



*BREAM BAY  
NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2026*

This Newsletter is brought to you courtesy of Bream Bay Realty Ltd at Ruakaka Town Centre (since 2000)

***Thank you to our Sponsors***

**BREAM BAY REAL ESTATE FOR PRINTING OUR NEWSLETTER  
LOTTERY GRANTS FOR HELPING WITH OUR LEASE COSTS**



**BREAM BAY REALTY LIMITED (LICENSED: REAA 2008)**

Shop 11 | Town Centre | Ruakaka 0116 | NZ  
PH: 09 433-0300 | [bbrealty.co.nz](http://bbrealty.co.nz)  
[info@bbrealty.co.nz](mailto:info@bbrealty.co.nz)

**TIMELESS FRONT ROW CHARM**

This rare waterfront residence presents an exceptional opportunity to secure a true front-row position at One Tree Point.

Set on a freehold 918 sqm (more or less), the property enjoys special views of Whangarei Harbour & an increasingly scarce sense of space & privacy this close to the sand.

Step outside in the mornings with a coffee in the hand or evenings with a wine. Outdoors is a wonderous wonderland with a covered deck & outdoor fireplace, creates seamless indoor-outdoor flow, ideal for year-round entertaining as ocean breezes & sunsets set the scene.

The home celebrates its character with a warmth that modern builds often can't replicate. A refined contemporary colour palette enhances the timber floors, while the kitchen, & walk in pantry - forms the natural hub for everyday living & entertaining.

The residence is completed by three well-proportioned bedrooms & a family bathroom, offering comfortable & practical living.

While the main bedroom has an ensuite & steps outside to the expansive deck.

Accommodation is generous & flexible, with this thoughtful layout to suit extended family living, hosting guests, or exploring the potential of a premium Air BnB retreat, with plenty of scope on the lower level which consists of a separate toilet, a large rumpus room, storage area & the original garage.

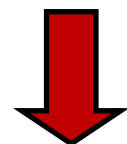
The property provides ample space for boats, campers, pets, & children, a rare luxury in this tightly held waterfront pocket.

A Cherished property with flourishing easy-care gardens & a separate double garage, now ready for its next chapter - opportunities like this are few & far between.



**SET DATE SALE - Closes 7th May 2026 (unless sold prior)**  
[bbrealty.co.nz](http://bbrealty.co.nz) #4286

**FIONA SOUTHORN MNZM**  
Ph 021 317 775  
Email: [fiona@bbrealty.co.nz](mailto:fiona@bbrealty.co.nz)



**THE NEXT SATURDAY'S LUNCH**

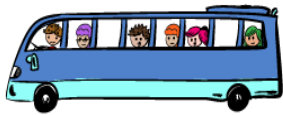
Saturday, 16th May 2026 at 12 noon at Harbour Keys  
159 One Tree Point Rd, One Tree Point  
Ring or TXT Robbie on **027 246 2026**  
by **Wednesday 13th May** to book



**Subs are due NOW for 2026/27**  
**\$20 per person**

Please pay on-line, reference 'Subs' or bring cash to the next Meeting.

## UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS



### May Trip — to Whangarei Flying Club.

Friday, 8 May 2026 & Possibly the next Friday, 15th May, if there is enough interest.

This trip is by car pooling. If you require or can provide transport, please contact Lois.

This trip is full, but you can put your name on the wait list, and/or on the list for Friday, 15 May.

**Cost:** Please pay \$10 for each passenger to give to their driver to cover fuel costs.

A detailed email was sent out on Friday, 17 April.

Lois will contact each person going with the departure time.

**Lunch** (at your cost) will be after, somewhere in down town Whangarei.

**Contact** Lois on 021 161 0493 or email [2loisrob@gmail.com](mailto:2loisrob@gmail.com) to visit and/or do the trial flight.

**A visit to the local marae** in either June or July is on the cards. Confirmation & details to follow.

### Please Note: FOR ALL BUS TRIPS!

Be at your pick up point **10 minutes** before bus leaves. Bring some change for raffles on the bus. Please **wear your name badges** on all bus trips.

#### PAYING FOR YOUR BUS TRIPS ON-LINE?

If so, either PHONE or EMAIL Lois to advise of this, or your seat may be taken

**Any queries on trips, contact Lois Robertson:**

Phone 021 1610493, Email [2loisrob@gmail.com](mailto:2loisrob@gmail.com)

### PARKING FOR BUS TRIPS

All members, please park on the opposite side of the Early Childhood Centre facing the open land.

