

Mangawhai 'good sorts' acknowledged



GOOD DEEDS: Good Sorts award winner Dave Glover pictured outside Bammas surf shop with Francesca Purcell.

People caring for people is an important cog in the wheels that turn small communities.

Francesca Purcell and friend Anna Barclay, along with a few others, saw something special in a local couple and decided to present them with their own 'good sorts' award.

Their subjects were Dave and Mariska Glover of Bammas Surf Shop.

"We think they are special people, pleasant and friendly, and they put a lot back into the community," says Fran.

"For example, approximately two months ago my mother and step father were visiting from the UK when they had a car accident. The following day my step father had a heart attack and passed away. As soon as the Glover's heard the news they deposited money into our bank account to help get him home.

"Also last Friday the very successful surf dojo had their prize giving which Bammas donated lots of items for, plus they regularly donate to different causes both financially and with their time."

Both Dave and Mariska also have a large involvement in the local school, and their business is also the booking office for almost everything that's happening in town.

"I'm sure there are others who do similar good deeds, if that's what they

are," says a modest Dave.

"And it's not about money. It's about just getting on with life and trying to be good citizens, maybe seeing things that need fixing and helping fix them.

"We don't expect any reward but simply like to think if the boot were on the other foot that others would reciprocate in a similar way."

The boot has been on the other foot on occasions with their business earning unwanted attention from unsavoury types over the past two years, but the Glover's are firmly rooted in the Mangawhai community and continue on with the spirit that makes small towns tick whatever the obstacles.

Last week Anna and Fran presented Dave with a pounamu, locally carved by Evan Blomfield and also gifted both Mariska and Dave an hour massage with Evie Glover at Kakariki.

"A few of us have been on the receiving end of their generosity from the goodness of their hearts. We know there is always a friendly face if we drop in to Bammas – and a shoulder to cry on if we need it. They are just amazing good sorts and we feel blessed to have them in the community," said Fran.

Commissioners reappointed. P3

Council initiative highly commended at prestigious awards

The Kaipara District Council has been highly commended for its entry 'Retaining Building Consent Authority Accreditation' at the recent prestigious Society of Local Government Managers Awards (SOLGM) in Wellington.

In the 'Transforming Service Delivery' category,

the judges spoke about a Council that "used an exciting technological development to move from being close to losing BCA accreditation to a recognised sector leader inside three months."

The Council also had an entry in the category 'Council-Community Relationships' which was

based on the planning work that has been undertaken with a number of communities across the District.

"I think this really shows how far we have come as an organisation," said acting chief executive Jill McPherson.

"Two years ago we would not have had any-

thing to enter. This year we were proud to be able to put up entries for two categories.

"This shows that Council is becoming the high performing organisation that the Commissioners want us to be."

The Council, motivated by the potential loss of Building Consent Author-

ity Accreditation, chose a bold transformational solution, changing from a paper-based consenting process to a cloud-based software process.

With the help of Selwyn District Council, who had already shown excellence in this area, the Kaipara District Council has been the first

to implement the totally cloud-based comprehensive software solution Al-phaOne.

It did this in just three months.

Dr McPherson said the choice had been a bold one and was not without its risks.

"If the project had been unsuccessful we

would have lost IANZ accreditation and been forced to close down as a Building Control Authority. We were not prepared to let that happen.

The team, led by Fran Mikulicic, General Manager Regulatory, was supported by Dave Waetford,

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Bible

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
- Romans 15:4

Quote

'Tis against some men's principle to pay interest and seems against others' interest to pay principal.'
- Ben Franklin

Thought for the week

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.
- TS Eliot

NZ POPULATION CLOCK

4,582,071 (Statistics NZ). New Zealand's population is estimated to increase by one person every 5 minutes and 34 seconds.

ED SAID

What does 'free' really mean?

Last year the Northland District Health Board became the first in the country to offer free treatment for children aged from 6-12 years – under sixes were already free. This was a coup for the north in an area that, geographically, includes the Kaipara and anywhere north of. It is thus somewhat mystifying to read that the uptake of this service by maori families is almost nil. It is even more mystifying to read that, according to Manaia Health CEO Chris Farrelly, the key reason is 'cultural acceptability.'

What exactly is 'cultural acceptability'? Is this a PC phrase for apathy?

I understand a degree of cultural sensitivity but cultural acceptability is simply a crock. There doesn't appear to be a problem with cultural acceptability in schools where children of all races mix easily, at most sports, in the queue at McDonalds or KFC, or working alongside other ethnic groups in the supermarket, the forestry or the Warehouse.

Parents do their best but generally don't have the knowledge to make a specific diagnosis. A sniffle may be nothing more

than a sniffle but a sniffle lasting a fortnight may be a precursor to some deeper problem that only a doctor can diagnose. To this end surely the free service is a boon.

The problem is, the further north you go, where the service should have been welcomed with open arms, the lesser the uptake by poorer Maori families. If a child is deemed in need of a doctor then surely, with the offer of a free service, you simply get him there one way or the other. Surely apathy shouldn't be an excuse. For example, with a majority of dialysis patients in the north being of ethnic persuasion I don't see any problem with cultural acceptability there and early diagnosis of any ailment for anybody must be preferable to fixing a deep-seated one later, especially in the case of a child.

Basically we have on offer to our public, some amazing services that operate at the drop of a hat without question and without direct cost unless warranted. Consider St John, the rescue helicopter, police, coastguard and firemen, and surf lifesavers – many of which are manned by volunteers.

But still we have people disregarding speed limits, taking risks outrunning police, driving drunk, without seat belts, texting while driving, boating and fishing after consuming booze and not wearing life jackets, taking the batteries out of smoke alarms for video games and a whole lot of other examples.

My point here is, there are great services available for those in genuine need. These services, medical and otherwise, have come on in leaps and bounds in the past 50 years thanks to technology but still we cannot protect people from themselves. While there may be drawbacks to any service (eg. the cost of getting to the doctor from an outer district, time off work) surely a sick child warrants some priority.

In denying this free service on offer to your child, is that not tantamount to neglect?

Just my humble opinion.

Rob

Bundles of books and a baffling box

Mangawhai Museum's Easter Book Fair has become a much anticipated event, and it was no surprise that business was brisk again this year.

The choice on display was better than ever and it took a large number of volunteers, and a lot of time to unpack, sort and display the books ready for sale so the \$11,00 raised was just reward for effort.

"A huge thank you goes to Graeme and Querida Smith, and all volunteers who helped make this fundraiser a success," says museum manager Emma Gray. "Everybody plays a part, not least all those people who so generously donate books."

This year it was not possible to hold the event inside now that the museum is open and operating, so three marquees were erected outside instead.

Jessie's Cafe provided a welcome respite for those in need of a break from book browsing and the mainly volunteer staff were kept on their toes dealing with the rush.

One "donation" found amongst the books was possibly a mistake that is causing puzzlement in one household. If you are the owner of this carved wooden box and are wondering where it is then your mystery is solved.

The box is just hand-sized, as shown by the photo, and delicately adorned but bears no trademarks or other identification. It was found amongst the donations and can be collected at the museum.

Before they part with it however you will need to be able to tell them what is inside.

If you missed the book fair then you haven't missed out entirely – another is being held on Labour Weekend.



POTATO HILLS



Kids get close to Kiwi

By Rob Pooley

Some very important visitors paid a special visit to Mangawhai Beach School last Tuesday and a number of other locals were there as well.

The whole school turned out to get close up and personal with the last batch of Kiwi to be moved from Motuora Island to the Marunui sanctuary on King Rd.

Motuora has been

a very fruitful hunting ground, having a large Kiwi population and the seven captured overnight on this occasion are the last to be brought to their new Brynderwn home.

Cathy and John Haw-

ley have been pioneers of the Kiwi re-homing scheme and were again on-hand in transporting this last batch of immigrants together with DoC staff.

The two birds on

show for the children were a male and a female with the school previously having the task of naming them.

So, Fern and Oscar had their first introduction to Mangawhai at the school that gave them their names which will remain with them, registered against their transmitters that will allow DoC staff to trace their lifetime movements and record their history while at Marunui.

The visit was not a long one as, at midday, the weather was very warm and Oscar, especially, was snapping his beak, a sign of stress under the bright sunlight.

While they can be delicate if over-handled, so far the new arrivals have settled in extremely well and have bred much better than was originally expected.

A similar number were released this time last year. All have adapted well with the original 14 now growing to 37 in



NEW HOME: Marunui handlers hope to inspire future Kiwi-carers through visits like this one to Mangawhai Beach School.

number plus young ones proving they are enjoying the environment that the Brynderwyns affords.

The children were well clued up on the Kiwi, their habits, their special features and their

biggest threats to survival and it is hoped that some of this younger generation will become the future custodians of Kiwi in Mangawhai.



GOOD HANDS: Trained handler Celia Walker keeps Kiwi comfortable around the big crowd.

Kaipara District Council Commissioners reappointed

Associate Minister of Local Government Hon Louise Upston has today announced the three Commissioners appointed to the Kaipara District Council in 2012 are to be re-appointed for a further year.

"The Commissioners have made significant progress in addressing the Council's issues and improving its performance," Ms Upston said. "When I visited the Kaipara district in February it was clear to me there is widespread support for the Commissioners

in the district, and they have made substantial progress in rebuilding the relationship between the Council and the communities of Kaipara."

The Council will now have an election in October 2016, the same as with triennial general elections for all local authorities.

"When an election is held, it is important that stable governance is achieved in Kaipara, and the mistakes of the past do not happen again. I don't consider that current circumstances lend themselves to achieving this if an election is held

in October 2015. The re-appointment of the Commissioners until October 2016 gives the district the best chance of getting the stable governance it deserves."

Commissioners will perform and exercise the responsibilities, duties and powers of the Council. Their Terms of Reference will require them to continue to address outstanding matters relating to their initial appointment, such as continuing to build confidence and trust in the Council, and to work to build capability and capacity within the Council organisation.

A key part of the Commissioners' work will be to develop an exit plan to facilitate a successful transition to elected governance in 2016.

"It is important that Kaipara has a strong, stable and transparent Council providing the services Kaipara needs, at a cost ratepayers can afford. I am committed to working with the Commissioners to lay the groundwork for the Council's long-term success under elected representation."

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Out and about in Mangawhai with Jo Roberts

Life membership for Christine



Mangawhai Museum & Historical Society chairman Christine Bygrave (pictured addressing the crowd at the Mangawhai Museum opening in December) has been awarded honorary life membership at the recent AGM. Christine has led the society for several years through the construction of the museum and is currently chairman of the board. To date, the museum cost is \$1.7 million, but has been valued at \$2.9 million for insurance, which shows just how much volunteer input goes into the operation. From May to October, the Exhibition Room will host a special display, 'War Comes to Mangawhai', which will include additional material, a scale model of the Niagra, Mangawhai Home Guard stories, along with a 250kg German mine on loan from the Devonport Naval Museum.

