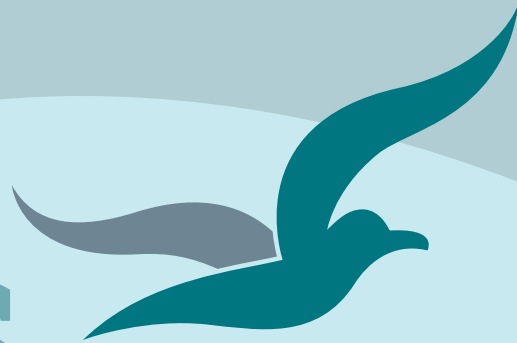


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Alternative highway route around the Brynderwyns a priority for business

The damaged and blocked roads are causing major problems for Paul Jensen, owner of Waipu's Fresha Valley milk-processing plant.

Each day at least four and sometimes as many as eight of his trucks travel to Auckland with milk for the city's supermarkets. The larger trucks need to travel via Dargaville while the smaller ones can go via Oakleigh/Paparoa.

Four trucks travelling via Dargaville to Auckland amounts to 600 extra kilometres each day. Truck drivers who were working 9 - 10 hour days now need to work 13 or 14 hours. There is extra stress for drivers taking tankers around the hazardous Oakleigh/Paparoa Road and extra wear and tear on trucks with all those extra kilometres.

Mr. Jensen said he couldn't pass these extra costs onto his customers as people are already struggling with the high cost of living and milk is a basic commodity.

The situation has improved since the north bound lane of State Highway One over the Brynderwyns has opened but having driven over this recently himself he is aware there are multiple fallen trees and slips on the hillside which might come down onto the road in the next heavy rain.

Ian Newey of Newey Transport Ltd. said the closure of the highway over the Brynderwyns is definitely a big problem for his company.

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Bridge washout at Langs Beach *Photo by Peter Grant*



Repairs underway on the bridge at Langs

Cove Rd. at Langs Beach became impassable after torrential rain and flooding on Friday afternoon 24 February washed away the abutments to the Langs Beach Bridge leaving people living and working in that area with no route in or out.

Northland Transportation Alliance reallocated resources from other sites to repair the bridge, which was opened the following Wednesday 1 March. Maintenance and Operations Manager for the alliance Bernard Petersen said the contractors had found the soils to be more saturated than expected due to high groundwater levels and it took several extra days to excavate the saturated clay soil and backfill with rocks.

The rainstorm also caused flooding on McLean Rd in Waipu with vehicles swept off the road and drivers needing to be rescued by the Waipu Fire Brigade.



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EDITORIAL

Clever stuff

I turned on my computer this morning just as the sun was rising and a strange thing happened: the computer screen turned the same rosy pink as the sky in the east outside. Since I upgraded the operating system on my Apple Mac the screen has been getting duller in the evening and darker at night with the Mojave Desert and a star lit sky as the backdrop. I don't usually start work at 6.30am so I hadn't seen that sunrise screen before. How does this work?

At our location in rural Waipu we have only just had our telephone lines and Internet connections restored after our copper connection was damaged in Cyclone Gabrielle. It's pretty difficult to run a newspaper these days without the Internet so we have purchased a Starlink connection. We now have a small square satellite tracking dish on the roof of our house, which connects to thousands of low orbit satellites as they orbit the earth at around 550km. This delivers fast, reliable broadband Internet through a Wi-Fi router on my desk to my computer – clever stuff.

Its been so nice to have a series of days with no rain or wind – a little bit of summer at last, the world returning to normal hopefully.

The ponds on the seaward side of the Uretiti campground seem to be receding at last. There is a steep drop off to the beach and the dunes will take some time to recover, not helped by the heavy vehicles, which drive along at their base, churning up the sand.

After my morning coffee I am off to the re-scheduled Have a Go day at the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club. this one had to be rescheduled ater it was originally planned for the Sunday Cyclone Gabrielle arived so I am not sure how it will go. I have been around a few of these events. Yesterday there were nine people trying out Croquet on a beautiful sunny morning at the Waipu club. Beach volleyball at Ruakākā on Wednesday evening drew in around a dozen people and I have heard the Takahiwai League re-scheduled evening on Tuesday went well with around forty people of all ages coming along to enjoy a sausage sizzle in lovely fine weather. It's quite a simple idea. It didn't take the brain power of a Starlink computer engineer. It makes use of all the wonderful sports clubs we already have and hopefully it has brought a little bit of fun and happiness into the lives of local people. Is it worth running the Have a Go Sports Festival again next year? Let me know what you think.

