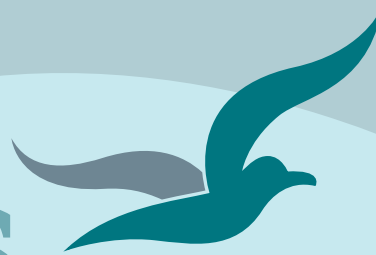


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## WDC asked to take a stand on sand mining

Bream Bay Ward Councillor Dave Baldwin will be asking the Whangārei District Council to state its opposition to the McCallum Brothers Ltd. bid to gain consent to dredge for sand in Bream Bay at the Council's meeting on Thursday 18 December.

Councillor Baldwin said he could see no benefit to Northland coming from this dredging operation. McCallum's dredge operates out of Auckland and the sand sucked up from the sea floor will be sold into the Auckland construction industry.

Meanwhile the Bream Bay Guardians, a group formed specifically to oppose the McCallum application, has been asking people to take part in a survey, the results of which will also go before the Council 18 December meeting. The survey is available on the website: [save-breambaysand.org](http://save-breambaysand.org)

The Guardians invite people to join them in the District Council Chamber at 9am on the 18th.

The invitation on the Save Bream Bay Sand website reads, "Come along and support us...and after the meeting, walk with us to the Northland Regional Council Offices showing the level of commitment, we have to stop this shameful moment in our history."

McCallum Brothers Ltd. is preparing to apply under the Fast Track Bill to mine 8 million cubic meter of sand from the Bream Bay over 35 years. The company has been preparing a series of reports and is expected to post its formal application this week.

The Guardians are also planning a demonstration on January 26, 2026 in Ruakākā to demonstrate once more the level of Bream Bay opposition to sand mining in the bay.

## Pipers playing Jingle Bells at the head of the Ruakākā Christmas Parade



The Waipu Pipe Band wearing Santa hats, with drums and pipes decorated with tinsel led the Ruakākā Christmas Parade to the tune of Jingle Bells.

The Ruakākā Parade was held on Saturday 13 December from 10.30pm starting in Takutai Place and doing several loops around the top of Peter Snell Rd.

Children watching on the roadsides were handed out lollipops, toffees and \$2 *Funny Money* vouchers to spend at the Ruakākā shops.

More parade photos on page 3



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## Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays

Another eventful year is almost at an end. The team at Orrs Unichem Pharmacy Ruakaka would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Once again it has been a pleasure working alongside the Bream Bay community. Please be safe and drive carefully as we want to see you all next year.



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Saturday 3rd January	9.00am-12.30pm
Sunday 4th January	CLOSED

Normal opening days and hours resume Monday 5th January.

## EDITORIAL

### Happy random division of time

I was out in my vege garden tying up tomatoes one evening last week and I heard a little cough. I looked over the fence to where the sound came from and there was a little white calf. I asked, “Where did you come from?” All the heifers in that paddock are black and none of them, as far as I knew, were pregnant. But then one came running and mewing to the baby. He followed her up the hill, amazingly agile for a newborn. A little miracle! A surprise at Christmas time!

I watch out for him every day and he is growing fast. It took me a while to work out which heifer was the mum as he has lots of aunties who lick him and boss him around. The swollen udder gave her away.

Christmas and New Year mean different things to different people. Last year I got a card from a friend with the message “Happy random division of time”, which I thought was pretty funny and it made me think, yes, while the seasons turn through an annual cycle, the point from which we count the years is a human invention. In New Zealand it makes more sense to think of Matariki, when our days begin to get longer as the starting point of a new year.

I have friends who celebrate the winter and summer solstices. It does seem more logical to watch and mark how the earth spins around the sun and to acknowledge our dependence on that distant glowing star than do our Christian traditions.

Many ancient and present day cultures have understood this and have rituals showing respect for the sun. The prehistoric monument of Stonehenge built from 3,000 to 1500BC is aligned to point to the summer solstice sunrise and winter solstice sunset.

In China for over 2,000 years the winter solstice Dōngzhì has been celebrated. In preparation for the cold winter families get together to eat heat producing foods such as dumplings with meat fillings spiced with ginger.

For us in the southern hemisphere the summer solstice marking the shortest night and the longest day will be next Monday 22 December. I might even get up early at 4.03am to see the sun stand still.

Christmas, though, celebrates the birth of a baby, a new human with the wonderful unknown potential all children have. By celebrating this birth we acknowledge the intrinsic value and importance of every individual. Throughout Bream Bay people are decorating their front yards with sparkling Christmas lights, putting up Christmas trees, wrapping presents and building floats for the Ruakākā and Waipu Christmas parades. So much effort goes into preparing for that big day but it is joyful activity. All that feast preparation, wrapping of presents setting up Christmas trees and decorations is to delight the children whom we love and to show how deeply we care for one another.

*Marilyn*

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## Photos from the Ruakākā Christmas Parade



Little Saif Al-Ani and Hazel Tapae of Busy Bees early child care centre enjoyed waving to the crowds from their pushchair with centre manager Liz Jones. Busy Bees won first prize in the float competition.



Spectators got a bit wet when the Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Club float bristling with water pistols went by. The surf club float took third prize in the float competition.



Santa, who everyone was waiting to see, brought up the rear. The annual Ruakākā Christmas Parade is organised by the Marsden Lions. The prize money for the float competition was donated by Orrs Pharmacy



There were lots of happy, excited children on the tray of a big Akarana Timber truck, representing Ruakākā Primary School. The school's motto SHINE was displayed in big letters on the back wall of the cab. This float won second prize. Following the parade there was *Funny Money* (by Marsden Print) to spend, face painting by *Milllys Many Faces* and entertainment, including music by the *Catholic Church Singers* at the Ruakākā Shops.