Village plan for retirees

"What we really need in Mangawhai is somewhere for our independent older folk to live so that they don't have to move away from the area." How often have you heard that opinion being voiced? Harbourlife, a new development currently awaiting planning approval, could well be the answer for some. On a large block of flat land near the end of Moir St by the tavern, developer John White says he plans to build 25 two bedroom 'own your own' homes, set in clusters of five, within a gated subdivision with shared, park-like grounds. If permission is granted, John plans to minimise disruption and disturbance to the land so close to the estuary by having the homes constructed off-site in Mangawhai, then transported fully completed, to Harbourlife. He says since first advertising his plans, interest has been staggeringly

high, and if all goes well, work could be underway by the end of the year. John White can be contacted via email to answer your queries: jw@harbourliving.co.nz

Music night features The Eagles

Alert for Eagles fans! Kaiwaka Community Cinema is hosting their first music night and supper on Friday May 1 with a screening of The Eagles Live in Melbourne – two hours of all their classics in HD on a 7-metre movie screen, with 5.1 Dolby Surround Sound (1200 watts plus a 1000 watt subwoofer). How good is that! Supper and space for dancing – what more could fans want? Tickets just \$20, but you will need to book on 431 2225 or 431 2234.

Book Fair needs new location

One of the most popular annual fundraising events is the museum Book Fair. Over the Easter weekend \$11,000 was

raised, a rewarding sum for the many volunteers who put in long hours sorting books. Now that the museum is operating, a new venue needs to be found as using three small marquees proved somewhat difficult! Organiser Graeme Smith says the team is working on a solution for next year, and he would like to sincerely thank all those who assisted this time by erecting and taking down the tents, and those who have spent the best part of a year preparing books for sale.

Fish & Chip fundraiser

Northhaven Hospice annual Fish & Chip luncheon is on Monday 11 May, 12 noon at The Club. This event is your chance to support the work of this organisation, meet up with friends, and have a jolly good time. There will be entertainment, raffles, door prize, and great food! Tickets are \$15, available from Books & Gifts in Wood St, or Bammas in the village. Contact Sheila Smith for more details, nannysheila99@gmail.com.

SNIPPETS

■ **Kaiwaka Community Cinema: *Boyhood*, Friday May 15, 7.30pm.**

■ **Seniornet courses available. Contact Tony Cox 431 2269 or Val 4314 042.**

■ **Spotted, painted on the floor of Speights Ale House in Greymouth: 'In colonising, the French commence with a fort, the Spaniards with a church, the English with a grog shop.'**

■ **Totally Uked, the local ukulele group, meet Friday afternoons, 1pm, in the Domain pavilion.**

Local lifeguards to the rescue

Interesting to read a provisional report on the busy season for lifeguards here at Mangawhai Heads. The volunteer surf lifeguard service worked 3350 hours over the summer, with 44 rescues, compared with 17 last season, plus 49 first aid responses, up from 23 the previous season. Patrols will begin again at Labour Weekend.

Beach clean-up needs volunteers

Mark Saturday May 16 in your diary now, and be ready at 3pm for a volunteer community beach clean-up. All equipment will be provided – just be at the Heads carpark by 3pm

with as many happy friends and family members as you can muster, and join in this community activity. As a 'thank you' organisers are hosting an art exhibition (with an ocean theme of course!) in the village library Hall from 5.30pm. And at 7pm, they'll be showing a surf film on a big screen – all free, but a donation would be appreciated. If you'd like more information, contact Craig Freeman 021 262 6178.

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Dust problem not being swept under the rug

By Rob Pooley

Long dry spells of weather bring pleasure for many but for those living on or near metal roads the inevitable dust problems tend to negate any pluses, and usually results in serious questions to the Kaipara District Council on sealing and general road maintenance.

There are two major issues with roading in Kaipara.

The first is in regard to the population distribution. Metal roads are a fact of life in Northland. Kaipara has over 1,100 kilometres of metal roads and, in outlying areas, a

very sparse population.

The second issue is money. The New Zealand Transport Association ceased funding seal extensions in 2001. This means any new seal must be paid for by ratepayers and with a sparse rural population this is simply not viable given it costs \$400,000 per kilometre to seal a metal road.

Council also stopped funding seal extensions at this time from rates revenue due to the prohibitive costs to ratepayers. Any seal extensions being done are due to third party funding, ie development or other financial contributions.

Kaipara District

Council is duty-bound to maintain existing sealed roads and that is what it is doing despite the fact that some residents perceive this work to be not necessary. Roads sealed as far back as the 1960s are now showing signs of deterioration and with increased traffic numbers plus heavy traffic, are in need of rehabilitation.

Future traffic numbers are likely to increase both in number and weight as forestry harvesting over the next 25 years takes effect bringing even greater pressure to road surfaces.

Though dust suppressants have been tested in some areas they have

proved to be only a short-term fix and not cost-effective in the longer term.

Some property buyers do not realise the implications of living on a metal road, especially those who come from the City to a country environment. Building on the back of a plot of land rather than on the road frontage and planting windbreak trees may alleviate the problem to some degree but will not eradicate the problem completely.

"Due to costs, unsealed roads will remain the main part of the Kaipara network for the foreseeable future,"

says KDC acting chief executive Jill McPherson. "However we acknowledge we can do better in the area of road maintenance."

"We recently adopted a new strategy and a new field officer will soon be appointed to monitor contractor performance and implement an achievable plan in metal road management."

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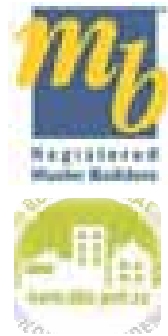
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Age shall not weary her



Octogenarian Zoe Roadley, pictured, still plays an active part in Anzac Day celebrations at Maungaturoto and in this special commemorative year she is working quietly away gathering all kinds of red and white flowers for the occasion.

Adorned by blue ribbon, together with poppies and ribbon for wreaths, the flowers will be placed in the vases of the 70-odd graves and 25 plaques at the Maungaturoto RSA Cemetery, and the wreaths laid at the flagpole along with those of other representative groups on Saturday morning.

Though her late husband preferred to treat Anzac Day quietly in his own way, since his passing Zoe has taken a more active part in its observance and proudly displayed her Father-in-law's memento's from his time in France. This included Albert Roadley's pay book including the last entry, letters from the trenches, his discharge papers from 25 June 1918 after his third wounding, and the telegram to his wife to say he was coming home, a message of great relief when so many similar telegrams bore the tidings of bad news.

Zoe still drives herself about and knows local roads with effect having lived at Batley for over 65 years. Despite her 88 years, she will be one of the first to line up at Maungaturoto RSA at dawn on Anzac Day.



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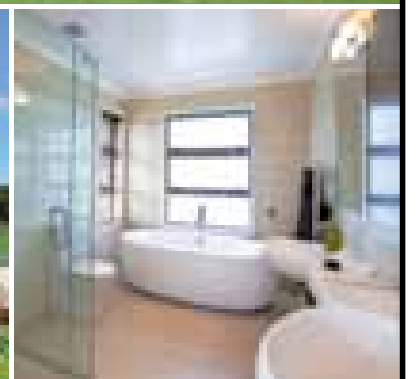
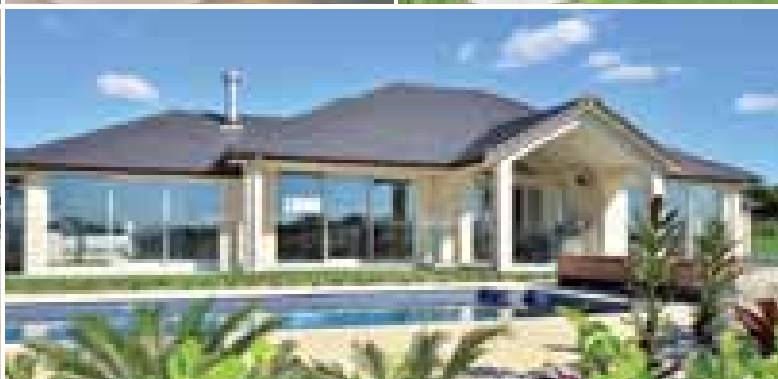
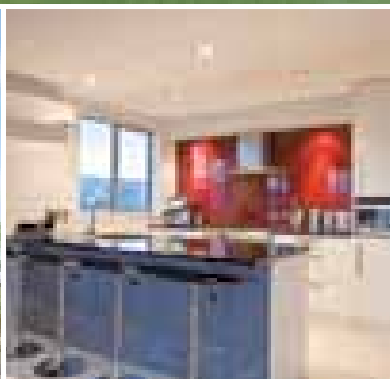
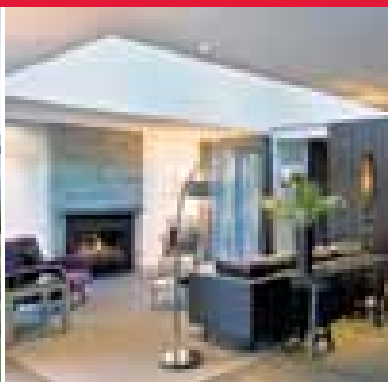
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100 years from Gallipoli



Despite 2014 being the anniversary of the start of the World War 1, this year there is a much higher profile than previously as 2015 marks the involvement of Kiwis and the establishment of the Anzac movement in the quest for world peace.

Locally displays have been set up at the Mangawhai Museum where a monument has been erected in the foyer which includes the names of those from local families who participated and those who had fallen from Gallipoli 1915, The Somme 1916, Passchendaele 1917 and the Western Front 1918.

Says local historian Bev Ross: "The names listed are what our

records show but there may well be others from the area we are not aware of so we have a booklet on the counter and invite any visitors to list the name(s) of anyone not included on the monument. This will also help us to update our records."

The corner of Thelma Rd also sports a decorative commemorative board depicting the 100 years and on the front lawn at Mangawhai Beach School is a 'Field of Remembrance,' a display of white crosses listing the names of those from the wider local area who were lost in the war. This was an initiative from the Ministry of Education who sent out kits to each school which included the crosses and information and statistics.

Last Friday week the whole school assembled in their own Anzac parade to pay tribute with a representative from each class laying a wreath, reciting the oath and singing the national anthem together with the raising and lowering of the flag.

The significance of this event has been readily adopted and accepted by the younger generation and it is pleasing to see their interest in this major part of New Zealand's history.

Mangawhai couple Charlie and Sue Shepherd of Margaret St are among the 10,000 visitors at the Gallipoli services in Turkey this year



PICTURES: Anzac displays inside and outside the Mangawhai Museum.

having won a place in the nationwide ballot.

"I was determined to be top of the list," said Sue. "The moment the ballot opened almost a year ago I was straight on the phone to register."

More than 9,800 applications were received for 950 double passes that were available.

"It's a great thrill to be chosen - better than winning lotto," she says.

The couple flew out last Saturday and will

join the other 19 couples from Northland and a total of 200 Kiwis including dignitaries who will represent us at Anzac Cove.

The Man from Matakohu, Gordon Coates - soldier, farmer and politician - served during World War 1 from 1916 to 1919, receiving a Military Cross for 'Conspicuous Gallantry and Devotion to Duty' at La Basseville on 31 July 1917, and a Bar for his leadership at Mail-

ly-Maillet on 26 March 1918.

He represented Kaipara as a Member of Parliament from age 33 up until his death in 1943, and from 1925 to 1928 held office as New Zealand's first native-born elected Prime Minister. He is the subject of an extensive display at Matakohu Museum which runs until November.

MP supports current flag

New Northland MP Winston Peters is supporting the Returned Services Association's 'fight for the flag' call.