Marilyn

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Ratepayer groups call for more resilient routes into Northland

Both the Ruakaka and Waipu Residents and Ratepayer Associations are lobbying the Minister of Transport and local MP Emily Henderson to have one of the detour routes used in times when State Highway One over the Brynderwyns is out of action upgraded to state highway status and maintained by the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi rather than the Whangarei and Kaipara District Councils.

All of the detour routes have experienced major problems during the weeks of the road closure over the Brynderwyns.

The route via Manawhai and Waipu Cove Rd. has been blocked six times by trucks which have not managed to take a tight corner on the windy road between Langa Beach and Mangawhai and then with torrential rain in the area on Friday 24 February had a bridge washout at Langa which closed the road to all traffic.

Gorge Rd has been blocked with slips and the unsealed Oakleigh/ Paparoa Rd. has suffered severe damage under its heavy load of detour traffic.

The ratepayer groups are also joining a chorus of Northland voices urging the Government to come up with a final solution to the unreliability of SH1 over the Brynderwyns.

Museum Board gives Menzshed notice to leave its building

The Waipu Museum has given the Waipu Menzshed group until May 2024 to move out of the building it occupies in the museum's historic precinct, where it has been based since its inception seven years ago.

In a press release sent to the Bream Bay News, Heather Jacobsen, Chair of the Waipu Centennial Trust Board explained, "The museum has for a number of years grappled with the problem of lack of space to store and exhibit the treasures that have been given to it, especially the bigger items relating to transport, maritime and farming. These items are currently housed at different locations around the district in a number of cases in very unsuitable conditions. The museum board accepts that it can no longer defer the need to house these treasures appropriately." The press release continues - "The museum's financial position over the past three years has been under pressure because of the disruption caused by Covid, so the Board's only option is to best utilize the buildings it already has and for which it pays the associated costs. It reluctantly therefore decided that it would give the Menzshed notice that it would take over occupancy of the old hall/lodge in the middle of next year."

The Waipu Menzshed has a membership of 34 retired men who meet each Tuesday in the old hall, to work on a variety of community projects. Some of its members were involved in organising and helping with the 2015 shift of the building from Nova Scotia Drive where it had served since 1920 as the Waipu Masonic Lodge, to the museum land. The building has historic significance as Waipu's first community hall, built around 1870.

Menzshed members have also carried out maintenance and restoration work on this and other buildings in the precinct as well as helping to build the infrastructure needed for the relocations. Waipu Menzshed Chairman Gordon Walker said an earlier letter from the Museum Board acknowledges that work by the group's members has saved the Museum Board in the vicinity of \$200,000.

The Menzshed has been occupying the building rent free in appreciation of all this work but is now actively looking for new premises.

Gordon said, "As the Waipu Menzshed has lost the right to occupy its present premises we desperately need to locate to a suitable site and/or building to continue to offer the much appreciated service we give to our local community. We have a membership of 34 elderly gentlemen members who are very happy to continue serving our community the way we have been able to do over the last seven years. We would welcome any suggestions to solve the situation that we are faced with."

Work begins on new Ruakaka Beach toilet and changing rooms



Work has finally begun on the new toilet and changing room building at Ruakaka Beach beside the surf club.

The plan was to have the building completed by this summer 2022/2023 but supply chain difficulties and extra costs delayed the project.

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Vilification of our ex prime minister makes me ashamed to be a New Zealander

The vilification of our ex prime minister Jacinda Ardern has made me (a 74 year old woman) for the first time in my life ashamed to be a New Zealander.

The fact that a lot of vicious vilification came from other women was especially disturbing. Much of it was based on the quite erroneous assumption that in our system of government blame for any policy rests solely on the shoulders of the chief minister. This of course is entirely untrue and all government decisions through the Covid period, as with any other, were jointly developed through consultation amongst significant government members and our leading scientists.

Many of the "vilifiers" were people who claimed that the Covid 19 virus was overly exaggerated in its significance and much of chosen government policy interfered with certain kinds of "freedom" for very little reason.

Sadly this is simply not true. Under the dismissive policies of Donald Trump the loss of life in the USA was measured some time last year at 1 million people (from a population of around 330 million.)

If we had ignored and minimised the threat to life of

this virus as occurred in the USA, the loss of life in New Zealand based on a 5 million population would have equated to approx. 16000 lives – not far off the number of New Zealand lives lost in WW1.

(The loss of life in NZ at the time restrictions were lifted sat somewhere around 1500.)

This represents abundant evidence that the policies enacted by our government (accepting that some things in retrospect perhaps could have been handled differently) basically served to save an enormous loss of life in our population.