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## A Christmas message from Mayor Ken Couper



Ken Couper

As we head into Christmas, it's a great time to reflect on what's been achieved and what lies ahead for our district. This year has brought challenges and opportunities, and I want to thank everyone in our community for your resilience, support, and the incredible spirit that makes Bream Bay such a special place.

Looking forward, one of Council's main priorities as we prepare the 2026–27 annual budget is looking at rates affordability. At our November meeting, we approved an external financial review to examine expenditure and identify savings. This review will inform next year's budget and help us shape Council's Long Term Plan for 2027–2037.

The timing of the review aligns with the Government's plan to introduce a rates cap by 2029. Both initiatives reflect a shared commitment to delivering value for money. We're assessing the implications of this new legislation and will provide feedback through the submission process early next year.

Wider local government reform (including changes to resource management) has also been a major focus following recent Government announcements. The priority of all Northland councils is to ensure any changes deliver real benefits for our communities and region. It will be good to explore efficiencies across the sector, and I look forward to working collaboratively on this in the year ahead.

Closer to home, I want to acknowledge our new elected members, especially Bream Bay councillors Matthew Yovich and David Baldwin, who've hit the ground running and are working hard supporting our local community. A recent bus tour highlighted growth pressures in Ruakākā and the significant investment needed in wastewater. We are progressing options and are grateful to Patuharakeke for working closely with our team on this work programme.

The final stage of the Waipū Cycleway, from Riverview Place to the Cemetery, is currently out for tender. Assuming a contractor is secured on time, we aim to start construction in early March. This long-anticipated section will complete the vision for the cycleway, and it will be fantastic to see it fully realised in 2026.

There's also been good work done on the walkway track between Cove and Langs Beach, led by the Waipū Trackies, and the Ruakākā to Marsden Cove Cycle Trail, which is forging ahead with massive community input and support from Hansen Contractors, Darryl Trigg, and others. These community-led initiatives add incredible value to our district, and I'm extremely grateful for the time and resources invested.

If you're looking for something fun to do, visit the Milky Way Glow Worm Cave at Waipu Caves Farm Park. It's a fantastic destination to draw visitors north – and for locals, it's the perfect chance to be a tourist in your own backyard.

Summer is here – and with it, the Waipū Christmas Parade, Highland Games, and many other events. If you don't see me at one, it's only because I couldn't get to them all!

Please enjoy the season, stay safe in the water and on the roads, and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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## Northern Corridor Director explains NZTA reasoning

Derek Robertson, Programme Director for the Northern Corridor – the four-lane expressway planned between Warkworth and Whangārei has declined an invitation to visit affected farms by the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association.

At least ten dairy farms in Bream Bay will be impacted by the new highway with many affected farmers saying the loss of land for will make their farms unworkable. The Waipu Association made the invitation to both Labour and National Party Members of Parliament in the interests of promoting some bipartisan agreement for this \$18 billion project. While the Labour Transport Spokesman Tangi Utikere will visit Bream Bay next week, Minister of Transport Chris Bishop passed the invitation on to Mr. Robertson who said, "Our current focus is on conducting individual meetings with landowners affected along the 75km stretch of the corridor between Te Hana and Whangārei. These meetings are underway and, following a brief pause over the holiday period, will resume and continue into the middle of next year"

"Due to our ongoing engagement commitments we regret that we are unable to accept this invitation at present."

In reply to the suggestion that the four-lane highway could be built along the corridor of the existing highway Mr. Robertson said, "During the assessment phase, NZTA looked carefully at widening the existing state highway for all sections of the corridor. However, this was discounted in all rural sections for several reasons. Firstly, upgrading the current highway to a 4-lane road with access limited to major intersection/interchanges would mean removing direct driveway access onto State Highway 1. Alternative access would have to be provided via service lanes or local roads and would significantly increase the width of the road or have a considerable impact on people's ability to access their properties.

"In addition, the existing state highway in parts is vulnerable to flooding and slips in weather events and the road would need to be raised substantively for the new highway. This would be costly and challenging for stormwater management in low-lying areas."

Mr. Robertson said the preferred route between Finlayson Brook road and Port Marsden Highway is a new road alignment to the west of the existing SH1. He said this option was identified as the most cost effective solution, "offering an optimal cut and fill balance" to facilitate efficient construction while considering all relevant factors."

He continued, "NZTA acknowledges the potential impact to all landowners including farm operations where property acquisition or access changes are involved."

He said, "The project team will work closely with affected landowners on a case-by-case basis to understand and identify practical ways to reduce and mitigate impacts where possible. These mitigations will then feed into the design and consenting phase. The preferred route will continue to be refined further through geotechnical investigations and engagement with landowners."

Richard Cole, Chair of the Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association has replied to Mr. Robertson asking how taking expensive homes in the area of Doctors Hill Road contributes to "value for money"

He asks, "Since safety is one of NZTA's stated prime considerations "please detail exactly how having and exit and entrance onto a new road onto the Braigh will enhance safety.

"The Braigh runs into The Centre, the heart of Waipu. Most of the commercial activity occurs in and around The Centre. It is also the main pedestrian artery for



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The Centre being the commercial centre for Waipu means car parking is concentrated here. How will NZTA ensure safety is paramount for all local traffic movements? It is also noted that the Scottish Monuments are on The Centre. They remember the arrival of the Scots and the War Memorials are sited next to them. These are significant structures and cannot be moved. The area is consequently the place for Anzac and other events during the year. Please detail exactly how NZTA will ensure that all the events in Waipu can continue if The Centre is the major thoroughfare to and from a new road."

