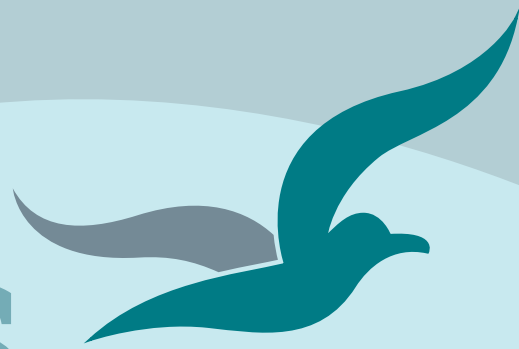


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McCallum's barge taking samples in the bay last week

People overlooking Bream Bay at Waipu Cove were startled to see McCallum Brothers Ltd. barge Kapua out in the bay for several days last week. The red and black coloured vessel with an excavator reaching over its side could also be seen from Langs Beach.

Callum McCallum, the sand mining company's Managing Director told the Bream Bay News the vessel was taking sand samples in preparation for the application under the Fast Track Bill for resource consent to mine 8 million cubic metres of sand from the bay over 35 years.

Asked if an excavator was needed, he said this machine lived on the boat and using it was the easiest way to gain the samples. He said resource consent is not required for this exercise.

He could not say when the application would be ready to submit as it depended on a number of reports being completed. He said these reports would be made available on the company's website, where there are already a number of summaries all concluding that the effects of the proposed sand mining would be "negligible" or that the impact would be "low."

He told the BB News that, "since last year the company had been consulting with local iwi and the McCallum Brothers Ltd. would be prepared to provide support such as educational scholarships to local people.

Mr. McCallum said Bream Bay and, in particular, the area the mining would be taking place in, is already a "heavily industrialised" area with ships arriving and departing from Northport.

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The shining beach at Uretiti early Sunday morning



There were a surprising number of people on the beach :in the water jumping out of the waves , paddling in the shallows or just walking on the beach at Uretiti last Sunday morning. The campground was full with people enjoying the warm weather and clear water.



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As always, there's a lot happening out your way, from the community-led Ruakākā - Marsden Cove cycle path, to the Ruakākā Wastewater Treatment Plant and Kepa Road wastewater renewals – development in your area is growing fast, and so is the need to grow and upgrade your infrastructure and community assets.

With the closure of the Refinery (which used to take 2000 to 4000 m3 of treated wastewater per day), the Ruakākā Wastewater Treatment Plant is having to deal with discharging significantly higher than expected levels of treated wastewater, and this, combined with the increased development in your area, means that the capacity to allow for new connections is limited. The process to upgrade and expand the Ruakākā wastewater system has started (including interim measures to free up some capacity), and Council is working towards giving clear timelines on when additional capacity will be available.

You've also been the talk of the town with the cruise ship visitors, where I've heard it mentioned more than once that our port is one of the most beautiful in New Zealand. This tourism has really changed the way the port is being used, and although the last cruise ship of the season is coming in on 24 March, we hope to see more cruising visitors next year.

Looking towards Whangārei city, we've been hearing a lot from residents lately about carparking in our central business district. Council has been grappling with the number and placement of carparks for years; each time Council removes parking spaces to allow for increased traffic flow, we must balance this with maintaining accessibility for residents and local business owners.

For inner-city business and property owners the balancing act is hard too, especially when there are shopping areas just outside the city center where parking is available and free. It's important to keep in mind that these areas are privately owned, and the owners provide this service for their customers, even while paying commercial rates for the land.

45 plus years ago, there was on-street parking along Walton Street, where my father had his shop, Continental Motorcycles (now the Piggery Secondhand book shop). Originally, there was carparking down both sides of Walton Street, offering carparking right outside his shop door. Then as traffic increased, carparking would slowly be removed. I know my father always had an issue with this, and if he was still alive today, I'm sure I would be hearing him talk about it regularly.

In Whangārei's Long Term Plan for 2024-34, we have allocated \$11.4 million for the construction of a new parking building from years 2027 to 2030. Additionally, we have committed to developing a Park and Ride service over the next 20 years, and in the immediate term we are looking at developing better traffic flows, flow paths, and parking arrangements, all to be evaluated within the upcoming parking strategy.

Our Council has great plans that will pay off in time – and let's not forget that we're still the only District in New Zealand that offers free parking for over-70's! The reality is that Whangārei is not a small town anymore, it's a city in a fast-growing District, and we need to be future focused, thinking strategically and putting things in place for the long term.

EDITORIAL

Where are the benefits for Northland in the McCallum Brothers' sand mining proposal?

Is that a photograph of the vehicle entrance to the beach at Tip Rd, that McCallum Brothers have at the top of their web page where they try to convince us that the effects of 35 year of sand mining and the extraction of 8 million cubic metres of the fine white stuff will be "negligible".

I have put another photo, one I took on at 8.30am on Sunday morning in front of the Uretiti campground. This shows the dunes recovering with long tendrils of spinifex gathering sand that is returning after the storm blow outs of 2021/2022 and people of all ages enjoying the beach.

