

Baylys Happ's

December 2019

Hello, Tena koutou, Talofa, Bula, Kia orana, Hallo, Namaste, Kamusta ka yung lahat, Malo e lelei

We hope this finds you well and ready to enjoy another Summer season at Baylys Beach. We would like to welcome new residents and visitors and check in with our existing community members.

In this annual publication you will read about projects that the Baylys Beach Society (BBS) have initiated or supported this year, some upcoming events and other topics of interest.

We hope you enjoy this publication and find the content interesting and useful.

We invite your contribution to our community and encourage you to contact BBS if you wish to be involved in any aspects of the work we do, it does not have to be an ongoing contribution, assistance on occasion is also appreciated and helps enhance this wonderful place we all like to call home.

Wishing you safe and happy holidays and all the best for 2020.

My whakapapa *Lifestyle*

SAFE Best place to chillax

SENSE OF COMMUNITY Calm

My place of belonging

Grounding Friendships

Beach life is the best MAGIC

FRIENDLY COMMUNITY *Feel welcome*

Spacious **Relaxed Happy**

FRESH AIR *Down to earth people*

Great place to raise our children

Scenery is stunning **Sunsets**

Take care of each other

Beach makes a fantastic playground

Beautiful west coast beach

Raw SPECIAL *Home*



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Stephanie Calder, Teresa Henderson

Due to the nature of volunteering there will be committee members standing down in 2020 giving others an opportunity to stand as a BBS committee member – consider your availability to stand and be part of the satisfying work we do!

BBS is made up of a group of people who are dedicated and passionate about giving back and contributing to this community. Past, present and future committee members of BBS along with the support of many locals, funders and local councils help maintain, protect and enhance our Baylys Beach community. The contribution of everyone involved is invaluable and is much appreciated.

Membership

Become a member of BBS and join the email database - be informed of events, projects, developments with Council and local issues.

We are a non profit organisation, membership fees support our operating costs.

**Individual \$5, Family/Household \$10, Pensioner/Beneficiary \$5,
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Communication

BBS keeping in touch with the community:

 Baylys Beach Society is on Facebook - follow and like our page to receive notifications

Email database - contact us at baylysbeachsocietybbs@gmail.com

Roadside signs - advertising larger community events

Kaipara Lifestyler - informative articles and/or advertising upcoming events

Sharky's Takeaways - visual display boards

Talking with others in the community



Seaweek is New Zealand's annual national week about the sea. Hosted by the New Zealand Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE), Seaweek focuses on learning from the sea. It's about exciting and inspiring all New Zealanders to renew their connections with the sea!

BBS decided on a beach based day full of family friendly events. This event was a well attended enjoyable family day out. Horse rides were the main attraction and were well patronised throughout the day. Treasure hunt, sand sculpture, petanque, limbo and volleyball provided variety for many. The Surf Lifeguards

and Ministry of Fisheries shared their information and key messages on staying safe in and around the sea. Tasty ice blocks donated by Sharky's Takeaways were well received on the warm Summers day. We look forward to seeing you all for another event on:

Saturday 29 February (Raindate Sunday 1 March) 2020

Baylys Beach Free Fruit And Vege Stand - Food Sharing Stall

f Baylys Beach Free Fruit And Vege Stand - follow and like our page on Facebook to receive notifications. BBS set up a stall outside Sharky's Takeaways to share spare produce from your garden with others.



Take what you can use and drop off what you can spare. This is for everyone - you don't have to be in need to grab a free feed!

Please be mindful about the quantity you take and try to return the favour by contributing as well or make a small donation into the BBS jar inside Sharky's.

If you are dropping off delicate vegetables please put their stems in water to keep them fresh.

Thanks to everyone who is already supporting this initiative and to Sharky's for providing a safe home for it.

Community Mid Winter Pot Luck Dinner August 2019



We had a fantastic community turn out one cold and wintery night in August to attend a Pot Luck Dinner at the NW Golf Club. The food was amazing with plenty of willing helpers on the night. It was a great opportunity to catch up with the locals, meet new residents to the area and check out some concepts for the proposed playground. It was great to see so many families attending whose children all gathered around the display boards excitedly! It was a great evening - we're all looking forward to the next one.

Entertaining us for the evening were locals Sean McDonnell accompanied by Pete O'Neill and Ollie Knox.



The Surf Life Saving Northern Region Paid Lifeguard Service will be operating at Baylys Beach over the 2019/20 peak summer season from **Saturday 21 December - Sunday 12 January**. The service will patrol seven days a week 10:30am - 6:30pm.



You may notice the lifeguards talking to beach goers that are about to enter the water outside of the patrolled area, this is because their main goal is to prevent rescues from occurring in the first place by educating the public. Last summer lifeguards at Baylys Beach conducted close to 300 preventive actions including close to 1,000 people in just 21 days! Feel free to talk to the lifeguards on patrol, they are always happy to help.

With the new Baylys Beach Community Centre underway, there will be a call to the community to get involved in the new club and train to become future Baylys Beach lifeguards to maintain volunteer patrols over the weekends like the rest of the country!

