is the same size as the existing lines or slightly larger. The size varies depending on each site but the replacement pipe is a mixture of 50mm, 100mm and 150mm

Whangārei District Council's Water Distribution Technician Tim Gibbs said the new water main

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Waipu Anniversary Weekend Market escaped the rain



Shoppers at the Waipu Anniversary Weekend Market

The Waipu Anniversary Weekend Market is one local event that managed to go ahead on a relatively fine day.

With 170 stalls booked for the Caledonian Park, the Celtic Barn and the main street of Waipu it was a great relief to the Promote Waipu organisers when a fine day dawned on Sunday 29 January.



Promote Waipu members Juanita McGoldrick and Graham Boulton were relieved the market was able to go ahead as planned.

Signed Black Ferns shirt for auction at Sports Awards



These two shirts will be up for auction at the Bream Bay Sports Awards due to be held on Friday evening 31 March

The Bream Bay Sports Trust is pleased to have been donated a shirt signed by all the members of the Black Ferns World Cup winning team as well as an official New Zealand Team shirt from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Nominations are being sought for the awards and can be made on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website. There are 11 different categories covering sports administrators, referees and coaches as well as our sporting stars. Nominations need to be in by February 28 2023.

This year's guest speaker is Laura Andrews who grew up in Waipu, who has just returned from an expedition to the South Pole with the Antarctic Heritage Trust. Tickets to the awards evening can be purchased on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website.

Waipu Tennis Club update

By Paul Ramsay

Tennis is once again in full swing at the courts. All players will be looking forward to some more settled weather after a somewhat disjointed season prior to Christmas. Practice nights have been well attended to date.

Tuesday night is the time for everyone to enjoy a bit of social tennis. Teams of 4 will be made up every Tuesday night and they will compete with each other. You will be placed in a team according to your ability.

Wednesday and Thursday night is more competitive with self selected teams taking part in an extended A and B Grade Sawmill Competition. Winners of the B Grade stand to win \$400 of Sawmill vouchers while the A grade winner could pocket \$500 of Sawmill vouchers.

Junior and Intermediate Tennis starts on Tuesday February 7. Professional coaching is available on Tuesdays so make sure you get in a group to take advantage of this.

Waipu Tennis acknowledge the passing of former member Bob Peni on 16 January. Bob was the men's club champ for six years from 1991 to 1996. He also won 14 titles in Aotearoa Maori Tennis in various events over the years. Our thoughts go out to Lynda and whanau.

The Waipu One Set Wonder doubles tournament is on 18 February and it is open to anyone. Around \$1000 worth of prizes are available for winning combinations in Women's A and B and Men's A and B competitions.

Club Champs are coming up in March so if you want to compete with our stronger players get your entry in early.

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Evan Heasman, creator of whimsical worlds

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Evan Heasman with some of his work

Evan Heasman is a painter and illustrator who creates whimsical worlds through his art. His passion for creativity has fuelled his success, which has enabled him to become a professional full-time artist. He has illustrated two children’s book and is currently working on a third.

His imagery has a fairytale like quality which appeals to all ages. Many writers are drawn to his work due to his style and surreal landscapes.

Evan was raised in Whangārei, like many creatives his experiences growing up have influenced his work. As a teenager Evan used to work at the Kiwi house attending to general cleaning duties and feeding the moreporks. Working in such a unusual, nocturnal environment must have left an impression as Evan’s painted characters are always in an evening setting. His dreamlike landscapes host fantastical plants and animals that seem to glimmer under the moonlight. Evan takes inspiration from mythical creatures and classic fairy tales in particular the Brothers Grimm. His passion for nature is also demonstrated in his work. “I’m big fan of our native birds, plants, and sea-life.” Evan states. He is also interested in and inspired by animations old and new.

“I really enjoy Studio Ghibli films, Hedgehog in the fog and shadow puppets.”

In 2012 Evan became involved with Hitrecord, an

international production company with teams of people working collaboratively to create animations for short films and music videos. Evan was asked to create imagery where all of his characters were compartmentalised into separate pieces. By isolating every part of a body the animator could piece it back together to create a workable, moving character. This experience helped shape Evan’s style.

“Now I do everything like that, all my pieces are hand painted then photographed. From there I create the finished printable version in photoshop.”

Evan’s biggest challenges are sticking to his vision without feeling compromised.

“In order for me to get my best results I have to stop trying to please an audience and create something which I’m happy with. Otherwise I overthink and don’t fully enjoy the process and I feel it shows in the finished work.”