He continues, "We dispute your assertion that " the existing state highway in parts is vulnerable to flooding and slips in weather events". The major weakness on the state highway from Te Hana to Whangārei is The Brynderwyns. This is not in the section with which Waipuians are concerned. The section from Waipu to Whangārei is not vulnerable to flooding and slips in weather events.

He asks what provisions have been made for rail movements to and from the port and points out that building another highway will mean the transport agency will have to maintain two road.

He finally "If the new 4-lanes highway is tolled what would be the toll for someone driving from Whangārei to Waipu? Will it be the same as someone driving from Whangārei to Auckland?"

Whangārei National Party MP Shane Reti has accepted an invitation by the WRRRA to visit in the New Year.



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We are taking a two week break.

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## \$200,000 needed to fix Bream Bay College College pool leak

The Bream Bay College swimming pool will not be open for public use this summer as the pool, has sprung a leak.

College Principal Julian Cosgrove said the first quote received for a repair was \$200,000. This involved building a fibre glass mould to future proof the pool. Mr. Cosgrove said, "We hope that the insurers step up and contribute to the cost but we won't find out until later in January, which will hold up the repairs. College students have been unable to cool off in the pool during the last few weeks of soaring summer temperatures and are unlikely to be able to use the pool for the remainder of the summer.

The Bream Bay Swim Club also uses the college pool.

The cause of the leak is under investigation but early indications are that it is the result of blocked overflow valves which built up pressure causing cracking. The pool is over 50 years old and was built with a big community fundraising effort.



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## A tea party to celebrate the restoration of a 100 year old bungalow in Waipu



Paul and Susan Bussell hosted an afternoon tea party at their restored Waipu bungalow

Paul and Susan Bussell held a tea party at their restored bungalow in the Braigh Waipu on Sunday 31 November inviting their neighbours and some former residents of the hundred year old home to have a look through the garden and house.

The couple purchased the property in 2022 and since then Susan, in particular, has been working to restore it in the style of the Arts and Crafts era. She explained this movement in England in the second half of the 19th century was a reaction against industrialization aiming to revive and celebrate craftsmanship. She has used William Morris wallpaper with bold floral designs and stripped back paint in the hallway to show wooden panels.

The renovation has included the garden with a fountain built in Mangawhai at the entrance, flower beds and roses.

A wide shady deck at the back of the house open to a view of the Waihoi River at the boundary of the property is another innovation.

Seated in the shade were Terry and Kim McDell who had lived in the house as children from 1945 when the younger brother Terry was born.

Their father Roy McDell ran the Waipu Four Square store along with operating the cream run, a taxi service, Waipu Motors, the timber yard and Waipu Drapery. He was also a keen sailor and would often travel to Auckland to race.

Their mother Patricia was "a tiny English woman". She had a truck license and on occasion drove around local farms picking up the cans of cream. She also drove the taxi and she bred Great Danes,

Terry and Kim remember making their own kayaks and learning to sail on the river. If they went swimming there though their mother would get them to gargle Dettol afterwards and the sewage tank discharged into the river.

There is a family legend about how when Terry was about to be born for some reason the family's car was not available and their father drove the cream truck

through the Waipu Gorge at speed losing all the cream cans on board as he rounded the corners but arriving at the in Paparoa on time.

In 1956 due to their father's ill health they moved to Auckland. Roy McDell served as Commodore of the RNZYS from 2081 to 2083.

On leaving Waipu, Kim had a successful athletic career, which he said began with the Waipu Athletics Club based in the Caledonian Park

He attended secondary school at Kings College in Auckland in 1957 and went on to break many middle distance records. In 1961 he broke the NZ Junior Half Mile record and in 1962 equaled the NZ Junior Mile record. His best times were 1.50.1min for 880yds and 4.1.6min for the mile. He was ranked third behind Peter Snell and John Davies "then the lure of sailing took over."

Both brothers have had illustrious sailing careers and made up to thirds of the crew, which won the 18ft skiff



Elizabeth McCabe lived in the house in the mid 1980s when it was used as a teachers' hostel.

world title in Auckland in 1974.

Pat Couper said things had changes a lot since she came to live at the hostel in 1961.

"In those days there was no mixed flating - the hostel

was for women only. All women teachers wore frocks and all wore stockings."

She said local farmers regarded the hostel as a good place to look for a wife. In Pat's first five days there she received three invitations to dances and parties in the Coronation Hall.

Elizabeth McCabe lived at 3 The Braigh from 1983 to 1986 while teaching at Ruakākā Primary School. She said the house was freezing cold and the young women residents would all hang out in the kitchen to stay warm.

She said The Ministry of Education at that time was selling off its

school houses and wasn't doing much maintenance.

"There were mushrooms growing in the carpet."

But she enjoyed her time in the hostel.

"There were always new people coming and going but we all got on well. I don't recall any arguments."

She said the young teachers enjoyed good support from the local community and told about an incident when young men staying in what was then the living quarters for tradesmen working on the Marsden Point



Kim (left) and Terry McDell, who lived in the house as children from 1945 until 1956 when their father Roy McDell ran the Waipu Four Square Store

refinery upgrade - now the Ranburn retirement home, came banging on the front door one evening to be seen off by a neighbour, local butcher Ray Wright wielding a crowbar.