I spoke to a woman with a very cute little toddler who was splashing in the wet sand, fascinated by the reflections in the water. She told me her family returns to Uretiti every year from Wellington and was shocked when I told her about the looming sand mining threat.

She voiced what many of us are thinking – regardless of what the company McCallum Brothers Ltd and its panel of paid experts claim there will be consequences. There always are.

I apologized for ruining her morning with this news. She said she would go on line to support the protest action against the mining.

The beach at Tip Rd. has deep vehicle tracks everywhere and looks like a place no one cares about. Is this the message McCallum Brothers are trying to portray here? I can't see any benefit to Northland or Northlanders from this application.

Under the Fast Track Bill the Northland Regional Council will not get to assess McCallum's application or to set the conditions, which it will have to meet if the application is successful. Yet the NRC will be charged with monitoring those conditions. This doesn't seem quite right.

The Resource Management (Transitional, Fees, Rents and Royalties) Regulations 1991 states that the holder of a permit to remove sand from the coastal marine area is subject to a royalty of \$1.70 per cubic metre of sand taken to be collected by the regional council and paid to the Crown: ie: New Zealand Government.

The McCallum Brothers barge operates out of Auckland and the plant where the sand is graded and cleaned is in Rosebank Rd. in west Auckland so there are unlikely to be any employment opportunities here for Northlanders

The product itself; the sand McCallum's dredges and cleans is to supply the Auckland market including to replenish Auckland beaches. Northland has its own land based sand supplies.

When the first Cruise ship the MS Regatta arrived at Northport on 4 February 2024 I was invited down to take photographs for the paper and I had a brief conversation with the Italian captain of that vessel. I asked what his first impressions of Whangārei Harbour had been. I expected him to talk about the high rock formations on Mount Manaia but he said it was the long stretch of white sandy beach along Bream Bay. I wondered how many of the passengers on board that ship would have preferred a walk along that glorious beach to a trip to the Whangārei Town Basin.

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if you know of something interesting going on in Bream Bay.

Albany Rd. residents reject Council’s rock wall proposal



Eighty-six year old Ann Hines says she will lie down in front of the trucks if the Council tries to put rocks on her beach. The orange netting at the top of the wooden wall is to warn people about hollows carved out by the sea.

Eighty-six-year-old Ann Hines says she will lie down in front of the trucks if the Whangārei District Council tries to put rocks on her beach. The residents of Albany Rd and the Blacksmiths Creek area want the Council to replace a wooden seawall, which was built by local people with some Council funding in 1992. Ann remembers how they all chipped in to help with local children carrying the wooden half rounds down to the beachfront. The seawall is now breaking up and the beachfront is eroding. The Council’s favoured option is to place a rock revetment wall in its place but some of the locals are vehemently opposed to this. Captain Paul Hines, Ann’s son, who also lives in Albany Rd. points to three local beaches where rock revetment walls are breaking up with rocks washing out and compromising the sandy beach in front. He gathered photographs from Princes Rd., Marsden Bay at the entrance to the Marsden Cove Marina and the western end of One Tree Point Beach to show where this is

happening. Ann has lived in Albany Rd for over 40 years and has enjoyed swimming at high tide at the beach at the end of her section. She says the grassy walkway at the top of the wooden wall is well used by walkers and dog exercisers and if the beach front were covered in rocks this would not be as accessible. Dean Hawkins, a Technical Officer with the Council’s Parks and Recreation Department met on site with residents to hear their concerns last Wednesday 19 February. Mr. Hawkins said, “Our preferred option was to build a rock revetment sea wall due to lower cost and longevity. Residents would like a new timber retaining wall, so we got together on Wednesday to discuss options.” He said, the meeting was positive and the Council will consider other options if the residents are willing to share the costs.

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Vehicle free zone signs on the beach subject to contiuned vandalism

The “No Vehicles” sign in the foredunes near the NIWA station at Ruakaka Beach has been ripped down, again.

Local resident Eric Woodward said, It looks like the vandals cut some of the screws off and then roped and pulled one post. That looks broken about 300 down from the surface. The sign has been driven over but is not particularly damaged. He pointed out, “This IS NOT wind damage”. He said it was ironic that the reprobates have driven a track onto the beach about 30 metres south of the sign. And he asks, “Why is it



No Vehicles Past this Point sign vandalised, again

police enforce beach regulations around Auckland but our Councils and government agencies. (District and Regional, DoC and Police) still refuse to enforce their own ByLaws.

At the end of January Police patrols on Kariotahi Beach in south Auckland resulted in vehicles being impounded and a number of fines being issued to drivers for exceeding a 20kmph speed limit and/or for driving in a no vehicle zone.

“Surely making an example of some transgressors will deter others thinking of transgressing!”

Eric suggests the posts need beefing up to 125/150 mm square and a thicker or more robust threaded screw used.

Under the Whangārei District Council’s Vehicles on beaches bylaw there is a vehicle free zone each side of the Ruakākā Estuary.