"New Zealand First backs the RSA's call for the first referendum to simply ask 'Do you want to change the flag?' says Mr Peters. "If the majority say 'no' then that should be it. We challenge all other Members of Parliament to publicly declare if they will back the RSA's call."

Mr Peters says New Zealand First is the only Party not participating in the Prime Minister's legacy project, the submissions on which closed on 23

April, or just before the Centennial of Anzac Day.

"The idea of two referendums is not common sense when \$26 million would be better spent reinstating the Gisborne-Napier rail line, double laning any number of one-way bridges in Northland or funding most of the first year of three free GP visits for over 65s.

"Kiwis fought, died and were buried under this flag. That has to count for something since there are some things that are beyond politics - and our flag is one of them."

Mangawhai Heads

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Crime spree spoils special day

By Rob Pooley

What was expected to be a day to remember for Megan and Steve Hale turned out to be just that – but for all the wrong reasons.

Megan and Steve were renewing their wedding vows at a special occasion at Tara Lodge. The day went swimmingly.

Later they returned to their home along with friends, family and invited guests. However, in the evening a trio of teenagers invaded the party, uninvited, and caused what could only be described as mayhem.

They slashed ten tyres

on four vehicles plus other damage, stole alcohol, broke a table and stole a handbag containing a wallet and other valuable items.

"They came onto our property right under our noses... they damaged property but worst of all was the invasion, walking right into the bedroom where my brother and sister-in-law were in bed!" said an obviously upset Megan.

"They have caused so much hurt, pain, inconvenience plus loads of extra work with police and insurance companies, all while we should have been enjoying our

family celebration on our special weekend. We just felt violated in our own home."

A report from Constable Dale Wewege of Mangawhai Police confirmed two 15-year-old boys and a 15-year-old girl from Wellsford were visiting a friend in Mangawhai for the night.

They started drinking alcohol and later on in the night left the address of their friend and went to the Hale's property.

The three youths were not known to the people at the wedding and had no permission to be there.

Police have identified

all three youths and are in the process of interviewing them along with their parents and they will be dealt with by the youth justice system.

The wallet has been recovered and handed back to the owner. "What was further disappointing," continued Megan, "was that two of these young people had also been selected to represent their school and clubs at special events and are simply destroying any trust put in them."

"Ideally we would like to see these offenders named and shamed and hopefully deter these

scum bags from trying something like this again in our beautiful town where we all stick up for each other and look after one another.

We need to stand up to this behaviour!"

We expect to be updated with what happens through the youth justice system.

■ Do you have a crime or incident story to tell?

Let us know. Contact the editor at info@mangawhaifocus.co.nz

Pupils pay their respects



REMEMBER THEM: Anzac commemorations took place at Mangawhai Beach School last Friday. Pupils and parents gathered to lay wreaths, play The Last Post, The Rouse, sing the school song and raise and lower the flag in respect. Pictured, acting principal Martin Hett helps lay wreaths.

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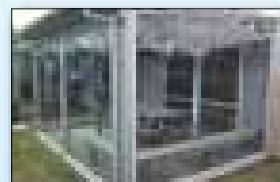
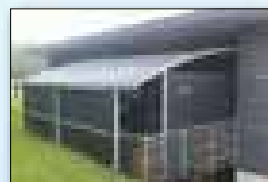
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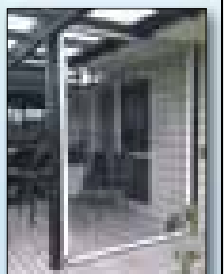


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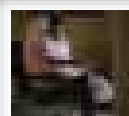


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Screen stars for Mangawhai fundraiser



FUNDS NEEDED: From humble beginnings, like the skate bowl opening in 2011, MAZ is growing into a world-class recreation area.

It may be a case of 'will the real James Bond please stand up' as locals gather in costume for the fundraiser of the year on behalf of the Mangawhai Activity Zone Charitable Trust.

The local community is largely funding the Mangawhai Activity Zone (MAZ), and it is set to be possibly the best recreational facility in the Southern hemisphere.

It includes an international standard skate

park, bike and walking tracks, netball courts, and an outside amphitheatre for concerts.

The 2015 Casino Royale Dinner and Auction is being held on June 20 in Mangawhai.

This will be an annual upmarket dinner for 200 people with auctions and casino type games.

Hellers promo man, and now local resident, Leigh Hart will be MC with the aim of raising \$20,000 to move ahead

with the next stage of development – that of the family picnic and BBQ area.

Organisers are seeking donations for prizes and auction items and this is a great way for local businesses to support a great community activity like MAZ as well as raising their local profile.

"We have already had great support and it is so good to see the community coming together on this project," says organiser Jo Lee. "If there is anything you think your business could donate for the auction, please don't hesitate to drop me a line."

Sponsorship packages with branding and advertising opportunities will be available.

Sponsors will feature in the auction catalogue and on the website, plus announce their support in front of all guests at the event itself.

Bronze sponsorship starts at \$200 with a named plaque in the park; Silver sponsorship at \$500 gives a sculpture

with a plaque; and Gold sponsorship at \$1500 secures a beautiful named park bench.

Jo is a recent arrival to Mangawhai herself.

"With two young children of my own, like most parents here in Mangawhai, I am at the Zone at least a couple of times every week for one activity or another so we wanted to help with raising money to finish the plans sooner rather than later."

"With the funds raised through this event we hope to be able to build a picnic and gas bbq area where local families can come together and enjoy the facilities even more."

So, if you fancy yourself as a James Bond or a Miss Money Penny, you had better brush up on your Texas Hold'em technique.

■ For more information contact Jo Lee, 0272 823 960, email HobsonLeeHR@gmail.com visit mangawhaiactivityzone.co.nz.

Local wireless goes back to the future

How far does your memory go back in relation to pre-television days? Life With Dexter? Flick the Little Fire Engine? The Brass Band Parade compered by Lloyd Thorne? It's In The Bag?

Well, here's one widely known and loved in the world of live radio.

This Sunday night, and every Sunday night at 8pm, The Wireless 90.4FM is replaying the legendary British radio comedy The Goon Show,

starring Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe and Peter Sellers.

It was originally produced and broadcast by the BBC Home Service from 1951 to 1960, and played here in NZ on the NZBC in the mid-sixties.

The show's chief creator and main writer was Spike Milligan, with scripts that mixed ludicrous plots with surreal humour, puns, catchphrases and an array of bizarre sound effects.

Join Neddie, Eccles, Bluebottle, Henry Crun, Minnie Bannister, Hercules Grytpype-Thynne, Count Jim Moriarty, and Major Denis Bloodnok in their various wacky antics.

The Goon Show, Sunday nights at 8pm (same time as it used to play on 1YA), is followed by Dragnet at 9pm.

Sunday night is Serial Night on the Wireless 90.4FM.

Plunket to end car seat service due to dropping numbers

A decline in the number of parents hiring car seats from Plunket for their newborns has prompted the child welfare charity to start phasing out the service.

Plunket will phase out the rental and retail service over the next 12 to 18 months to focus on the prevention of unintentional injuries more broadly. As part of the changes, Plunket plans to do more to prevent children from being injured in and around the home, where most accidents occur.

Since its beginning in 1981, the number of Plunket car seat sites has declined from 283 at its peak in the 1980s, to 72 today.

Surveys at the time suggested just 20 per cent of children were buckled in.

That number has now jumped to 93 per cent.

"Despite efforts to make the service sustainable, sites across the

country have been closing as they can no longer afford to operate," says Plunket chief executive Andrea McLeod.

"The majority of these sites only operate part time, a few hours a day, several times a week."

"The decline indicates family needs have changed."

Ms McLeod said Plunket focus on preventable injuries among children, such as slips, falls, burns and cuts.

"We are proud of the work we've done together with other safety providers and with our funders, to help families get their children in car seats. We advocated successfully for the law change to make car seats for children mandatory, and our programmes have helped families get their children into car seats. Plunket has played its role," said Ms McLeod.

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country have been closing as they can no longer afford to operate. The majority of these sites only operate part-time, a few hours a day, several times a week.

The change is also driven by data on unintentional injuries. According to the most up to date figures from the Injury Prevention Research Unit at Otago University; fatalities for children 0-4 years average more than 50 per year and hospitalisations average more than 2,500 per year for this age group. Most unintentional injuries happen to children in the home, the very place that should be safest.

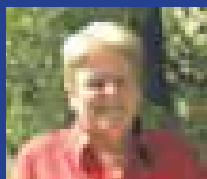
Plunket will work across each region to manage the exit from the rental and sale of car seats, and put in place a broader injury prevention plan of which car seat advocacy and education will be a part.

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ENVIRONMENT MANGAWHAI

Consultation and the real story

From the Mangawhai Community Waste Water Scheme Advisory Panel

Due to public demand for more time to consider all the questions and give them full consideration, the Advisory Panel extended the response date to 30 April 2015. The feedback that the Advisory Panel has received and continues to receive is enabling it to identify a number of options that it and the community think are worth investigating further.

The next step will be for the Advisory Panel to prepare a report for Council to consider. If Council decides to proceed it will use the options put forward by the Advisory Panel as the basis for a Statement of

Proposal which it will write and put out for public consultation.

Some people think that what the Advisory Panel is doing is consultation on Council's behalf. This is not correct. The Advisory Panel are members of the community appointed for their experience and knowledge. The members have been tasked with looking at all the options, identifying their preferred options and then asking the community what it thinks.

What the Advisory Panel is doing is called pre-consultation and the feedback gathered will form the basis of a Statement of Proposal. Council will then use this Statement of Proposal to formally consult the Dis-

trict.

The Advisory Panel has decided to include some commonly asked questions and the answers to them. These are questions that have been asked a number of times during the feedback process. The Advisory Panel thinks that sharing these here will help clear up some common misconceptions.

Why are reticulation extensions necessary?

Reticulation extensions are necessary if more properties are to be able to connect. Pipe-work was put in to enable existing properties within certain areas to connect. As development occurs in other areas and more houses are built Council will look at ex-

tending the pipework to enable new and existing properties to connect. This extension work will largely be funded by developers/owners as they build on land that is outside the original connectable area.

Why can't people use an on-site system?

The original intention of the Scheme was to protect water quality in Mangawhai, both in the Harbour and on land. Any on-site system needs to prove it does this and doesn't contribute to the problem. The Panel are considering the option of using on-site systems that meets specific criteria. An on-site system suitable for a small section that can meet this specific criteria has not

yet been identified.

The Panel has received independent technical advice that the maximum acceptable discharge of nitrogen from an on-site system within 300m of the marine environment should not exceed 10mg/L if the harbour is to not be adversely impacted. Again the Panel are not aware of any on-site systems in New Zealand that can obtain this quality of effluent, suggesting that in addition to available land area – properties would also need to be located more than 300m from the marine environment to be technically viable.

Note: the Kaipara District Plan states that when subdividing, new sites intending to put in on-site wastewater

must have a minimum land area of 1500sqm for wastewater disposal. This cannot include the building sites, driveways and manoeuvring areas.

The Scheme cost so much money because Council made the decision to extend it so why is Council considering extending it again?

The previous Council made the decision to extend the capacity of the treatment plant so that it could cope with more connections. With the exception of Jack Boyd Drive, the extension did not include more pipes in the ground connecting more properties. Extending the treatment plant capacity and purchasing the Browns Road Farm

for disposal of the treated sewerage cost extra money at that time, with the result being spare capacity in the system now that can be used to connect further properties once disposal of the additional treated effluent is resolved. Council is considering other disposal options to support or replace the Browns Road Farm option.