Lachie McLean commented that it is wonderful that the two most beautiful buildings in Waipu: the old bank building at the corner of Nova Scotia Drive and Cove Rd and the old teacher's hostel have both been restored.

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## Police Report

### Local woman loses \$24,000 to online scam

Police are urging the community to stay alert to online scams after a local resident lost over \$24,500 to fraudsters posing as high-profile individuals. The victim was promised a free Tesla vehicle through Facebook but was asked to make multiple payments in iPhone gift cards and cash to "join a VIP club" and unlock further benefits. Scammers used platforms like WhatsApp and Zangi, claiming to be "Elon Musk" and associates. Remember:

- Genuine companies will never ask for payment via gift cards.
- Be cautious of offers that sound too good to be true.
- Never share personal or financial details with unknown contacts online.

Senior Sergeant Nicholas Miller said, "If you suspect a scam, report it immediately to Netsafe or your local police station. Protect yourself and your hard-earned money!"

### Commercial Vehicle team finds overloaded trucks and overworked drivers

The Police Commercial Vehicle Team was present in Ruakākā from Thursday 4 to Sunday 8 December and found a number of trucks with overweight loads and / or whose drivers had exceeded permitted driving hours as shown in their log books.

In any one 24 hour period (a cumulative work day) a driver can work up to 13 hours before taking a break of at least 10 hours, not including the two standard 30-minute breaks that would have been taken during the 13 hours worked.

### Extra police for the holiday period

Six extra Police officers will be posted to Bream Bay between 20 December and 18 January to help with the holiday season crowds.

During the festive season. Along with a range of other duties, Police will be watching out for drink drivers checking up on drivers licences

### Tired driver crashes into median barrier fence

At 3pm on Saturday 6 December a vehicle crashed into the wire ropes in the centre of the highway. Fatigue has been established as the cause of the accident. No one was injured.

### Help available to help you gain your licence

Several people on restricted licences were found to be driving with passengers which is not permitted with this type of licence. They were issued with \$100 infringement fines and 35 demerit points.

Sergeant Miller urges people to seek help in achieving their full licences at the Bream Bay Community Trust, which operates a learn to drive programme and can also refer people to agencies in Whangārei.

Two more unlicensed people were discovered driving in Waipu. Both had let their drivers' licences lapse.

### Driving while disqualified.

On Thursday 4 December a 38 year old Auckland woman was pulled over for speeding in Ruakākā and found to be driving while disqualified.

### Extra Police support called to Maungaturoto Tavern

Support s from Whangārei Police was called to the Maungaturoto Tavern on Saturday night 6 December after an argument developed. The bar manager closed the pub and told everyone to leave at midnight but the argument spilled out into the street. An accident between a car and a small Izuzu truck was likely related to this fracas. One of the drivers involved in the accident returned a reading of 550 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. The other demanded a blood test results of which were not available at the time of receiving this report

### Indecent exposure reported at Langa

A woman sun bathing on Langa Beach noticed a man on the foreshore operating the camera on his phone and suspected he was photographing her as well as some children nearby. He then exposed his penis and, when the woman confronted him, he walked back to his car and drove away.

Sergeant Miller requests that people report incidents like this as soon as they happen to make it easier for Police to apprehend suspects.

### Car vandalised at Tip Rd.

A young woman who parked her car at Tip Rd at around 10pm found when she returned at 2.30am that her car had been vandalized with the windscreen wipers stolen and the back lights smashed.

### Drink driving

On Sunday 7 December a 37-year-old Waipu man was stopped for speeding on State Highway One. He returned a breath test reading of 1,000 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath: four times the legal limit of 250mcg per litre of breath.

### Four family harm incidents

Over the fortnight leading up to 9 December Bream Bay Police dealt with four family harm incidents two each in Ruakākā and Maungaturoto

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# The Pipeline

## Ruakākā Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

December 2025

The Ruakākā Wastewater Treatment Plant is being upgraded and will include a new discharge option for treated wastewater. The new Scheme will process wastewater faster than the existing plant and treat the wastewater to a much higher standard. The upgrade will meet the demands of growth in the area. This update covers each of the key workstreams.

### Interim solution

An interim discharge solution will accommodate new connections while the new Scheme is under construction. It will free up additional capacity (approx. 1,000 Household Equivalent Units) until the Scheme upgrade is complete (around 2030). Investigations and preliminary design for the interim solution are complete. Consent applications have been lodged with Northland Regional Council and Whangarei District Council to add areas within the Poupuwhenua Reserve to the consented wastewater discharge area.

A Department of Conservation concession to allow the use of Poupuwhenua Reserve has also been applied for.

The interim solution is expected to be operational by mid-2026 (subject to consent timelines).

### Land contact

Consultation with hapū identified that passing the treated wastewater through a land contact bed has significant cultural value. Whichever is the final discharge option, land contact will be included. Contact with Papatuanūkū (the earth) restores the mauri of the water. This could include directing the highly treated wastewater through a series of cascades, streams, pools and vegetation before reentering the environment.

### Treatment plant

Preliminary design of the new treatment plant and detailed site evaluations are now complete. The preferred treatment method, known as Multistage Biological Nutrient Removal with Membrane Tanks meets the consent requirement for a very high quality of treated wastewater discharge with the membrane removing all pathogens. The proposed site is on part of the Rama Road Block site, currently owned by Whangarei District Council. This avoids additional land costs but will require a new consent for building and air emissions.