Vehicles are banned from the beach between the entry point at Bream Bay Drive Pedestrian Accessway northwards to the Ruakaka River mouth and between the point the intake pipe for NIWAs Northland Marine Research Centre intersects the beach and southwards to the Ruakaka River mouth. The speed limit on Ruakākā Beach is 30kmph and vehicles are required to give way to pedestrians.

Another sign, this one at the Tip Rd. vehicle entrance advising where the no vehicle zones on Bream Bay beach are including a new area north of the Waipu River Mouth due to new Northland Regional Council coastal policy, has also been vandalised.

The NRC intends to replace this sign and is investigating how it can be made more vandal proof.

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Another protest planned

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Colin Dall, Group Manager - Regulatory Services for the Northland Regional Council, advised that Rule C.1.5.3 of the Proposed Regional Plan for Northland, permits sampling and scientific investigation in the coastal marine area subject to a set of conditions including that no more than one cubic metre of sand be removed in a 24 hour period and that the head size of drilling equipment used be no more than 250mm in diameter. Conditions are tighter in mapped areas of significance to tangata whenua.

Mr. Dall said, "Council staff have advised McCallum Brothers of this rule and its requirements. There are no mapped sites or areas of significance to tangata whenua or mapped historic heritage area in the sampling area and the volume of sand being removed is less than one cubic metre per day, with the sampling cores being approximately 90 millimetres in diameter."

Under the Fast Track Bill the Northland Regional Council staff will not get an opportunity to access the McCallum application and its collection of "expert" reports. The decision to grant or decline resource consent will be made by a panel of three, yet to be appointed individuals.

Although the various consultants the company has engaged are pretty unanimous in saying the effects of the sand extraction on fish and fisheries, shorebirds, surf breaks, sea mammals, beach erosion etc. will be "low"

Photo by Peter Hunt



McCallum Brothers Ltd. barge Kaupu out in the bay collecting sand samples last week

or "negligible", many local people are not convinced. Peter Blanch, for example, emailed Mr. McCallum directly saying "Good morning, I am contacting you to let you know I'm against you taking sand from Bream Bay. You can do studies and tell us that it will have no effect on our coastal environment, but everything you

do our there does have an effect. So with that said, please respect the wishes of thousands of residents and look for an alternative way of sourcing sand." Another protest is being organised, this time in boats out in the bay. The protest date is 16 March and the time from 12 noon to 1pm.



Quips & Tips with Annabelle White

Join us at **Summerset Mount Denby** for an engaging session with popular television and radio cooking personality, Annabelle White.

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Drunk driver responsible for the death of young Whangārei fashion designer

Jake Hamlin, who two years ago, on Friday evening 19 May 2023, drove his vehicle across the centre line on State Highway One at Uretiti to smash into a north bound vehicle, killing the driver 27-year- old Samantha Williams on impact was sentenced to 12 months home detention by Judge Greg Davis in the Whangārei District Court last week.

Hamlin, aged 26 at the time, was found at the scene of the accident to have a level of 488 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath, almost double the legal limit of 250 micrograms.

Judge Davis accepted that “Hamlin was among many young men in New Zealand caught up in the peer pressure of an excessive drinking culture.”

Hamlin told the court he woke up every day to the reality he was responsible for taking Samantha’s life.

“I just wish things were different. I will spend every day for the rest of my life thinking about the consequences of my actions and the tragedy I have caused.”

Samantha was studying fashion design in Auckland and was driving home to visit her family in Whangārei.

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Police Report



Drink Drivers

Over the fortnight 10 - 24 February Bream Bay Police have apprehended four people on drink driving charges

- On Friday 21 February at 11pm Police breath tested the driver of a vehicle that had driven into a ditch on the side of State Highway One at Mata. The driver returned a breath/alcohol reading of 907 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. A 19 year old Whangārei man will be appearing in the Whangarei District Court on a drink driving charge. There is a zero alcohol limit for drivers under the age of 20 years.
- On Tuesday 11 February at 1pm a vehicle was stopped by Police on State Highway One at Ruakākā. The driver was breath tested, returning a result of 695 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath (the legal limit for those over the age of 20 is 250 and, as a result, a 60 year old Whangārei woman will be appearing in the Whangārei District Court.
- On 19 February at 5pm a speeding vehicle was stopped by Police on State Highway One at Waipu. When the driver was breath tested he returned a reading of 661 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath. A 50-year-old Coopers Beach man will be appearing in court. The vehicle was clocked at 130kmph.

15 family harm incidents

Over the same period Bream Bay Police attended 15 family harm incidents

Stolen trailer tracked to Waipu address

Two trailers were stolen recently from the side of State Highway One. One of these had a tracking device on it and, with the aid of members of the public, Police were able to find this hidden at a Waipu address. Inquiries are continuing.

Vehicle thefts

There have been a number of vehicle thefts from the Marsden Cove and Ruakākā areas recently.