■ If you want to contact the Advisory Panel you can email the members on advisorypanel@kapara.govt.nz. Panel members from the community are D'Arcy Quinn, Belinda Vernon, Dr Gordon Hosking, Darryl Reardon, Dr Ian Greenwood and Peter Wethey.

MANGAWHAI PROBUS CLUB

When war came to Mangawhai

The theme for April's meeting was 'Anzac'. Bev Ross, Historian at Mangawhai Museum spoke on the two World Wars and the involvement of those from Mangawhai and districts.

Boys that went to war were the "cream" of our communities, thinking they were away on an adventure and enjoy the comradeship of their mates.

The museum foyer currently displays each known soldier and nurse from this area that served overseas. There are names missing and Bev would like to see this rectified. In some instances young men registered in other areas and therefore not listed on the Mangawhai memorial list. If this applies to one of your relatives then please get in touch with the museum and give details. They want to hear from you.

Local characters

Frederick Foote, who was farming in our district for many years is not registered on our rolls but kept a diary and wrote about his time in Palestine and Northern Africa.

Mangawhai and districts had a very active Home Guard and Dick Leslie, the Commander of the Mangawhai group, organised gatherings, training and duties. Hilton Brown was a signalman who received and sent messages to those at Marsden Point and down to Cape Rodney.

Many districts, especially country areas, had their "characters" and our favourite one was George Mertz, a brilliant graphic engineer, designer and inventor. Of Swiss birth, he moved to Mangawhai after pressure from his peers in Auckland who were distrustful of the name Mertz. It seemed very German to many.

Never returned

In WWI, 116-plus went from the Mangawhai district and 27 did not return. It wasn't very different in WWII as 116 left and 17 never returned. Many families sent two, three and four sons and one family had seven young men who left for WWI. Three of them never returned and in WWII another four from the family went to serve.

There were of course young women who left NZ for overseas service and one was Gladys Thwaites, an Army nurse who worked her way up to being matron of the hospital ship SS Maunganui. She went on to establish military hospitals in Fiji and Samoa. Gladys received the Royal Red Cross Service Award in 1944 and later given the title Lady Gladys Thwaites. Of the 67 people awarded at that time Gladys was only one of two women.

A chap who caught Bev Ross' interest years ago was Charles Edward Sutherland. He was a foster brother of Bev's father who had no other siblings. He considered Charles to be his older brother and both attended Kaiwaka School. Bev wanted to find out who Charles' blood relatives were. Charles was killed in action at the Somme on 16 November 1916 at 21 years of age. Bev is still investigating who his family might be.

Museum exhibition

On May 16 the Mangawhai Museum has an exhibition entitled "War Comes to Mangawhai". It will be well worth visiting as will show various aspects of how our district was touched and affected by WWII.

Members of Mangawhai Probus enjoyed home-made Anzac biscuits during afternoon tea and songs from Vera Lynn and then sat down to a quiz relating to the two World Wars. Some members also related stories of family involved.

Next meeting

Mangawhai Probus meet every third Thursday in the month at the Senior Citizens Hall, Fagan Place, Mangawhai at 2pm. The March meeting will be Thursday May 21. If you require more info or transport please contact Ron and Gaylene Lawrence 431 5617 or Beve Smith 431 5777. All visitors are welcome.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Council initiative highly commended at prestigious awards

Ken Swanepoel, and Duncan McAulay.

"We could not have done it on our own. I would like to thank the team at Mangawhai, our customers and Selwyn District Council for helping to make this the successful transformation it has been."

Due to the excellent result of the audit the next assessment would

revert to the normal two-year cycle of assessment.

"We cannot afford to relax," said Dr McPherson. "This is an ongoing process and we will continue to strive for excellence to stay at the top of our game."

The winner of the Transforming Service Delivery category was Selwyn District Council for Project Helix. This

project also won the Supreme Award.

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WORZEL'S WORLD

Social commentary by Chris Sellars

Every year we commemorate, on Anzac Day, the landing of our troops on Gallipoli. Lest we forget. Dedicated Returned Servicemen's Association members sell paper poppies to raise funds to support soldiers who survived the carnage of the Great War. Lest we forget, the paper poppies are made in China.

Lest we forget there are no more returned servicemen left. A hundred years on, every adult alive then is now departed and the war to end all wars ended nothing. War has persisted with only short periods of respite ever since.

The invasion of Anzac troops on this obscure Turkish peninsular still stands as one of the

greatest military balls-ups ever. Great general Julius Caesar, who actually led his men in the field and conquered the world without benefit of Tommy guns, would never have waged war in such a place. The terrain was impossible. The entrenched Turkish defence was impossible. The artillery impossible. The task – impossible.

This came about due to mismanagement by those who were, and remained, far from the blood and guts of battle. Not only did they fail to avoid being ambushed, but silly old men with book knowledge of wars they had never fought effectively ambushed their own troops. Lest we forget.

Maybe We Forgot

With the objective hindsight of history we now know that the peninsular itself held little strategic value in the war against Germany.

If instead of sending troops we had sent a dance band and a few kegs the results could not have been worse and may well have been

ever it is in the SIS who reads this stuff could you please forward it on to Mr Key and associates.

So what can be remembered a hundred years on? The cemeteries full of the cream of New Zealand's young manhood? That those who strived to kill and got killed were duped into

lest we forget, it was not so.

Our most recent engagement of New Zealand troops has been in Afghanistan with only a small contingent sent. We were told our soldiers we were in non-combat roles, yet 10 fit young men returned home in bags.

state-sponsored terrorist attack on Greenpeace by our allies the French. Is this a good deal?

We have now pledged soldiers to serve in Iraq, most of the details are secret. Neither have I much understanding of what our western forces are trying to achieve in this troubled middle-eastern country. Given the number of countries involved, could this conflict be called the third world war?

The only certainties of war is death and destruction. We are assured that our soldiers have legal protection. Whatever that may be? The details of this too are secret. Secret laws eh? That's a good one. I expect if the law is an especially thick one it might absorb an AK47 round or two, but personally I wouldn't put much confidence in its protecting against rocket propelled grenades or heavy artillery. Lest we forget, the dead are be-

yond the laws of men.

Kiwi singer-songwriter, Neil Finn, who has conquered many with music, sang 'History never repeats'. Yeah right Neil. Lest we forget, history is a broken record. Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. History shows when those who call the shots neither fire any nor are fired at, there is a recipe for disaster. It is all too easy to throw away the lives of others cosseted in the comfort of a warmed and carpeted room safe from the reality of mortal combat.

The loss of life a hundred years ago at Gallipoli was a disaster militarily, morally, and socially, for all concerned. If their huge contribution of bravery and doggedness is not to be in vain we must remember some of which must not be forgotten, lest we forget.

■ prof_worzel@hotmail.com

"The invasion of Anzac troops on this obscure Turkish peninsular still stands as one of the greatest military balls-ups ever. The terrain was impossible. The entrenched Turkish defence was impossible. The artillery impossible. The task – impossible."

a lot better. This alternative approach has yet to be tested. I offer it freely to any world leaders or military planners wishing to give it a go. I hereby waive all copyright on this new revolutionary defense strategy, and would request that who-

believing that they were doing this for God, King, country, freedom? Many, I am told, joined up simply for the adventure of it all, to see the world. The war would be over quickly and like Caesar they would return home in triumph and glory. But,

There has been no recent talk of God, King, country or freedom. We are now combating terrorists. Yet the total deaths in New Zealand from terrorist attack are one. A Dutch-Portuguese national killed as collateral damage from a

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A matter of priorities

I read with interest the article on the new golf course Tara Iti, and hope their fortunes aren't too closely allied to those of the fairy tern.

Here we have a bird that appears to be hell bent on its own destruction. They comment on a good breeding season which has produced four more birds. We now have a total of 43 instead of 39.

Look back several decades at predator trapping, relocating eggs and general monitoring and add the total cost in dollars and man hours and these birds that have no survival instincts whatsoever probably have cost

about \$100,000 each. There must be more worthy charities than this?

Let's also look at the effect of this development on the local infrastructure. Note the article in the same issue of the Focus about the dust clouds endured by residents of Black Swamp Road. These people endure the extra traffic from the concrete, logging and metal trucks and most of the daily work force for this project.

On the southern side, Coal Hill Road, we have for several summers endured the dust from the fleet of metal trucks carting rubble and quarry stripping to form a base for every bit of roading, building sites, airstrip,

reservoirs or whatever. This often amounts to 80 truck movements per day extra to our normal traffic. This is far from finished as there is still 46 house sites and associated roading to come.

If this dust problem were to arrive in Auckland I've no doubt the health authorities would close down the offenders immediately no matter how important their task or how much money was involved.

For some years now I've understood that for any subdivision or development of this nature the council has insisted on a roading contribution. What happened in this case? If one was taken where did it go?

On a brighter note I see we have a new Messiah in northland by the name of Winston Peters - may he solve all our problems. I note that his first word when stepping back into the debating chamber after the election was 'Boo!' Maybe we ought to call him Winnie the Boo?

Brian Styles
Mangawhai

Let's get it right

I certainly got the message from the editorial of 13 April that Winston Peters was not Rob Pooley's pick for North-

land. However his misrepresentation of the truth must be rectified.

I followed the campaign closely both in attendance at meetings and in the press. Winston shared ideas on bringing more employment to Northland and his vision for railway and Port Whangarei, but he never at any stage, suggested that these things could be achieved in two years. He is no fool so don't try to present him as one and don't underestimate him.

Already the National Party is calling on his aid to try and settle the impasse over Treaty settlement negotiations in the North so let's see if that works, not that that

is part of his brief as he is not the member for Northern Maori but rather for Northland.

And don't tell me Winston knows nothing about the North. He was born and bred there and still owns a property there. Home is where the heart is and if you had followed his campaign as closely as you should have you would have noticed on all the YouTube video clips that he was hailed in every district that he visited as a friend.

Mark Osborne, who has only belonged to the National Party for three years and has lived in Northland for eight years, does not have the same affinity with the North or with the people there.

And, of course, he didn't have the 40 years in Parliament up his sleeve. Nor could he claim to be one of the great New Zealand Statesmen of our time. That, by the way, is not something Winston claims to be. That is my contention. And I'm sticking to it.