Always swim at a patrolled beach and remember if you find yourself stuck in a rip, remember the 3 R's:

- R - Relax and float to conserve your energy**
- R - Raise your hand to signal for help**
- R - Ride the rip until it stops and you can swim back to shore or help arrives**

DANGER! RIP CURRENTS

EACH YEAR PEOPLE GET INTO DIFFICULTY BECAUSE THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE BEACH DANGERS
 A RIP IS A BODY OF WATER MOVING OUT TO SEA. TO ESCAPE FROM A RIP CURRENT:

- SWIM ACROSS TO THE NEAREST BREAKING WAVES

IF IN TROUBLE:

- DON'T PANIC
- RAISE YOUR HAND TO ALERT LIFEGUARDS
- SWIM TO THE SIDE, DON'T SWIM AGAINST THE CURRENT

IDENTIFYING FEATURES OF A RIP

- 1 CALM PATCHES ON SURF WITH WAVES BREAKING EACH SIDE
- 2 RIPPLED OR CRISS CROSS WATER
- 3 DISCOLOURED WATER BECAUSE SAND IS STIRRED UP
- 4 FOAMY WATER WITH DEBRIS

* RIP CURRENTS ARE HARD TO SEE ON A WINDY DAY

Water Safety NEW ZEALAND

TO ESCAPE

FEEDER CURRENT

Surf Life Saving logo: SURF LIFE SAVING

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In it for life *

Ripiro Beach is classified as an open road BUT there is a 30km/hr speed restriction at beach entrances - approx 1.2km north and south at Baylys Beach and Glinks Gully - Always DRIVE AWARE and remember you are SHARING the beach with others AT ALL TIMES.

The beach is New Zealand's favourite playground, but it can also be a dangerous place. Learning about the risks and preparing yourself will mean you and your family can enjoy the sun, sea and sand safely this summer.

- Choose a lifeguarded beach and swim between the flags
- Ask a lifeguard for advice, read safety signs
- Learn about hazards e.g. rips, holes and different waves
- Learn to swim and survive
- Don't overestimate your ability - know your limits
- Set rules for safe play
- Use safe and correct equipment including swim attire, boards, leashes, fins
- Keep children within arm's reach and actively supervise at all times
- Watch out for rip currents; they can carry you away from shore
- Never swim or surf alone
- Do not swim if you are tired, cold or drinking alcohol
- Be considerate and aware of others in the water
- When fishing from rocks, always wear a lifejacket
- If in doubt, stay out!
- If you see someone in trouble, call 111
- Be sun smart - Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap

Defibrillator

Kindly donated by a community member, this is located at **Baylys Beach Holiday Park - 24 Sea View Road** - thanks to Trish and Mark Rolfe.

It is held in a lock box - phone 111 and they will advise you of the CODE to open the box

Defibrillators are devices that restore a normal heartbeat by sending an electric pulse or shock to the heart. They are used to prevent or correct an arrhythmia, a heartbeat that is uneven or that is too slow or too fast. **Defibrillators** can also restore the heart's beat if the heart suddenly stops.





Over the last few months I've had the privilege of living at Baylys Beach and have received a very warm welcome into your community. I can certainly understand why you've chosen to make this your home, whether your holiday home away from home, or more permanently. I'm told the beach will become a bustling centre for the next few weeks and I can see the town is looking spick and span and holiday-ready.

I value the relationship our Council has with the Baylys Beach Society and appreciate the way your community works so closely and positively with us. Together we're achieving great things. The roadside clean-up in September that combined the efforts of the Baylys Beach community, the Council, the Department of Corrections and Broadspectrum is a great example of how much we can achieve when we all work together. We're working closely with you to see how else we can support your community. The boardwalk and toilet upgrade, coming up in 2020 is a great example of planning our work around what you want and need.

Our community team has commissioned an independent report to look at car parks and walkways in and around the beach entrance and nearby streets. This will help us identify further work that can be prioritised under our current budget and what we might need to consider as part of the Long Term Plan. We take real pride in what we've achieved with your community, and I hope you do to. If you see me around over the summer break please wave or stop and say 'Hi'. Finally, I wish you a happy and safe holiday. I hope the sun shines on your plans and that you enjoy the beauty and bounty of this wonderful beach.

Rhythm Power at Baylys Beach

Over the years many Baylys Beach residents have enjoyed the power of rhythm by attending workshops to learn about the djembe and how to play traditional and contemporary West African rhythms right here at the beach. This year was no exception as a short course was offered for beginners and taken up by a keen group, some of whom have continued to attend classes in Dargaville. Every fortnight a group from Kaurilands Skills Centre attend drumming at Baylys, and many others benefit from the fun and strength building that comes from playing these particular drums. Josie has been to drum school several times now in West Africa, and continues to learn and grow with her playing and sharing of the music. African drumming is growing all throughout New Zealand, with groups as far up at Taupo Bay all the way down to Oamaru. More classes will be offered in 2020, so if you are keen to join in and find out more about what drumming can offer you feel free to make contact: www.josiescott.org



The BBS promoted a public meeting with Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) in February 2019. Regular beach goers would have noticed the very welcome increase in the Fisheries vehicles patrolling Ripiro Beach since this meeting. Thanks to all who came to that meeting and had their say putting real pressure on MPI officers to patrol over this way more. It worked!



MPI affirmed that thanks to locals taking action and phoning the 0800 number with details on many occasions this year it has enabled MPI to apprehend people not just on the beach in the act, but on the road returning from the beach. There have been several fines issued over the year and prosecutions are in progress, often with vehicles seized. MPI reiterated that Toheroa and shellfish signage is still frustratingly delayed nationally as it is being rebranded but they are pushing their end.

Please put the poacher hotline number: **0800 4Poacher (0800 47 62 24)** in your phone and/or somewhere accessible **NOW** and **CALL IT** as soon as possible when you suspect toheroa poaching. Information and pictures can also be emailed to: **ncc@mpi.govt.nz** Even if the gathering is 'authorised' the more people questioned, the more word gets out Ripiro Beach is being watched. Fisheries patrol regularly but we all live and holiday here.