Another challenge was learning to say “No”.

“It’s a hard but very necessary skill to learn as an artist.”

His future goals are to gain the skills to create his own animations.

As well as illustrating childrens books Evan exhibits his prints at the Red Door Gallery on the Braigh in Waipu. For more information visit @soju_shots on Instagram

Have a Go Sports Festival for people of all ages

“The diversity of sport available in Bream Bay is amazing”

“Bored with your life, want to add some challenges. Have a Go sports festival is your chance to make a change”

Judy Boulton, Chairwoman of the Bream Bay Sports Trust, puts the above challenge out to everyone in the Bream Bay community

Judy said, “The Bream Bay Sports Trust committee is delighted that so many clubs are opening their doors to show you their chosen sport. The diversity of sports available in Bream Bay is amazing. We firmly believe the social interaction and fitness that sport can accomplish overcomes a number of problems that arise in all age groups. So come along to any of the events on the calendar, we will have a committee member there if you feel like a chat.

“We want to extend our gratitude to our sponsors and supporters for helping us make this festival a reality.”

The Alex McLean Charitable Trust and Bream Bay Laser Electrical are the festival’s major sponsors enabling the BB Sports Trust to give a grant to help with Have a Go event running fees to each of the participating clubs.

Since the calendar was printed yet another local club has applied to take part. Takahiwai Netball will be holding its rally day on Sunday 19 February from 11am at the Bream Bay College courts. The club has teams from intermediate age (year 7 and 8), collegiate (Years 9-13) and a senior women’s team. It also has teams for boys up to year 10.

There is one mistake on the Have a Go Events calendar. The first Waipu Rugby

junior rally will be held on Thursday 23 February from 5.30pm at the Waipu Rugby Club in the Caledonian Park off the St Marys Rd entrance. The contact phone number for this event should be 021 0458 587. These details have been corrected in the first two weeks festival programme below but the mistake was realized too late to correct on the printed calendar.

The festival begins on Saturday 11 February and runs to Sunday 12 March. With the addition of the Takahiwai Netball rally day there are 26 opportunities to try something new. It’s a festival for everyone in Bream Bay with events for all ages and levels of fitness and all events are free.

Bream Bay United Football kicks off with activities for children aged five to 10 years at the Ruakaka Sports Fields alongside Takutai Place.

The Waipu Cove Surf Lifesaving Club is next up with Junior Surf activities for children aged 3-13 from 10 am to 11.30am and then Surf Patrol training for those aged 14 plus to adults from 12pm – 1pm on Sunday 12 February. The Parafed trailer will be present at this event to make sure everyone who wants to can join in.

On Tuesday 14 February things get really busy with gymnastics, beach walking, tennis and indoor bowls to choose from. It just gets busier and busier with too many events coming up to list here so pin the calendar which will arrive in your letterbox with this edition of the Bream Bay News to your notice board and mark off the events you are interested in.



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WED	EVERY TUES	THU	THU	THU
Takahiwai League 15 All ages welcome to come along and try their game 6:00pm - 7:30pm McEwan Rd, Ruakākā	Waipu Tennis Social teams of 4 made up on the night. 5:50pm. 6pm start Caledonian Park. 9 St Mary's Rd entrance	Ruakaka Community Gym 16 An experienced gym instructor will be on hand. Come and try our equipment out. 3:00pm - 5:30pm Ruakākā Rec Centre, Takutai Place	Short Tennis 16/23 Wear non-slip shoes. Rackets supplied. 9.15am - 11.45am Anglican Church Hall Tamingi St, Ruakākā ☎ Audrey 432 0006	Pickle Ball 16/23 Have a go at one of the fastest growing sports! 7:00pm - 8.30pm Waipu Celtic Barn
SUN	WED	EVERY WED	THU	SUN
Bream Bay Hockey Club 19 Ages 6+ 10:00am - 12:00pm Wear your sneakers and give Hockey a go. Bream Bay College Hockey Turf.	Waipu Netball 22 Kids 5+ 5:00pm - 6:00pm Adults 6:00pm - 7:30pm Waipu Celtic Barn	Badminton Spare rackets available. Wear soft sole shoes 9:30am start Anglican Church Hall Tamingi St, Ruakākā ☎ Rhonda 021 167 2971	Waipu Rugby Junior Rally 23 Ages 5 - 16 years from 5:30pm Waipu Rugby Squash Club, 9 St Marys Road. ☎ Kara 021 0458 587	Waipu Golf Club 26 9.30am - 1:00pm A coach will be on hand at the putting green and driving range to give you tips

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Robert Patrick Peni 15 May 1945 – 16 January 2023

Tributes from former colleagues and fellow sports club members are flowing in for Bob Peni, a teacher, school principal, sportsman and dedicated family man who died on 16 January after a long illness.