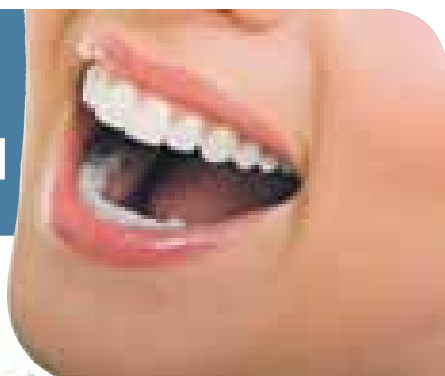
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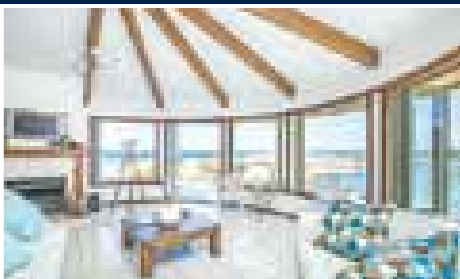


A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY

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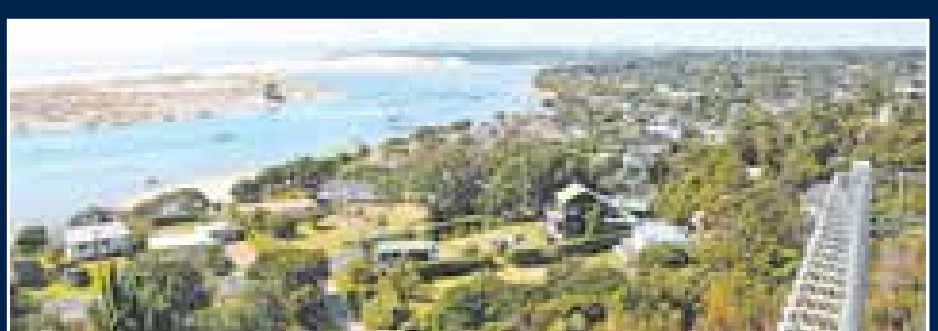


YOUR OWN OASIS

Brooke Lane, Mangawhai

Approach your retreat along this picturesque lane. Discover the options on this 2.4455ha north facing block. All day sun a perfect climate for the existing vines or start a new hobby and plan your new home.

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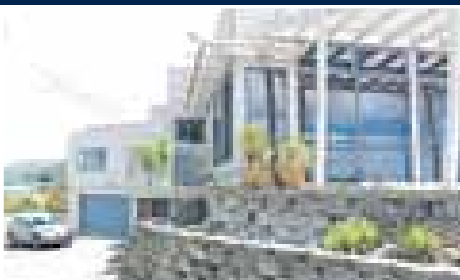


LOVE A SPECTACULAR VIEW?

Mangawhai Heads

Watch the ever-changing tides of Mangawhai Harbour from this elevated, two bedroom cottage, nestled into a top position on Wintle Street. Breathe in the sea air and wander down to the water for a swim. Or just watch the world go by as you relax on the deck and take in the views out to the Barrier & Mokohinau Islands. No lawns to mow and parking for two cars. Potential for a fabulous holiday rental. Strong location... won't last long, call today.

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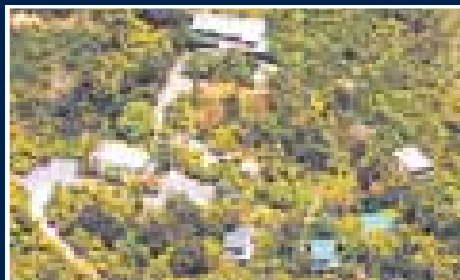


THE VIEW IS CAPTIVATING!

15 Claude Street, Mangawhai Heads

Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with lots of storage, room for the boat & 2 cars in the i/a garage, workshop, private patio & awesome views on a 2587m² section with possibilities! Viewing is a must.

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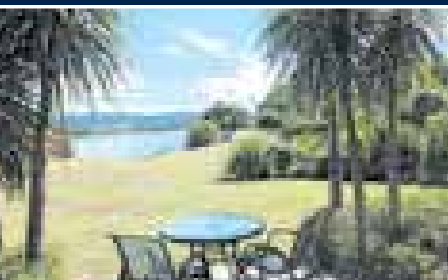


SPREAD YOUR WINGS...!

Mangawhai

Established business featuring a big family home, 4 cottages, 2 apartments & 2 studios, dotted throughout a bush setting with gorgeous rural & estuary views. Snap up this sweet retreat!

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BEACH SIDE LIVING ON THE ESTUARY

82B Estuary Drive, Mangawhai Heads

Fun, laughter, sand castles and kayaks. Summer BBQs or winter evenings by the outdoor fire. One level, four bedroom, modern home with many extras. Flat 1414m² site tucked away from the hustle & bustle.

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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
- 1399m²

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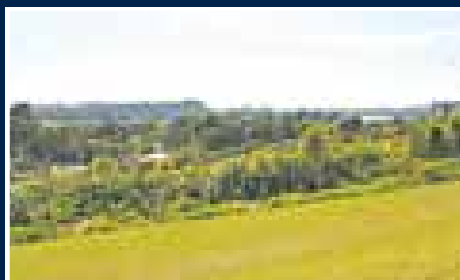


PRICE REDUCTION \$238,000

Mangawhai Heads

20F Driftwood Place
 Holiday Happiness here. Beats Tenting! Glamp it up a notch. Fully fenced 947m² almost flat site. Use the Cabana while saving for a new build down the track.

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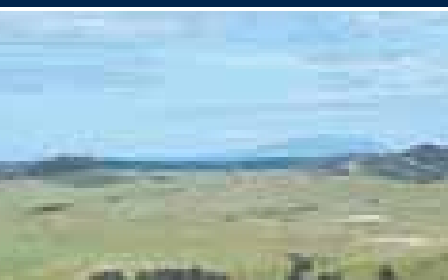


LOVELY VISTA

Mangawhai

Snapshot estuary views to the east and bush clad hills to the west offer a serene outlook from this 824m² section. Established plantings, ponds and paths. Easy stroll to the water, shops, library, market and cafes.

For Sale \$189,000
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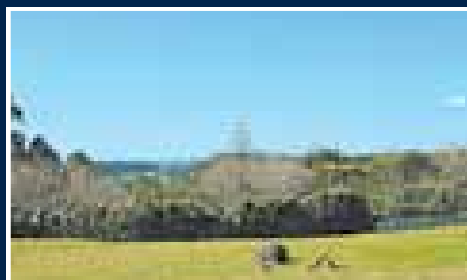
RANCH OR BARN

Mangawhai

Build in stages on this 4.7ha lifestyle block. Facing north-east and elevated along the Lawrence Rd ridge with north-west boundary roads sealed. Maximise the views to Little Barrier! **No Covenants Here!**

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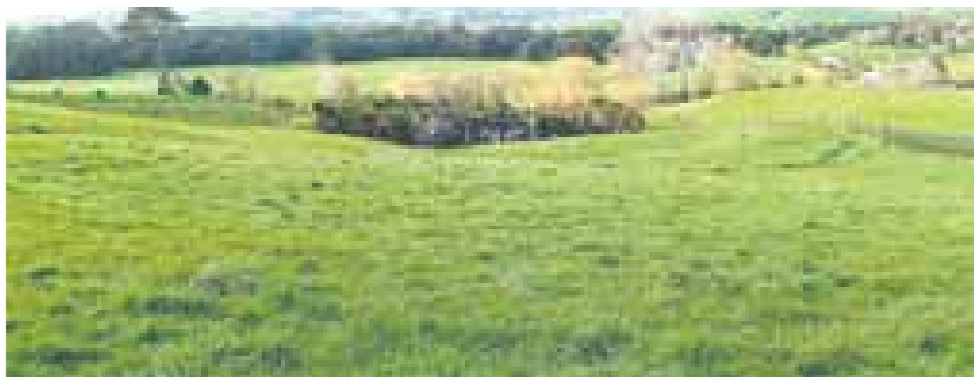
LIFESTYLE IN THE MAKING

Carnes Road

Enjoy your surroundings on this private 8,776m² of land all in pasture. Level to gently sloping contour, substantial shelterbelts, a sewerage system and power already on site. Start planning your future now!

For Sale \$270,000
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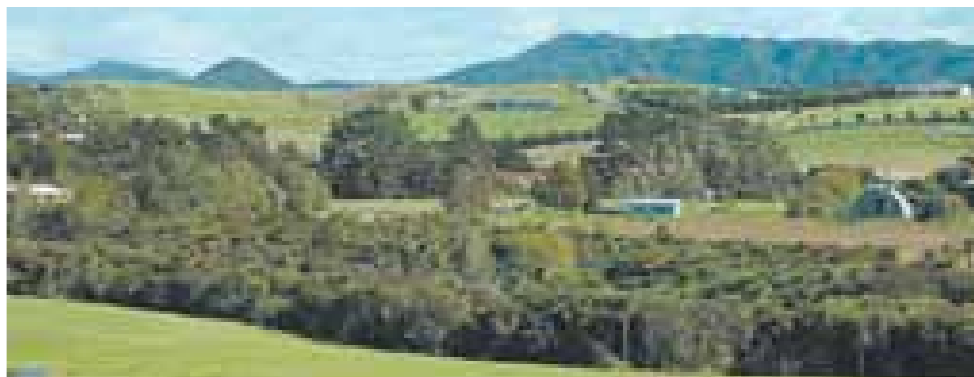
Kaiwaka Mangawhai Lot 1 603 Settlement Rd

Title has been issued! Opportunity to make your own mark on this approx 6575m2 freehold property. Facing east and directly off Settlement Road adjacent to the tarseal section. Local Pony Club, RSA and Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Road close by. Power and phone to boundary.

For Sale: \$139,000
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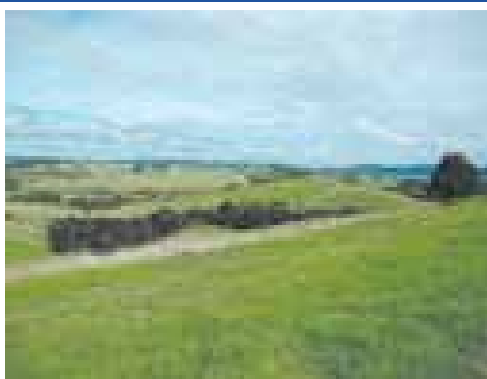
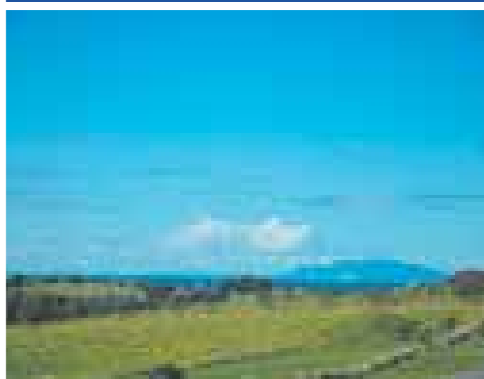
Mangawhai Heads FRAMED LANDSCAPES

Trendy 3brm home. Bathrm +ensuite. Superb rural views that cant be built out. Spacious open plan living. Relax on the large deck - take in the afternoon sun. Courtyard /BBQ area. Outside shower to wash off the sand. Loads of parking & storage. Great beach house for a family. Sleepout for teens/visitors.

For Sale: \$485,000
View: By Appointment **www.barfoot.co.nz/543053**



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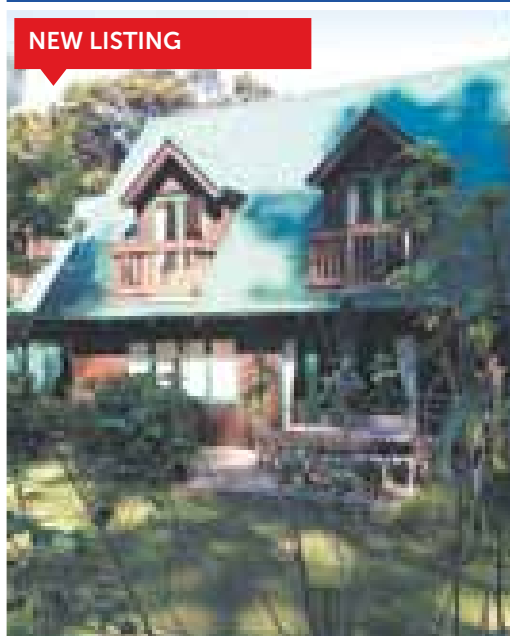
Mangawhai Rural Land Close to the Heads - Subdivision Opportunity

This property is 3.941ha with lovely rural views extending to the inner harbour. Located on a sealed road it is only minutes from Mangawhai beaches, shops and championship golf course. This land has had consent to be subdivided into 3 lots.

