



Ruawai Rambler

***Ruawai Promotions and Development
Group***



***Ruawai Promotions and Development Group
in conjunction with
The Rural Support Trust & the
Ministry of Primary Industries are hosting:***

***An event targeted at helping rural people
who were adversely affected by recent
weather events.***

***This includes farmers, service providers,
farm workers and all those connected
with these people.***

***Thursday 6th July 2023
Ruawai Tokatoka Memorial
Hall Supper Room
12pm onwards
Lunch supplied by Big D BBQ***

***For catering purposes, please reply to
ruawairambler@gmail.com by 1st July***



After a great 2 years in Ruawai White Rock Gallery are moving to Matakohē. We have been offered three rooms to lease at the rear of the Post and Telegraph Office as part of the Kauri Museum Complex. Members and friends have worked very hard the past few weeks cleaning, painting and putting up lights and signage etc, and will be ready to open on July 1st 2023.

Sorry to say goodbye to our lovely Ruawai supporters, and hope they will seek us out in Matakohē. We are excited to share this new opportunity with

the local community and visitors as we continue to support Kaipara artists and crafters, by providing an Exhibition space to display and sell their art and crafts. The Gallery will be open 7 days a week 10.00am to 4.00pm.

White Rock Gallery operate as a collective and welcome new artists to join us, also anyone who would like to volunteer to be a 'Friend' of the gallery and be able to spend half a day a month welcoming visitors to our beautiful Kaipara District, for more information can you contact

whiterockgallerynz@gmail.com

Would love to hear from you

White Rock Committee

RUAWAI INDOOR BOWLS

Hi everyone in the community we will be running bowls during the day rather than evenings get your friends together and come on down and have a catch up. We will start playing at 9.30 am finishing at 12.30

You don't need any gear just a pair of soft sole shoes [slippers are fine] \$3.00 per player

If you would like more info, give me a call

02102333507 Tony Oud



Ruawai Garden Club

Hello to all you gardeners out there and here we are at the shortest day already. Meetings have been held regularly every month, and considering the way everything is so up and down in our lives (eg) the weather, covid, the world, we are looking pleasingly stable. After our meeting on the 20th of April approx. 14 of

our members visited two gardens in Pahi As I couldn't go myself I will give you the account in the words of Jill Fenney who was present that day.

Firstly Jennifer Battersby; Lovely home with vista views of Pahi

Inlet. Scanning left to right, panoramic water views to die for. Great variety of plants & shrubbery, special mention - the great array of hibiscus in many different colours - BEAUTIFUL !! The veggie garden

deserves a mention as well-built up garden boxes full of vegies. All in all a

pleasure to wander around this property. Then on to Jenny McKinnons home on the Pahi waterfront - a different garden setting but

also very interesting to visit, nestled below banks covered in green trees and shrubs on two sides & looking



out to the waterfront on the other two sides. Nice varieties of salvias & and a lovely veggie garden too. We were given tea & coffee here to have with our lunch which we all bought with us. Overall a great day out for our first garden visit since the dreaded covid hit us really hard. May there be many more of them. So thank you to both of these ladies who offered their gardens for viewing, and thanks to Jill for doing this piece for me,

The Garden Club will be running their Camelia Display this year. It has been decided to have a different format this time/, It will be held on the 29th JULY at the RUAWAI BOWLING CLUB, between 10 am and 2pm. We will be serving continuous Devonshire Teas at this function, and not a lunch. Here's hoping for good weather for the rest of the winter quite a bit of sun and lots less rain. Happy weeding all



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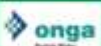


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TOGETHER on TUESDAY - TOTS

Every Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, a bunch of dedicated seniors arrive at the Ruawai Community Church hall with the aim of improving their health and wellbeing. We do passive strength, balance and stretching exercises as we follow the instructor on a large screen. Participants all agree that they feel the benefits of these exercises. We do what we can manage within our own comfort level. No pressure. After the exercises we have morning tea. This is an enjoyable time to socialize, learn of the latest community news and events, and keep a look out for each other.

We collect a gold coin at each session and any surplus we donate to a good cause. Recently we all, even the men, arrived wearing something pink and had pink coloured fare for morning tea. We were able to send a good donation to the Cancer Society. Donations have also been made to the local CCTV cameras and other local groups in the past. We meet every Tuesday (except during school holidays) at 10 am, at the Ruawai Community Church hall, Freyberg Rd. Newcomers are most welcome. For any enquiries, please contact Jacqui Hart, 09 439 2006 or 021 126 8683



Art STUDIO RUAWAI SCHOOL RD.

Members of the ART Group meet each WED [except school holidays] at the above address at 10am. Our day begins either tea or coffee, before getting into the more serious but enjoyable work of painting. We a break for lunch & then continue untill 2.30-300 however those who need to leave at lunchtime can do so. This term we have 3 new members join our group, their company has been a pleasure & they have very welcome.

welcome too are visitors & groups this can be a Wed or by appointment for further enquires or information please contact Frances 0210616367.

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| Sunday | CLOSED |



Lions Club of Ruawai

Lions Club of Ruawai have been very active! Winter is approaching fast. We are selling firewood – contact Roger 0272880944

Ruawai Market Days: We have stopped for the winter months. Next one will be in October – a twilight market.