Wholesale meat scam

The latest scam to be doing the rounds is a wholesale meat offer. People have paid up to \$1,000 for this to find it is a scam. Senior Sergeant Simon Craig once more urges Marketplace shoppers not to hand over any money until they have sighted the item they intend to purchase. He also advises that if you do find yourself the victim of a scam to get in touch with your bank ASAP as sometimes the transaction can be stopped and your money returned to your account.



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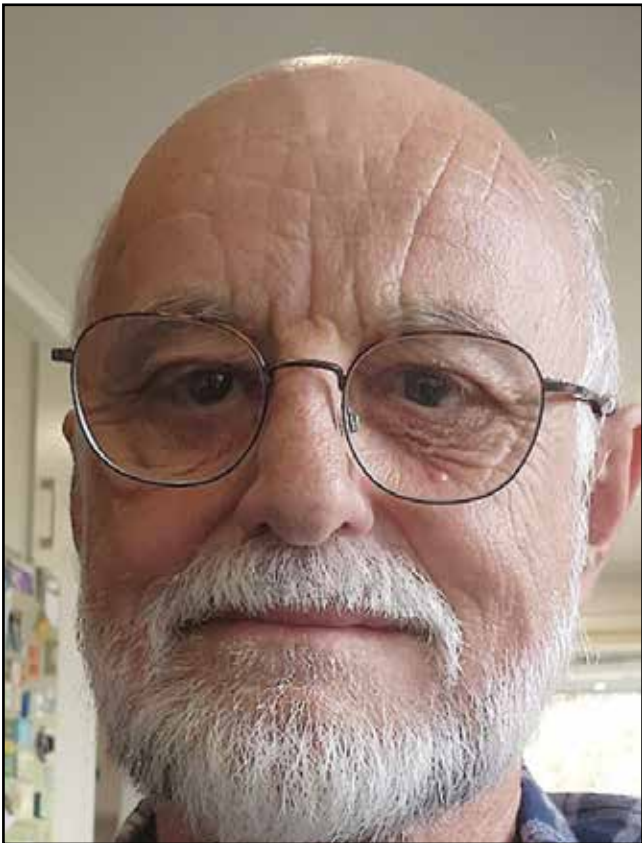
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Mr. Dahn is an applied coastal scientist with a Masters degree in Earth Sciences. He helped form New Zealand’s first Coastcare groups and has worked on the design and implementation of nature-based coastal solutions and coastal restoration for over 40 years. He is an expert on coastal processes and coastal hazards and has been involved in the assessment and management of coastal hazards around NZ. He has been involved in the design and management of many restoration projects in New Zealand estuaries. Patuharakeke representatives will be present at both events. Members of Bream Bay’s Coastal Care group will speak at the Ruakākā event and Northland Regional Councillor Rick Stolwerk ,who has been involved with dune restoration at Waipu Cove and Langs Beach with Waipu Primary school children will speak at the Waipu event .



Coastal scientist Jim Dahn

Another Sea Week event

Another Sea Week event will be a beach clean up at Ruakākā on 26 March from 9.30am. Meet in the car park alongside the Ruakākā Surf Lifesaving Club

The clean up will be organised by Bream Bay Coastal Care. Wear gloves and solid footwear. Rubbish bags will be supplied

NRC staff remove remains of dead sheep from the river at Millbridge Rd.

The remains of three dead sheep could be seen floating under the bridge in Millbridge Rd. in rural Waipu last month. They had already been there for several weeks before the Northland Regional Council was notified.

Northland Regional Council staff inspected the site on 24 January. The sheep had ‘been washed further downstream by some heavy rain but the staff were able to remove the remains, which were bagged and taken to the Whangārei Resort disposal facility.

Colin Dall, the NRC’s Manager of Regulatory Services said dumping of animal carcasses into a water body is not a permitted activity in the Proposed Regional Plan He said animal carcasses in a waterway would affect water quality and adversely affect water supplies for animals or humans.

Mr. Dall warned anyone dumping carcasses in a waterway could face a range of penalties including a \$750 fine or prosecution.

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Ellen Parker- A Lifelong Commitment to Medicine and Community

By Carole Mudford



Ellen Parker

Ellen Parker has dedicated much of her life to community service and healthcare, a passion she attributes to her upbringing in South Africa. Raised by a surgeon father and a nurse mother, Ellen says, “Medicine was in my bones from the start.” Her career, spanning nursing, ambulance work, and volunteering, also reflects a deep-rooted commitment to helping others.

Ellen’s journey in healthcare began in the UK, where she worked as a nurse caring for sick infants. It was there that she met her future husband, a Kiwi, leading to their move to New Zealand in 1977. While raising two children on a Northland farm, Ellen embraced the challenges of rural life- managing sheep and beef stock and even tending an avocado orchard. “Farming in Northland at that time was an isolated way of life,” she recalls.

In 2003, Ellen and her family moved to Ruakaka, closer to her husband’s family. Encouraged by her sister-in-law, who was on the Hato Hone St John Bream Bay Area Committee, Ellen decided to volunteer for the organization. Though initially nervous, Ellen quickly found a sense of purpose in the work.