Toheroa are totally protected and illegal to collect - even one!

Toheroa - Waikato University / Te Roroa



Dr Phil Ross and his team of students from the University of Waikato have visited Ripiro Beach ten times so far in 2019 to work on a couple of different projects. PhD student Matt Bennion has been looking at the health of toheroa at Ripiro and other NZ beaches. Matt's work focuses on two diseases, one a bacteria that he has identified as coming from the endozoicomonas family and the second is gas bubble disease. It should be noted that these diseases affect the condition and physiology of toheroa, are not toxic to humans and are in no way related to the Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) warnings which occur infrequently over summer periods. Masters student Lolita Vallyon has been doing research to determine what impact South Island Pied Oyster-catchers may or may not be having on toheroa. This project is almost finished so stay tuned for an update early next year. Phil and the team want to thank the Baylys Beach community for all their assistance in 2019 and look forward to more chats on the beach in 2020.

Pictured above: A windy day in the winterless north! Desperate times call for improvised safety equipment to protect eyeballs from fast flying sand.

In 2020 **Te Roroa** staff will be engaging with students from local primary schools to talk about toheroa and the ecology of Ripiro Beach. This will involve both classroom and on-the-beach activities and we hope to cover topics in beach ecology including life cycles, species identification, adaptation and the math needed to do population surveys. This work is being funded by a Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) grant called Unlocking Curious Minds, which aims to bring investigations from the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) industries into schools to encourage critical and investigative thinking in our young people.

As everyone can see the Trust has construction of the long awaited new Community Centre and facility for Surf Life Saving well underway.

It was a great relief to finally get the project off the ground after three and a half years of planning and gaining the necessary consents. Over this time building costs



went up significantly and this plus the costs of consenting resulted in a budget shortfall. The Trust decided however not to wait any longer, but rather to get going and to apply for grants and donations for the balance. The Trust has recently been successful with several grants including \$262,000 from the Lotteries Commission which is an extraordinary outcome. This will enable the Trust to complete the build in 2020. We also appreciate the tremendous local support by volunteers and donors. A big thanks goes out to them!!



Turning of the sod and site blessing July, 2019

The site was blessed in July 2019 on one of the wettest days of winter by local kaumatua. There was a big turnout of local people and supporters despite the weather. Once completed, Andrewes Building and Consulting Ltd got going. Douglas Logging generously helped with the earthworks and the building team were soon joined by Tony Baldwin who has been volunteering his time several days each week.

The Baylys Beach Society, a major source of encouragement and support from the start, have been helping with landscaping under the supervision of Stephanie Calder while Sarah Tittleton has kept the building team's spirits up through regular baking. Despite the wild weather this winter the project is currently running ahead of schedule and under budget. A big part of this is down to people such as Te Roroa donating their services or like Fosters Decorating providing materials at cost.

Over Christmas and January the building team will be having a break but everyone is welcome to have a good look at progress. Health and Safety means that people cannot go onto the site but will have to stay outside the fence.

If you want to get involved, either volunteering or donating please get in touch through the BBS or by emailing: **baylysbeachcommunitycentre@gmail.com**.

By this time next year with your help we will be up and running at last!



To get results for my community as a councillor this term I intend to push for a 'climate smart Kaipara'. This future Kaipara district stores carbon in the trees it has planted and its green spaces while at the same time producing healthy food for people to enjoy. This Kaipara has good parks, reserves, and open spaces. Imagine a Kaipara where silvereyes, piwakawaka, tui, kereru, and even kiwi and weka co-exist with people. The sound of birdsong fills the air. There are native shrubs in flower, and trees that offer delightful shade and green colour.

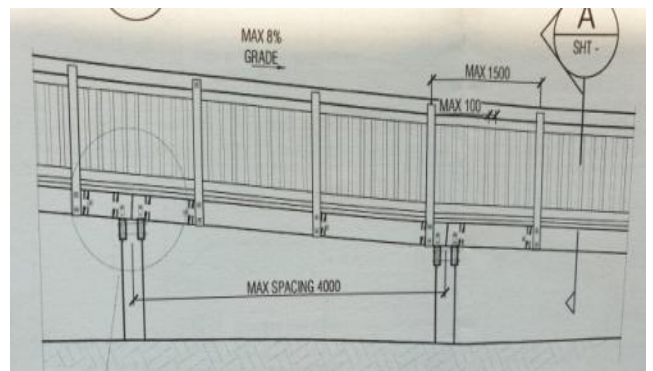
To get to a 'climate smart Kaipara' I will advocate for an updated Reserves and Open Spaces Strategy (ROSS) that aligns with the vision above. Council owns many pockets of unused land, roadside reserves and established parks. With infill planting of trees and shrubs in and among these places we would have a greener Kaipara.

All the communities of Kaipara need communal spaces to enjoy. From the paepae on a marae, to a plaza in a Spanish village, to a town square or main street in New Zealand, people have always gathered to socialise and play. I will push for an aspirational approach in the Reserves and Open Spaces policy to work towards achieving the provision of recreational amenities district-wide. This will mean that we have park benches, exercise equipment and playgrounds that suit young and old. We will have open spaces that stimulate the senses, provide shade and shelter, and keep people happy, active and healthy.

As well as working towards the aims above, I have two further goals: I will continue to advocate for greater funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency to improve the safety and connectivity of Kaipara roads, footpaths and cycleways. Finally, I will lobby for an improved library and digital hub in Dargaville so that our council can provide an excellent library service and empower West Coast Kaipara citizens to learn and thrive.