### Ocean outfall

Discharging treated wastewater into the ocean via a pipeline that extends approximately 3km into Bream Bay is a reliable disposal method but requires ongoing monitoring to ensure compliance with marine environmental standards and is not favoured by some parts of the community e.g. around gathering of kaimoana.

The pipeline from the treatment plant would travel under the dunes and beach, meaning there would be no impact on beach users.

Investigations have confirmed that the outfall is technically and environmentally feasible. Further investigation is needed on construction methodologies and how to manage risks.

### Biosolids management

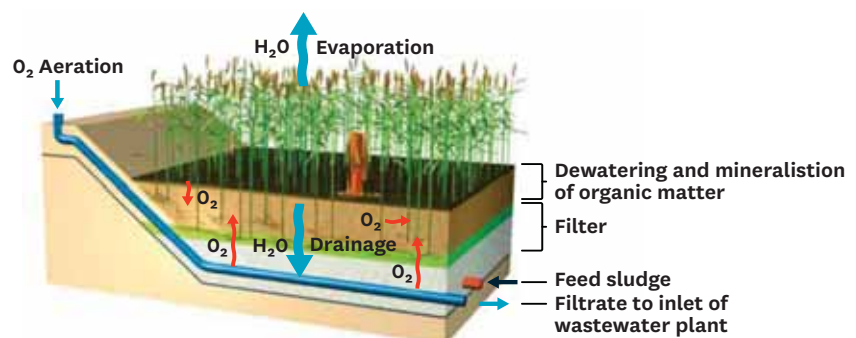
Sludge Treatment Reed Beds is the current preferred option for the management of biosolids (the waste sludge remaining after treatment of the wastewater). In this nature-based process, treatment bacteria break down the biosolids removing organic material and pathogens. Plants enhance the soil-like nature of the biosolids, remove water and produce a higher quality product with very low risk of odour. The end-material is suitable for many uses including horticulture, forestry and land remediation.

### Alternative discharge

Investigations into alternative discharge options are ongoing, with the following discharge options currently being considered:

- discharge to river
- discharge to harbour
- discharge to land at Rama Road
- recycling and reuse
- a combination of these options.

The findings of the initial investigations and possible next steps will be set out in the Indicative Business Case, due by the end of 2025. Further investigations will then inform the selection of a preferred option for the Phase 2 Detailed Business Case (mid 2026). If the preferred option is different to ocean outfall an additional resource consent will be needed along with further consultation with stakeholders to ensure the selected option aligns with the community's values and expectations.



Sludge treatment reed bed - Thanks to WSP for providing this diagram.

## Vehicles on Beaches bylaw review

The Whangārei District Council is reviewing its Vehicles on Beaches Bylaw and inviting feedback which will close on Sunday 15 February.

To quote from the WDC website, "The bylaw is designed to keep people safe, protect public health and reduce nuisance by managing how vehicles are used on beaches across the Whangārei District."

The review relates to beaches throughout the Whangārei District but currently the only places where vehicles are excluded under this bylaw are the northern end of Lings Beach and the beach, both north and south of the Ruakākā Estuary.

Under Northland Regional Council rules to protect areas of high ecological values, there is also a ban on vehicles being driven on the beach a kilometer north of the Waipu Estuary.

Submissions can be made by email, by post, in person or by phone.



## Construction begins on Ruakākā solar Farm

Construction is underway at Meridian Energy's Ruakākā Solar Farm, with vegetation being cleared and hardstands being built.

Piling work has also begun for the solar panel supporting structures at the McCathie Road/Port Marsden Highway end of the development. Piling will soon start on the Marsden Point



Road boundary side of the development as well.

Project manager Robert Batters asks people to be aware there will be increased heavy traffic on the roads around the site during construction.

The physical work on site is expected to be completed in 2027 with generation from the first stage of the development expected in 2026.

The Ruakākā Solar Farm will comprise of 250,000 solar panels. It is expected to cost \$227million and will be capable of producing up to 230Ghw of electricity per year, enough to power around half the homes in Northland.

It will be able to feed into the 100MW Ruakaka Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) commissioned earlier in 2025 which will allow electricity to be stored for high demand periods.

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## Lunch time golf at Ruakākā Primary School



Quin Whyte and Beau Chapman, both aged 9 years, practising their swing techniques



Alizeyah Ngatai-Wai Pouri, Trelise Kampshof (both aged 10 years) and Hartlee Martin (9 years) get some putting tips from the school caretaker Jimmy Shirkey.

Ruakākā Primary School has a golf club and around 20 keen players Teacher James Tomlinson said, by term four the children needed something to keep them occupied at break time.

“The kids have helped me create a chipping range, a driving net, and a putting green”.

Some colourful outdoor carpet left over from the school’s new playground was able to be put to good use.

The Waipu Golf Club has also come to the party providing free clubs for the students to use, and a local business waterproofing specialists Torch Works is offering three free junior memberships to the Waipu Golf Club for kids who show a special interest.



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Make contact with a Justice of the Peace (on any day) and make an appointment to have your documents completed.  
 A service desk also operates 10am to 11am on Saturdays in the Ruakākā Library.

## Fundraising at Bream Bay College to help the family of student with leukemia




Bream Bay College students, staff and supporters join a sponsored 400 metre laps around the school fields

Noah Porteous, a Year 7 student at Bream Bay College, was recently diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a diagnosis that came as a complete shock to his whānau and friends.

Kortez Hita-Duval, one of the school's head girls, felt compelled to organise a community event to raise both awareness and funds to support Noah and his family as they navigate the road ahead, including the finan-


cial pressures of travelling for treatment and spending long periods away from home.