By 2009, Ellen had secured a paid role as a rural relief officer, traveling across Northland to provide ambulance services. She became the first person in Northland to qualify as an Emergency Medical Technician and later participated in an ambulance officer exchange programme in South Australia.

Ellen’s service extended beyond Northland. In 2011, she was among the first ambulance staff sent to

Christchurch following the devastating earthquake, providing crucial medical support. Two years later, she returned to nursing at Whangarei Hospital, working in the Neonatal Unit for seven years before retiring in 2020.

Even in retirement Ellen’s interest in healthcare and dedication to helping others remained strong. She volunteered three times with Mercy Ships, providing medical care to communities in Africa affected by war and poverty. During the Covid-19 pandemic, she joined the DHB vaccination team in Northland, helping them to navigate the challenges of the health crisis.

In recognition of her service, Ellen received the Hato Hone St John 15-Year Service Medal in 2022. Though no longer an ambulance volunteer, she continues to support Hato Hone St John as a ‘Friend of Bream Bay’ and remains active in her community. She volunteers with Linking Hands, a Northland-based community transport provider, and the Ruakaka Hospice Charity Shop.

Ellen’s story is one of dedication, compassion, and a lifelong passion. She encourages others who may have a similar interest or wish to contribute to their community, to get involved.

“If you want to make a difference, have some fun and stay connected with your community, get in touch,” Ellen says.

For those inspired by Ellen’s journey, volunteering opportunities are available. To learn more contact Shelley Trigg at shelley.trigg@stjohn.org.nz

Opera in the Garden at Tahamoana

After a six year hiatus, Northland’s Opera in the Garden is back and this time it will be held at Waipu Cove’s Tahamoana Angora Goat Farm.

From its inaugural debut in 1997, Opera in the Garden has hosted some of New Zealand’s finest guest artists, including Dame Malvina Major, Helen Medlyn MNZM, Kawiti Waetford and Maungatoroto’s own musical theatre superstar, Hayden Tee.

This year, the guest artist is Deborah Wai Kapohe, who is based in Wellington and has performed in operas, musical theatre, contemporary Māori music, arts festivals, proms, concerts, recitals, self-accompanied guitar and voice recitals, and special events throughout New Zealand and Australia, as well as in the UK, Asia Pacific Region, and South Africa.

The Opera North chorus will sing selections of well known Opera Choruses as well as a mixture of musical theatre and jazz. The choir will also feature members of Te Kōrihi o te Tūi, children’s choir and the award winning Opera North Chamber Choir. The repertoire is described by Conductor, Emma Couper as a “chocolate box” selection of songs to compliment this year’s theme of a “1930’s Garden Party”

The audience is invited to bring hampers or to enjoy the onsite coffee and food trucks, including a selection of cheeses from Belle Chèvre Creamery and a “decadent Opera Cake”.

There will be an award for the best dressed person in 1930s style .

When: Saturday March 22nd - 3PM - 6 PM

Where : Tahamoana Angora Goat Farm , 566 Cove Road, Waipu Cove

Tickets : operanorth.co.nz - Children free



Deborah Wai Kapohe will be guest artist at Opera in the Garden at Tahamoana Angora Goat Farm on March 22.

A new concept for the Waipu Wearable Art Show

Are you missing Waipu’s iconic wearable art show that became such an important part of the Waipu’s winter entertainment programme? Well, don’t give up hope - a group of locals, several of whom worked on the previous shows, are getting together to create an entirely new format “Waipu Art in Motion” [WAM!] to be held as a charity fund raiser in the Coronation Hall in October/ November.

A whole new concept for the event has been suggested. “Art in Motion” will not only include runway model garment entries from the creative Waipu community and beyond but also entries from moving image makers on video to accompany and enhance the showcasing of the wearable art.

The show is still very much in the planning stage. More members of the administration team are needed. If you are computer savvy, have good organisational and creative skills and would love to be part of a team, rather than a formal committee, who will work together to create an entirely new community event please email Waipuartinmotion@gmail.com for more details.

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The One Tree Point coastal walks

By Marilyn Cox

I tried the One Tree Point cliff top walk recently to see if anything had changed since I walked along it around three years ago.

The walk is not listed on the Whangārei District Council website perhaps because parking could be an issue. My advice is to find a shady spot half way along Pyle Rd West or on Manaia View Rd. and walk to the start. Turning is a bit tight down the hill at the end of Pyle Rd West, which runs into private property.

The walk itself is not a long one. It took just 20 minutes with frequent stops to take photographs for me and my ten-year-old grandson to get from the entrance off Pyle Rd. West to Karoro Rd. I wasn't sure if the walk extended all the way to the point. Whangārei District Council maps show there is certainly esplanade reserve in front of those properties.

There is a concreted entrance up a steep incline at the start of the trail on Pyle Rd East. It's a beautiful walk. The water below was clear and sparkling, inviting a dip. A couple of kayakers went by, a dog swam out to retrieve a thrown tennis ball and on a tiny pristine white sandy beach at the Karoro Road end a grey headed man and woman sat enjoying the sunshine and the view.