For Sale: \$395,000
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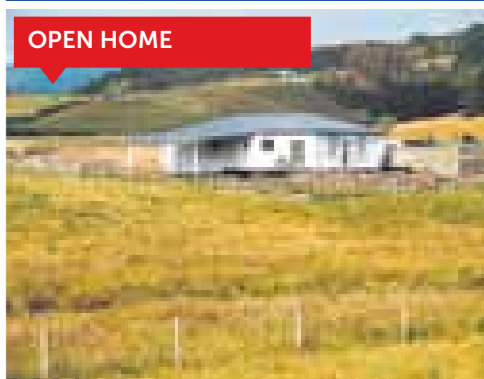
NEW LISTING

Mangawhai Heads Secret Sanctuary

Set back from the road where peace and privacy is paramount, this magical home is set on over half an acre with beautiful native bush and exotic plants. Plenty of character with exposed timber beams, kauri kitchen, wooden joinery, tiled and timber floors. Features 3 double bedrooms, open plan living and a separate studio above the double garage with a bathroom. Seamless outdoor entertaining through French doors onto the beautifully landscaped grounds. A very rare find and truly unique property, this expansive home presents sensational family living and entertaining environment. Put it at the top of the list!

For Sale: \$569,000
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OPEN HOME



Mangawhai Charming Home on 7 Acres

353 Brown Rd
Absolutely immaculate north facing family home offering 3 double bedrooms, 2 ensuites & family bathroom with large double garage, single garage & separate double carport set on 7 acres of level land. Phone Robyn for your appointment to view.

For Sale: \$449,000
View: Saturday 2:00 - 2:30pm **www.barfoot.co.nz/535216**



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NEW LISTING

Mangawhai Heads. Family Bungalow Haven!

Exceptionally tidy two-bedroom bungalow with consented garage/sleepout,additional room for weekend/holiday visitors.1098m² sun facing property,fully fenced (even your own Beach Volley Ball area)2 combined bathrooms,great location.Walk to local cafes,shops,estuary.

For Sale: \$425,000 29 Quail Way
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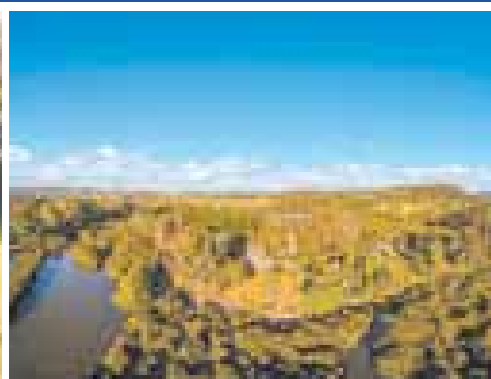
Mangawhai LARGE LEVEL SECTION IN THE VILLAGE

Large level 1444m2 section in the village. Invest in Magical Mangawhai or build your home/holiday home with plenty of space for tents, toys or play

For Sale: \$185,000
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Mangawhai Nature's Own Infinity Pool Waterfront in Mangawhai

The property has direct access to the water enabling you to fall in at high tide! This beautiful setting on the estuary front boasts a large 250m2 5 bedroom home with Kwila decks flowing onto the front lawn, which disappears into the tide. Subject to title It is a unique opportunity to find privacy, tranquility and location

Tender: Closes on 20 May 2015 at 4:00pm (unless sold prior)
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Mangawhai 9.9 Acres Land Bank or Lifestyle Opportunity

The possibilities here are many 9.9 acres of pasture, 150 (approx.) Lime trees, dam & great shelter belt or investigate the subdivision potential. Skyline garage which has two bedrooms, open plan living & views out to the estuary & ocean.

For Sale: \$449,000
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Mangawhai Heads Size & Privacy

Mangawhai Heads on a flat landscaped 1213m² north facing section in a popular street. 4 double bedrooms with study and 2 bathrooms, separate large family room. High stud Boat Shed to accommodate all the toys. House to live in or large beach house.

For Sale: \$599,000
View: By Appointment www.barfoot.co.nz/540966



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Mangawhai Kaiwaka

Lot 2 Wonderview Lane

2.065ha property faces east with a gentle sloping landscape setting. Fully formed shared driveway set back one block from the Wonderview Lane entrance. Fenced native plantings, power to boundary, phone road side.

For Sale: \$152,150
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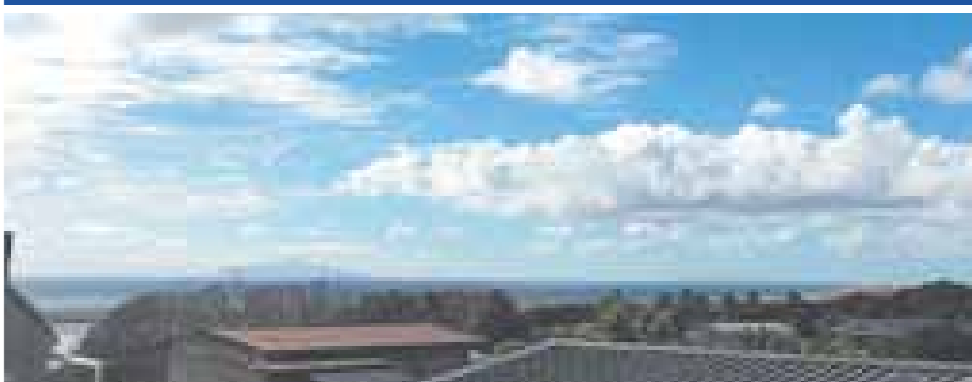
Mangawhai " HARBOURSIDE "

This boutique development has been created with a vision of relaxed harbour side living. Sections range in size from 915m² to 1030m². House site with inground pool is 1290m² approx. Sun drenched north/easterly aspect. Stunning location. Launch your kayak, fish or swim. Secure a special piece of Mangawhai.

For Sale: Large sections - \$295,000 - \$575,000. House - \$875,000. Subj to title.
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Mangawhai Heads NO COVENANTS and Sea Views

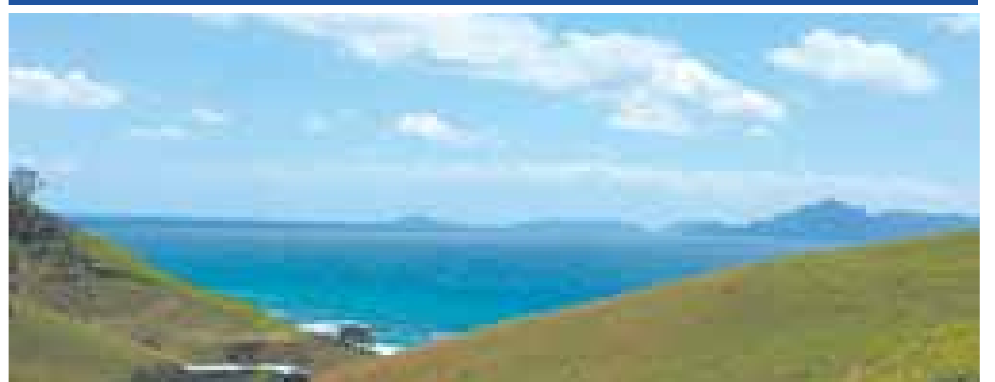
216 Molesworth Dr

First time on the market for over 30 years! Smack bang in the middle of the Heads this 840m² section has a sleepout with power, water tank and phone already connected. NO COVENANTS. RV \$340,000 as at 2014.

For Sale: \$349,000
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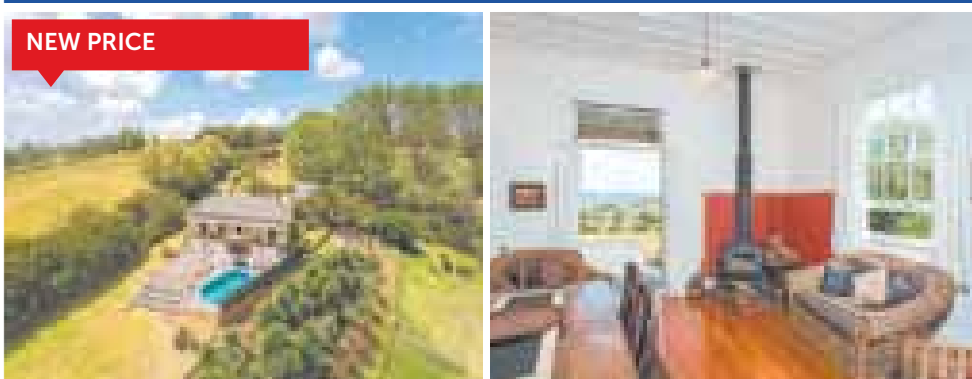
Mangawhai Heads Pacific Dream And 2 Acres

Large section in a private and peaceful location, views across Bream Tail and out to the Pacific Ocean and the Hen & Chick Islands. This section is predominantly regenerative native bush and is situated at the end of a private road in a gated community offering peace and privacy.

For Sale: \$592,000
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NEW PRICE

Kaiwaka Enchanting Villa with Guest Accommodation

10 Rangiora Rd

A truly wonderful 100 year old villa set on 3 acres of gorgeous land - beautifully landscaped giving plenty of privacy & space. The main house offers 3 bedrooms and a huge bathroom with the guest accommodation comprising a bedroom & bathroom.

For Sale: \$580,000
View: Phone Robyn for an appointment to view www.barfoot.co.nz/536219



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Mangawhai Heads A POLISHED PERFORMANCE

Stylish and spacious 3 brm, 2 bathroom home- only 3yrs old. Polished concrete floors, gas hot water, heat pump. Living opens onto outdoor entertaining areas. Dbl gge, internal access + separate studio/workshop. Lg established 1017m2 section with variety of fruit trees and rural view. A fabulous family home.

For Sale: \$577,000

View: By Appointment www.barfoot.co.nz/537787



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Mangawhai Village Section

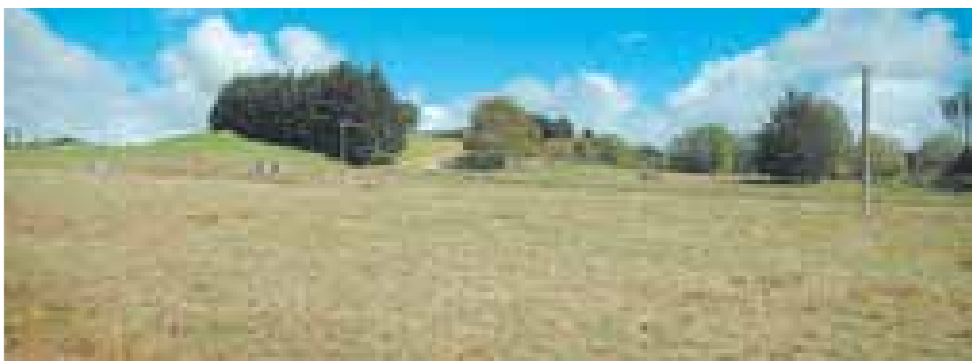
The subdivision has been fully landscaped, finished to a high standard; it has internal walkways, pedestrian bridges around a number of ponds and over a stream. Buy and build in Magical Mangawhai. This section is 891m2. Walk to shops, cafes and school.

