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Bowling all year thanks to turf



On another fabulous spring day at the end of April, the Mangawhai Club formally opened its artificial Tiger Turf bowling green with a great rally. Forty-eight teams from 15 different clubs celebrated the event with a triples tournament which was

organised to have every player experience the new surface as well as both of the grass greens.

President of Mangawhai Club (Inc) Gerry Mulligan offered a warm welcome to all bowlers and club executive member Neville Franks de-

clared the green officially open. Ray Rutledge rolled up the opening jack and ladies patron Faye Wintle delivered the first bowl.

The day ended with afternoon tea and a knees-up courtesy of some of the Club's aging rockers.

Special thanks to Garry Lane, Tiger Turf and Heartland Bank for their generous sponsorship.

Pictured, players assembled on the new green before the start of play.

- WORDS/PHOTO/ Peter Nicholson

Forgery leads to conviction

By Rob Pooley

Mangawhai woman Valerie Kerr (72) has pleaded guilty and been convicted on three charges of forgery and one charge of presenting a forged document.

The conviction at the North shore District Court on April 26 follows a three year investigation.

The accused's husband had, at the time of the offending, been treasurer of incorporated society Anchorage Associations, and the accused, having access to paperwork pertaining to the management of the society, used private information for pecuniary purposes involving monetary gain.

A motion to carry out an internal review of the The

Anchorage Association Incorporated accounts was passed at their June 2013 AGM.

A suspect document was identified during the review and forwarded to police who confirmed the document was forged.

The forgery involved the manufacture of bank withdrawal forms and presentation of those forms to the

BNZ in Wellsford, which then followed a trail leading to charges laid by the police to which Mrs Kerr pleaded guilty.

Several applications were made by the accused's lawyers for a discharge without conviction, but Judge Hinton denied these saying "the offences are of a serious nature and you have accepted this. They

involved a degree of planning and as you were not a member of the Anchorage committee and therefore had no authority to access their accounts your actions amounted to a breach of trust."

Mrs Kerr was ordered by Judge Hinton to make monetary restitution and also serve 50 hours community service.

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Bible

"Search for the Lord and for His strength;
continually seek Him."
- 1 Chronicles 16:11

Quote

"My second favorite household chore is ironing.
My first being hitting my head on the top bunk
bed until I faint."
- Erma Bombeck

Thought for the week

"Sometimes the most ordinary things could be
made extraordinary, simply by doing them with
the right people."
- Elizabeth Green

NZ POPULATION CLOCK

4,684,665 (Statistics NZ). New Zealand's population is
estimated to increase by one person every 5 minutes and 4 seconds.

ED SAID

History gaining momentum

The skirl of the pipes generally announces the arrival of a dignitary or conjures up images of dancing and gaiety – until the first bugle notes of the Last Post call us back to the sobriety and reality that is the remembrance of our war dead and heroes who form the fabric of Anzac Day in a material that will never perish.

While the message is always the same, services change year to year and it is noticeable now the number of youngsters, teens and even pre-teens who pay homage to passed great and great-great uncles and

grandparents who served our country.

This indicates that now, some 70 years after the end of WWII, the forming of the Anzac movement is indeed an historical event gaining closer examination, study, interest and significance in schools and among our youngest generations when past history lessons featured the Roman Empire and the like.

Different areas have their own special events peculiar to their local people. At Haka this year we also saw, for the first time, a parade on horseback from the local pony club, a tribute to not only the horsemen who participated but also the million horses that were sacrificed in battle.

The Haka RSA also displays a plaque commemorating horses, mules and donkeys, dogs, camels and even pigeons which also played a significant part in war and Anzac history. It's pleasing to see this recognition as, with the passing of time, we can perhaps look at these historical events still with some emotion but a little more objectively.

It's often said to 'shake up' this crazy

world economy we need a war to 'clean the slate and start afresh' where all countries, generally speaking, start with a clean slate. Theoretically good, practically disastrous.

Though we cling on to the tentative threads that were the 'good old days' we must accept that the world in 2016 is a very different place from that of 1914-18, 1939-45 and a worldwide depression in between. It's unlikely we would want those days over again in sending or farewelling our most valuable generation of young men who willingly, if naively or through bravado gave their lives in a cause many did not understand.

Anzac though is a more personal thing and despite our sporting aggravation and sledging and arguments over who owned Phar Lap or who invented the pavlova, Kiwis and Aussies form a bond of comradeship which is thoroughly deserving of recognition and celebration on that special day, April 25.

- Rob

Residents not happy about newcomer



LEGAL: A removeable house on Jack Boyd Drive is getting some residents' noses out of joint.

By Rob Pooley

The quiet semi-country street of Jack Boyd Drive has recently woken up on the wrong side of the bed. Though it comprises a number of bach-type homes, recently the building boom has certainly given it something of a 'new street' look.

However, a council-owned section at the start of the street was recently purchased by Jason and Emily Wilson, not newcomers but who have lived in Mangawhai some years. The section sale did not include any covenants and, keen to have their own home and within their budget, the Wilson's have moved on a 'second hand' two bedroom bungalow purchased from Sandringham in Auckland.

Phones have been running hot, especially to the Kaipara District Council, from residents unhappy about the 'eyesore' and questioning how and why the section bore no building restrictions when they apply to other parts of the street.

A developer in the street was angry that he is building new houses to a 'certain standard' but feels the Wilson's home will degrade the area. According to Council records however, the property's registered address is Thelma Rd, though the property is an elevated site and is the first house to be seen on turning into Jack Boyd Drive.

When spoken to by The Focus, Jason Wilson said they have abided by the conditions. The section was bought legitimately through a representative of Ray White Real Estate.

"The property was on the market for a month," says agent Bruce Beale. "There were no covenants and anyone could have bought it."

The Wilsons have gained the necessary permits to re-site the house and insist they are completely within their rights to do what they are doing regardless of any criticism.

"This is the third time I have resited a house in Mangawhai," says Jason "and though it may look a little rough at the moment, you won't know it in a month."

The Wilson's are working on getting the place shipshape according to council building regulations prior to the arrival of a new baby.

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Waste water options under review

The Mangawhai Community Waste Water Scheme Advisory Panel tabled their recommendations to Council in July last year. Since that time staff and other experts have been hard at work further testing the recommendations and looking to see how they can implement them – in intent if not exactly.

Several initiatives are underway to attend to the matters of concern that the Panel raised.

Testing water quality in the harbour

A group is working with Council made up

from community volunteers, Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust and Northland Regional Council, who are assessing the current water quality. Water testing will take place at five selected test sites. This testing will assist in identifying issues affecting harbour water quality, and this will enable informed remedial actions to be taken both in the harbour and on the surrounding lands.

Preventing potential leakage from on-site septic tanks

The Mangawhai drainage district, which

the wastewater scheme was designed to service, does not cover all the areas from where there is runoff into the harbour. Septic tanks service these areas, as they do still for some properties within the drainage district.

One of the recommendations from the Advisory Panel was that Council passes a bylaw requiring an independent inspection and maintenance certification for all on-site septic tank systems. The Council now has drafted a bylaw that requires all septic tanks that are within 300m of the coast, and/or are in

urban areas with smaller plot sizes, to pass a "warrant of fitness." This bylaw has been released for public consultation.

Disposal of treated wastewater from the plant to the farm

The panel recommended that primary disposal for the next 5-10 years should be through the expansion of irrigation on the existing Brown's Road farm – with a minimum of 5-10 hectares of irrigation added to the farm within five years, and potentially a further 20 hectares, if required. Council has engaged a specialist consulting engineer to identify additional areas of the farm that could be utilised for disposal of the treated wastewater, and to identify areas of the farm not required. The Tracks Trust has indicated a desire to develop walking tracks in any bush areas on the farm not needed for disposal.

Council has identified that the farm has capacity for over 15 years at current growth rates if we extend reticulation for disposal. In the future the Mangawhai Golf Course may be needed and work will continue to see if this is realistic. The decision on this is not needed for some time.

Wastewater treatment plant capacity

When the treatment plant was built, the specifications were for a peak capacity flow of 1,380 cubic metres per day. This flow is expected to be reached by 2025 when further investment will be needed. The main pressure point in the plant's capacity is a few days over New Year. This year we will be testing ways to manage this peak so that the capacity of the plant is sufficient for many more years to come.

The plant was also designed to provide treated water of a quality suitable for irrigating a dairy farm, as was the use of the Browns Road farm at the time of purchase. This quality is not required for normal disposal and should be able to be reduced, for the farm is no longer used for dairying. A revised resource consent application to Northland Regional Council is being developed that requests approval to treat the wastewater to a standard still absolutely safe for land disposal. If the consent variation is successful, it will extend the current capacity of the plant beyond 2025.

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POLICE SNIPPETS

Stolen firearms

Police are urging firearms license holders to make sure their weapons are tightly secured after three separate burglaries occurred across Northland on Anzac weekend. Firearms were taken from all the properties including two firearms stolen from a Mangawhai address.

Wellsford Senior Sergeant Geoff Medland says firearm theft is a common occurrence in Northland due to the common use of firearms in the farming industry.

"A likely scenario may be an owner has a pest problem, for example a possum, and leaves a firearm by the back-door ready on hand to get the pest when it appears," he says. "But then the property gets burgled and the weapon falls into the wrong hands with the risk of the firearm being used against them."

Any link between the burglaries is not yet known as the investigation is still ongoing.

Abuse help

Police say the number of domestic disputes they attend throughout the region is still 'a lot' and would like to encourage people to seek help from available support services.

"People shouldn't have to live with any type of abuse," Senior Sergeant Geoff Medland says.

Through their involvement with families, police recognise that difficulties including financial strain, health issues or contributing factors such as alcohol or drug addictions, can add pressure to family relationships.