The barriers across the trail in the form of gates and vegetation have been taken down and the path is well trodden. It still feels a bit uncomfortable though at a couple of locations as if you are walking in someone's private garden. Checking on the Whangārei District Council property maps, there is a wide coastal esplanade reserve all along here, so be assured you are on public land. There is a sign at each end of the walk with a list of rules – dogs on leashes, no alcohol, pedestrian access only. All along there are signs warning against going to the edge of the cliff, as this is prone to erosion.

After talking with one of the volunteers who have formed a track below along the surface of the rock retaining wall alongside the esplanade, I returned to look at this trail. The start is easy to miss. Its just a few metres closer to the shore than the concreted entrance to the higher trail.

A small sign there tells you that this track was built by local volunteers who also carry out maintenance. There is a phone number to ring if you see anything that needs attention and a list of the businesses that have supported the project.



Lucian Ravenwood, aged 10 years, on the cliff top trail



The trail made by volunteers on top of the rock wall





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“I advise everyone to do at least one community project in their lifetime. I have really enjoyed it. I was surprised to find how many people were willing to lend their support. It’s been up-lifting. It’s given me hope.”

My contact, who didn’t want to be named in the paper, explained how there had previously been a well-used trail at the top of a wooden retaining wall. However the wooden wall had been smashed up by storms and the WDC made the decision to replace it with a rock wall. In its original consultation with residents the council had proposed a walkway along the top of the rocks but decided to instead open up the esplanade walkway above asking that fences and hedges be removed to allow for people to walk here.

My contact, who lives on Pyle Rd. West had been a frequent user of the lower walkway and he decided to see if it could be re-established.

He spent around \$2,500 of his own money to gain consents from both the Whangārei District Council and the Northland Regional Council. The WDC told him he could build an “informal trail” which arrangement Tony said he understood and is grateful for.

Once he had this agreement he went door to door to explain his plan and was pleasantly surprised at how many of his neighbours were supportive and agreed to help.

The NRC consent allowed for a truck and digger to come onto the foreshore and around 120 cubic metres of sand from a nearby source to be placed on top of the rocks to form the trail.

It took three and a half years to get all the permissions and resource consents in place and then it took just one day to build the trail.

The rock wall top trail finishes just short of Karoro Rd., as the cliffs face from here to the Marsden Boat Club contains fossils and shows evidence sea level has rise and fall over millions of years and has heritage status.

Where the rock top trail ends there is a thick -knotted rope to help you climb up some rough rock stairs to reach the esplanade walk above. Tony doesn’t know who installed this but says, “There are many unofficial access ways people have built to make it easier to get to the water’s edge.”

Our reticent track building volunteer said, “I advise everyone to do at least one community project in their lifetime. I have really enjoyed it. I was surprised to find how many people were willing to lend their support. It’s been up-lifting. It’s given me hope.”



The beach at Karoro Rd.



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The Kevin Reade Memorial Swimming Carnival honours the memory of a dedicated club president



Bream Bay's carnival team

On Saturday, February 1st, the Bream Bay Swim Club hosted the Kevin Reade Memorial Carnival at the Dargaville Kauri Coast Swimming Pool. This special event honours the memory of Kevin Reade, who served as the club's president for several years before his sudden passing two years ago.

Zeralda Pirini said, "Kevin was a dedicated and passionate supporter of swimming in Northland, often stepping up as a marshall at events and cheering on every swimmer, no matter which club they represented. His generosity and big-hearted spirit left a lasting impact on the swimming community."

What was originally planned as a two-day meet was condensed into one, making it an intense and demanding competition. Bream Bay was joined by swimmers from across Northland, including Dargaville, Whangārei, North Wave, Kaitia, and Bay of Islands Swim Clubs. The Bream Bay swimmers were

From Bream Bay College – Niamh Inglis, Aoife Inglis, Levi Costello, Ella Watts, Timba Linton, Mahko Linton, Illaria Ionta, Tia De Jong, Olivia Ferreira,

Yutamé Venter, Abbie Allen, Kohana Pirini
From Otamatea High School – Blake Forsyth-Hall and Mason Forsyth-Hall

One Tree Point Primary School – Oliver Trandafir and Luca Percival

Ruakaka Primary School – Alessia Costello

Whangarei Boys High – Jackson Whitehead

Pompallier College – Eliana Kau Kau

Kamo High School – Maci Hutchinson-Griffin

School Leavers – Fidel Poulsen and Lawrence Reade

Zeralda said, "This event truly reflected the camaraderie and passion that make Northland's swimming community so special. Kevin's legacy of encouragement and support for all swimmers lives on through competitions like this."

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From the Bream Bay News of 50 years ago

This item appeared in the February 1975 issue:

Au revoir to a giant

After weeks of preparation at her moorings at Marsden Point, Penrod 74, left on the high tide on Wednesday 12th February, for the rough Tasman Seas off the Taranaki Coast to drill for the black gold. Residents have grown accustomed to the great ungainly edifice – a small town on top of vast pillars of concrete. Many hundreds of holiday makers and visitors have also come to see at close range this giant contraption men have constructed to find the precious oil so urgently needed for power to preserve our way of life. The millions of dollars invested in this game of chance on the high seas is staggering and though Penrod 74 is hardly a thing of beauty (except when lit up at night) she will be a joy for at least two or three generations if she succeeds in “striking it rich”. Our high hopes go with her.