An inherent though rarely expressed sentiment behind some of this ridiculous minimising of Covid's threat to life, rests on a tacit under valuing of the lives of fit older members of the population many of whom despite their relative vulnerability in the face of the pandemic, continue (thanks to our government's policies) to provide a crucial source of voluntary labour in this country.

Many people are deeply thankful for the role Jacinda Ardern has played during her time as Prime Minister and for all the reasons that gained her international

fame as the leader of a careful and "willing to listen to experts" government.

The statistics bear this out!

*Patsy Montgomery
Waipu*

Restore the NIWA stairs

Have I heard correctly that the stairs to the beach at both Mair Road and by NIWA will not be replaced?

They were originally put in place by DOC but without required consents.

Now NRC and WDC are refusing to provide any help. Did I also hear correctly that the clean-up work is being done, on a voluntary basis, by Hansen Drainage and Excavation and Northport?

If so thanks to them!

We used the stairs by NIWA often and they are sorely missed. At the moment people are using other multiple small tracks to get to the beach.

Dune plantings will be degraded and in the next storm more dune will disappear.

Together, surely DOC, NRC and WDC can do better for the community they serve.

*Peri Woods
Ruakākā*

Thank you Northpine

I want to give a big shout out and thank you to Northpine who have been sending some of their workers out to help people in need to clear up trees, fences, etc. Two cheery young men came and helped get my fence off the drive so I could get my car back in. They were quick efficient, thoughtful and generous with their time and spirit.

What a great supportive business we have here in Waipu - I'll be getting any new palings I need from there. So everyone support our local businesses and community

*Jan Francis
Waipu*

Think carefully WDC

A few pointers from a retired couple surviving on the pension trying not to touch their savings in case help for family or serious house maintenance is needed and funerals need to be covered in a few years.

We earn \$712. each per fortnight, totalling \$37,024 pa per couple. We are fortunate not to have a mortgage. We have a small section and we have solar powered hot water but any solar repairs are very expensive. The house is 20 years old so needing ongoing maintenance. The home ownership and contents insurance equal the rates demands. We have two older cars, one has third party insurance only, the other full insurance.

Allowing for non expensive clothing, doctors visits and medications and doing own garden maintenance to cut down on costs, we are left with \$16,600 per annum divided by two [couple] to save and help out family members. How do people manage with a mortgage as well as all of the above? It must take every dollar.

If Whangarei District Council increases the rates which is likely to happen with all the destruction that has occurred, there will be decreases made in food, lack of car maintenance etc., no WOFs or registrations and consequentially fines. Please think carefully Whangarei District Council. We are sitting in the OK basket but its not much fun.

The writer of this letter wants to remain anonymous and as there are many personal financial details in the letter I have agreed to this request - Editor



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GUEST SPEAKER
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Ruakākā's new Deputy Fire Chief



Warren Marshall is Ruakākā's new Deputy Fire Chief

Warren Marshall is the new Deputy Fire Chief for the Ruakaka brigade. He succeeds Colin Turner who has retired from the role.

Warren first became involved with the New Zealand Fire Service 17 years ago when at the age of 24 he joined his local brigade on the Te Atatu Peninsula. He has been with the Ruakaka Brigade for six years.

Over those 17 years the name has changed to Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) reflecting the new expanded role fire brigades have taken on.

This summer, for example there has been more call outs to weather related events in Ruakaka than there have been fires. Fire fighters also attend medical emergencies when there is no ambulance available.

Warren is married with three daughters and his day job is with the Marsden Maritime Holdings haulage team, transporting boats between the Marsden Cove Marina and the hardstand facility nearby. He said the Ruakaka Volunteer Fire Brigade is dependent on and grateful to the local employers who allow brigade members to leave work to attend emergency call outs.

It's a busy life but Warren said "it's a good mix" and he enjoys helping his community. He said, if it wasn't for the volunteer brigades in Waipu and Ruakaka in emergency situations "help would be a long way away."

He sees his new role as making sure the brigade's fire fighters are well supported and can function effectively. "The brigade has a strong team spirit. We all have one another's backs. It's a fairly young group of fire fighters. Many of us have young families so the brigade is very family orientated. We all get together for pot luck dinners once a month."

The volunteers all put in long hours. As well as attending call outs, there is Monday night training, the occasional weekend training course and community engagement attending fairs and markets with the brigade's bouncy castle and toy fire truck.

The strong spirit of camaraderie. Making sure everyone involved is appreciated and supported is part of Warren's new role.