Boardwalk installation and Toilet refurbishment

A Boardwalk from the Sea View Road carpark, past the toilets and onto the beach has been designed and funds received from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund has enabled this project to go ahead. Following consultation in April 2019 final concept drawings were received and tender to construct has gone out. We look forward to this providing pedestrians a safe walkway off the road accessing the beach.



Boardwalk elevation plan

We are fortunate to have a local golf club within minutes of the Baylys Beach village which features the sound of the ocean and views of the sea from many vantage points. The course is renowned for excellent greens and well presented all weather course thanks to the two Greenkeepers who take great pride in their work and do an exceptional job maintaining the course. Endless hours by volunteers contribute to operating the friendly and hospitable country club.

Handicapped Golfers can enter various tournaments throughout the year - open to members and visitors including; mixed pairs, mens, ladies and teams with a highlight being the popular Xmas Cheer Tournament in December.

Twilight golf is on offer during daylight savings months where both handicapped or non-handicapped players can enjoy a quick 9 holes on a Thursday afternoon/evening.

Club days: Tuesday (mixed), Wednesday (ladies), Saturday (men), Sunday (mixed)

Junior Golf is offered on Monday afternoons during the daylight savings months.

All visitors are welcome. Carts are available on request.
Affiliated members Green Fees are \$30 for 18 holes,
\$20 for 9 holes.

There are several membership options: Summer/9hole Adults \$300, Full Adults \$500, \$185 for a new player (who hasn't played Golf before), \$60 for Children under 16.
For further information phone: **09 439 6599**, email **northernwairoagolf@gmail.com**



'Looking Back' - What's in a name?

Walking around the streets of Baylys Beach often it is easy to understand the inspiration when you see Sea View Road, Sunset Drive, Ambergris and Tuatua Place to name a few; they are all easy associations with our little slice of paradise. Others, especially if you are new to the area are a mystery yet often a history worth knowing.

Ripiro The place name was an ancient one and was associated with the Kekehu people who predated the Maori. The name has early cultural associations with Kupe and Waka Mamari and a great battle was fought there in 1807. Ripiro is part of the cultural identity of Te Roroa and on formal occasions they are greeted with Te Iwi of Ripiro. The meaning of the name Ripiro comes from Ripi - to skim along the surface and ro, a contraction of roto meaning still water. It is believed the name incorporates a direct reference to Maunganui Bluff which when viewed from much of the beach seems only a stone's throw away, or the distance a stone skips across the water.

Baylys 1908 saw a shrewd cattle man, land owner, Mr George Bayly, from Taranaki purchase for fifteen thousand pound a strip of coastal land one mile wide and extending along the coast for as long as the Messrs land parcel went too. He changed what was deemed almost worthless land as it held no gum into beautiful green pasturage. Mr Bayly also helps establish the first holiday settlements around the two gorges, by leasing land (1914) to influential Dargaville Families who created Camp Clubs to enjoy the recreational activities of the beach with their friends and family.

Kelly Street Mr J.P Kelly obtained a small parcel of land, directly behind the two gorges, from Mr Bayly (Mr Kelly worked for Mr Bayly as his general manager) and although it is unclear how Mr Kelly obtained the land from Mr Bayly, it is clear as to what Mr Kelly wished to do with the land. Subdivide it into seaside residences for summer use. 'Moeatoa Beach Estate' a poster from the day advertises the Estate as being "only 20 minutes from Dargaville, comprising of 170 beautiful sections". Pitching the township as a holiday resort, saw the local authority waving the usual planning regulations and doing away with the regulatory forty feet frontage as they deemed the estate only used for seaside cottages and that it was very unlikely anyone would use these properties as permanent residences.



Coates Ave Joseph Gordon Coates MC* PC served as the 21st Prime Minister of New Zealand from 1925 to 1928. He was the third successive Reform prime minister since 1912. Coates was a farmer before becoming a Member of Parliament, and he maintained a focus on farming interests throughout his political career. The Coates family had a Bach in the Baylys Beach Town Camp Club. During his Parliamentary career he established the Nation Highways Board and it is of no surprise that the main highway goes right past the turn off to Baylys Beach.

Some of the 'Looking Back' historical information was sourced from Sarah Heritage's thesis, 'Exploring coastal development through affect & discourse over time a case study of the Baylys beach experience', available to view from the Dargaville Library.



Seaweek Family Beach Day *Connecting With Our Seas*
Ko au te moana, ko te moana ko au - I am the sea, the sea is me:
Saturday 29 February (Raindate Sunday 1 March)

Annual General Meeting AGM: **Monday 25 May**

Traffic in Baylys Beach

With summer holidays fast approaching, bringing with it many holiday home residents and visitors we appeal to all locals and visitors to moderate their vehicle speed when entering, exiting or moving around the Baylys Beach village and on the beach itself.

BBS are working with the Kaipara District Council to implement measures that will assist with this to avoid anyone being injured. Don't be surprised if you encounter a speed camera which may result in you receiving a fine.



- Maximum speed when driving on the beach approaching beach entrances
- Watch for pedestrians / dogs / horses / other vehicles and motorbikes



- Maximum speed within the Baylys Beach village
- Be aware of narrow roads
- Take corners SLOWLY and STAY LEFT
- Watch for pedestrians / pets / other vehicles
- If a school bus has stopped you must slow down and drive at 20km/h or less until you are well past (no matter which direction you are coming from)



- Maximum speed on the Baylys Coast Road and beyond
- Stay LEFT - including around corners
- Watch for cyclists / joggers / farm bikes / farm animals / other vehicles
- If a school bus has stopped you must slow down and drive at 20km/h or less until you are well past (no matter which direction you are coming from)

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Welcome Packs for new residents are available from Trish at the **Baylys Beach Holiday Park**.