"There is a perception that police are only interested in locking people up," Medland says. "But we are committed to bringing peace to families by helping to provide assistance from the area's social agencies."

Full recovery

The 10-year-old boy who suffered serious injuries related to an accidental strangulation in Mangawhai on April 19, has made a full recovery. The boy was playing with a chain hanging from the deck of his house when the incident occurred. The parents wish to thank the people of Mangawhai for their help and concern during this time.

- REPORTING/Julia Wade

Consider community roles

Recent ANZAC Day commemorations have reminded us of the people that made sacrifices so that today we live in a democratic and free country. Of course there may be plenty that we disagree with in how that democracy is demonstrated, but we are fortunate all the same to have the freedoms and choices we do have.

One of the obvious examples of choices is the opportunity to select those who govern us, nationally and in local public bodies. In 2016 the three-year cycle of school boards of trustees elections and local body elections all fall due, so you will no doubt hear more about exercising your rights and freedoms.

If you think that you would rather be a part of making the decisions, rather than having them

made for you, then think about putting yourself forward for a governance role. The first of the public elections for the year is the school boards of trustees, with nominations due May 20 and voting at the beginning of June. All New Zealand state and state integrated schools have a board of trustees with between three and seven (usually five) parent elected members. In my experience, being on a school board of trustees is a great way to cut your teeth and learn about governance before taking on other roles.

Self-managing schools with elected boards came into being in 1989, so this year is the 10th school trustees election. Anyone with a child at the school can nominate themselves or someone else for the

school board. The person being nominated does not have to have a child at the school. Boards work best when they have a range of skills, experiences and backgrounds so they are representative of the school community. Trustees are making decisions for all the students of the school, with the main purpose being to improve their educational achievement.

The board is involved in what needs to be done and the outcomes to be achieved, the principal/management determine how it gets done. Learning the difference between governance and management is vital for a successful board. Beyond that, if you can ask constructive questions, debate respectfully, have an enquiring mind, be a good communicator and want to make a positive

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With Libby Jones

difference, why not give it a go? Training is provided through the NZ School Trustee Association and their website, nzsta.org.nz, contains plenty of relevant information to help you decide if it is for you.

Another important way for us to demonstrate our appreciation to our forbears, who fought for our freedoms, is to exercise our right to vote. Commit to voting in all the elections you are eligible for this year. Find out about the candidates and vote in the school board of trustees elections, district council, regional council, health board and electric power trust elections.

Mangawhai Heads Tide Table



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Fri 13 May	00:20	06:28	12:48	18:43	-
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Sun 15 May	02:10	08:21	14:39	20:39	-
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MANGAWHAI PROBUS CLUB

March AGM and bus trip

In March the club had a very enjoyable bus trip to Couldrey House at Wenderholm where the group was entertained and informed about the various owners of the house and the history around it.

The annual general meeting was also held there. Jim Wintle was voted in for a second term as president, Gaylene Lawrence as secretary, Beve Smith treasurer, Ron Lawrence immediate past president, and Barry Lumsden will organise guest speakers.

The bus then took us on to The Esplanade Hotel in Devonport for lunch and a visit to the Naval Museum in the afternoon.

Student speaker impresses

Our April meeting was back at base in Mangawhai. The mini speaker was Jacquelin Caisley, a very eloquent Year 13 student from Westlake Girls High School. She has taken part in the ANZ RSA Cyril Bassett VC Speech Competition in the last two years. She

delivered the speech she also performed at the Takapuna Anzac Service on April 25. Cyril Bassett was the first New Zealander to win the Victoria Cross in World War I and the only New Zealander to be awarded the VC in Gallipoli.

Two weeks at UN conference

The main speaker was Sally Smith who has spoken at the club previously about sailing to Antarctica. Sally spoke of her experience last year spending two weeks in New York at the United Nations. She is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and is on the national executive. This was a meeting of 4,000 women from around the world who attended the Womens Empowerment Sustainable Development Commission on the Status of Women. Between 20 and 25 New Zealand women attended and there were 450 events during those two weeks that they could take part in.

The object is to put pressure on the United Nations who in turn put pressure on governments to honour what they said they would do: Japanese women were lobbying for greater involvement in decision making in the aftermath of the earthquakes. African women worked on stopping forced marriages and preserving the human rights of women and girls within the family unit.

Those assembled were able to hear from the Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon which was a highlight of the programme. The New Zealand government has put Helen Clark's name forward as the next Secretary General. Sally advised this will be the first time a democratic vote for the position will be held and it is the first time to have women candidates.

The goal is that by 2030 there will be equality for everybody on earth and there are 17 sustainable goals to be achieved. Two main objectives were taken away from this conference – the need to involve youth more and to make sure no one is left behind.

■ Next meeting: 2pm Thursday May 19, Senior Citizen Hall, Fagan Place, Mangawhai Heads. Mangawhai Probus meets every third Thursday in the month. If you require more info or transport please contact Ron and Gaylene Lawrence 431 5617 or Beve Smith 431 5777. All visitors are welcome.

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Brave Marino an example of danger to kiwi

Marino, the kiwi attacked by a dog in bush above Kapawiti Road last October, received a big welcome when she was returned to Marunui Conservation last month.

Volunteers, neighbours, Brynderwyns residents, friends, sponsors and supporters who gathered to await her arrival from Matakoho/Limestone Island Sanctuary were delighted to see a fit and well bird.

Bernie Buhler, the Sanctuary's retiring ranger, and Rolf Fuchs, DOC Whangarei Kiwi Ranger, who accompanied Marino, were able to provide facts about kiwi and the dangers posed by dogs. Most kiwi would not have survived the level of injuries she received but, five months on, the bite lacerations had healed, new feathers covered her back and rear and she can walk on the leg which was badly bruised.

"Marino's survival is due to the dog owner's quick action in rescuing the bird, taking her to the Whangarei Native Bird Recovery Centre, the three week intensive care provided there and finally, five months recuperating on the island," said Marunui spokesperson John Hawley.

The 40 people attending were able to watch Marino fitted with a transmitter and a small group helped carry her to the bush release site, including local donors Vanessa Willems and Mike Hynes of Harvest Blue Cafe and Bistro. They were thrilled with



RECOVERY: Bernie Buhler and Rolf Fuchs showing Marino to children at Marunui during her homecoming.

the experience saying "Long may we be involved in this amazing and incredibly important conservation program."

Kiwi avoidance training for dogs is part of that program and a session had been organised for the day after Marino's return. John Hawley said the response by owners wanting to protect kiwi that might wander into their properties was terrific. Thirty-two dogs, including pig, farm and domestic varieties, were registered. Some had

undergone training previously while others were first timers.

Tom Donovan, contracted to DOC, began processing dogs at 9.30am on a strip outside of Marunui and the adjacent DOC Reserve. Shortly after, a woman was seen jogging out of the track from the reserve followed several metres behind by her off-lead dog. When asked if she had seen the four signs advising that No Dogs are permitted in the Reserve and that kiwi are present there, her reply was, "My dog

wouldn't harm a kiwi".

Says John Hawley: "Her attitude was very disappointing and the example of Marino, nearly killed by a dog, was foremost in our minds. All Marunui and community efforts to protect kiwi can so easily be undone. We decry the actions of this selfish person and thank and applaud the many responsible owners who brought their dogs for avoidance training."

Meth checks advised for Mangawhai rentals

By Julia Wade

Police are urging Mangawhai landlords to obtain a methamphetamine screening test, before renting out their holiday homes to short and long term tenants.

Wellsford Senior Sergeant, Geoff Medland, says Mangawhai has a history of transient meth labs due to the area being a holiday destination with large numbers of bachs for rent.

"Tenants have been known to lease the premises for about 10 days, do a quick bake and then leave the house contaminated," he says.

Often the existence of a holiday home P lab goes unnoticed until subsequent renters become unwell. Symptoms of exposure from second-hand meth include headaches, coughing, dizziness, nausea and breathing difficulties.

"I've had a lot of frustrated landlords ask 'why can't you deal with this?' but often police hands are tied," Medland says. "Gaining evidence is difficult as proving when the P lab was operating and by which tenant, of-

ten comes down to here-say, between the renter and the home owner."

Obtaining a meth screening test before renting a property assures landlords their home is clean before a tenant moves in and will provide evidence if the house is tested positive after the occupant has left. Knowing the house has been tested, may also act as a deterrent for the illegal activity. Having

a P alarm installed will also give extra assurance.

Meth screening can cost upwards of \$200, however Sergeant Medland says it is a cheaper alternative to the price of decontaminating and restoring an affected home.

"Meth gets into all various levels of a house, you need to re-gib the walls, get new carpet, curtains and new fittings and furniture. In the case of elderly landlords who

may have three holiday homes as a source of retirement, having a P lab takes away that income."

Medland also advises landlords to check insurance policies as not all rental insurance covers methamphetamine damage.

Neighbours and residents can help with the problem by being aware of unusual and out-of-place occurrences including strong chemical

smells, constant running water, drawn curtains during the day and excessive security around the house.

"If the people residing in the home generally look unwell, seem to act in an irrational manner, fidget and scratch a lot and appear wired, it is possible that a meth lab is under operation."

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Please ensure your electricity retailer has your correct contact details as this lowers the risk of us not being able to contact you.

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Are these the evil times?

Is it that this post modern world in which we live is now upon 'those evil times' predicted by prophets of past ages?

After this Eastertide in these evil times the world at large might easily echo the question Pontius Pilot uttered around about 1983 years ago, 'What is truth?' Jesus from all accounts declined to answer and if today's media are anything to go by the world by and large still has no idea.

Our tolerance and acceptance of so much that is obviously not truth is at an all time high. Or should that be low? Wisdom is considered foolish and foolishness mistaken for wisdom. Virtue is mocked and expectations of justice are at an all time low.