For Sale: \$120,000

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Mangawhai LIFESTYLE - 'MOANA VIEW'

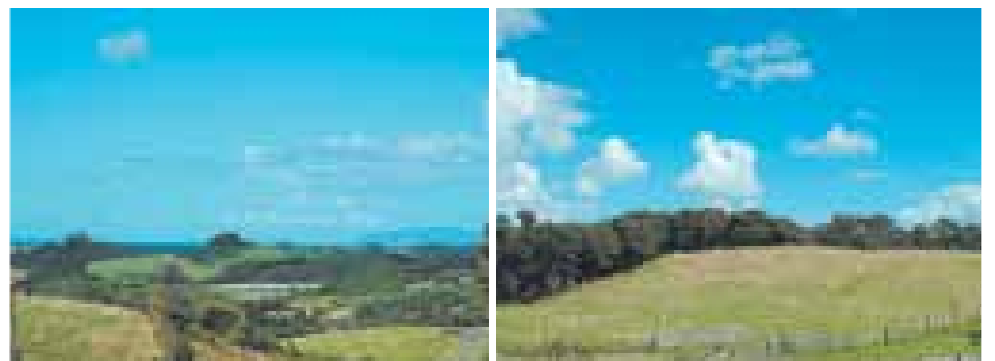
This picturesque 12 Lot rural development is situated close to Mangawhai Village. Lot 28 is 1.3ha, gentle sloping contour and north facing. What a beautiful place to build a lifestyle - close to amenities and a short drive to the beach. Approximately 90 minutes from Auckland.

For Sale: \$249,000

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Mangawhai LAND SET AMONGST BUSH - WITH VIEWS!

This 4.2ha land block is tucked in at the base of the Brynderwyn Ranges close to the popular wine and olive area. Approx 1/3 is in pasture, the balance in mature native bush with a native bush backdrop (listen for the kiwi). Views of the countryside, which extend to the ocean/Barrier Is. What a lovely spot.

For Sale: \$289,000

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Summer Lake from \$125,000

Behind the secure gated entrance you'll find a world fit for the whole family. This stunning subdivision is located just minutes to Mangawhai on tar sealed roads. Some sections with fabulous ocean/harbour views!

Ann Richards 021 707 893

Property ID# FNM185



Unique Opportunity \$749,000

Elegant 200sqm 3 bedroom spacious home on a 3000sqm landscaped section. Endless water supply, in ground swimming pool, established orchard, two large buildings ideal for home business and lots of off street parking.

Kerry Markwick 027 483 6178

Property ID# FNM161



Tidal Watch from the Treetops \$879,000

Architecturally designed home with beautiful silvering cedar cladding offering stunning water views over Mangawhai's beautiful harbour. Elevated 2919m2 lifestyle section with 2 dwellings with space, views, privacy & village edge location.

Ann Richards 021 707 893

Property ID# FNM196



Enjoy the Good Life \$479,000

Cosy 3 bedroom home with big living areas providing space for all the family. Nestled on 2.5 acres of gentle land with a double garage plus carport, this property is well worth a look and only a short drive to Mangawhai Village.

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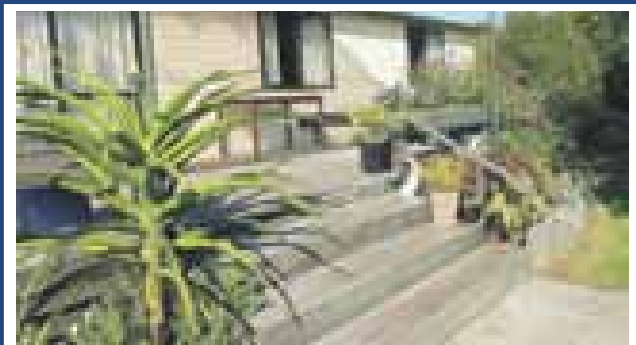


Mangawhai Heads Home + Annex \$577,000

Mangawhai Heads on a level ¼ acre (1017m2) section close to surf beach, boat ramp and golf club lies this stunning 3 year old 3 bedroom home with matching 45m2 (approx.) annex. Could this be your much needed 'work from home' property? A must view!

Ann Richards 021 707 893

Property ID# FNM299



Country Lifestyle with Ocean Views \$429,000

Nestled on a rural hill with fantastic views. 3 bedrooms, family bathroom and lovely wooden interior. Large separate double garage makes an ideal workshop. Picturesque rolling pasture of just under 2 acres, minutes to Mangawhai Village.

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WALKING WEEKEND WRAP-UP

Walkers not short on variety

Friday afternoon has proved a great time to limber up for the days of more serious walking ahead on the annual Mangawhai Walking Weekend – held Friday to Sunday March 27-29 – and the casual, entertaining nature of the Troubadour Trail is just the ticket.

Early afternoon rain delayed one group but certainly didn't dampen any enthusiasm or detract from any of the performances which kept the big crowd of all ages entertained almost until dark.

Following the pic-

turesque estuary loop, ramblers came upon entertainers hidden in various spots along the trail. A family of four siblings who, with cello and violins, rather than chamber music, gave a polished rendition of Metallica songs.

Young and old were intrigued by the sleight of hand delivered by the magician while Waipu's Achmed Abmann brought some circus acts into play and added some unicycle antics in there as well.

At the end of the trail Paihia's Dann Pinkney, with acoustic guitar,

played a number of well-known cover songs that got more than a few feet tapping and put everyone in a good mood relaxing on the lawn beside the estuary.

This is a good start to the weekend and an enjoyable exercise for old and young if you're able to sneak that extra couple of hours off work in the afternoon.

Willing walkers thrilled by Lakes

A full contingent of walkers spent almost four hours around the

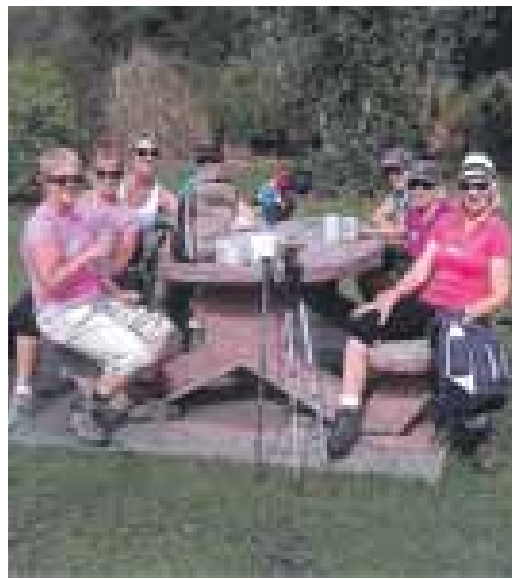
Tomarata Lakes walk. For many it was their first time in the vicinity of the lakes which many said were "fabulous" and they also learned a lot about the district from their guides.

This flat beautiful walk took the troop from the Lake View Chalets from where there is a clear view of the sand-lakes, Slipper and Spectacle, through the pine forest, around Lake Tomarata and out to the southern section of Te Arai beach with its brilliant white sands, wild waves and isolation.

Several were also on

the look-out for the sea birds en route and the memorial seat provided a good resting spot before they returned via the loop track. Easy walking on well-formed tracks was made a little slippery in parts by overnight rain but the vistas of farmlands, lakes and beach far outweighed any negatives. A big thumbs-up from this group.

While there are some calling for more tracks around Mangawhai, once you have walked all 40 its probably time to go back and do it all again.



Carnival Capers for Waipu

It started with fantastic weather and ended with a big bunch of very tired but very satisfied volunteers.

It also started as a gala and, after six years has become a carnival of epic proportions and one of the biggest events on the Waipu summer calendar.

The 2015 Waipu Easter Carnival proved to be a huge hit with locals and holidaymakers alike, attracting the biggest crowd ever with school Mums,

Dads, kids and helpers pulling out all the stops to man the huge array of entertainment, food stalls and sideshows at this once-a-year Waipu Primary School fundraiser.

For those who thought summer was over for Waipu then this event brought the town alive and the whole town was the beneficiary.

"We had a lot more free entertainment this year, there was something

for everyone, there was so much to see and do," said organiser Fiona Barakat citing the Huanui and Bream Bay College bands, the Making a Scene living statues, the Circool Interactive Circus, and to the mad Waipu lawnmower racing as novelties and events that captured lots of onlookers.

"Visitors seem to enjoy the country carnival atmosphere; the pumpkins, pony rides and the petting zoo.

We try to add new games and attractions every year and this time the land Zorbs and coconut shy were big hits," she added.

Though final figures weren't available at print time the organisers offered a big shout-out to a wonderful bunch of sponsors whose support of the ever-so-successful farmers auction raised a record amount of \$15,000.

Plans are already underway for an early Easter Carnival next year and the decision was unanimous: make 2016 even bigger.

Where are you going to be next Easter?



One shot wonder Returning undersized fish to the sea



TOP SHOT: Waipu Golf Club member Sam Howard is pictured with proof of his latest feat on the golf course – a hole in one on the par 3 7th at the Saturday Men's Scramble on April 11. Congratulations Sam!

A great way to help look after New Zealand's fisheries for the future is to return any undersized fish, or fish you don't want to keep, to the sea as quickly and gently as possible.

Many popular recreational fish species have minimum size limits to allow the fish to get old enough to breed a few times and contribute to the sustainability of the species before they can be harvested. These include snapper, tarakihi, gurnard, trevally and blue moki to name a few.

Ministry for Primary Industries compliance manager Ian Bright says careful fish handling makes a big difference to the chances of returned fish surviving.

"It's all about handling them gently, keeping them wet, removing the hook with minimal fuss and getting them back into the water as quickly as possible.

"It's common sense. Fish live in a cool and wet environment. When you pull them into a warm and dry environment with lots of rough, dry surfaces, they are easily damaged, often beyond recovery."

Mr Bright says fishers can lessen the chances of catching undersized fish by using a larger hook and bait, and moving from a spot when a lot of small fish are being caught.

Fish last about as long out of the ocean as a fisher does with their head under water. So when returning fish, be quick and gentle. You might be able to catch it another day.

■ Text "App" to 9889 to have the NZ Fishing Rules App sent to your smart phone.

DO

- Only remove the fish from the water if you have to
- Minimise the time the fish is out of the water
- Remove the hook carefully from a mouth-hooked fish
- Cut the line for gut-hooked fish
- Return the fish gently to the sea.

DON'T

- Hold the fish by inserting your fingers inside the gill cover
- Poke or touch the eyes, and never hold the fish by the eye sockets
- Squeeze the gill cover or gut area
- Lift the fish by the tail as this can dislocate the spine
- Drop the fish or place it on a hot, dry deck or rocks.