Approximately 30 packs have been distributed this year. If you didn't get a pack or know someone new to the area, please see Trish for a pack.

If you are a local business and want your business card included in future Welcome Packs, please drop your cards into the letterbox at 28 Sea View Road.

BBS joined the **NZ Neighbourhood Support** network after a community meeting was held at the NW Golf Club. Neighbourhood Support is a great way to get to know the people that live around you. By working together we can support each other, solve local issues and make our streets and neighbourhood safer and more welcoming.

Recently, one of our street contacts has visited residents in their area with fridge magnets and stickers for your letterbox or window. You will also see the new colourful street signage that has been put up around the village too.

If you have missed out on the street contact's visit, please email the BBS and we can pop around with your magnet/sticker. A Neighbourhood Support Guide is also available if you wish to read it or you can search www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz.



Baylys Beach Walkers - There is a core group of about six who meet at Sharky's and walk each Saturday morning at 9.00am and often get back to Sharky's for coffee just before 10.00am.

We welcome others to join whenever they can and enjoy chatting as we walk, this is not a fast "keep fit" walk, just a social "keep fit" occasion.

If you need company to walk at other times then join this group and make arrangements with one or two of the group to meet with during the week.

We are thinking that a twilight walk during the summer might be a nice chance to get together again. If you would like to know more about this please phone: Heather Cashin **439 4452** or **0211777886**.



I would like to say a big thank you to the community for your support in my election to the Kaipara District Council. Thank you.

Baylys Beach is a special place where the ruggedness of the Tasman Sea can calm and relax and at other times excite and even frighten with its ferociousness, at no time does she allow you to take her for granted.

One of the dilemmas of living in paradise is how many others we let into our world and how we accommodate that growth without destroying that which makes what we have special. I understand that one in five residents in Kaipara today was not living here five years ago. We are one of the fastest growing areas in New Zealand.

Baylys Beach of today is much different than the Baylys of my childhood. The basic fibrolite holiday Beach that was once commonplace is being steadily replaced by homes and permanent residents, the demographics are changing - there is a more cosmopolitan feel to the community.

As a councillor it is easier to help groups who help themselves. The great thing that places this beautiful part of Northland at an advantage is the effective community voice led by the Baylys Beach Society.

Some of the issues that have been raised so far are around traffic management including vehicle speeds, limited public parking, traffic flows onto and off the beach and concerns for the safety of the increasing number of children. Other issues that need consideration are better utilisation of the limited public spaces and enhanced walking access. The new Community Centre and facility for Surf Life Saving is going to be a huge community asset.

Council is currently consulting with the public on Spatial Plans for the future. This could include expectations for growth and future zoning for the Baylys area. It is important to get involved now as we work out how, why and where Dargaville and surrounds will grow and how the Dargaville area will look in the future.

Under a clear sky with a light breeze volunteers from the Baylys Beach community supported by the Probation Service, Kaipara District Council (KDC) and Broadspectrum gave of their time to clean rubbish from the Baylys Coast Road verges.



With one group starting from SH12 and another from Sharky's they collectively picked up approx. 5 cubic metres of rubbish. In volume terms this is equivalent to a 1.8 x 1.2m trailer (6'x4') stacked 2.3m high or just 100mm lower than the standard ceiling height of a house!

It is an absolute DISGRACE that the entry to our village is soiled like this by irresponsible people. So, who is causing our backyard to be fouled this way? Looking at the rubbish it falls into four basic groups.

- 1 Takeaway rubbish thrown out of vehicles such as cans, bottles, food wrappings
- 2 Household rubbish which has blown off uncovered trailers / utes.
- 3 Commercial rubbish that has blown off trailers / utes.
- 4 Items deliberately dumped ranging from food scraps to soiled nappies.

Take pride in our environment and encourage others to do the same

- Take rubbish home, don't throw it out of the car
- Dispose of your waste in a proper manner
 - Cover your trailer / ute deck

Why are the culprits of littering spoiling our village entrance and expecting other community minded people to have to clean up their mess? I wonder what their reaction would be should we deposit rubbish on their front lawn.

Our thanks to all that helped and a special mention to those property owners on Baylys Coast Road who diligently clean up the roadside outside their property.

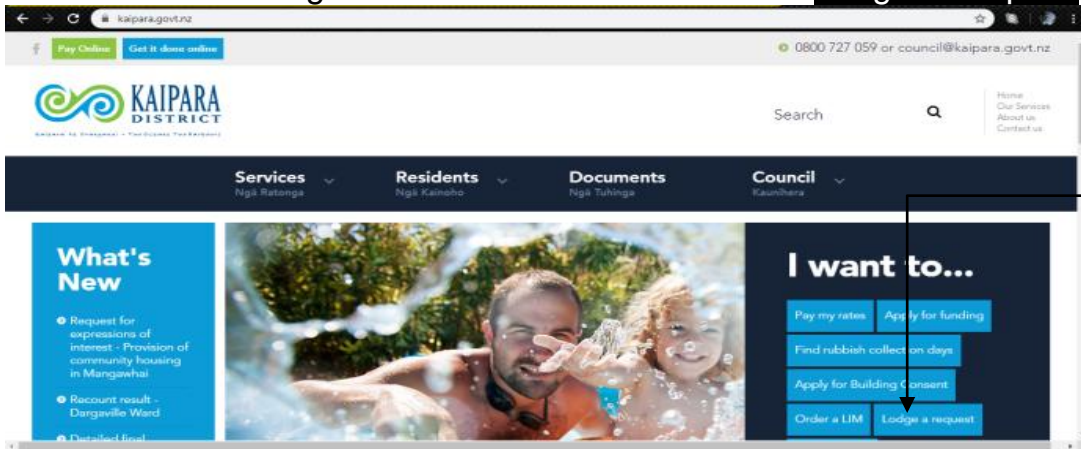
To Broadspectrum for arranging the Traffic Management Plan and placement of safety signs (Fred), KDC for waiving of fees at the Transfer Station (\$350) and providing beverage refreshments at Sharky's after the cleanup, our thanks.