When revelations of the National Party's political shenanigans were published in Nicky Hagar's book Dirty Politics, I asked a few National Party stalwarts (of which there are many round here) what they thought. 'They all do it' said some. 'The others are just as bad' said others who are themselves probably just as bad and 'that's just the way it is in politics.' These were the common and almost unanimous ap-

praisals. Except for one individual who merely shrugged, shook his head and said 'I suppose I'll just have to vote for Winston.'

Unable to answer Pilot's perennial question, the world operates under a false paradigm. With neither the understanding nor the will to do what is right and just, it reverts to doing what is expedient and what is easiest.

The concepts of free market economics, non-discrimination, and democracy that have been sold to us bear no relation to reality. A better description of what we actually have is a plutocracy governed by a monopolistic privileged class based on wealth and availability of capital. The playing field is about as level as the north face of Everest. Those that climb to the lofty heights of the summit are almost as rare.

Current US presidential candidate Bernie Sanders stated that 58 percent of the wealth in the US is owned by the top 1 percent of citizens. Since New Zealand's restructuring under the US corporate model we have shared this trend towards the concentration of wealth and power into the hands of a privileged few.

Will the TPPA further entrench this trend?

Modern financiers make rank amateurs of such robbers as Bonnie and Clyde who had to wield Tommy guns to obtain ready cash. Through lies and manipulation – known in the modern vernacular as public relations – these modern robbers have duped the general public into lining up to give them their money and in turn their labour and resources.

Clever men plot and scheme in back rooms beyond scrutiny. Most, for all their assumed cleverness, have yet to learn how to do an honest day's work and think themselves smart for gleaning their daily bread by exploiting common resources and the labour of others. Rather than expose these charlatans for the greed-ridden non-contributors they are, the media champion them as leading lights in the community.

Foreign financiers now skim the cream off the Kaipara cash cow as a result of illegal secret dealings. This goes unanalysed and mostly unreported. The situation is portrayed, and widely understood, as 'a bunch of whinging Mangawhai ratepayers who don't want to pay their fair share.'

Central Government's response to this illegal behaviour was to pass a bill that made the illegal suddenly legal. No one seems to care that this is an obvious misuse of the rule of

law and the democratic ideal. They thought it easier, and it has perhaps proved to be so, to make the innocent pay for the deeds of the guilty rather than seek redress from those responsible for the harm they have done.

The Office of the Auditor General is paid quite handsomely to audit the affairs of public organisations such as Councils. They did not do the job they were paid for. The settlement of \$5.3 million reached in more back room negotiations between three parties (all government appointed) will not even cover the amount of interest accrued on the illegal loans over the time taken to negotiate this paltry and inadequate settlement. It may be easier to pass all the costs for negligence, stupidity, and bare faced profiteering on to the ratepayer, but it is not right, it is not just. It is no way to run a country. When leaders mock in word and deed the virtues of justice and truth they do so at their peril and no good can come of it.

The first step in our individual and collective degeneration into darkness and despair is accepting evil as being 'just the way it is' and looking at what passes for news it would be easy to believe that is what we have done.

Maybe these are the evil times so long prophesied?

Through lies and manipulation – known in the modern vernacular as public relations – these modern robbers have duped the general public into lining up to give them their money and in turn their labour and resources.

Gone, but not forgotten



Gathering to remember. Old soldiers, young cadets and locals come together to honour their comrades.

With silence and prayer, laying of wreaths and salutes of respect, Mangawhai commemorated April 25, Anzac Day.

A crowd of hundreds gathered at Hakaru's RSA to pay respects to the regions servicemen and women of past and present, proving that the sacred day is still widely revered.

Representatives of community services including police, the fire brigade and St John, along with local school children, scout groups and the Mangawhai Cadets, all had a role to play in the auspicious, poignant ceremony.

- WORDS/PHOTOS/Julia Wade



Poignant tune of 'The Last Post' resounds through the quiet.



Mangawhai Beach student, Kacy Gillon lays poppies to tribute his two great, great uncles who fought in WW1.



Salutes of respect were given solemnly from all of the services.



Collective silence of reminiscence and gratitude.

Working on Wood St



In keeping with the adage 'you have to break eggs to make an omelette', locals could be forgiven for thinking that the area behind the main Wood St shops resembles a bomb site. But closer

examination shows definite progress towards a pleasant structured and landscaped area – including covered walkways and planters – which will enhance the centre and create a better

atmosphere for diners at Sand Bar or those who just want to bide their time in pleasant surroundings.

MRRA loses appeal against rates increase

In a decision passed down on May 3, the Supreme Court dismissed the Mangawhai Ratepayers and Residents Association (MRRA's) application to appeal a decision of the High Court in 2013, which found the rating increase to help pay for a new wastewater system was not unlawful.

In his summary of the decision, High Court Justice Paul Heath found the project was mismanaged, and that the \$57m cost 'far exceeded estimates'.

But although the project, the borrowing to pay for it and the setting of rates to meet the loan obligations were unlawful, the rates increase because of it was not.

So while the MRRA has succeeded in the High Court in obtaining a declaration that the Council acted unlawfully in entering into contracts for the project, it has failed in its challenge to the validity of rates levied and to be levied on members of the Association and in a damages claim against the Council.

The MRRA's subsequent appeal to challenge the High Court's decision failed.

And today, the association's request to appeal that finding was denied by the Supreme Court.

Chair of Commissioners John Robertson welcomed the decision.

"This closes the Judicial Review case first launched by the MRRA against the Council in 2014. There can be no more appeals on this case."

The MRRA was ordered to pay costs of \$2500 to the council.

In a press release following the decision, the MRRA says it is appalled at the decision, saying it is 'tragic for democracy that the judiciary yielded to that pressure.'

The Association says it now plans to facilitate a social media movement to convince Parliament to restore representation and accountability in local government.

GUEST OPINION

Corruption swept under carpet



With Winston Peters

The settlement from the Auditor-General's Office with Kaipara District Council is unexceptional, to say the least.

This is the government agency that allowed clean audits to go through every year for five years, while the Mangawhai sewerage

scheme continued to blow out in cost.

A paltry \$5 million settlement will do little to ease the burden of ratepayers who, through their council and no fault of their own, have to wrestle with a blown out debt of \$74m.

Not only did the Auditor-General's Office fail to do its job, so too did the former Northland MP Mike Sabin and the Kaipara commissioners, and never at any time did the government do anything for the ratepayers after the scheme's cost rose to \$63m.

The commissioners did not even move to take action against the managers of the project Beca Carter Hollings and Ferner Ltd, yet they were reappointed by the government for another term.

Mr Sabin sponsored the highly undemocratic process of retrospective legislation to validate Kaipara's rates, at the time saying the Auditor-General's Office should settle the costs or losses.

The legislation was used as a device to brush incompetence and corruption under the carpet. New Zealand First was the only present Parliamentary party that did not support this Bill. We supported

the stance taken by the residents to expose the wrongful actions of the council in incurring huge debt with next to no community consultation.

Let's not forget that in 2003 the Kaipara District Council advised Mangawhai residents that the cost of the scheme would be no more than \$10.8m. This figure blew out and the council borrowed \$57.978 million – effectively leaving the council with a debt of approximately \$80m.

Former Prime Minister Norman Kirk once pointed out to MPs that it was not their job to defend the government department from the people; instead their role was to defend the people from the department.

He was right. So instead of defending the ratepayers, politicians rushed to defend the Auditor-General's Office and collectively swept all the wrongdoing under the carpet by voting for retrospective legislation.

The National government has wiped its hands of the problem and there's been no attempt to try and renegotiate the loans or lessen the load. This \$5m settlement will hardly dent the debt.

Technology explained at Open Day

If you are interested in learning about technology, or if your computer, smartphone or tablet seem like some dark arcane impenetrable magic understandable only to your children and grandchildren, then the SeniorNet Open Day may be a good place for you on Saturday May 21 at The Club, 10am-2pm.

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By Julia Wade

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Although Mangawhai Library Hall hosts a variety of events and groups including table tennis, line dancing and theatre, enthusiasm has grown in the managing committee to raise the profile of the historic 19th century building.

"We want to remind the community this grand old lady is here," says Deb Doehn, who recently took over the role and responsibilities of Hall Hirer.

President of Mangawhai Library Hall Committee, Rosemary Browne, says the hall is like a blank canvas and can be easily transformed to suit a range of events including family celebrations, business functions, art classes and school holiday programmes.

"The wooden floor is good for dancing and the acoustics are great," she says. "It also has a stage which I don't believe other facilities have in Mangawhai."

Built in 1893, the Hall originally incorporated a library – hence the name 'Library Hall' – and was used for weddings, funerals, agricultural shows and also as a movie theatre.

Today, the spacious kitchen is suitable for catering large events through all seasons due to the recently installed heat pumps, and new signage depicting contact details are on order.

"Improvements are pending," says Browne.

Doehn and Browne's vision to see the hall used to a fuller capacity comes from not only a community ideal but also financial requirements as the committee's primary source of funding is in the hireage of the facilities.

"We are self-funding and have a list of outgoings so walk a very fine line in this regard," Doehn says. "But we're being pro-active and hope to turn that all around."

■ If interested in hiring the Mangawhai Library Hall, please contact Deb Doehn, 431 3065 or mwilibraryhall@gmail.com



FUTURE: Reminding locals and visitors of the 'grand old lady', Mangawhai's Library Hall, is committee member Deb Doehn (left) and president Rosemary Browne.



Robert Guyton writes from his forest garden in Riverton where he practices what he preaches – gardening-wise – and grows fruit, flowers and vegetables using nature as his guide.