Roadside Sign: A roadside sign has been erected in Freyberg Road to advertise Lions Events.

Hart Walker Mobility aid for children unable to walk: We are fundraising towards getting a Hart Walker for a local youngster.

Welcome Packs for new residents: These will continue to be delivered to new residents in our community. An up-to-date version is almost ready for

distribution.



Doing mosaic tiles with College Students:

The mosaic tiles done by college students will be applied to plant tubs in Ruawai township shortly. We welcome contributions of murals from organisations and community members.

Te Kowhai Reserve: Members and helpers have monthly working bees –weeding, planting and mulching. Roger and Jim do mowing and trimming. The trees are growing well especially with so much wet weather! Gabrielle didn't do much damage.

A Fun Run, Walk and Cycle event is planned to be held at the stop bank on Saturday 11 November. Keep this date free. Lots of spot prizes and more!

The Lions Club of Ruawai focuses on serving all sections of our community through many projects and also provides an opportunity for like minded people to meet socially. If you would like to know more about our Club and are interested in coming to a meeting please

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Council Mark says: It's been a moving experience

Yes indeed, after nearly 36 years on the same property (although not in the same house) Mark and Cindy have left Petley Rd and moved to Whakapirau. I had always thought that it was David Lange who had said the past is a foreign country, but when I looked it up, the full quote is: "The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there". This is a line out of L. P. Hartley's book, The Go Between. I recall seeing the movie made from the book many years ago, must have been in a foreign country.

Why I mention this is that I feel some of my past is left behind at our old address, in the form of trees planted, fences erected, and houses built; now it is the turn of some new people to mould their own history on the place. They will do things differently there. The other part of the equation is how we will graft our past onto our new property, one of the challenges being that we have moved into a smaller house, and with it the realisation that we have a lot more stuff than we need here. I think we have done our kids a huge favour by moving into a smaller place – they won't have so much to sort through when we're gone. And just because Petley Rd is now a foreign country to us, it does not mean we forget it – it still lives on in our memories at the same time as Whakapirau adds more experiences.

Council stuff: I missed the May council meeting but I draw attention to the following items:

1. The council voted to end its membership of Local Government NZ. In my opinion that is short-sighted, and not something I would have voted for, but that is what the democratic process has delivered.
2. I have been appointed as a member of the working party which is finalising the new draft district plan to be publicly notified for submissions later this year. There is a lot which is really good about the new plan; as elected members we want to take just a little more time to make it even better.

Mark Vincent

Otamatea Ward Councillor

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Gateway at Ruawai College

Gateway is an initiative from the Ministry of Education that enables schools to provide senior students with structured workplace learning opportunities and support them in their career choices for their futures. Seniors at Ruawai College had the opportunity to complete a Gateway placement this year and were placed in various vocational pathways. The school would like to thank the following businesses and people for their generosity and willingness to accommodate



students for

Gateway this year: Ruawai Auto Services, Sarah Burrows Design, The Warehouse Dargaville, Tinopai Primary School, Ruawai Primary School, Northland Rugby League, Dargaville Medical Center, Ad Focus, North Ash Farms, Morfett Autos, Ruawai Kindergarten, Cameron Philips, Te Ha Oranga, Ngunguru Primary School, Atlas Quarries, Ruawai Tyre Shop,



Ruawai Four Square, Frans Jansen Farrier, Laser Electrical, DR & BA Engineering, Fencing Specialists, Challenge Ruawai, Snazzi Gifts, Rebekah Underwood, and Rorira Farm.

Wai Fencing Course

In a course run by a team at Northland Regional Council, eight senior boys from Ruawai College had the opportunity to attend a “Wai Fencing” course as part of their Primary ITO programme. The boys were taught various skills such as setting up a fence, tying a figure eight knot, wire straining, and erecting fence posts.

Ruawai College School Ball

The Ruawai College ball was held on Friday 26 May 2023, the theme was “Alice and Wonderland”. Max Tunnicliffe and Manea Natiso were crowned “Beau and Belle”, Lucas Hassall and Emma Ashford as “Prince and Princess”, Gideon Tautari and Tahlia Johnson as “King and Queen”, Hunter Shaw and Dylarni Harding-Andrews as “Cutest Couple”, and Mokoia Llewellyn and Tasharna Keogh as “Best Dressed Couple”.

Ruawai College Term Dates

End of Term 2: Friday 30 June 2023
Start of Term 3: Monday 17 July 2023
End of Term 3: Friday 22 September 2023
Start of Term 4: Monday 9 October 2023
End of Term 4: Friday 8 December 2023



Gideon Tautari and Tahlia Johnson as “King and Queen”

Cross Country Success

Congratulations to Ruawai College students Kourtney Hawkes and Charlotte Gatehouse who placed first, and Rayden Gregera who placed third in the Northern Wairoa Cross Country competition in early June.

Brothers Matthew and Ben Watkins travelled to Palmerston North to compete in the 49th New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships in mid-June. Matthew ran in the 4km category for juniors and placed 52nd out of 141 finishers with a time of 15.18.67 minutes.

Ben raced in the 6km senior category, placing 102nd out of 147 runners with a time of 23.14.20 minutes.



Ben Watkins



Matthew Watkins



Gateway experience



Max Tunnicliffe and Manea Natiso were crowned "Beau and Belle",