***Let's all make a concerted effort to keep our entrance to Baylys Beach,
within our village and on the beach
litter free locations***

Connecting with Kaipara District Council

Submitting Service Request / Reporting a concern - Use the online system, visit www.kaipara.govt.nz

Look for the heading “I want to.....” Select the tab **Lodge a Request**



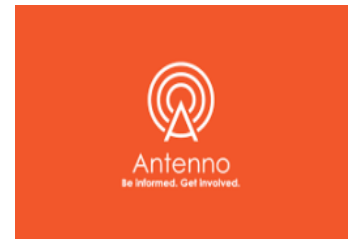
Or you can phone the Call Centre Service **0800 727 059** who can Lodge a Request on your behalf so it is recorded the same way. Why using the online system directly can be better is;

1. 'If you find it difficult to get through to Council on the phone' - doing it online eliminates that frustration.
2. 'That's not where I said the issue was' - If you are writing directly the concern/issue - there is no middle person writing it up and you can be sure it's exact. Remember to explain not only the issue but WHERE it can be located.

No matter the avenue you choose, ensure you ask for feedback. Through email gives you an accurate record of communication.

The Kaipara District Council are encouraging you to download the Antenna App. This is a free mobile app that sends you notifications and alerts about places you 'care about'. This is designed to keep Councils connected to their communities and provide residents with information 'as it is happening'.

So go into your App Store (Apple or GooglePlay) - choose the places you 'care about' e.g. your home, work, school locations.



Naturally Predator Free Baylys

Rats and mice are the main pests that will live in a domestic household in most residential areas. Since Baylys Beach is in a rural beach setting with baches that are not inhabited all year round, giving refuge for rodents, feral cats, possums, ferrets and stoats.



Baylys Beach has a lot of native fauna plus non native and noxious species growing in the area making it ideal for rodents to live and breed in. In conjunction with Northland Regional Council and Kaipara District Council, BBS has now set up a Trap Library allowing the residents of Baylys Beach to help get predator free without using poison baits.

The traps are mostly kill traps whilst the cat traps will be “live capture” so as to protect pet cats and small dogs from demise. If you have a pest problem, traps can be loaned from Rick Groves phone: **09 972 8481, 021 814 066**

Please check your yard and our community to help keep weeds from spreading.

Weeds matter because they are changing the natural balance of plants, animals and insects in Northland. Many of Northland's native plants and animals cannot be found anywhere else in the world and many of them are now endangered.

You won't have to look far to find some weeds to study. Check the roadside outside your home or school, around property or in a patch of nearby bush.

If you need help identifying weeds www.nrc.govt.nz is a good resource. For further information on their control method contact your local farm supply outlet for herbicide and pesticide advice.

Boneseed / Asteraceae - *Chrysanthemoides monilifera*



Physical control: • Hand pull all but the largest plants (all year round) when not in seed. Leave on site to rot down.

Climbing dock / Polygonaceae - *Rumex sagittatus*



Physical control

• Dig out tubers and rhizomes, small sites only (spring-summer). Dispose of at a refuse transfer station or burn.

Herbicide control.

• Spray with 100mls glyphosate (360g/l e.g. Round-up®) + 20mls penetrant per 10 litres water or 5g metsulfuron-methyl (600g/kg e.g. Escort®) + 10mls penetrant per 10 litres water. Spray in summer only

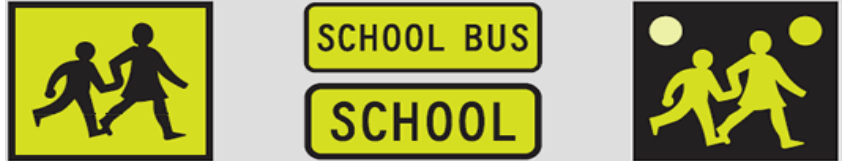
CAUTION: When using any herbicide or pesticide, PLEASE READ THE LABEL THOROUGHLY to ensure that all instructions and safety requirements are followed.

The next generation at Baylys



Babies and toddlers living at Baylys Beach together with their parents are reaping the benefits of being part of a small community. Pram walks, coffee mornings and a play in the sand all provide opportunity for interaction and support for each other. Many parents are hopeful that a Playgroup will operate out of the new Baylys Beach Community Centre on a regular basis to create a learning and social environment for our pre-schoolers and also provide a support network for parents/caregivers.

School Bus Stops around Baylys Beach are busy places, during pick up and drop off times. Many Primary and High School students are fortunate to be able to take advantage of the bus service.



Please SLOW DOWN and LOOK FOR CHILDREN



NZ Roadcode speed limits - If a school bus has stopped you must slow down and drive at 20km/h or less until you are well past (no matter which direction you are coming from)



Just some of our treasured tamariki waiting for the bus

BAG Ladies (Baylys Art Group)



A diverse bunch of different aged women get together every Tuesday to explore different arts and crafts, drink good coffee, and devour great homemade foods. Three years ago we met for the first time at the back of the Baylys Beach Holiday Park and played with mosaics. Soon we had to move because of the numbers and the summer rush of holiday makers so we have house hopped since then. Here we are three years later still doing it!