GUYTON'S GARDEN

Readiness for winter

May is underway and the season is turning. If you haven't seen the change of colour in the leaves yet, you soon will, especially if you live where early frosts bite. As the green drains from the leaves and yellows, oranges, reds and browns are revealed, activity in the garden slows down to match the pace of plant growth and the cooler temperatures. The moon exerts the same influences she did during summer, only they have less immediacy about them as everything settles down in readiness for winter.

There's a lot of moisture in the air over this period and it's there that we see the 'hand' of the moon, drawing water from the land into the air and holding it there in those cooler conditions. Fogs and mists are more common around this time and there's sure to be annoyed air travellers wishing it wasn't so.

If the weather where you are stays warm, and it certainly has pushed the boundaries this year, you'll be able to get seeds underway with ease as the combination of moist conditions and warmth provides the ideal seed bed and growing conditions.

I'm sowing green crops now, to cover the soil over winter and to encourage the formation of humus as those plants expire later on. In the meantime, the soil

organisms that play such an important role in my garden, will be protected and nourished by the standing green crops of lupin, oat, mustard and the coloured silver beets that I like to include in plentiful amounts, to the mix. That combination is ideal for all of those processes, and provides something to eat as a bonus.

The moisty-month-of-May begins with a week of new moon influence and the 1st to the 10th are not the time for sowing. Cultivate and prepare. When the 11th rolls around and with it the start of the First Quarter period, sow your seed. If you have other favourite sow-in-autumn vegetables, get those into the soil as well. That doesn't, however, include root crops, which do badly if sown during this moon phase.

Once the calendar reaches the 20th, the sowing period is over and once again cultivation becomes the most rewarding garden activity. If you hold off for the 25th and 26th and sow your root crop seeds then, your chances of success are greatly enhanced. The barren period that follows and lasts until the end of the month offers very little to the May gardener. It would be a good time to check your stored seeds for signs of mouse or insect attack, sharpen up your digging and pruning tools and find some good books to read when autumn delivers her seasonal rains.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Better treatment option

Dear John Robertson: The advantage of a free country is that proper controversial discussions are the basis to develop new ideas and find the best solutions. Isn't it fantastic that the Mangawhai Focus provides us the opportunity to express our different opinion?

I am happy that you can assure us there are no hidden debts. \$70m is quite more than enough for our little district. It is the amount of 2.5 years of all our general rates!

I quite like that you are focused to reduce the burden for all ratepayers in the district, that still on pay annually \$247 with their general rates to support the Mangawhai Waste Water Scheme. Waste water treatment should be paid by targeted rates and this would be possible when we invest in modern solutions!

Finally a member of the Waste Water Scheme Extension Advisory Panel seemed to be convinced that separation systems are worth considering seriously. Grey-water doesn't contain coli bacteria etc. and only a little amount of nitrogen. Grey water can be irrigated after simple treatment on site. When all would do so, this would reduce the waster water flow by 70%. Those are the international experiences to reduce the costs dramatically. Now the Far North District Council is on this way. Don't you think it is time that also we in Kaipara consider this option?

It is an illusion to reduce the costs by connecting more people to the scheme. Traditional treatment plant is made out of three parts. Even when the plant itself is big enough to cope with more connections the main costs are involved in reticulation and irrigation.

The preferred option from the Advisory Panel is to create another irrigation area at the golf course for \$8.5m. It would be completely wasted money – too close to the estuary and a risk to the environment! Even geodetic research is senseless spend money. Is the sand filter working for 30 years? Separating the grey-water and irrigating on site is an easier and better way.

I am not satisfied with your answer that the debt paid down is in some instances from the development contribution. I like to have it a little more precise. How much of the development contribution is left to spend for needed infrastructure to cope with the growth – 20, 50, or 70 percent?

It is shocking that first comes the growth and than the discussion about the town planning to cope with it. The growth makes it necessary to give pedestrians and cyclist their ways. The very first step – in my opinion – is a proper "pedestrian highway" from the village to the heads. This footpath needs to be good enough for the kids to run safely with their bicycles and skaters on their daily way to school. This way has to be comfortable for pedestrians and wheelchairs. A track for the Sunday afternoon walk is by far not enough. Is some money left from the contribution fee for such an investment?

Christian Simon
Mangawhai

Beach access issues

I was very upset recently to hear that the developers of the Te Arai North block, which includes Te Arai golf course, are seeking to extinguish the existing public easement by which the general public including pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and light vehicles are able to access the car park at the seaward end of Pacific Road.

They propose that all vehicular access, other than their own, be terminated at a point, to be determined, which will be 450m – 500m away from the existing car park. The current easement is to be replaced by a pedestrian-only footpath to the beach. This means beach goers will have a walk of over 500m in each direction to get to and from the beach. This is simply unreasonable for the majority of beach goers such as young families and the elderly. It is unclear if cyclists and horse riders will be able to use this proposed pathway but, due to its narrow profile, this would in any case be unsafe.

The application for this change was part of a non-notified subdivision consent application, on the grounds that the effects of the proposal are not "more than minor."

The pretext for making the change is to protect the dunes, bird life, eco-system etc. In fact, this has nothing to do with protecting the dunes, fairy terns or any eco-system. The car park has been in its current location for many years and there has been little or no adverse effect on the NZ fairy tern or northern NZ dotterel.

Make no mistake, the real reason for this action is to restrict public access to the beach at Te Arai North, for the greater enjoyment of the few who purchase property in, or have access to, the Te Arai North development. To believe otherwise is to be totally naïve.

There is now a proposal to develop the Te Arai South block (land south of Te Arai point) and we can be sure that the developers of this block will seek to similarly restrict public access to 'their beach'. If the developers have their way, the only location where ordinary New Zealanders will have easy access to the whole of Te Arai beach will be at Te Arai point.

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Keith Draper
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Double standard?

In your most recent issue you published a letter from me, but before doing so you gave the Chair of the Kaipara Commissioners the opportunity to rebut the content.

You have never, in the course of three or four years now, given me the opportunity to rebut extremely misleading and violent rhetoric aimed at the MRRA and myself personally at times, so that readers could see the ad hominem attacks made on me and the community alongside the response.

Why this double standard?

The rebuttal that you have allowed to appear under my letter is full of lies. In particular, the last lawfully consulted amount for the sewage scheme was \$17m and the final cost was \$63m, so my figure of \$55m, which includes an estimate of the interest that has accrued since, is pretty close to the truth.

The figure of \$35m, which has been rammed down our gullets by the commissioners, was not lawfully consulted as Robertson knows only too well. The commitment to spend that money was contractually made before the public consultation occurred. The council failed to consult in good faith, as Robertson knows perfectly well, and the consultation is therefore set aside. That is all in the court records, and not denied, as he also knows.

Bruce Rogan
Mangawhai

Mangawhai Focus editor replies:

Double Standard? For the past two years every column or comment from the Commissioners we have published is refuted, argued or discredited by the MRRA, or yourself on their behalf, continually accusing them of being 'liars and fascists' or worse but not entering into any reasonable form of debate. We believe our readers are tired of this constant barrage and we would rather not burden them any further with this rhetoric.

Cycle-walkway essential

In a recent letter Christian Simon raised the issue of a cycle/walkway connecting the Heads and the Village, and in response Commissioner John Robertson in his regular column suggested Simon get in touch with local volunteers involved in track building.

However, the construction of roadside pathways is somewhat outside our brief, which is primarily focused on off-road walking and cycling access. Despite this the Trust is a strong advocate for all walking and cycling initiatives and sees a cycle/walkway between Mangawhai's two main business centres as a critical piece of infrastructure, which is long overdue.

The increasing number of walkers and cyclists, in particular children, using Molesworth Drive are at considerable risk from the heavy traffic flow, and even where a track exists it is narrow and often overgrown with vegetation. Although the new footpath between the information centre and the MAZ is welcomed, it is a pity we were not consulted as we would have urged it be half a metre wider so that both cyclists and walkers could be accommodated.

The construction of a cycle/walkway, as advocated by Christian, should be a very high priority for Council, and is not an appropriate task for the already stretched Mangawhai volunteer community.

Gordon Hosking
Chairman, Mangawhai Tracks Charitable Trust

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Successful first year for museum



Mangawhai Museum and Historical Society chair, Christine Bygrave, will report on a successful first year of operation for the museum when the society's AGM is held at the museum at 3pm on Friday May 20.

The museum, which opened in December 2014 after years of work by volunteers planning and constructing the building and exhibits, continues to grow in popularity for visitors including clubs and schools who travel from places such as Auckland and Whangarei to see a vibrant, modern museum, Mrs Bygrave told the Focus.

"The support from the community and from the many visitors to the museum has been an exciting and rewarding part of the year for the people who had the vision and dedication to build this great community asset, which is firmly in place for current

and future generations to enjoy and learn from."

Mrs Bygrave said fundraising and grant applications are a necessary fact of life in balancing the books for museums all across New Zealand and for many national organisations.

"Even Starship, the elite children's hospital in New Zealand, has to campaign for funds."

She is pleased her Board has a rigorous plan in place to ensure Mangawhai Museum explores all opportunities to secure funds, and continues to build on the great work of the community and enjoy an exciting future.

The Focus recently noted a grant application the Museum has made to Kaipara District Council, and the Museum Chair said that is one of a number of grant applications the Board will continue to lodge.

"The Museum is a wonderful asset to Mangawhai and the region. It is self-funding, and we are intent on ensuring we do all we can to raise money to supplement the growing revenue we receive from visitors, and the outstanding backing we receive from our many supporters and volunteers."

One way people can support the museum is by becoming a Friend of the Museum – a membership which provides free entry throughout the year. Museum Manager Emma Gray (phone 431 4645) will be pleased to provide information about membership and volunteering.

Meanwhile Mrs Bygrave invites anyone from the community to attend the annual meeting on May 20 to hear more about the museum and its operations.