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Police Report

Police deployed to assist travellers during SH1 closure

Sergeant Jess Beckett, who is acting Officer in Charge at the Bream Bay Station said Bream Bay Police have been deployed assisting and reassuring

travellers who are unsure about which detour routes they are able to use while State Highway One over the Brynderwyns is closed or closed to south travelling vehicles.

Infringements notices served on the drivers of heavy vehicles using Cove Rd

Police served several infringements notices on the drivers of heavy vehicles after they drove through Cove Rd to Man-

gawhai in defiance of the Civil Defence order issued on Monday 20 February that no heavy vehicles use the road.

Car and truck collide on Paparoa/Oakleigh detour road

On Thursday 2 March a car and truck collided on the Paparoa/Oakleigh Rd.

detour route. There were no serious injuries.

Police check on people who hadn't been seen or heard from since Cyclone Gabrielle struck

Police were asked to check on two individuals living in Maungaturoto whose family and/or friends had not heard from

them since Cyclone Gabrielle struck Northland on 12 February. Both were located and found to be safe.

Drink driving offences

- On Thursday 23 February there was a single vehicle crash at Mata. A 21-year-old Ruakākā man was served with an infringement notice after he was found to have a breath alcohol level above 250 mls per litre of breath but below 400mls, which would have resulted in a court appearance.
- A 52 – year - old Mangawhai man was found to be driving with a breath alcohol level of 600ml of alcohol per litre of breath when he was stopped at a Police checkpoint in Waipu of 27 February. He will face a drink driving charge in the Whangārei District Court
- A young man has been referred to Youth Aid after he crashed his vehicle in Waipu on Friday 24 February. He had previously had his licence suspended and on this occasion was found to have alcohol on his breath. The legal breath/alcohol limit for drivers under the age of 20 is zero
- A 59-year-old man returned a breath alcohol reading of 720 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath when he was stopped by Police in Maungaturoto on Friday 3 March. He will be appearing on a drink driving charge in the Whangārei District Court.

keys stolen from belongings on the beach and car stolen as the owner was swimming

- A car was stolen from the carpark alongside the beach at Ruakaka after its keys were taken from the beach while the vehicle's owner was swimming. The car was located a few hours later.
- A vehicle was reported stolen from Cove Rd. on Friday 24 February. A vehicle parked on the side of Port Marsden Highway was broken into and several items were take
- On 2 March a burglar broke into a house in Maungaturoto stealing the householders keys and then driving to Auckland in the stolen car. A 34-year-old Auckland man has been charged for this theft.

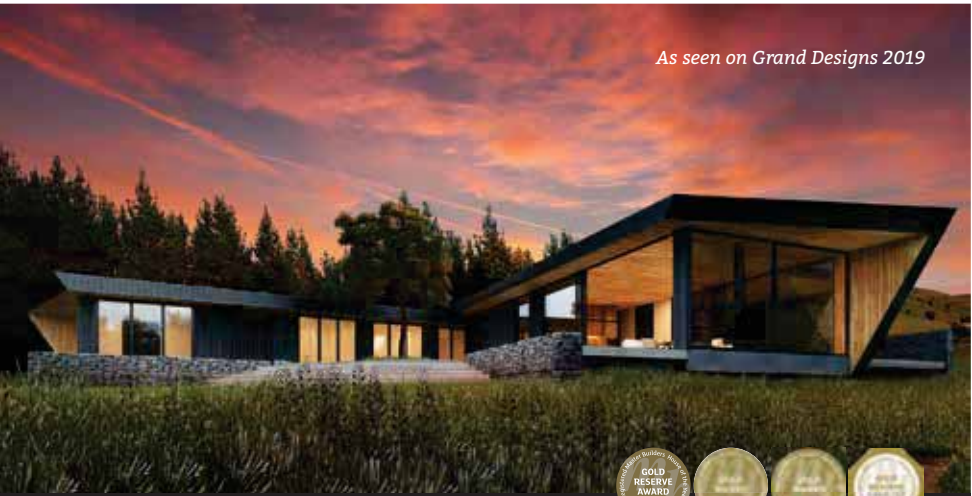
Water pipe dismantled

Police are investigating a report of a malicious act on 26 February when a pipe from a household water tank was dismantled.

Ten family harm incidents


Over the fortnight Friday 18 February to Friday 3 March Bream Bay Police were called to four family harm incidents in Ruakākā, one family harm incident in Waipu and five in Maugaturoto.

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Celebrating new seal on Glenmohr Rd.

Liz Perales is ready to celebrate. She began campaigning to get a kilometre of seal on Glenmohr Rd. back in 2014 and earlier this month just weeks before the cyclone hit the job was completed.