The school's student leadership team, rallied students to gather sponsorship and complete laps of a 400m track in a show of support. With an ambitious target of \$10,000, the team had already secured \$4,500 in sponsorship before the event began. The final total of \$12,010 exceeded all expectations.



# Merry CHRISTmas

## Greetings from the Churches of Bream Bay



### Services at our Churches this season

#### Anglican Church of Bream Bay (two locations)

**Sunday, 21 December**, St Peter's Church (10 Nova Scotia Rd., Waipū), Eucharist of the Fourth Sunday of Advent  
**Christmas Eve, Wednesday, 24 December**, St Paul's Church (25 Karawai St., Ruakākā), 7:00 pm, Christmas Eucharist  
**Christmas Day**, St Peter's Church, 9:30 am, Christmas Eucharist

#### Encounter Bream Bay, 223 Marsden Point Rd., Ruakākā

**Sunday, 21 December, 10:00 am**, Sunday service with morning tea  
**Sunday, 28 December, 10:00 am**, Sunday service.

#### Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Peter Snell Rd., Ruakākā

**Sunday, 21 December, 10:30 am**, Liturgy of the Word and Communion  
**Christmas Day, 10:30 am**, Mass

#### Lifepoint Church 300 One Tree Point Road

**Sunday, 21 December, 5:00 pm**, Carols at Lifepoint  
 Free meal from 5 pm, Carols start at 6 pm  
**Christmas Day, 9:00am**  
 Free bagels and spreads and a short Christmas message

#### Waipū Presbyterian Church, 50 The Centre, Waipū

**Sunday, 21 December, 8:30 pm**, Carol Christmas by Candlelight  
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**Christmas Day, 10:15 am**, Family Christmas

### What peace?

Angels sang about peace to shepherds that night so long ago as they announced the birth of a baby in a feeding-trough. We hear about peace in the tinny soundtracks in shops and malls, we hear about it on Tik Tok, we see it on Christmas cards. But today more than ever peace seems beyond our reach. Still, at Christmas our minds turn to the possibility of peace, craving it, hoping for it, even if just for a moment to catch our breath. What happened? Where did peace go? When did we all become so cynical, so hostile, so angry, so...hopeless? Has the populist rage of political desperation around the world infected us too, made us feel like we're fighting for our own survival?

The birth of a baby so long ago was hope made flesh. The peace that breaks through at Christmas is not simply the absence of war or conflict, or the temporary setting aside of disagreements. It is about the possibility of hope. And once we can believe in hope, then anything is possible. We can set aside fear. We can trust again. Christmas is about God becoming human, and allowing, encouraging us to become more human.

As we become more human, we start to see the humanity in other people. Real people aren't anonymous posts, or drivers that sometimes make mistakes, or partners or children that deliberately set out to annoy or offend. They are simply human beings, doing all the

wonderful and sometimes silly things that humans do.

In the Christmas story, the angel Gabriel said three things to Mary, the mother of Jesus: *Rejoice; the Lord is with you; and Do not be afraid.*

**Rejoice.** Joy is more than merely trying to feel happy. Joy comes from our very core. Joy is an attitude towards life, and towards others. Joy is a decision we can make. Joy celebrates our own humanity and the humanity of others even in times of pain, disappointment and conflict. Joy remembers hope.

**The Lord is with you.** At Christmas, Christians remember that God became flesh in the form of a vulnerable baby. In learning to care for that fragile baby, perhaps we learn to care for the fragility in each other. In seeing the humanity of the divine, perhaps we can see the divinity in the humans around us.

**Do not be afraid.** The birth of a baby in a manger affirmed that being vulnerable is not only OK, but is divine and holy.

We are your friends and neighbours, and we are here to support you to find joy and hope this season. If what you are doing isn't working as well as you'd like, why not give a faith community a try? Just walk in the door and we'll take it from there.

All the churches in Bream Bay wish you a joyful, hope-filled Christmas. We hope to see you soon.



## Bream Bay Coastal Care celebrates 20 years

Bream Bay Coastal Care is celebrating its 20th anniversary with an open invitation to anyone interested in its work to attend a barbeque at the Ruakākā Beach Reserve, beside the surf club, on Saturday 20 Decem-

ber from 12 noon to 4pm. BBQ and salad provided. Bream Bay Coastal Care works at protecting shore-bird habitat and dune restoration.

## Can you help sell tickets for the Bream Bay Shared Path raffle?

The Bream Bay Shared Path Group, which is behind the concrete trail under construction from the Ruakākā Shopping Centre to Marsden Cove, is running a raffle to help fund the project.

First prize is a Melo Yello Ascent 3 electric bike valued at \$4,595. Second prize is a basket of goodies from Marsden Cove Four Square and a \$50 voucher

from Oregano Restaurant. Third prize is a 90 minute session at Driftwood Wellness. Tickets cost \$10 each and 100 people are needed to each sell a book of ten tickets. To arrange to purchase tickets or to pick up raffle books to sell phone Kathy Cogan – 027 275 4044 or Phil Renouf - 021 0 484 132.

## The Waipu community orchard

By Jan Francis

Waipu 2000 is a Charitable Trust, which keeps Waipu looking beautiful and develops and funds community projects often in partnership with other groups.

The Community Orchard next to the Fire Station is one such project, using the nutrient dense food crops method based on regenerative farming philosophy.

Waipu 2000 Orchard is now in its second year and is looking good with very healthy trees. After a wet and windy spring, trees are flowering and setting small quantities of fruit. This spring we have allowed the grasses to grow biomass which has just been cut down and mulched around the trees to keep the tree roots cool and to help retain soil moisture over the summer months.