**DO NOT** park in front of the hairdressers, barbers or in the library parking area.

PUT CORRECT MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME & WHICH TRIP ON THE FRONT, OR PAY INTO

**Westpac Bank account:-**

**60s UP BREAM BAY - 03 0498 0543749 00**

Put your **NAME & TRIP** on the transaction

### REFUNDS FOR BUS TRIPS

All refunds for bus trips will be on-line only  
**NO CASH REFUNDS**

## BRANCH MEETINGS ARE ON THE FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

### NEXT BRANCH MEETING

Friday, 22nd May 2026 @ 10.00am

**Help needed at 9.15am to set up tables & chairs.**

**10.00am:** Cuppa & chat. Indoor Bowls. Board & Card Games to suit all ages & interests.

**12.00 noon:** Please bring a plate for a shared lunch & afternoon tea. There will be **CAKE!**

**12.30pm:** Produce table open. Donations of produce baking, etc, gratefully received.

**1:00pm:** **AGM** Meeting starts.

**No Speaker** this month as it is our AGM.

**2:30pm:** Draw raffles & Membership prize

**Member draw** for April: Mata Goodwin.

**If you are at the meeting in the month of your birthday - you will receive a \$1 scratchy card.**

**Suggestion Box** - Remember to put your ideas into the Suggestion Box.

### MEET OUR FINE FROG

He will fine you 50c if you forget Your Name Badge



### *Indoor Bowls at the Rec Centre, Peter Snell Rd*

Wednesdays, at 1.00pm, \$2 each. We would love our past bowlers to come back!!

**All enquiries for Indoor Bowls or Petanque, call Sue Smith**

*Our next Club day,*

*Friday 22 May is also our AGM*

**AND it's our 28th BIRTHDAY!!**



**We need more new committee members!!**

**Please bring a plate for a shared lunch**

**And . . . We will have CAKE**

### *Health Conditions & Emergency Contact Details*

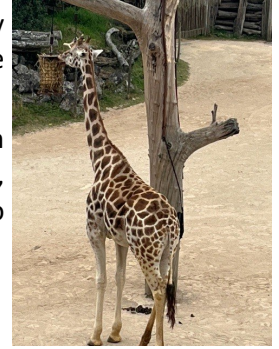
On the back of your name badges, please **write your** Emergency Contact details, name & contact phone number. Also, write down if you have any health conditions/issues, eg diabetic, heart or respiratory.

## Zoo Trip—Friday, 13 March 2026

Twenty eight members travelled to the zoo. We left on a grey day, had a light shower on the way down, but warm, dry weather for the rest of the time. We divided into groups, & then explored the five regional areas (NZ, Africa, Australia, Asia & South America).

Some had not been to the zoo in years & found it unrecognisable. The animals are now free to roam in large spaces, no longer being confined to small cages. We saw giraffes, rhinos, lions, zebras, monkeys, crocodiles & many more. Even if there had been no animals, the environment was very pleasant to walk through.

The new cafe provided much needed rest & refreshment. A good day enjoyed by all.



*Review by Lois Robertson*



## Waipu Glow Worm Caves Trip - Friday, 10 April 2026

Great to see so many glowing faces at the library. Lois soon had us sorted into the vehicles that transported members to the caves. We were a bit early, so some of us had a drink & snack from the shop, while we waited till 11.15am, then our Tour Guide introduced himself & explained what we would see & do. First, 150 metre walk to the entrance, stopping half way to explain about the lime stone age & how it was formed.

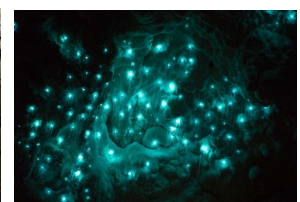
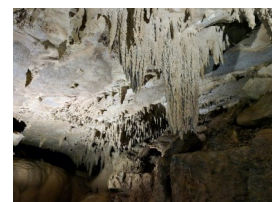
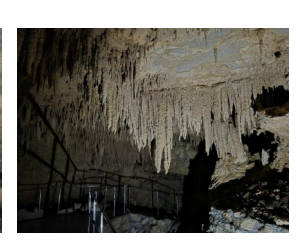
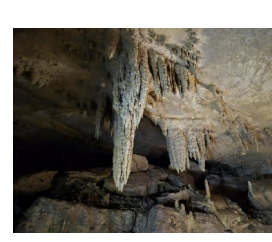
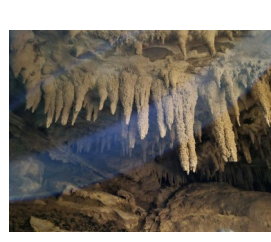
We stopped at the entrance, more history & what to do once inside. We were all issued with torches for safety etc, then down into the bowels of the cave, no bats, no vampires, no mosquitoes, lovely air & running waters at a steady pace. We got to the first cave & admired the stalactites & stalagmites. Noticing some glow worms & thread they catch food. Interestingly, the young feed on some of the eggs that haven't hatched & the dead mothers.