Highlights of the year

- The volunteers who work at the museum, fulfilling so many tasks, including receiving visitors, working in the cafe or as guides and educators, and other long-serving and hard-working members of the team who maintain and improve the building and the exhibits.
- The growing use of the museum for community functions and fund-raisers, like the Mangawhai Singers and Do Re Mi Quartet, and a wine-tasting featuring local wine growers for supporters.
- Combining with other community events like the Walking Weekend, when walkers visited the Big Dig exhibition on the reopening of the harbour entrance.
- Special exhibitions - The War Comes to Mangawhai exhibition which commemorated the sinking of the Niagara by a German mine off the Hen and Chicken Islands in 1940, and the John Ernest Foster art exhibition which will open in mid-2016.
- The many and varied fundraising activities, such as the Book Fair organised by Graeme Smith and his many fellow volunteers for so many years, auctions, garage sales and sports tournaments, and the financial support of sponsors.

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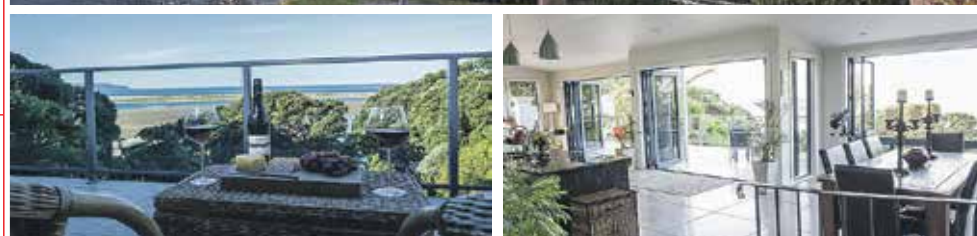
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Views, quality, and location - this is a luxury coastal home in every sense of the word. Built on three levels from Hebel concrete block with solid plaster finish and located in Mangawhai's Golden Circle this beautiful home sits metres from the water. Relax on the deck or in the spacious living areas and take in the expansive sea and estuary views. Use the adjacent walkway to pop down to the water. Space for entertaining family and friends with sheltered living and entertaining spaces. This home will impress.

View - Viewing strictly by appointment
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For Sale

\$1,850,000

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Mike Pero - Mangawhai

BAYLEYS



SANCTUARY WITH ISLAND VIEW

74b Jude Road, Mangawhai

Two hectares with glow worms! Ever dreamed of a sanctuary-style property where the only you hear at night are kiwis calling each other? Add a glow worm grotto & bush walks and this is an amazing property that has been well loved by the current owners - Large two bedroom home, expansive decking and sunken spa! Just ten minutes to town and the surf beach.

For Sale \$749,000
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CLOUD NINE COASTAL VIEWS!

30 Taranui Place,
Mangawhai Heads

Capturing fine coastal views, this well-presented four-bedroom home/holiday-home has a bunch of features along with expansive kitchen and bold open plan living spaces all leading out to decks front, side and rear, for all year round entertaining. The vibe here just shouts holidays and relaxation. Fire up the pizza oven and feed the partygoers! A cosy family room with a new wood burner fireplace will be a welcome retreat in the cooler months.

For Sale \$849,000
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NEED SPACE FOR YOUR PASSION?

Mangawhai



"Boy's toys" taking over the house and garage? This fantastic four bedroom, two bathroom home with double internal garage comes with a large shed with concrete floor and power. Set on a level hectare of gardens and lawn, the ride-on mower can become a reality and the shed will be man-cave heaven. Plus for the lady of the house there is a second living room for her hobby.

This property won't dissappoint.

For Sale \$795,000
www.bayleys.co.nz/1811748
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ONE YEAR YOUNG CEDAR HOME

201 Themla Road North,
Mangawhai Heads

Take the time to view this modern three bedroom home with large enclosed sunroom. With Canadian Cedar exterior, the property is North West facing with views over the hills. The large off street parking area will be handy. Retained and with a platform, ready for a garage. Two large sheltered decks.

This is a great rental, home or bach!

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WOOD YOU LIKE TO BE HERE?

6 Wood Street,
Mangawhai Heads

Smack bang in central Mangawhai Heads

- 500m² of land for lease OR
- 80m² building on 500m² of land with parking

Street frontage & central.

For Lease 6 Wood Street
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WATERFRONT BACH

Mangawhai Heads

- Absolute Waterfront
- Character property
- Views across the sparkling estuary
- Large flat lawn
- One bedroom inside and two more on the outside on 1322m²

Room for tents & parking

For Sale \$1,150,000
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KAIWAKA CONVENIENCE

38a Marshall Road,
Kaiwaka

Young families & retirees will like this spacious split level 3 brm, 2 bth home. Concrete drive leads up to the internal access double garage. Open plan living leads to patio & BBQ area complete with retaining walls.

For Sale \$445,000
View phone for viewing times
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SIMPLY EXTRAORDINARY!

46 Aroha Road
Te Arai Estate

This quality, generously proportioned brand new 4-5 bedroom home, has had no expense spared with quality fittings throughout, including two Jetmaster fire places, Spanish benchtops and cedar exterior.

Price by Negotiation
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Mangawhai

4 Ruby Lane, off Leslie Street
 Level & central in the Village. 813m². Hedge & tree borders, tucked away but only metres to the shops, school & the Domain. Ready for you to plan & build... flat site!

For Sale Just \$185,000
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GREEN RELIEF

Mangawhai

Last Lot available in this rural development. 1.25ha pasture block with pond and stunning rural views. Includes share in 5ha native bush block with stream & walking tracks.

Don't delay - will sell!

For Sale \$280,000
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LAST ONE LEFT - STAGE 2

King Road,
Mangawhai

Stunning lifestyle blocks situated in a popular location in the heart of Mangawhai wine & olive country with a lovely backdrop of the Brynderwyn ranges - all the blocks are awaiting title.

For Sale \$259,000
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CENTRAL CAFE & RESTAURANT

Mangawhai Heads

'Sandbar', Wood St
 Seize the chance to own a central café. Seating for 80 including undercover patio. Fireplaces inside for cooler evenings. Plenty of parking. Add your touch to this popular business.

Price by Negotiation
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MANGAWHAI 14 INSLEY STREET

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

Brand new 'Entertainer's Delight' nestled in sunny Mangawhai village. 4 dble bedrooms, office/study, dble garage and 2 bathrooms in this highly specked brick home with large decks. Flat 620m2 section with abundant offstreet parking.

FOR SALE \$700,000

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MANGAWHAI 2215A COVE ROAD

LIFESTYLE & RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Private 4.09ha (approx) property offering opportunities for those with an eye for passive income to maximise the Mangawhai Experience. Large 2 bdrm barn + 4 sep 1-bedroom sleepouts. All sleepouts are fully self contained. Act Now!

FOR SALE \$1,250,000

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OPEN HOME



MANGAWHAI 161 TARA ROAD

MAGICAL - A COUNTRY ESCAPE

Situated on 7.5 acres (more or less) in a quiet no exit road just minutes to Mangawhai. This home comprises of large open plan living with kitchen, 2 large separate lounges, 3 double bedrooms one with an en suite & walk in robe & double internal garaging.

FOR SALE \$949,000

VIEWING Saturday 2 - 2.45pm www.barfoot.co.nz/568444



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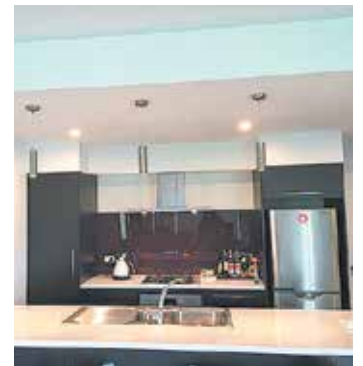


MANGAWHAI 4A KAHU DRIVE

This very smart 3 bdrm, 2 bthrm property offers a few goodies for energy efficiency - double glazing, LED lighting throughout and climate control for seasonal comfort. Internal access garage leads you through to this near-new home with tasteful attention to detail. Be quick - priced to sell!

FOR SALE \$589,000

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NEW LISTING



MANGAWHAI HEADS 11 CORNWALL WAY

Situated in the popular Heads area this trendy beach house has two double bedrooms and a single. Open plan living opens on to a deck and has a BIG picture window to take in the view. What a great place to escape to. Easy living close to amenities - beach, shops and golf course are nearby.

FOR SALE \$635,000

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MANGAWHAI 4 KAHU DRIVE

HIGH SPEC 4 BEDROOM FAMILY HOME

North facing home, approx 1 year young, with quality fittings throughout - 2 bthrms, french oak flooring, polished concrete floors, dbl glazing and much more. Come to the open home or call for your appointment to view.

FOR SALE \$675,000

VIEWING Sat/Sun 1.00 pm - 1.30 pm www.barfoot.co.nz/569682



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MANGAWHAI LOT1/ CAMES RD

NO BUILDING COVENANTS, VIEWS!

Superb elevated 1.0765ha lifestyle property. Enjoy great views and wonderful sunsets from this high position. Power and phone at the boundary. Convenient access roads north or south to SH1. Check with KDC per building consent process.

FOR SALE \$249,000

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MANGAWHAI 80 SPIOENKOP ROAD

WINE COUNTRY NO BUILDING COVENANTS

A great opportunity to purchase a 4000m² site nestled at the bottom of the Brynderwyn Hills and build or relocate your dream home in a desirable location with surrounding award winning vineyards and olive groves.

FOR SALE \$229,000

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AUCTION

**MANGAWHAI HEADS** 28 CULLEN STREET**A WORK OF ART**

A wonderful 225m² property architecturally designed by Jo Hill, with solid American oak floors, open fire places, infinity pool, glorious sea views, designer kitchen, separate 2 level sleepout ... What a home - What a Bach - What a Property!