Liz has a yellow ribbon ready for an official opening and is inviting local residents, members of Parliament Dr. Emily Henderson and Dr. Shane Reti, Bream Bay ward Councillor Ken Couper, former BB Ward Councillor Shelley Deeming, and everyone else who helped to achieve the roading upgrade.

Along with fellow campaigner Linda Glibbery she collected 620 signatures on a petition, which they presented at a Whangarei District Council meeting. They gathered testimony from the likes of former Waipu Fire Chief and tow truck operator Trevor Vaile who said he had lost count of the times he had had to pull vehicles out of the roadside drains or from over the steep banks. They also presented evidence about the harmful effects of dust generated from the gravel road on people's health. One family could not have their daughter home for the weekend because the dust exacerbated her asthma. And they made the argument that Glenmohr Rd is used as a detour when there is an accident on State Highway One between Waipu and the Brynderwyns.

Once the work began to show her appreciation to the road workers Liz baked muffins and Christmas tarts for their morning tea.

Each homeowner with a driveway onto the section of newly sealed road paid \$5800 towards the upgrade.

"It just had to be done", said Liz.



Liz Perales with her file of petition signatures, letters of support and correspondence to and from politicians collected in her bid to get Glenmohr Road upgraded with seal

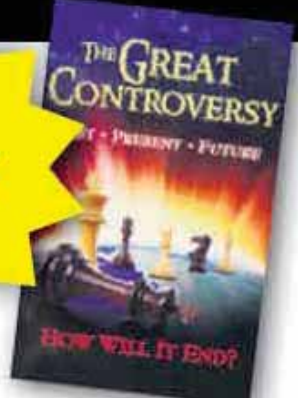
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Alternative highway route around the Brynderwyns a priority for business

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“It's not a problem created by anybody but Mother Nature and its no use blaming anybody. We all have to be a bit patient. It's no use bitching about the situation. I am a person who just concentrates on controlling what I can. I can't fix the road. I don't have the skills. But it's definitely a challenge.”

Newey trucks travelling via Dargaville to bring logs to Marsden Point are travelling extra 117 kilometres per trip.

“We are travelling further to achieve less. Ultimately it's our customers who will have to pay.”

The railway is out of action with a massive slip on the line at Tahekeroa between Helensville and Wellsford, which will take months to clear.

“We need an alternative highway route around the Brynderwyns. That road is just not up to the job. If we get more heavy rain it will be closed again. This needs to be our priority. A four lane highway to Whangārei is important but what use would this be if we can't get over the Brynderwyns.”

Bruce Larsen of the Northpine timber mill said it's been difficult for some of his employees who live in Mangawhai or Maungaturoto.

“If you start work at 6am then its pretty hard to have to travel all that extra distance. You have to get up pretty early.”

Logs have continued to come into the mill and some

timber has been able to go north but it has been almost impossible to send timber down south.

“We have had to work out agreements with trucking companies so we share the extra cartage costs. The whole of the Northland Region is very vulnerable to transport disruption

David Finchett, Commercial manager of Northport said has been in contact with Waka Kotahi, the New Zealand Transport Agency urging it to reinstate the highway over the Brynderwyns as soon as possible and to build in resilience.

“It's a tough situation and many of our customers are finding it very difficult.”

Some are looking at coastal shipping or shipping directly from Northport as a way around the blocked highway problem and Northport is doing what it can to facilitate this. There is already a regular coastal shipping service from Northport to Tauranga, Nelson and Lyttelton.

Some forestry companies are choosing to delay harvesting. Trees blown over in the cyclone can be left on the ground for a few weeks before salvaging but this job cannot wait too long.

Mr. Finchett said no big container ship has come into Northport with hundreds of containers needing to be transported to Auckland in the past few weeks.

Start of year school rolls for 2023

On Thursday 2 March 2023, Bream Bay College had 572 students enrolled, an increase of 12 on its start of year roll in 2022.

Waipu Primary School has had a sizeable jump in roll numbers, starting the year at 240, 20 more children than were enrolled at the school at the beginning of the 2022 school year.

One Tree Point Primary had 182 students enrolled last Thursday, a drop of 24 on its 2022 start of year

roll. This is mostly due to a particularly large cohort of children in the 2022 Year 6 classes who have gone on to secondary school.

Ruakākā Primary had 315 children enrolled as of last Thursday, just two more than were enrolled at the start of 2022.

In total 1309 children and young people were enrolled at Bream Bay's four schools last week, an increase of just ten on the 2022 total of 1299.

Will our rates be going up as a result of cyclone damage ?

John Horrocks of the Waipu Riding Residents and Ratepayers Association put this question to Deputy Mayor Phil Halse at the association's February meeting.