After about 10 minutes rest, we proceeded further underground to the end of the public tour. Our guide let us take pictures on our phones without the flashes. We were down below for about 45 minutes. After a short rest, it was time to walk back. At the cave entrance, Jeannette thanked the tour guide for a lovely experience & for taking care of us. A few of us were ready for lunch. So Lois was thanked for organising such a great event.

We then split up into our various vehicles. Some went to the Golf Club & some went to the Pizza Barn in Waipu for lunch.

Nice to see some new members & everyone enjoyed their day out. Well done, Lois!

*Review by Jeff Goodwin*



## Notice of Annual General Meeting – Friday 22 May 2026

We need all members to consider joining the Committee. Without an effective Committee, our Branch cannot continue its operations. Your involvement is vital to our ongoing success.

All positions on the Committee are open for nomination, including the roles of President, Secretary, Treasurer, & general Committee members.

At present, we have five Committee members, which include the President, Secretary, & Treasurer. We would ideally want at least five additional Committee members, to spread the workload & ensure the smooth running of the club.



## Let's have a laugh



### The adventures of Deb and Barb.

So, what kind of trouble should we get into this week Barb?

It don't matter to me Deb, as long as there's a bathroom close by.



## Farewell

Well, this is me, now signing off from doing this newsletter. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the 60s Up Team over the last 4 years. In particular, thank you Joy for your support & advice in this task. It was a pleasure doing this job, but now I'm handing over the reins.

I will see you all at the AGM, future meetings & trips.

*Best wishes everyone, Alanah*

## Your Committee

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| PRESIDENT                     | Sue Forsyth<br>021 208 5956   |
| VICE PRESIDENT                | ???   |
| NATIONAL COMMITTEE            |   |
| MEMBER & SECRETARY            | Joy Butterworth<br>021 491 887  |
| TREASURER &<br>Subs Treasurer | Sue Smith<br>021 850 286  |
| ENTERTAINMENT &<br>SPEAKERS   | Sue Forsyth<br>021 208 5956   |
| COMMITTEE                     | Sheryn Wilson<br>021 163 8890<br>Heather McInnes<br>021 919 901<br>Jeff Goodwin<br>027 883 8781 |
| POST MAIL TO                  | Joy Butterworth<br>46 Ocean View Rise,<br>Ruakaka 0116  |

## Thank you to NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Trips Co-ordinator             | Lois Robertson, 021 161 0493<br>Email: <a href="mailto:2loisrob@gmail.com">2loisrob@gmail.com</a> |
| Welfare officer:               | Jeannette Kerr, 021 762 048   |
| Raffles:                       | Beryl McWilliams  |
| Newsletter<br>Distributors:    | Pauline Carter & Mata Goodwin   |
| Donation table:                | Robbie Jones, 027 246 2026  |
| Saturday Lunch<br>Co-ordinator | Robbie Jones, 027 246 2026  |
| Newsletter editor:             | To be advised.  |
| Kitchen:                       | Joe & Sue Beer  |

**THANK YOU TO MURRAY & JEFF who COME EARLY & SET UP THE TABLES & CHAIRS.**

## Bream Bay 60s Up Email & Bank Account Details

Our email is: [breambay60sup@gmail.com](mailto:breambay60sup@gmail.com)

Bank details: **Westpac**,

Account: 60s Up Bream Bay

**03 0498 0543 749 00** (general sub a/c)

**Do you know** of any member who is sick or bereaved? If so, please let **Jeannette Kerr** know  
Phone: 021 762 048

## Over 70 years & live in the WHANGAREI district?

You can apply at the Ruakaka Council Office for a car sticker for a parking exemption on metered parking spaces in Whangarei.

Just show your Driver's License & car registration.