We decided to share a conversation for Baylys Happ's this year.



We pondered three questions:

1. What drives you to come to BAG every week?
2. Can you name a significant or special piece of art you've made here?
3. Can you recall a particularly memorable Tuesday over the last three years?

Lady A - Lived here permanently 18-20 yrs

1. I come for the company and to connect with people in the community so I don't feel isolated
2. No
3. Seeing everyone doing something stimulates your own creativity to do something

Wanna B - Lived here 4 years

1. Friendship, relax, share ideas
2. My first mosaic project
3. Getting down and dirty with clay

Scissor Sister - lived here a decade

1. The foods, to create and talk
2. Clay making learning coil bowls, relaxing, tactile and would love to give it another go with an experienced potter who's a good passer of knowledge like Peter Potter
3. Making honey wax wrappers. The smell and all the bees wanting to get inside

Bridge Builder - Lived here baker's dozen years

1. The fellowship of like minded women
2. Mosaic number tiles
3. Every time I come!

Play Farmer - 3 years

1. The foods and people
2. Exploring fluid art: didn't finish anything and didn't really nail it but loved playing
3. We had a NZ potter friend come two Tuesdays in a row and teach us pottery skills

The Saxton

1. The camaraderie and learning new techniques
2. No
3. They're all memorable

Pasifika Princess - 18 months in D'ville

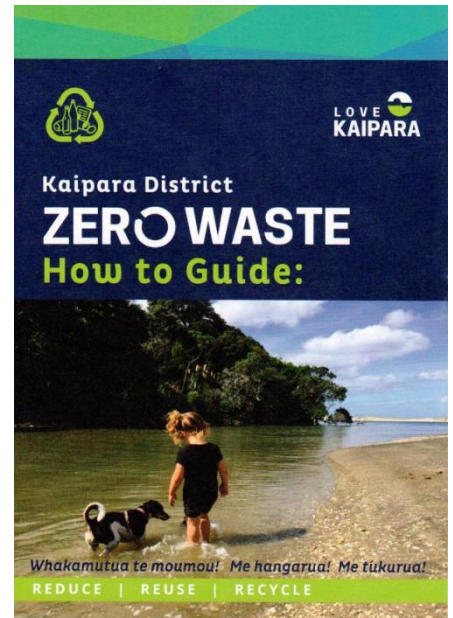
1. Being part of a group of other women with similar interests. Becoming part of the community, a sense of belonging and well being. It motivates me to complete art/craft projects
2. Teapot dangles, silverware wind chimes, zentangling
3. Xmas feasts

Once the Baylys Beach Community Centre is completed BAG Ladies is hoping to relocate, potentially grow our numbers and expand what we might do. Can't wait for that!!

Kia Ora Baylys Beach People

Sent out with this Baylys Happ's edition you will find the 2019 "Kaipara District Zero Waste" recycling and waste minimisation guide. Here's some tips for how to use it:

- Have a good read
- Check out the recycling services beyond our district
- Get inspired
- Share the info inside with family & friends, so we're on the same page
- Keep it on the fridge!
- Appreciate the people who try hard to reduce what goes in the blue bag!



With Christmas around the corner, here's some tips for having a zero waste festive season:

- Give memories
- Give your time & Skills
- Upcycle
- Buy secondhand
- Make crafts and bake treats
- Search antique shops

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Arohatia ko Kaipara: Whakamutua te mōumou! Me hangarua! Me tukurua!

Love Kaipara, Reduce Reuse Recycle

Tool Library at Baylys Beach

Are you interested in the formation of a Tool Library?



The concept is that tools would be loaned in exchange for a bond which would be fully refundable as long as the item is returned in the same condition it was loaned. This idea has come about by a generous Resident willing to loan out some of his tools to others within the Baylys Beach Community.

To register your interest, contact Rick Groves Phone: **09 972 8481, 021 814 066**



For me Art is about discovery and celebration. To create something that previously never existed makes you feel really good.

For anyone who has spent time along Ripiro Beach will know what an inspirational place it is. No two days are ever the same. From those gusty westerly winds, sunbaked sands, to crashing waves and crazy sandstone formations, this place never ceases to amaze and inspire.

I make my art several ways. I often take photographs as an initial starting point and then begin painting in my studio. However, I recently have been enjoying plein aire painting. This is painting outside with an easel at a chosen site.

View more of Sean's work by visiting www.newzealandpainter.co.nz or to visit his Baylys Beach Studio - contact him direct: mcdonnellpainter@gmail.com.

Community Playground Update



This year has seen a lot of opportunities for the public to express their view of “Yes” or “No” to a potential community playground at Baylys Beach.

These included a survey in Baylys Happ's last year, many opportunities throughout the year to complete a paper survey (including several public meetings, AGM, Sharky's displays and surveys, Pot Luck dinner, online Facebook poll). The students from all local schools on the two Baylys school buses were also surveyed with a categoric unanimous “YES”... no surprises there! The surveys also asked what equipment people would like and there is certainly a common thread through the results: swings, slide, flying fox, spinning things, monkey bars to name a few of the public wish list. BBS submitted a detailed funding application to Kaipara District Council (KDC) in September 2019 targeting the Reserves Contribution Funding round. The successful recipients will be announced mid December. BBS will put the KDC decision on our Facebook pages to let you know the outcome.