Whangārei Engineering and Construction (WECO) worked on a main bearing line bore of the main motor of the drilling rig in the 1970s.



Penrod 74 - “Hardly a thing of beauty.”

Marsden Point High Tides				
	AM	PM		
Thu 27 Feb	7.51	2.6	8.07	2.5
Fri 28 Feb	8.39	2.7	8.59	2.7
Sat 1 March	9.27	2.8	9.48	2.8
Sun 2 March	10.13	2.9	10.37	2.8
Mon 3 March	11.01	2.9	11.26	2.8
Tue 4 March	11.49	2.9	~	~
Wed 5 March	12.16	2.8	12.38	2.8
Thu 6 March	1.08	2.7	1.30	2.7
Fri 7 March	2.04	2.6	2.25	2.5
Sat 8 March	3.04	2.5	3.25	2.4
Sun 9 March	4.09	2.5	4.30	2.4
Mon 10 March	5.15	2.4	5.36	2.3
Tue 11 March	6.16	2.5	6.38	2.4
Wed 12 March	7.11	2.5	7.34	2.4
Thu 13 March	7.59	2.6	8.23	2.5
Fri 14 March	8.43	2.6	9.06	2.5

A refreshed community liaison group for Ruakākā Wastewater expansion project

The Whangārei District Council called together a “refreshed” Community Liaison Group for the Ruakākā Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project on Monday evening.

The group is a diverse one with representatives of the Northland District Health Board, the Northland Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Conservation, NIWA, and local business, the Northern Branch of the Forest and Bird Society and Bream Bay Coastal Care all invited. Consultation with a “community liaison group” is a requirement of the consent the council holds for the expansion. A liaison group was established ten years ago when the treatment plant expansion consent was negotiated. It is now being refreshed to, in the words of Anna Curnow, the Council’s “community Engagement lead – “to ensure it represents the original intention of the consent.”

The WDC put out a tender in December 2024 inviting

applications by professional services to investigate and prepare a preliminary design for the Ruakākā Wastewater treatment plant upgrade. An

Asked how much response this received Curnow said, “We received a level of responses that exceeded our expectations. We expect this to be around late March – early April 2025”

A time frame on the WDC website the preliminary plan to be completed this year with detailed design beginning in 2026 and construction of the new plant from 2027 – 2030.

The Council holds consent granted in 2012 for a treated wastewater ocean outfall but a condition is that all possible land based disposal options be investigated before this is built.

Funds have been allocated in the Council’s 2024 -2034 Long Term Plan for this project .

Bream Bay Sports Awards Evening

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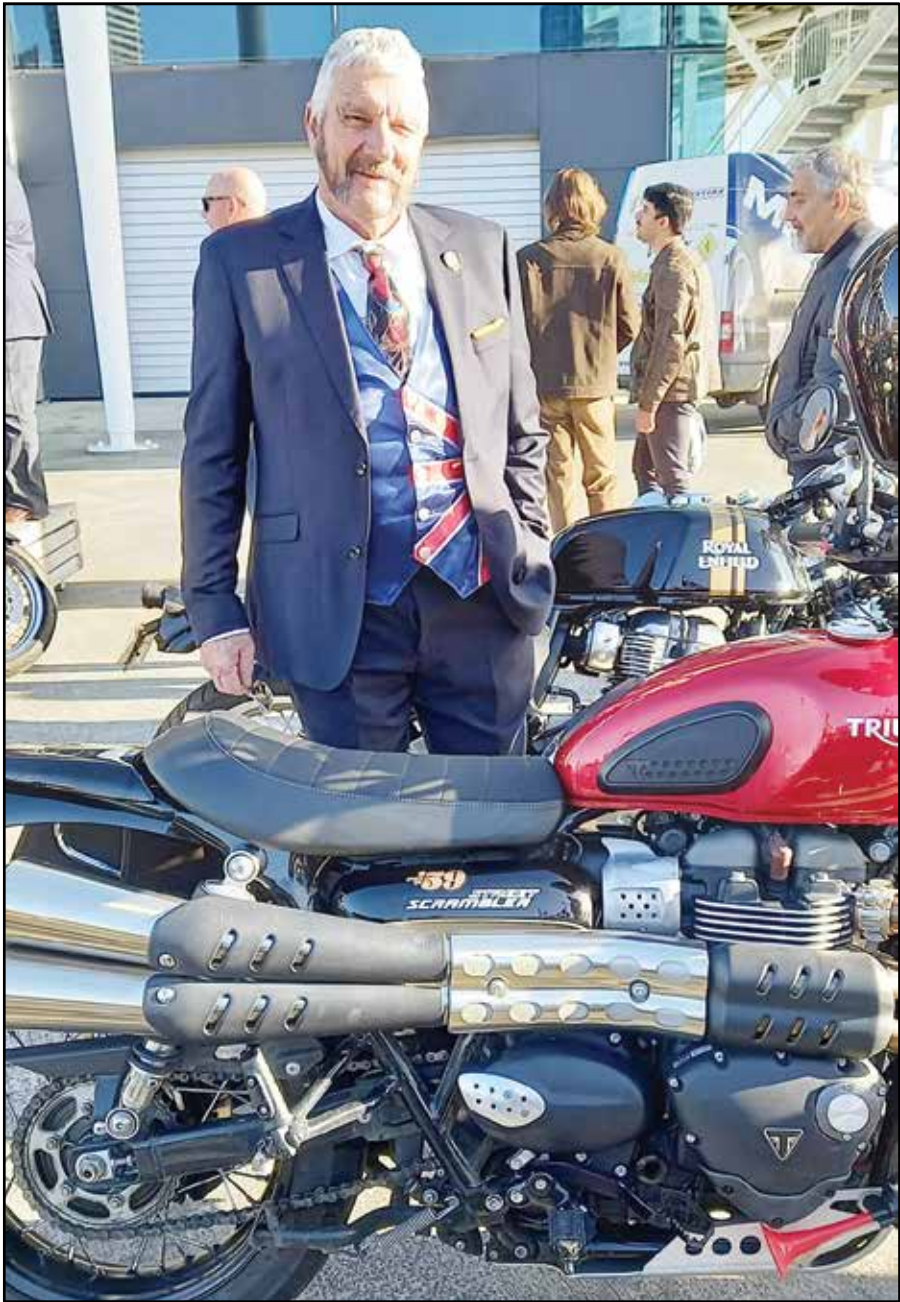
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Raewyn Heywood and Judy Hill won the women's competition.