Trees have been pruned and sprayed regularly with foliar sprays of seaweed, neem oil and comfrey juice

which has kept the dreaded curly leaf away. Shortly we will hang codlin moth traps amongst the apple trees.

Some of you may be concerned that it looks a bit messy without mown lawn under the trees. Using the nutrient dense food crops method (to some the messy method!), we have been able to avoid using toxic sprays and in the summer cut down on water given the site has none available. We thank neighbours who water when this is absolutely necessary.

Waipu 2000 hopes you enjoy this garden and let us know when something might need attention but don't expect to look like orchards you see elsewhere!

We are extremely appreciative of our sponsors Waipu Hammer Hardware, NorthPine and Daltons.

## Waipu Tennis Club Report

By Paul Ramsay

Club members and those who donated towards the new lights celebrated this achievement with a meal together on December 2. Lots of community members and "old" tennis players joined with our present members and a good night was had by all. The lights have certainly made a difference to our tennis evenings.

Still at the top of their respective competitions and unbeaten are Waipu Raiders, our A grade team and Waipu Black, our B grade team. Waipu Yellow, the other B grade team have now had a couple of wins and started to climb the ladder.

McLeods Tuesday night competition finished last week with a finals night. A number of teams were very close but Team 1 (Ben Donaldson, Hayley Pyle, Carl Gordon, Scott Curran) beat Team 2 (James Donaldson, Steve Lymburn, Michael Blyde, Kirk Johnson).

Tuesday tennis has a couple of social nights then there is a Christmas break until January 20. Juniors and Intermediates will take a break over the school holidays.

On Thursdays, starting in February is our own Sawmill competition. Form your teams of four and get an entry in to Sean asap as this competition is limited to eight teams.

Look out for club tournaments over the summer.

Congratulations to Emma Donaldson and partner Charlotte Palmer who took out the Northland Secondary Schools Girls doubles recently.

Paul Ramsay with partner Dave Lobb (Maunu) won the Mairtown B grade men's doubles.

McLeod's are sponsoring our own Waipu One Set Wonder that will be held on February 21. Make sure you keep this day free for a day of fun and tennis. All levels of players are welcome to enter.

Northland Masters club is welcoming new members now as entries for national master's events are due. The NZ master's teams event is in North Harbour in 2026 so not far to go for an Easter weekend of tennis. Currently Northland hold the title for the top club in NZ. In 2027 Northland will be holding this event in Whangārei and surrounding areas so time to start thinking about that as well.

Big news for Northland Tennis securing the Davis Cup round between New Zealand versus Bosnia and Herzegovina on 7/8 February 2026. Davis Cup is the World Cup of tennis and this is a rare chance to see some high calibre players at the McKay Stadium in Whangārei.

Remember to check our Facebook page for what is going on at the club and watch for featured committee members.

### MARSDEN POINT HIGH TIDES

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Thu 18 Dec	7.24	2.4	7.24	2.5
Fri 19 Dec	8.08	2.4	8.08	2.3
Sat 20 Dec	8.49	2.5	8.51	2.3
Sun 21 Dec	9.28	2.5	9.32	2.3
Mon 22 Dec	10.06	2.5	10.12	2.4
Tue 23 Dec	10.45	2.5	10.53	2.4
Wed 24 Dec	11.25	2.5	11.53	2.4
Thu 25 Dec	~	~	12.06	2.6
Fri 26 Dec	12.19	2.4	12.48	2.5
Sat 27 Dec	1.05	2.4	1.34	2.5
Sun 28 Dec	1.55	2.4	2.22	2.5
Mon 29 Dec	2.50	2.4	3.14	2.5
Tue 30 Dec	3.50	2.4	4.11	2.5
Wed 31 SDec	4.55	2.4	5.12	2.5
Thu 1 Jan	5.59	2.5	6.15	2.5
Fri 2 Jan	7.03	2.6	7.18	2.6
Sat 3 Jan	8.01	2.7	8.18	2.6
Sun 4 Jan	8.56	2.8	9.15	2.7
Mon 5 Jan	9.49	2.9	10.09	2.7
Tue 6 Jan	10.39	2.9	11.01	2.7
Wed 7 Jan	11.28	2.8	11.50	2.6
Thur 8 Jan	~	~	12.15	2.8
Fri 9 Jan	12.38	2.5	1.01	2.7
Sat 10 Jan	1.26	2.5	1.47	2.6
Sun 11 Jan	2.16	2.4	2.32	2.5
Mon 12 Jan	3.08	2.3	3.19	2.4
Tue 13 Jan	4.04	2.3	4.09	2.3
Wed 14 Jan	5.02	2.3	5.02	2.2
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## Murals on the Waipu River Walk

Seven murals have been installed on a fence that runs between the Waipu Presbyterian Church land and the Waipu River Walk.

The murals will be unveiled at a short ceremony on Thursday 18 December at 5pm. Each has been sponsored by a local business and illustrates some aspect of that enterprise. The seven artists whose work is featured are: Andre Roth, Azaria Emerson, Aya Hassan, Jessica Loomis, Melinda Butt, Richard Robinson and Shann Whitaker.

There is space on the fence for more murals and the Waipu Riverwalk Committee would like to hear from potential mural sponsors. The price is \$2,500 with \$500 going to the artist and the rest to maintenance work on the River Walk trail.

The Waipu River Walk, which runs between the eastern end of the Waihoi Park and Nova Scotia Rd., was built with a \$100,000 "Community Led Project" grant from the Whangārei District Council.