Judith Boyd, who as school administrator worked closely with Bob when he was Principal of Ruakākā Primary School, recalls what a gentleman Bob was.

"He was always very appreciative and called me his 'guardian angel.' You can do things for people and they hardly seem to notice but Bob always did." Judith has kept some of the kind notes Bob wrote for her as mementos in her "box of treasures."

She said a line Bob wrote in the foreword to the Ruakaka School reunion book "sums him up for me." The line was, "Iha koa he iti he pounamu" - The little things we do make a difference.

Paul Ramsay, former Principal of Waipu Primary and fellow tennis player said, "Bob was Principal of Ruakākā Primary School when I came to Waipu in 1999. He was very welcoming and having a common interest in tennis we got along well. Most Friday nights we headed to Thomas Neale tennis courts to play Interclub. Even in his 50s Bob rarely lost a match and I certainly never beat him in our "hit ups". "Bream Bay principals were a tight professional group. Bob, myself and Adrian Smith (former OTP Principal) were the instigators of the Bream Bay Gifted and Talented Group. This was known as "The Great White Sharks" and run by Michelle Parsons-Sim. Even when he retired Bob remained the social coordinator of the principal's group and always turned up with a rose for the ladies when the occasion came up.

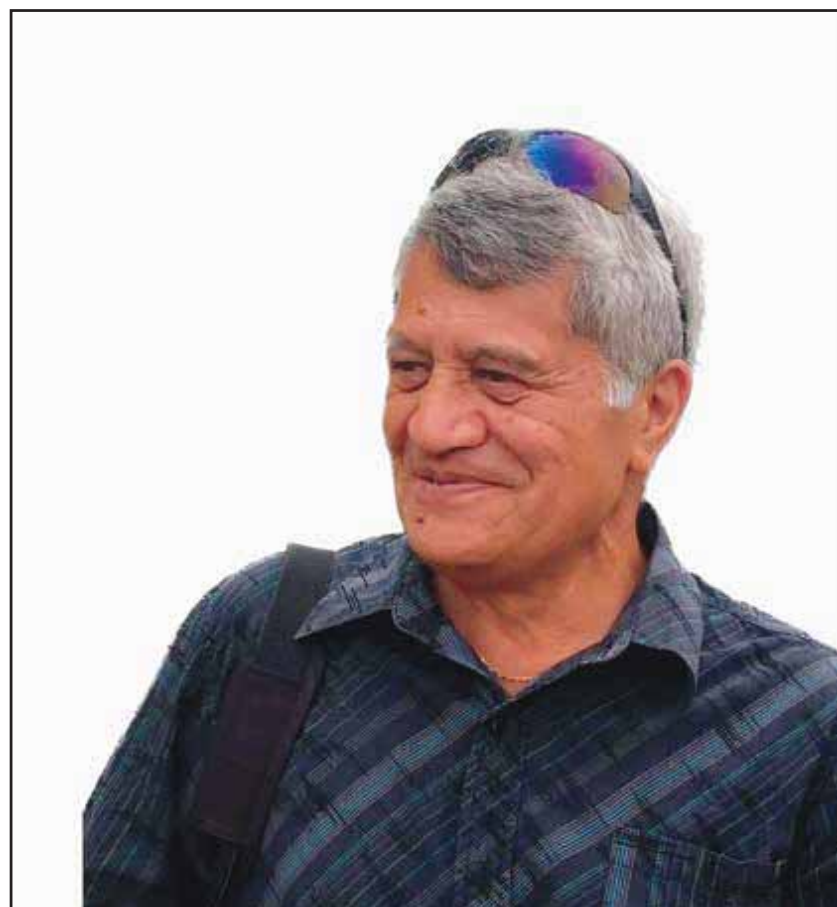
"Even after suffering a stroke five years ago Bob maintained his positive outlook and sense of humour. More mai ra e Te Rangitira"

Bob was born in Shannon on 15 May 1945, the second son of Archie and Tiriwa Peni. It was a big family with Bob one of 10 children. He attended Shannon Primary School and Te Aute College in Hastings but finished his secondary schooling at Taumarunui High when his parents moved to farm on family land there.