Councillor Halse replied, “We will be doing a lot of work at Council over the next few weeks on our annual and long term plan.”

He said the district had got through Cyclone Gabrielle reasonably well because of previous investment by the Whangārei District Council in its infrastructure.

“Do we want to borrow or put the rates up?”

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Waipu Primary children the first to try the new Waipu Caves Farm Park

Two classes from Waipu Primary were the first to visit the Waipu Caves Farm Park, which is now open for cave tours.

Ian and Cindy Fox have been developing their 120-hectare property in limestone country on Waipu Caves Rd. into an adventure park, which will eventually offer camping, bush walking, swimming in a river hole, rock climbing and caving.

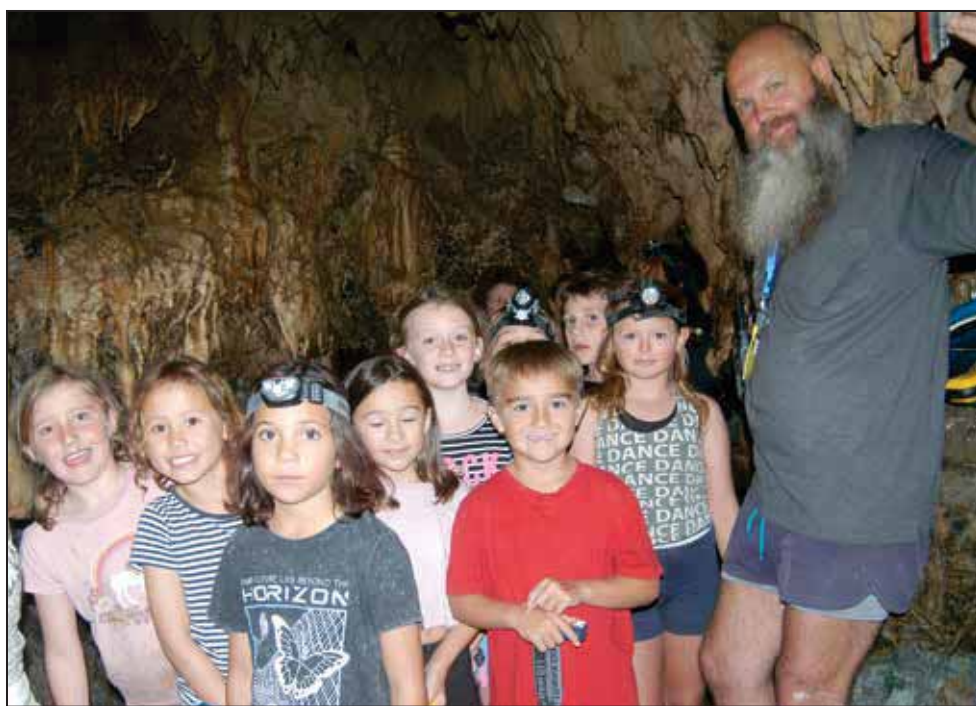
The cave tours side of the business is now up and running, while some of the other aspects of the farm park still await resource consent.

On Wednesday of last week 28 February the children were taken in groups into what Ian and Cindy have named the Cathedral Chamber of their Milky Way Cave. With their torches turned off the children were able to see thousands of glowworms decorating the walls and on the dripping stalactites. Ian explained that the population of glowworms in this cave had been washed away by floods. He transferred around 150 worms from nearby caves and these had reproduced so that now there are thousands. A narrow opening at the inner end of the cathedral chamber has been widened to prevent flooding during heavy rainfall. Steps and railings have been installed to enable easier access into the chamber.

As well as the caving experience children swam in a hole in the river and went on a bushwalk.



The Cathedral Chamber of the Milky Way Cave. Photo supplied by Ian Fox



An excited group of Waipu Primary children are shown inside the Milky Way Cave by Ian Fox

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Over 40 nominations for Bream Bay Sports Awards

The Bream Bay Sports Awards are coming up fast and voting on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website for the People’s Choice Award is getting fast and furious. Some votes however have been invalid as people have neglected to choose their candidate before they push the submit button. There are 42 nominations to this year’s awards over 12 categories. Tickets to the awards night on Friday 31 March with guest speaker Laura Andrews recently returned from an expedition to the geographic South Pole are on sale on the Bream Bay Sports Trust website.