AUCTION 5th May, 2016 at 10.00 am, at QBE Stadium Albany (unless sold prior)

VIEWING Saturday, 1.00pm - 1:45pm www.barfoot.co.nz/568136



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NEW LISTING

**MANGAWHAI** PEBBLEBROOKE ROAD

Retreat to your little piece of private bush paradise. Only approximately 5yrs old this secluded and trendy weatherboard home has two double bedrooms and open plan living. It is tucked away in bush approximately 12 minutes drive from Mangawhai.

FOR SALE \$610,000

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**MANGAWHAI HEADS** 101 MOIR POINT ROAD**MODERN BEACH HOUSE, SUPERB LOCATION**

Weekender - Investment Property - Bach. Must view this 3 double bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 lounge, single garage home with loads of storage. If size matters, this is a beauty. 632m² landscaped section, easy walk to Golf course, Estuary and shops.

FOR SALE \$679,000

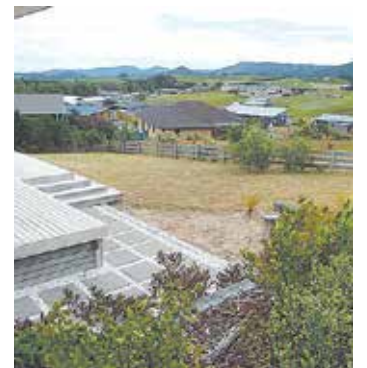
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**MANGAWHAI HEADS** 52 DRIFTWOOD PLACE

Holiday/weekender/investment property. Three double bedrooms, ensuite, family bathroom, 111m² 'gem' on a 703m² site. Modern, open plan layout with extensive north facing deck. Estuary, surf beach, shops, golf course nearby!

FOR SALE \$549,000

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**MANGAWHAI** LOT 3 STANIFORTH ROAD**TE ARAI - BIG SEA & ISLAND VIEWS**

Just under 2 acres of northerly aspect provide peace and privacy situated at the end of a road. Build your dream home for the stunning views and enough room for a couple of farm animals, home orchard and vegetable gardens.

FOR SALE \$299,000

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**MANGAWHAI HEADS** 7A SEABREEZE ROAD**DEVELOPER'S DREAM**

This rare little gem offers over 13000 m² of residentially zoned land in Mangawhai Heads. 4 brm, 195 m² home and very large sep garage - explore the subdivision potential, invest and land bank for future development, earn income from rental return.

FOR SALE By Negotiation

VIEWING By Appointment www.barfoot.co.nz/568616



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**MANGAWHAI** 3 NGAIO CLOSE

Elevated 922m² within walking distance of shops, cafes, water & school. Buy and build in Magical Mangawhai. Beach, estuary, golf course and nearby. Titles are issued.

FOR SALE \$190,000

VIEWING By Appointment www.barfoot.co.nz/568336



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**MANGAWHAI** 619 TARA RD

Situated on the highly sought-after Tara Rd, 4.95 ha of rich volcanic soils, and magnificent country vistas, sits proudly this remarkable and historic Stone House Farm. Lots 2, 3, & 4 also available from \$395,000 (+ GST if any) to the discerning buyer. Subject to title.

FOR SALE \$1,595,000 (plus GST if any)

VIEWING By Appointment www.barfoot.co.nz/561170



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Language, land, and people focus of Tai Tokerau Festival

- WORDS/PHOTOS/Julia Wade

Harmonious songs, impassioned cries and the stamping of feet resounded through the Maungaturoto hills and valleys in early April, as the 41st Tai Tokerau Festival kicked off.

Otamatea College was this year's host for the cultural event, the school's grounds and fields accommodating Kapa haka groups, teachers, par-

ents and supporters from 28 Northland secondary schools.

The festival has been non-competitive since it started, with the focus this year on guardianship of the language, the land, and the people.

Energy and passion combined with harmony and grace in song, dance and haka, made for an exciting, emotional experience and revealing the performers' warrior spirit and aroha for their culture.



Poised with poi's, the girls of Whangarei High demonstrate skill and style.



Whangaroa College students dance in unison



Whangarei High boy's energetic war dance.



Colourful and harmonious performance of Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Pukemiro.



Kaitia College's strong performance with traditional weaponry, the mere...



Tikipunga High School female students portray grace and beauty.



... and taiaha [fighting staff].

Mystery weekend keeps Blue Light youth breathless

North Rodney Blue Light approached local intermediate schools to nominate deserving youth for a fully sponsored mystery adventure weekend based at the new National Blue Light camp at Wairakei near Taupo.

Mangawhai Beach School jumped at the opportunity for their new school house captains who met the criteria.

Four other Blue Light branches from Kaeo to North Harbour with teams of eight youth attended the first reward weekend organised by National Blue Light.

Shane and Kristal Gould accompanied the local team.

The first evening each team had challenges to build teamwork and then a swim at the AC baths in Taupo.

Up early Saturday morning, the first challenge was to catch the most prawns at the local prawn farm. The reward was a Huka Falls Jet boat ride up to the falls. With the grand total of two prawns, Mangawhai won the challenge.

After the boat ride the youth set

about some personal challenges and conquered their fear of heights on rock and high ropes courses, followed after lunch by 'soccer golf' hosted by the Taupo Golf course.

Then there was an Amazing Race challenge around the Taupo CBD.

"I'm not sure what the tourists and locals thought" says Shane.

Race challenges included photos at different locations, singing the national anthem in public, putting on eye shadow (including the boys), and a photo with a local police officer.

Next was BMX riding hosted by the Taupo BMX club, then another local attraction which offers a maize with clues and a mini golf course.

Back to base for a roast dinner and then off for a final swim and bombing contest at the AC baths.

A movie was planned but due to such an action packed day this was cancelled in favour of an early night.

The final day was topped off with a trip to Rotorua for the Skyline luge before heading home.

Shane and Kristal enjoyed the company of the youth and the smooth running of the reward na-



CHALLENGE: The Blue Light team strap in for a crazy jet boat ride in Taupo.

tional program.

"We could not have asked for a better bunch of youth to take down and look forward to other opportunities in the future," said Shane.

Shane also expressed his appreciation to his local branch committee for their hard work in fundraising, with the The Warehouse Snells Beach making the reward weekend

opportunity available.

■ For further information on Blue Light programs check out nrbl.org.nz and bluelight.co.nz

Northland Rescue Helicopter pilot returns after 16 years



CHALLENGE: Back home in Whangarei, pilot Peter Davies feels like a circle in his career has been completed.

— PHOTO/Emma Davies

Helping people and saving lives is in Peter Davies' blood.

When it comes to flying helicopters there's not much the Northland pilot hasn't done, from working on heli ski and tourist operations on Mt Cook through to agricultural flying and ferrying park rangers around Zimbabwe.

Peter, who has been flying since 1980, always wanted to fly an emergency medical service helicopter like the Northland Rescue Helicopter, operated by the Northland Emergency Services Trust.

He first got a taste for rescue work when he was an agricultural pilot and

would be called in to assist in search and rescue emergencies.

"This was long before we had dedicated emergency medical service operations like the North-

land Rescue Helicopter. Back then the agricultural pilots were jacks of all trades, and that sort of flying and rescue work made me realise I wanted to help people, so I

would be called in to assist in search and rescue emergencies. guess it's in my blood," he says. His passion for rescue work resulted in his first stint with the Northland Rescue Helicopter from 1996 to 1998. During this

time he was given the opportunity to fly the newly acquired Sikorsky S-76 helicopters purchased to handle increasing demand and saw the Northland operation's flight

capability surpass any other rescue helicopter service. While work on oil and gas contracts in Qatar, Iran, and Thailand have kept Peter overseas for

New Zealand, Peter describes being back at the Northland Rescue Helicopter as "one very lucky coincidence."

"It just so happened that the downturn affecting the oil and gas market coincided with a vacancy at the Northland Rescue Helicopter. I feel like a circle in my career has been completed.

"Pilots, well most of us anyway, aspire to the best positions possible that offer the most challenges. That is something the service offered me back in 1996, and has again in 2016," he says.

Peter says the scale of the operation has changed dramatically since the late 90s and early 2000s.

"It has always been a community driven organisation and will continue to be, but it's also evolved into an innovative and go-ahead organisation with its own flight simulator for pilot training, a certification to undertake its own aircraft maintenance, and fundraising efforts to rival any rescue helicopter operation."

He says the ongoing advancements are reflected in the work load the service can handle and its efficiency rate, with the three helicopters now able to provide an almost 100 percent dispatch rate.

Peter says another big advancement since he was last at the Northland Rescue Helicopter is the introduction of night vision goggles and high-tech GPS routes and instrument approaches

that have drastically increased flying capability and safety.

"Back in the day, winching and landing at night in remote places put huge pressure on the skills of the pilots and crewman. We only had a searchlight on the helicopter so we relied heavily on the ground emergency services to prepare and light the landing zone.

"Nowadays with night vision goggles and GPS routes, which detail specific altitudes and headings to be flown in certain areas, we're much more capable and assured and that enables us to undertake rescues and

provide medical treatment to patients in remote locations and during severe weather."

Recently Peter and the team responded to a call-out at midnight, rushing a woman in premature labour to Auckland's intensive care maternity unit.

"The patient was in the care of a highly skilled paramedic and an accompanying midwife and in no time she was airlifted to hospital. That in essence is the reason I love my job and get huge satisfaction from doing it."

Northland, give generously to support service

More than 7,590 rescue missions were undertaken by local rescue helicopters around New Zealand last year including 880 patients carried in Northland alone.

As part of this month's nationwide Westpac Chopper Appeal, the Northland Emergency Services Trust is asking Northlanders to give generously and get behind their local helicopter.