TIME OUT

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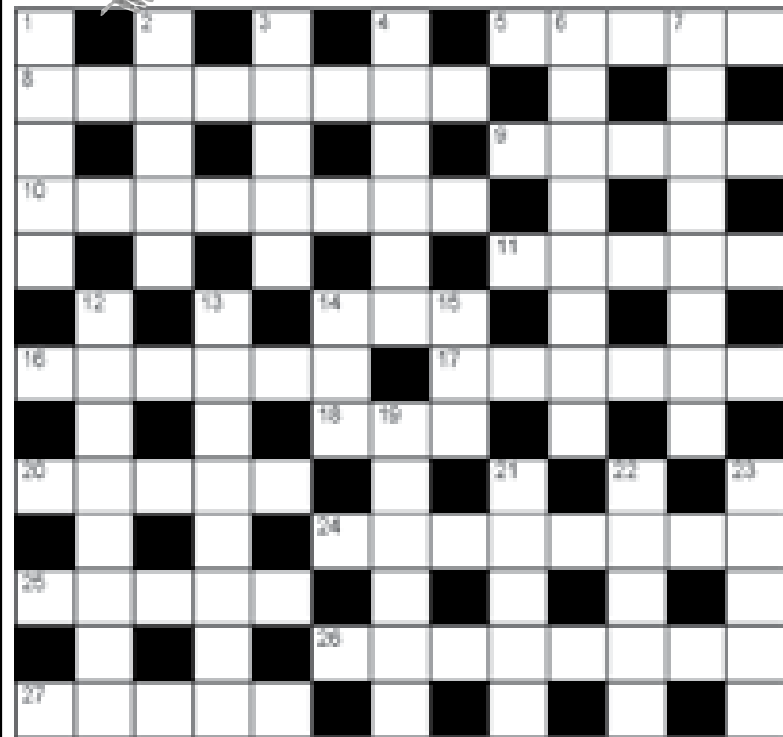
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ACROSS

- 5/8. Actor and musician who appeared in Smash Palace and Goodbye Pork Pie (5,8)
9. Baking essential (5)
10. Reduction in price (8)
11. Blemish (5)
14. Option at some restaurants (3)
16. Shooting star (6)
17. Relating to flowers (6)
18. Lout (3)
20. Mountain and river near Queenstown (5,5)
24. Of lower quality (8)
25. Maori youngster in Footrot Flats (5)
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27. High temperature (5)

DOWN

1. Otago town, formerly Dunstan
2. Bend (5)
3. Strongly acidic fruit (5)
4. Barely adequate (6)
6. Family member (8)
7. Relating to ships or shipping (8)
12. Demote (8)
13. Pavlova component (8)
14. Common NZ greeting (3)
15. Cancelled (3)
19. Yearly (6)
21. Shafts of light (5)
22. Maori word for rat (5)
23. Honestly (5)

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The George Heaven 5.5km Welsford-Te Hana road race was run on Sunday April 19. The annual event is the first in a series of three – along with Hoteo North on Queens Birthday Weekend and the Wilkinson Trophy Road Race on July 19.

There is a \$100 draw for those who compete in all three events. Pictured is Rodney College student Georgia Brierly, first female home and first home in her division, 13-14 females age group.

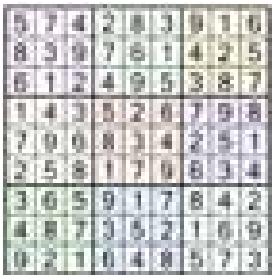
PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SOLUTION

Across: 5/8. Bruno Lawrence, 9. Flour, 10. Discount, 11. Stain, 14. BYO, 16. Meteor, 17. Floral, 18. Oaf, 20. Nevis, 24. Inferior, 25. Rangi, 26. Balmoral, 27. Fever.

Down: 1. Clyde, 2. Twist, 3. Lemon, 4. Scanty, 6. Relation, 7. Nautical, 12. Relegate, 13. Meringue, 14. Bro, 15. Off, 19. Annual, 21. Beams, 22. Kiore, 23. Truly.



HEADS 2 HUB

Linford and McKenzie claim titles

Whangarei athletes Harry Linford and Ady McKenzie made it two wins from two events when the Potter Electrical Heads 2 Hub Run/Walk, the second event in the Sport Northland Run/Walk Series was held at Mangawhai last Sunday.

Linford and McKenzie were well clear of the rest of the field in the 8.5km event and already both runners have a clear lead on the Potter Electrical Leaderboard which tracks points from the Sport Northland Run/Walk Series.

Linford completed the course in 30.19 with Greg Morris and Chris Mills finishing in 31.51 and 32.28 respectively. Ady McKenzie continued to dominate in the women's event finishing in 33.54 from Sally Jackson (Wellsford) 34.42 and Carolyn Younger (Whangarei) in 35.20.

First home in the men's 5.5km event were Whangarei runners D'lane Martin in 23.54, Todd Ogle 26.09 and Jack Perrow 27.50 while in the women's division Donna Stewart 29.26,

Emma Hutchinson 30.15 and Angela Vercoe 30.40 were the first females home.

Fine weather and the lack of wind made ideal conditions for the competitors who finished at The Hub where a large crowd gathered for the prizegiving.

All Northland adults who competed earned

an entry in to win the Mazda 2 from Pacific Motor Group which will be drawn after the final event in the series, the Kerikeri Half Marathon on November 21.

Shannon Taylor of Whangarei was the winner of the major spot prize of a bike from My Bike Whangarei while the iPad mini from

NorthCloud was won by Hammer Toka also from Whangarei.

Entries for the next event, the Jennian Homes Mother's Day Paihia Run/Walk on May 10 is open online at www.runwalkseries.co.nz or contact Sport Northland for an entry form.



RUNAWAYS: Ady McKenzie and Harry Linford, clear winners.

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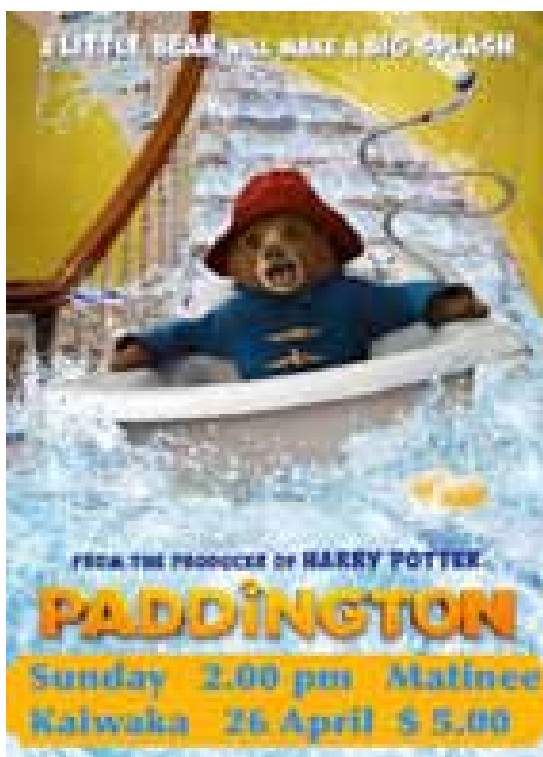
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Courses available for Term 2

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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. While the roads are dry please be aware of the increased dust from travelling on unsealed roads. Drive courteously and adjust your speed accordingly (drive to the conditions).

Area specific works planned during May include:

- Minor bridge repairs throughout the District
- Maintenance grading throughout the District when conditions are suitable
- Culvert replacements on Dodd Road
- Wet, roll and grade round (used on high maintenance roads) on Golden Stairs Road
- Footpath improvements in the Maungaturoto township
- Safety improvements and pavement repairs on Kaikohe Road
- Pavement repairs on the Trounson Park slip
- Intersection improvements on Tatarariki Spur Road
- Mechanised tree pruning on Kaiwaka Mangawhai Road
- Water table repairs and maintenance on Pukehuia Road.

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

Area specific works completed during the last fortnight include:

- Wet, roll and grade round (used on high maintenance roads) on Scottys Camp, Babylon Coast and Rehutai Roads
- Maintenance grading in the Arapohue and Kaiwaka areas
- Shoulder improvements on Moir Street
- Culvert replacements on Gorge Road
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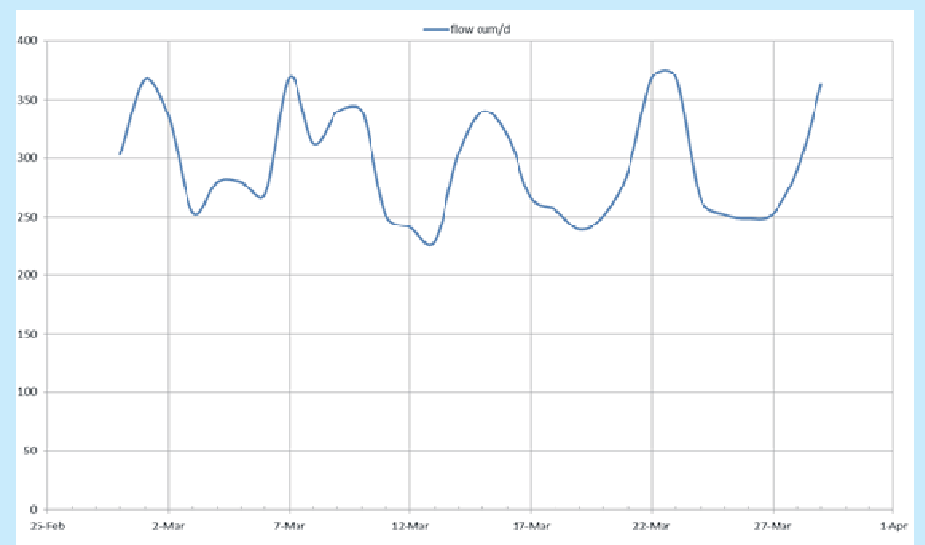
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Mangawhai Community Waste Water Scheme Report - March 2015

During the month of March Water Infrastructure Group successfully operated the system achieving targets established under the Contract Deed. There were no occupational health and safety issues experienced or any environmental incidents. The Wastewater Treatment Plant performed well during March. Effluent quality for the month met performance requirements as specified by Northland Regional Council in the Resource Consent.

There were another nine mono grinder pump faults reported in the month. By far the majority of faults are due to rag getting caught in the cutters. Remember household wipes and disposal nappies are not suitable to be flushed down the toilet system. They play havoc on the pumps.

Peak inflow for March was 375 ML cum recorded on 23 March. The average flow for February was 295 cum/day. The chart below shows the flows throughout the month in cum/day.



Irrigation continued through the month. The dam level is now down to 12 ML. A visual inspection of the liner down to the water level was made during the month – no defects visible. Algal analysis is continuing with regular sampling of the irrigated water. Blue-green algae has been found to be present, however levels of Microcystin toxins continues to be found to be minimal (<0.5ug/L).

Council Meetings May 2015

Pursuant to Section 46 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the following meeting have been set down for the month of **May** and are open to the public.

Council and Committee meetings are subject to change.

For confirmation, or further information, of a particular meeting please phone 0800 727 059.

Thursday 21 May 2015

2.00 pm Raupo Drainage Committee Meeting, Raupo Drainage Board Office, Wharf Road, Ruawai

Monday 25 May 2015

2.00 pm Audit and Risk Committee Meeting, Committee Room, Council offices, Hokianga Road, Dargaville

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