Have a go festival continues

The Bream Bay Sports Trust’s have a Go Festival continues this week. Still to come: on Thursday 9 March the Waipu Rugby Club junior rally for ages 5-16 years from 5.30pm at the Waipu Rugby and Squash Club, 9 St Marys Rd, Waipu. On Saturday 11 March from 11am to 2pm a coach will be on hand to teach the basics of weightlifting at the BHP Functional Fitness Centre at 83 Marsden Bay Drive. On Sunday 12 March the Waipu Bowling Club will host a session (bowls supplied) from 1pm at its greens located at 4a South Rd. Also on 12 March the Waipu Boat and Fishing Club will hold its open day from 12 noon at his clubhouse in Nova Scotia Rd. An addition to the original programme is an extra Have a Go session with the Ruakākā Indoor Bowling Club, which missed out on its first scheduled event due to the big cyclone. There will now be an extra opportunity to try indoor bowls, a game for all ages and all levels of fitness, on Thursday 14 March from 10am to 12 noon in the Anglican Church Hall at the end of Tamingi St., in Ruakākā.



Beach volleyball with Sonia Tompkins a participant in the National Volley Ball Tour on Ruakākā Beach on Wednesday afternoon 1 March



Doug King discovered he had a talent for indoor bowls when he attended the Ruakākā Indoor Bowling Clubs Have a Go session on Tuesday morning 28 February



Janet Tucker was thrilled to get her ball in the hoop when she had a go at the Waipu Croquet Club’s session on Saturday morning 4 March. Janet got coaching from club members Christine Martin (right) and Suzette Heath ,



Hollie and Garby Smith getting in some practice at the Waipu Golf Club’s driving range. The club hosted a successful Have a Go day on Sunday 26 February with coaches Kylee Jacoby and Terry Pulman on hand. The club will now be running a series of junior and adult beginner classes.



Jake McClure, Josh McKay, Ranees Ellis and Wendy Hunter were on patrol on Sunday 5 March at the Waipu Surf Lifesaving Club’s Have a Go day .



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Rod McKay, a fifth generation Waipu farmer, and prominent member of the Waipu Community was farewelled in the Waipu Celtic Barn on Saturday afternoon 25th February.

The Reverend Warner Wilder, a former Chaplain at Kings College, led the service. He said Rod McKay “was an immensely decent and wise man.”

“He was successful in every sense of the word. He was always very humble and his humility served to enhance his mana.”

After spending his primary school years at Waipu School, Rod attended Kings College in Auckland. He excelled at sport and was a member of both the school’s premier rugby and cricket teams. He then went on to Massey University where he gained a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Science and played representative rugby for Manawatu.

He returned to Waipu to take over the running of the family farm in Rosyth Road from his father Sir Donald McKay, who was a cabinet minister at the time. In 1966 he married Joy Hanna.

Rod and Joy’s good friend Lachie McLean said, “They had total support from each other with their zest, enthusiasm and tireless devotion to everything they did together.”

Rod continued his involvement in sport, playing in the Waipu Premier Rugby team and the Senior Springfield Cricket team as well as playing tennis and squash. He was the Patron of the Waipu Golf Club excelling in this sport also and in his earlier years spent many hours on his tractor helping to shape the course.

In addition to his many sporting interests he had extensive involvement in the Waipu Community. He served as President of the Waipu Lions Club, as a member of the Marsden St Johns Ambulance Association, Chairman of the Waipu Primary School Committee, the Otamatea Veterinary Club, the Waipu Museum and the Waipu 150 Trust, overseeing the 150-year celebrations to mark the arrival of Nova Scotian settlers in Waipu.

Lachie McLean said he had the pleasure of working under Rod’s leadership at the Waipu Museum and stated, “We took on various projects including the planting of the main street, securing the Heritage Precinct and the Old Manse, plus staging various events including the two Grand Pageants which played to crowds of 12,000 people over three nights.”

Patsy Montgomery who was Musuem Manager at the time Rod was Board Chairman said, “At the beginning of his tenure we decided to revitalise the museum and turn it into a modern “Story telling” Museum. I can only describe his personality with superlatives. He was kind, extraordinarily astute, and, in the



Rod McKay, on the left, at the 150 year celebrations in Waipu

words of another era “one of nature’s gentlemen”. Rod was a natural and discreet leader.

“Most notable was his careful decision making. He would weigh up the pros and cons around a choice to be made and you would always find it difficult to disagree with his conclusions. He liked humour and if you told him something slightly hard to believe his favourite expression was, ‘You’re joking!’”

Ali McKay said his father was “immensely proud of his Nova Scotian heritage”.

Rod was also active on the Northland wide stage. He was a member of the Northland Harbour Board from 1977 – 1989 and was Chairman from 1986 to 1989 as well as a member of the New Zealand Ports Association. He was elected to the Northland Regional Council (NRC) in 1989 and was Deputy Chairman of the NRC from 1989 to 1998. He also held a number of governance roles including being a director of AFFCO and on the Board of Governors of Kings College.