We give a whakawhetai nui/big thanks to all those who participated and sent in suggestions for the proposed playground at Baylys Beach.

All surveys returned went into a prize draw.

Marquis Stott (pictured), from Dargaville Primary School, Baylys Beach bus run, was the lucky winner.





Since November 2018 BBS has been renegotiating and clarifying the maintenance contract we have with Kaipara District Council (KDC). With so many new health and safety changes being implemented by NZ councils regarding 'Contractors' voluntary or not, this remains an ongoing and at times, frustrating process. This situation is not ideal. BBS is aware the repairs needed have fallen behind. Until the contract is finalised, due to liability, we are unable to do more than basic maintenance including weedeating and/or scrub cutting.

BBS has secured an increase in the annual payment for services from KDC to cover new and increased costs such as liability insurances BBS is now required to have. The ongoing negotiations are to clarify exactly what BBS can do independently, and what work now requires KDC notification for inspection and approval.

The track is an amazing resource, well utilised and enjoyed by many. BBS with the help of community volunteers remain committed to continuing to maintain, repair, and improve the experiences this walk offers for everyone. With entrances from Cynthia Place, Coates Avenue and Ocean View Reserve this walk offers spectacular views of Baylys Beach while giving exercise as you traverse the undulating track.

A survey of the track has been conducted to identify items that would improve the experience of walking the track. These range from steps at the Ocean View Reserve entrance to improving the steps at the Cynthia Place entrance together with signage. It is hoped to implement these improvements over summer.

Please be cautious walking close to the cliff edges as in places they are undercut. KDC is currently taking advice on whether existing 'dangerous cliffs' sign/s are adequate, or whether some other form of safety awareness may be required.

Please note you are welcome to walk your dog on this track, but as per KDC Bylaw they must be on a lead, and owners must clean up doggy-doo.

Dog owners

Dogs make great companions when taken care of, socialised and trained adequately.

Please be mindful of others in the community:

Walk your dog on a lead

Pick up your doggy-doo

Secure your dog on your property behind fences

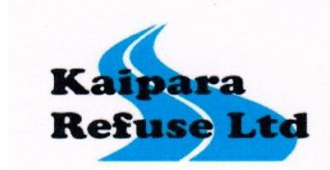
Avoid leaving dogs home unattended to continually bark causing disturbance



111	In an Emergency for Police, Fire, Ambulance, Search and Rescue
105	If you need to report a crime which has already happened, like a burglary or property damage and there is no threat
0800 555 111	Crimestoppers - report anonymously
0800 504 639	Environmental Hotline 24/7 (Northland Regional Council) Report all pollution and environmental incidents including oil or chemical spills, water pollution, dangerous boating, and navigation hazards and breakdown of navigation lights
0800 362 468 0800 DOC HOT	Department of Conservation emergency hotline Report sick, injured or dead wildlife 1–2 animals Whale or dolphin strandings Illegal whitebaiting, vandalism of huts and tracks, removal of plants from reserves, killing or catching native wildlife, fishing in marine reserves, disturbing marine mammals. Report conservation emergencies, damaged and/or unsafe visitor facilities.
0800 80 99 66	Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) pest and disease hotline Sick, injured or dead wildlife 3 or more animals
0800 47 62 24 0800 4POACHER	Phone as soon as possible when you suspect toheroa poaching
0800 842 846	Victim Support
0800 456 450	Are You OK - Family violence helpline
0800 787 797	Alcohol and drug helpline
0800 543 354 0800 LIFELINE 4357	Mental Health – call or text a trained counsellor Relationship / work problems, grief, abuse, bullying, loneliness, suicide Lifeline Text
0508 828 865 0508 TAUTOKO	Suicide Crisis Helpline
1737 0800 111 757	Mental Health - call or text Depression Helpline
0800 611 116	Healthline - advice from a medical professional
0800 787 254	Rural support trust
0800 376 633	Youthline - or free text 234
0800 725 463	Seniorline - advice for older people
0800 836 262	Tenancy services
www.newcomers.co.nz	For new settlers including migrants and refugees

Monday mornings - not before 7am - Blue rubbish bags to be put out on curbside
 Tuesday mornings - Yellow recycling bags to be put out on curbside

Dargaville Refuse Station - **199 Awakino Road Dargaville.**



Monday - CLOSED. Closed All Public Holidays
 Tuesday to Friday – 9am to 4pm
 Saturday and Sunday - 10am to 4pm
 Phone: **09 439 0425**

Local services/trades

Accommodation

Baylys Beach Holiday Park
 Sunset View Lodge
 Air B n B / Book a Bach / Holiday Homes websites

Food/Meals

Sharky's Takeaway and Dairy
 Kaipara Honey

Services

Andrewes Building and Consulting Limited
 Celebrant Josie Scott
 Creative Arts Therapist and Councillor Josie Scott
 Norwest Building and Maintenance
 Tree Services Nick Christiansen
 Ricks Panel and Paint

Recreation

Northern Wairoa Golf Club
 Kenya Safaris Robyn Preston
 Baylys Beach Tours to Pouto Lighthouse
 Baylys Beach Horse Treks

Dargaville

Dargaville Medical Centre
 Dargaville Police Station
 Unichem Pharmacy
 Kauri Coast Community Pool
 Skate Park
 Anzac Theatre
 Growers Market
 Dargaville Museum – Te Whare Taonga o Tunatahi



Events in Dargaville 2020

Northland Field Days - 5 - 7 March
 Kaipara Truck Show - March
 NW Boating Club Regatta and Seagull Race – 28 March
 Wearable Arts - September