Beata Kelly, who is involved in the mural project, said ongoing funds are needed for track improvement and maintenance.

## Ruakākā drama student chosen to train with the Young Shakespeare Company in London

Noah Hewlett-Coffey of Ruakākā has been selected to attend the Young Shakespeare Company in London in 2026.

Noah is a Grade 7 honours student with Making a Scene speech and drama academy in Whangārei. He is one of just 24 drama students to be chosen from 5,000 taking part in regional Shakespeare festivals around New Zealand in March and April 2025.

He will train with the Young Shakespeare Company for 10 days in the July 2026 school holiday break, culminating in a performance on The Globe stage.

To help Noah with his travel expenses there will be a fundraising event – Shakespeare in the Garden at Tahamoana Goat Farm on 31 January.



Noah Hewlett-Coffey

## Manu competition at the Whangārei Aquatic Centre

For all Bream Bay's big splash makers, the search is on to find eight finalists to represent Northland at a national manu competition in Auckland on 14 March 2026. The eight will be selected at a competition at the Whangārei Aquatic Centre on 17 January from 10am to 2.30pm.

There will be kids, youth and adult divisions and a Push Play session with all comers invited to give it a go.

See the full schedule at: [manuworldchamps.com](http://manuworldchamps.com).

### THE NEXT PUBLICATION DATE

of the Bream Bay News will be Thursday 15 January

The deadline for all copy is 4pm on  
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# WAIPU HIGHLAND GAMES

**Helen McGregor Memorial Piping Competition.**  
held on the 30th December starting at 5.30pm

**Highland Games** held on the 31st December starting with the **morning march** at 9.00am

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## A concert in a cave

The owners of the Milky Way glowworm cave are holding a concert inside what they call the Starburst Cathedral – the largest chamber 250m inside the 3km cave system.

Ian and Cindy Fox opened the cave for public viewing early in 2023 after working for five years to make it easily accessible to the general public with steps and handrails.

For the past three years they have been developing an extension into the Starburst Cathedral, which they say is “an awe inspiring place with wonderful acoustics.”

Local performers Maggie Burke, Adara Lunjevich, Kaiser Jacoby, the Mollymawks (Al Baxter and Emily Allen) and Tammy D'Ath will be trying this out with their voices.

Concert tickets are \$150 each and there is seating for just 50 people. The concert will be the official opening of the new section of the cave. Tickets are available on the Waipu Caves Farm Park website.

## WAM raised \$15,000 for Emergency Services Trust

The Waipu Art in Motion show WAM raised \$15,000 for NEST, the Northland Emergency Services Trust, which operates the Northland rescue helicopter.

The wearable arts show played three performances to sell out crowds in the Waipu Coronation on Friday 31 October and Saturday 1 November. Alongside 20 wearable art entries there was a single video entry by Elise Koncsek, which played.

“We were very pleased with the result. Makes it all worthwhile”, commented Sue Welford, one of the WAM organisers..

Plans are already underway for the next WAM! show to be held in November 2026.



**Ruakākā Recreation Centre**  
**Christmas**  
**opening hours:**  
 Normal hours until Tuesday the 23rd of December.  
 The Rec Centre will be closed from Wednesday the 24th of December and reopens on Monday the 12th of January 2026!  
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, thank you for your support!  
 Gym members not paying online please update your key in advance by December 23rd as we won't be back to update keys until January 12th!

## WHAT'S ON IN BREAM BAY

- **CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES.** At the Ruakākā Race-track. Wednesday 17 December Free entry. Gates open from 11am - 5pm.
- **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON MARKET** in Waipu Caledonian Park on Sunday 21 December from 12 noon to 6pm. Special guests Santa and The Grinch. have your photo taken with either or both.
- **WAIPU CHRISTMAS PARADE** Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 December Starts at 7pm from the Pizza Barn. Travels down the main street of Waipu, up St Mary's Rd. into the Caledonian Park. Register on the Promote Waipu website.
- **THE 153rd WAIPU HIGHLAND GAMES.** Wednesday 31 December 2025. Starts 8.30am with the March of the Clans. 12.25pm massed pipe bands and highland fling final event 3.15pm NZ Record attempt at 160lb Farmers Walk
- **SUNSET MARKET AT MARSDEN COVE** First Friday of the month 4pm to 8pm. Next market 2 January.
- **TRIGG FAMILY FUN RACEDAY.** Tuesday 6 January \$15 entry For those over 18 years old. Gates open 11am.- 5pm.
- **MARSDEN COVE FISHING CLUB KIDS FISHING FRENZY** 10 -11 January. 16 years and under. For more details ant to purchase tickets go to Marsdencovefishingclub.co.nz
- **SOUL AND BLUES REVUE** at Tahamoana Angora Goat Farm 24 January at 7.30pm. Beats Workin with Maggie Cocco and Lorraine Haville. Tickets from Waipu Hammer Hardware or at Eventfinda.
- **SHAKESPEARE IN THE GARDEN.** 31 January from 5pm to 7pm. at Tahamoana Farm. Fundraiser for Noah Hewlett -Coffey to help him attend Young Shakespeare drama school in London. Tickets at Waipu Hammer Hardware or at Eventfinda.
- **JAZZ ON A SUMMERS DAY** 8 February 3pm to 5pm at Tahamoana Farm Tickets from Eventfinda or from Waipu Hammer Hardware.
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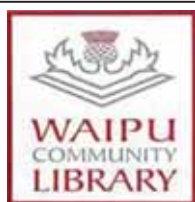


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