His long time friend and collaborator Peter Couper, at the funeral service said, “Thank you for the contribution you made to the community. You gave unselfish service.”

He was a successful farmer and developed his ancestors’ farm to its full potential. He was always interested in new ideas and tried many business ventures, of which ,in the words of his friend John Parker, “some were more successful than others.” Despite these many commitments and interests he spent time with his children and grandchildren. His sons remember an idyllic Waipu childhood with summer holidays spent at Langs Beach, enjoying the company of many friends young and old. With his wife Joy and a select group of friends Rod enjoyed many trips and adventures overseas.

Rod is survived by Joy, his three sons John, Alasdair and Cameron and ten grandchildren.

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Bream Bay College Athletics Day



Elliott Brown, aged 15, flies high to wind the Intermediate boys long jump competition with this leap measuring 5.43 metres at the Bream Bay College Athletics Day held on Wednesday 22 February.



Waihoroi Ashby makes a fast start for her Argyll team in the girls' intermediate relay race

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	AM		PM	
Thu 9 March	9.54	2.6	10.15	2.5
Fri 10 March	10.30	2.6	10.53	2.6
Sat 11 March	11.08	2.6	11.33	2.5
Sun 12 March	11.47	2.6	~	~
Mon 13 March	12.14	2.6	12.29	2.5
Tue 14 March	1.00	2.5	1.14	2.5
Wed 15 March	1.50	2.5	2.05	2.5
Thu 16 March	2.48	2.5	3.03	2.4
Fri 17 March	3.52	2.5	4.08	2.4
Sat 18 March	4.59	2.5	5.17	2.4
Sun 19 March	6.04	2.6	6.25	2.5
Mon 20 March	7.04	2.7	7.28	2.6
Tue 21 March	7.59	2.8	8.25	2.7
Wed 22 March	8.51	2.9	9.17	2.8
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The Waipu Anglican Op Shop is holding a Cyclone Sale from Monday 13 to Friday 17 March. Everything in the shop will be half price and the proceeds for the entire week, including funds raised from a raffle will be donated to the Red Cross in Northland and Hawkes Bay.

Op shop volunteer Sally Haigh said, “This local initiative will allow everyone who shops with us, donates goods or buys raffle tickets to help the relief work in these badly affected areas.”

The Waipu Op shop, housed in the old villa alongside the Waihoihoi Park, has been run by volunteers for more than 30 years. Each year it donates between \$40,000 and \$50,000 to charitable causes throughout Northland.

The volunteers are eager to welcome more workers to their team

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Volunteer Sally Haigh (left) and Waipu Anglican Op Shop Chairperson Sue Hancock getting ready for the week long half price Cyclone Sale



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9.20am	Departs	Mangawhai Heads I-Site
9.35am	Departs	Langs Beach Corner of Wairahi and Cove Roads
9.40am	Departs	Waipu Cove Beach Car park
9.50am	Departs	Waipu Monument Bus stop
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- **BREAM BAY SPORTS TRUST TRY SOMETHING NEW FESTIVAL** Runs until Sunday March 12. Local clubs invite people of all ages to come and try their sport. See page 11 for calendar of events up until 26 March
- **THE WAIPU CAR AND BIKE SHOW** Now on Saturday 11 March 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 11 March 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.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 12 March from 9am -1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **CARLEEN STILL AND JODIE VAUGHAN** at the Waipu Citizens and Serviced Club. Saturday 18 March at 7pm, \$15 entry. Raffles, spot prizes. Fund raiser for the Wandering Angels Animal Sanctuary.
- **ONE TREE POINT ARTISAN MARKET** Fundraising for Whangārei Hospital Children's Ward. Sunday 19 March from 9am-1pm. One Tree Point School field.
- **PAPAROA ARTISAN MARKET** Next on Sunday 26 March from 12 noon to 4pm, In the Paparoa Memorial Hall
- **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.
- **MUSIC CLUB AT THE RUAKAKA RECREATION CENTRE.** Next on Monday 3 April. 7pm - 10pm
- **THE WAIPU EASTER CARNIVAL** Saturday 8 April in the Caledonain Park.
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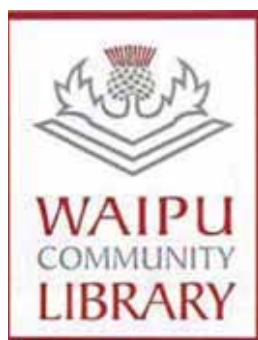
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