Distinguished Gentlemen on motorbikes raising funds for prostate cancer research and mental health projects



John Pearce ready to participate in a Distinguished Gentleman’s Ride

John Pearce of One Tree Point is organising a Distinguished Gentleman’s Ride in One Tree Point, Ruakaka, and Marsden Point for 13 May 2025. Gentlemen and ladies are invited to dress “dapper” and mount their trusty steeds (motorbikes). The Distinguished Gentleman’s Ride idea began in Sydney. John explains this is a worldwide series raising funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men’s mental health programmes. John has obtained the permission of the DGR organization in Australia to hold an event here. Registration opens in March and for more information John’s phone number is : 027528 9855, email parse1951@gmail.com. There is no entry fee but participants are asked to seek sponsorship for the cause from friends and family.

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- **MARSDEN COVE SUNSET MARKET** Friday 7 March then on Friday 4 April from 4pm to 8pm. In conjunction with the Marsden Cove Fishing Club’s Fishy Friday held on the first Friday of each month.
- **WAIPU BOUTIQUE SUNDAY MARKET** Next on Sunday 9 March From 9am to 1pm in the Coronation Hall
- **TOP OF THE ROCK FUN RUN AND WALK** Sunday 9 March. 9am start. 5km and 10km options. Pakeho Rd., Kaiwaka. \$25 entry. Registration forms from Kaiwaka 4 Square or on line at www.kaiwakasports.co.nz Fundraiser for the Kaiwaka Sports Association. Kids bike race at the Sports Association at 11.30am.
- **BREAM BAY SPORTS AWARDS** Friday 21 March at 5.30pm in the Waipu Celtic Barn. Thirty three nominations for awards to date. Guest speakers Frank Bunce and Lui Anderson. Buffet dinner. Tickets on line at breambaysportstrust.co.nz
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A PAIR OF WHITE CROCS WITH GIBBETS

While visiting Ruakaka Beach in early January my granddaughter left her expensive white crocs full of gobbets bought as souvenirs from Singapore at the base of a tree in the grassed area opposite the Bach Cafe and in front of the motel. .

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- FGC Support
- Probation Community Service Provider
- Legal Advice
- Marriage Celebrant
- House and property blessing
- One to one counselling
- Drug and Alcohol support
- Anger management group sessions
- Supervisor for court ordered access
- Work brokers/ help with employment opportunities.

No appointments are necessary, we have an open door police - if you need help or know someone that does just come on down to: **9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā**. We are right next door to Jimmy's Barber Shop or I can be reached by phone 021 121 0763 - Phil Paiea

Bream Bay Community Support Trust

Takutai Place, Ruakaka Phone: 09 432 7197



Services we provide:

- Registered Social Workers
 - Family Support Workers
 - Youth Workers
 - Youth Holiday Programme
 - Counsellors
 - Community Connectors
- (Connecting community to various services)
- Free Whanau Ora Medical Clinic with Ki A Ora Ngatiwai. Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon, by appointment only phone 09 435 4586
 - Free Budgeting Service - fortnightly on Thursdays 10am-1pm, by appointment
 - Mana Wahine Ki Wahine Toa & Ha Tane groups
 - Community Gardens behind our main building please help yourself
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