The Appeal aims to raise funds and continued awareness for the 16 rescue helicopter services operating around the country, with all donations going back to the region they are collected from.

Westpac's Director of Corporate Affairs, Sue Foley, says the country's rescue helicopter services often make a life or death difference for many New Zealanders.

"We never know whose turn will be next to need the service which is why it's important we all give generously as every donation counts."

■ Donations for the 2016 Westpac Chopper Appeal can be made at any Westpac Branch or at chopperappeal.co.nz

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the majority of the last 18 years he says returning to Northland has always been what he wanted to do.

And with three university-aged children in

Local radio grabs biggest slice of pie says survey

After an intensive independent telephone survey conducted recently in the Mangawhai region to find out the listening habits of locals, results are very positive for the two locally based radio stations.

Again, as in previous surveys conducted over the past few years, Heads 106.4FM is the most listened to station for all people aged 25 to 69 with 29.4% of the market.

Interestingly, Heads FM sister station The Wireless 90.4FM has registered phenomenal growth from being only on air on full power since February 2015 and having a 17.3% result.

Combined with an increasing audience online via Tunein, iTunes, Facebook

and iHeart radio platforms, station manager Mark Perry is justifiably happy.

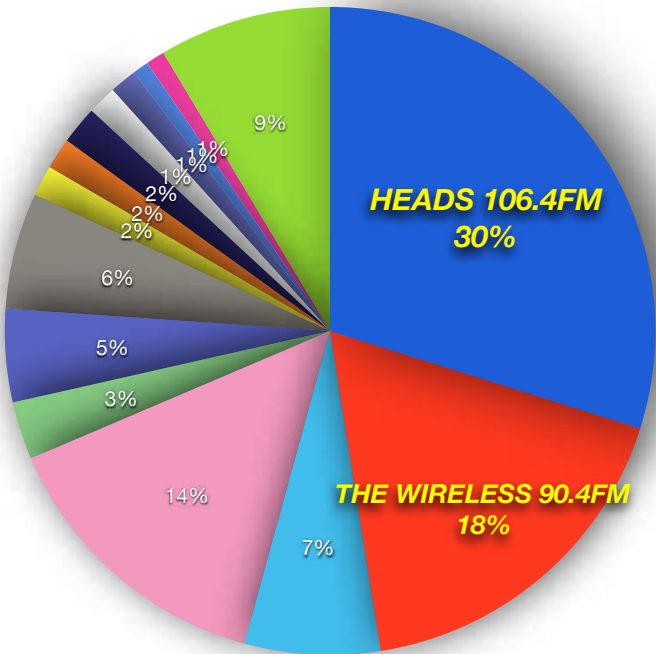
“This underlines the endorsement for local, community focused radio that’s not just being piped in from a big metro centre,” says Perry.

“The two local stations are totally different in formats, Heads FM being more eclectic and The Wireless FM being pure nostalgia, but that means a combination of nearly 50 percent coverage of the main age demographics of our region!”

“A huge thanks for support from all our listeners and clients” adds Perry.

The survey was conducted over summer from a sample of 278.

LOCAL RADIO GETS THE BIGGEST SLICE OF THE PIE.
The combination of both Heads 106.4FM and The Wireless 90.4FM covers nearly 50% of the market from Marsden Point to Pakiri in the key 25-69 age demographic. (Feb 2016 Sample 278)



Station Listened to The Most: All 25-69yrs

STATION	%
HEADS 106.4FM	29
THE WIRELESS 90.4FM	17
NEWSTALK ZB	7
MORE FM	14
THE HITS	3
THE ROCK	5
NATIONAL RADIO	6
HAURAKI	2
RADIO LIVE	2
THE BREEZE	2
THE SOUND	1
THE EDGE	1
RADIO SPORT	1
COAST	1
OTHER	8

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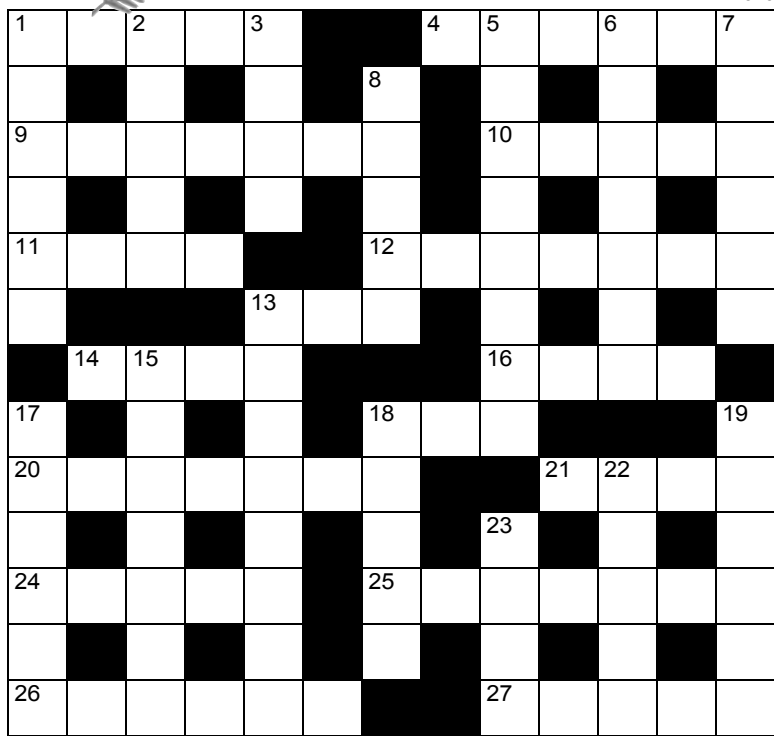
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THE NZ CROSSWORD



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- ACROSS**
- Damp (5)
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 - Excavates (4)
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 - Urge on (4)
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June date for Big Dig celebration

Did you take part in the Big Dig in 1991? Were you one of the 60 to 70 people who assisted in the now-famous filling in of the breach in the Distal Spit completed in 1996?

If so, then the Mangawhai Museum and the Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society (MHRS) want to hear from you so you can be included in celebrations memorialising the events.

On February 11, 2016 it was 25 years since a band of people and their machinery attempted to reopen the main entrance to Mangawhai Harbour in what has become known as the Big Dig.

Following this, work was carried out to close the breach in the Spit. This breach threatened the very essence of life and the future of Mangawhai. Water in the estuary becoming stagnant due to the still-closed main entrance preventing the harbor from being flushed out by tidal movement

On June 29 this year it will be the 20th anniversary since that breach was closed by volunteers using dredges purchased by the Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society together with appropriate machinery.

Local Jim Wintle, widely recognised as the leading light behind the Big Dig, says that it is important that everyone who was involved in the process is invited to the celebrations which will take place at the Mangawhai Museum on June 25.

“At the height of the work done to close off the bund wall we had between 60 and 70 people assisting with up to 40 machines.”

The Museum and MHRS will have combined to produce a plaque containing the names of all volunteers involved with the “Big Dig” and this will be unveiled at the June 25 function.

If you can assist with any information and/or were a volunteer during the times of remedying the harbour, please contact Graeme Smith (MHRS executive member) 431 4357 or 027 215 1467.



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Gill slides Skoda home for rally win



LEADER: Gill and Macneall push the Skoda Fabia R5 to the finish line, their second New Zealand win. – PHOTO/Geoff Ridder.

India's Gaurav Gill and Australian based co-driver Glenn Macneall have won the 2016 International Rally of Whangarei by 30.4 seconds in the MRF Tyres Skoda Fabia R5.

Concluding the opening round (of six) for the 2016 FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship (APRC), last Sunday's action used gravel roads to the south of Whangarei.

Tackling six special stages, overnight rain and passing isolated showers dampened the road surface.

Gill, the 2013 APRC champion and 2014 rally winner started second car on the road for the day, behind overnight leader and teammate Fabian Kreim. Overtaking the 4.6 second deficit in the opening test, Gill pushed hard in the

second run to extend his margin.

Finishing second, Germany's Kreim and countryman co-driver Frank Christian were pleased with the result.

Third was Kiwi pairing Michael Young and co-driver Malcolm Read in the Cusco-prepared EZY Racing Subaru Impreza.

While breakdowns spoiled their overall chances in this event, WRC Rally Argentina winner Hayden Paddon and John Kennard had a clean run in their New Zealand specification Hyundai i20 winning all six stages of the final day, much to the delight of fans passionate on seeing him on local roads.

The series now moves to Australia for the second round, the International Rally of Queensland, June 17-19.

Tricky conditions for first primary schools surf champs

Over 50 primary school aged surfers converged on Waipu Cove on Saturday April 16 for the inaugural Northland Primary Schools Surfing Championships hosted by the Northland Surfing Association (NSA).

This is the first time the NSA has run a primary schools event and the field included current primary school national champion, Whangarei's Thomas Robinson.

Over 10 Northland primary schools were represented.

Small .5m-1m waves broke at the Cove all day with fresh onshore winds creating tricky conditions.

For this event all entrants surf twice and accumulated points based on placings in each heat.

Judges focused on speed, power and flow.

Stand-out performances during the day included Taj Robinson (Mangawhai Beach School), Rhyder Harrington (Waipu Primary), Tama Te Kauwhata (Homeschool), Ely and Elijah Backhouse (Bream Bay), Luke Vercoe (Mangawhai Beach School), Freddie Gibbons (Homeschool), Thomas Robinson (Kamo Intermediate), and Mason Woolley (Ngunguru School).

As the tide filled in, conditions became much more favourable and by the time the finals of each division hit the water, semi-clean 2-3ft waves broke at the southern end of Waipu Cove beach.



WAIPU COVE: Surfers congratulate each other as they come out of the water after a heat in testing conditions.