Bob, along with his siblings, excelled at sport. As a teenager he played rugby, tennis and cricket. Having completed his high school education he went on to Ardmore Teachers College where he continued to enjoy a wide range of sports.

Bob met his wife Lynda in Tokoroa when they were both teaching at the same school then followed her North to start their married life in Waipu in 1971.

After several years teaching in small country schools



Bob Peni

in Hawkes Bay, Lynda and Bob returned north to settle at One Tree Point where they brought up their children Matt and Kara.

Bob was Principal of Portland and Maungatapere Schools before becoming Principal of Ruakākā Primary from where he retired in 2007. He continued to teach as a reliever, mostly at Ruakākā School where his grandchildren attended, and helped Lynda in her real estate business as well as spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

As a sportsman he was always highly competitive. He was the Waipu Tennis Club's men's champion for six years from 1991 to 1996. He won 14 titles in Aotearoa Maori Tennis and played in the New Zealand veterans' tennis team many times.

He was a keen squash player and played rugby for Waipu. He was a single figure golfer and a long time member of the Waipu Golf Club up until he suffered a severe stroke five years ago.

Bob never gave up his determination to stay fit and to walk again. He exercised in his wheelchair, attended weekly training sessions as well as a stroke aquatics class until the Covid 19 mandates took this opportunity away. He wrote in his diary every day, read and constantly watched Sky Sport.

Just before Christmas 2022 Bob was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He was determined to spend one last Christmas at home with his family around him and this was made possible with the help and support of Hospice and Health Vision carers.

A service for Bob was held at the Takahiwai Marae on Thursday 19 January followed by his internment at the Waipu Cemetery.

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WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

Check out our clubs and community group listings
on the Bream Bay News website

- **BREAM BAY SPORTS TRUST TRY SOMETHING NEW FESTIVAL**
From Saturday February 11 to Sunday March 12. Local clubs will be inviting people of all ages to come and try their sport. See page 11 for calendar of events up until 26 March
- **BOWIE BOWIE! TRIBUTE BAND.** At Tahamoana Farm on Saturday 11 February from 8pm to 11.30pm. Tickets from eventfinda or at the gate.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 12 February from 9am -1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward. Sunday 19 February from 9am-1pm. One Tree Point School field.
- **PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 19 February from 12 noon to 4pm, In the Paparoa Memorial Hall
- **THE WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW** Now on Saturday 25 February in the Waipu Caledonian Park. Gates open to the public at 10am. Closes at 2pm. \$10 entry. Kids under 12 Free. \$30 family pass. Sponsored by Northpine. This year's major beneficiary is the Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway.
- **RODS AND ROCKERS CONCERT** at Tahamoana Farm 25 February from 3pm to 11pm. After the Waipu Car and Bike Show. Tempest Fujit and Phil Madsen plus two new acts to be confirmed. Tickets on eventfinda or at the gate.
- **MUSIC CLUB AT THE RUAKAKA RECREATION CENTRE.** Next on Monday 6 March. 7pm - 10pm
- **CARLEEN STILL AND JODIE VAUGHAN** at the Waipu Citizens and Serviced Club. Saturday 18 March at 7pm, \$15 entry. Raffles, spot prizes. Fundraiser for the Wandering Angels Animal Sanctuary.
- **THE BREAM BAY SPORTS AWARDS.** Friday evening 31 March with guest speaker Laura Andrews fresh from her trek to the South Pole. Tickets available on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website.
- **THE KAURI MUSEUM,** The Kauri Museum is open 9am-5pm every day except Christmas Day. 5 Church St., Matakōhe.
- **WAIPU MUSEUM** 36, The Centre, Waipu. Open seven days 10am- 4pm .

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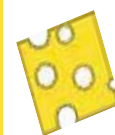
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9.00am	Departs	Kaiwaka Kaiwaka Hall
9.15am	Departs	Mangawhai Village Village Shops Bus Stop (by restrooms)
9.20am	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
9.35am	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
9.40am	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	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)
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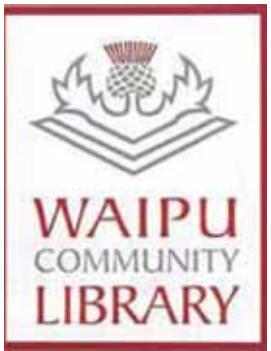
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