RESULTS

U9 Boys: 1 Luke Vercoe (Mangawhai Beach School) 2 Mason Woolley (Ngunguru Primary School) 3 Rhyder Harrington (Waipu Primary School) 4 Isaiah Backhouse (Waipu Primary School).
U9 Girls: 1 Millie Backhouse (Waipu Primary School) 2 Ruby-Rose Harrington (Waipu Primary School) 3rd Talia Da Silva (Ngunguru School) 4 Indi-Lee Ruddell (Matarau School) 5 Coco Da Silva (Ngunguru School).
U13 Girls: 1 Ely Backhouse (Bream Bay College) 2 Summer Harte (Ngunguru School) 3 Ruby Dickinson-Yeoman (Waipu Primary School) 4 Luci Millar (Mangawhai Beach School).
U13 Boys: 1 Thomas Robinson (Kamo Intermediate) 2 Natt Fitt (OC) 3 Freddie Gibbons (Homeschool) 4 Elijah Backhouse (Bream Bay College) 5 Isaac Klein-Ovink (Elim Christian College).

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 Down: 1. Mikado, 2. Icing, 3. Taut, 5. Detonate, 6. Barge in, 7. Endear, 8. Waihi, 13. Trentham, 15. Platoon, 17. Laptop, 18. Aton, 19. Hot air, 22. Award, 23. Gain.

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Maungaturoto Bowls Results

Mid-Winter Bowls Series

– any combination triples, April 20.

Ron McCallum Green: 1 Dave Orford 3.5 wins, 21 ends, 49 pts; 2 Sue Rokstad 3.5 wins, 19 ends, 33 pts.

B Green: 1 Gerry Mulligan 4 wins, 31 ends, 42 pts; 2 Ted Sloane 3 wins, 22 ends, 44 pts.

Hard luck: Ross Burrows' team.

Wednesday series

– any combination triples, April 27

Ron McCallum Green: 1 Len Bird 4 wins, 23 ends, 55 pts; 2 Jim Colvine 4 wins, 22 ends, 38 pts.

B Green: 1 Len Lawrence 4 wins, 23 ends, 51 pts; 2 Sharon Rudman 4 wins, 23 ends, 49 pts.

Hard Luck: Edna Hoole, Lee McHale, Trevor Briljevich.

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 - Tuesday, 17 May 2016, 7.30pm
 AGM: Reports, elections, setting
 subscriptions.
 Rae Roadley, Secretary.



Hakaru and Districts Memorial RSA (Inc) AGM

Sunday 29th May 2016
 1:30 pm in the Club Rooms

Agenda

Apologies
 Financials and reports
 Election of new Committee
 General Business
 Nominations for Committee and Notices of Motion
 need to be passed to the Secretary by Monday the 23rd May 2016

Only financial Members permitted to attend

Please Note: Membership Fees will NOT be collected on the day



The Mangawhai Museum and Historical Society Incorporated
 Annual General Meeting is to be held on Friday 20th May
 at 3pm at Mangawhai Museum.
 All those who would like to attend are invited.

Mangawhai Bridge Club results

Week 7: north south; Peter and Joycelyn
 east west; Sharyn and Judi

Week 8: north south; Gayle and Liz
 east west; Sherrill and Trevor

Week 9: north south; Don and Bill
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 successful inaugural forum.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to come along and listen to Gor-
 don Hosking who will outline the progress that has been made over the
 last 12 months, what is in the planning stages, and what the Trust hopes
 to achieve in the next 12 months and a vision for the future.

We welcome input from the wider community so come along and find
 out what is new and tell us what you think our priorities should be.

A number of the trackies, who put in the hard yards on Friday mornings
 will be present. The Trackies are always looking for "new blood". It will be
 a great opportunity for you to meet them and find out what track work
 involves. Everyone in Mangawhai has walked the tracks that our volunteers
 have made or they know someone who has.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM, MANGAWHAI CLUB, 1PM TUESDAY MAY 10.



REMEMBERING THE REOPENING OF THE MANGAWHAI HARBOUR

The Mangawhai Harbour Restoration Society is hosting a
 function to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the "Big Dig"
 and also, the 20th Anniversary of the closing of the second
 harbour entrance and the reopening of the main entrance.

This is to be held 2.30 p.m., Saturday, 25 June at the
 Mangawhai Museum.

All persons involved in either activity from 1991 to 1996 are
 invited, with their partners, to attend this function.

If you wish to attend, please contact Graeme Smith, phone
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Public Notice of Statement of Proposal for the Reviewed Wastewater Drainage Policy and Bylaw 2016

Notice is given pursuant to s83 and s86 of the Local Government Act 2002 that Kaipara District Council is commencing
 the Special Consultative Procedure to obtain community **feedback on the Statement of Proposal for the reviewed
 Wastewater Drainage Policy and Bylaw**. Kaipara District Council has reviewed its Wastewater Drainage Policy 2009
 (the 'Policy') and Wastewater Drainage Bylaw 2009 (the 'Bylaw'). The Wastewater Policy and Bylaw 2009 sought to
 protect public health and to regulate wastewater discharges and protect the structures and infrastructure associated
 with it (with regard to public wastewater systems).

The proposed amendments: Council is exercising the powers and authorities vested in it by s145 and s146 of the
 Local Government Act 2002 to manage and protect wastewater systems and to regulate onsite wastewater through
 a Bylaw. There has been ongoing concern with regards to onsite wastewater treatment systems. Therefore the review
 has proposed amendments to include the introduction of an onsite wastewater warrant of fitness regime that requires
 regular inspections and maintenance to be carried out on all onsite wastewater systems located in all Residentially zoned
 areas, as identified in the Kaipara District Plan, and to all land irrespective of zoning that is 300m from the east coast
 or west coast; 300m from the Mangawhai or Kaipara Harbours, and 300m from the Kai Iwi Lakes.

A Statement of Proposal, and Summary of Information are available for inspection and may be obtained from the
 office of the Kaipara District Council in Dargaville and Mangawhai and at the Dargaville public library. They can also
 be viewed on Council's website www.kaipara.govt.nz where online submissions may also be made.

**Submissions on the proposal are invited and must be received by Council during the Submission period
 which opens on Sunday 1 May 2016 and closes on Wednesday 1 June 2016.**

Submissions can be made online at www.kaipara.govt.nz, faxed to (09) 439 6756, emailed
 to Council@kaipara.govt.nz, delivered to Council's Dargaville or Mangawhai office or posted
 to Kaipara District Council, Private Bag 1001, Dargaville 0340.

All Submissions received on time will be considered. Submissions should include the name and
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Road Works for May 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE – Broadspectrum NZ Ltd, Kaipara Branch is continuing their full network round of glyphosate roadside vegetation spraying. The spraying contractor of Broadspectrum NZ Ltd is performing vegetation growth control and roadside spraying alongside sealed and unsealed roads in the Kaipara District. Please refer to program below for location of spraying which is subject to weather conditions

Drivers are advised to take extra care where work is being carried out on roads, regardless of whether there is a special speed restriction.

Routine works planned on Council roads throughout the whole district during May include pothole repairs both on unsealed and sealed roadways as they are identified and the clearing of culvert inlets and outlets. Maintenance patrols have been replacing many reflectorised edge marker pegs and this will continue as well as replacements and repairs to road signs.

Area specific works planned during May include:

- Minor bridge repairs throughout the district
- Wet, roll and grade round in both northern and southern areas on high priority roads (ongoing)
- Water table restoration – Golden Stairs, Mititai, Redhill and Curnow Roads
- Culvert replacements – Millbrook, Metcalfe and Redhill Roads
- Metal blend trial – Bickerstaff, Golden Stairs, Beebush and Arapohue Roads
- Unsealed road strengthening – Waihue and Redhill Roads
- Maintenance grading throughout the district when conditions are suitable
- Unsealed potholing throughout the district (ongoing)
- Annual painting round (ongoing)
- Targeted noxious weed spraying – Paparoa Oakleigh and Golden Stairs Roads
- Mechanised tree pruning throughout the southern half of the District

We could experience some delays with work programmed during the month of May if weather restricts plant movements and progress, but work will still go ahead.

Thank you for your co-operation as these projects to improve travel on your roads are being completed. Please feel free to contact the Council's Customer Service Representatives on 0800 727 059 for more information.

Thinking about building? Think consents

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Proposed Temporary Road Closure 15 – 19 Onslow Street, Dargaville

Pursuant to the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the Kaipara District Council hereby gives notice that Kumarani Productions Ltd has made an application to have this road temporarily closed on the day and at the time below for the Spirit of Matariki event.

Date: 12 June 2016, 10:00am – 9:00pm

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We're consulting on proposed Wastewater Disposal policy and by-law amendments.

Submissions are open now - Close 1 June 2016

Changes proposed:

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- Inspection and maintenance required for all systems by a qualified person
- Inspection and maintenance reports supplied to the Council
- The Council able to require connection to a public wastewater systems in some cases, or to fix identified issues.

Submissions on line at www.kaipara.govt.nz

Statement of Proposal, summary and other documents available on line, or at the Council's offices: 42 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville; Unit 6, The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai; Or email council@kaipara.govt.nz

Last Chance! Annual Plan feedback

Feedback closes for our draft Annual Plan 2016 - 2017 on 13 May, 2016.

You still have time to have a say:

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Council Meetings April 2016

The following meetings have been set down for the month of April and are open to the public.

Meeting times and dates may differ from those previously advertised. For confirmation or further information on a particular meeting contact the Customer Services Team on 439 3123 or 0800 727 059.

2 pm Monday
16 May 2016 Audit & Risk Committee, Meeting Room, Council offices, The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai

10am Thursday
19 May 2016 Raupo Drainage Committee, Drainage Hall,

10 am Monday
23 May 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting, Meeting Room, Wairoa War memorial Hall, Hokianga Road, Dargaville



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