



Kia ora koutou katoa,

Warm greetings from your Executive Committee.

It's been an eventful few months on the Coast. Some of you may have been busy with your winter planting. Maybe you enjoyed some of the Northern Festival activities.

We've been busy with our community survey and putting the final touches to our new website development. We are also planning for our AGM.

Here is an update on these and other activities.

- **Community Survey**

We have now completed the collection phase of our community survey. This has included a range of key informant interviews, community focus-groups, and a wider general survey available online and in paper copy versions.

The response has been heart warming. We are extremely grateful to the people who have given their time, wisdom and experience to contribute to the survey. Well over 600 people have completed the general survey. With these responses, and the in-depth discussions with key informants and focus groups we have a robust sample, and are confident that we will be guided by the results.

Our research team are now busy collating and analysing all the information gathered and writing the survey report.

We are arranging a number of opportunities for sharing the results of the survey. The first of these will be an agency/service forum on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Our members and the wider community are invited to attend a presentation following our AGM on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

- **Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM will be held at **1.30pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the Ngunguru Hall, Ngunguru. Registration from 1.00pm.**

As well as receiving annual reports from the Executive Committee and electing your representatives there will be presentation and discussion on the results of our community survey.

If you wish to be part of the voting aspects of the AGM you will need to be a financial member.

We look forward to seeing you there.

We will keep you posted regarding any potential changes due to COVID-19 Alert Levels.

- **Membership reminder**

If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your membership.

If you haven't previously been a member, please consider joining the Association. Please remember that we are only as strong as our membership. Our membership fee is just \$5-00 per year. Anyone who has been resident in the community for more than three months is eligible to join and you can pay on-line. Current members will have received invoices within the past few days.

For membership information and payment options please e-mail the Treasurer, Lester Sherman at [lester.r.sherman@gmail.com](mailto:lester.r.sherman@gmail.com).

- **Our new website**

We're about to launch our new website and Facebook page. This will provide

- Platforms for the community to learn about the Association, its projects and its activities,
- Opportunities to get involved in community initiatives,
- News and updates on issues of local relevance, and
- Enable you to make connections with others on the Coast through a community directory and event calendar

We'll send a special update to you once the website 'goes live'.

- **Other new initiatives**

We are also planning to introduce two new initiatives to support the Association's engagement with the community.

We were very pleased with the response to the **focus groups** that formed part of the community research work and would like to grow this concept as a key component of our ongoing operation.

We hope to establish a number of focus groups, including groups for young people, parents with young families, Māori residents, business, environment, and seniors. We will seek specific feedback from these groups, and they too can provide advice and ideas to the Executive Committee to ensure we understand their needs and perspectives.

We will also be establishing a **Community Forum** that will be held prior to an Executive Committee meeting on a regular basis. This will allow a specific time for community members to raise an issue or present a proposal to the Executive Committee.

Those wishing to participate should contact the secretary to provide some background and discuss timing and presentation requirements.

- **Mahinga Kai/Community Garden**

Great things are growing at Ngunguru Mahinga Kai. The covered raised gardens have arrived and have been put together by our trusty volunteers, including Damian from "Damcrafted" and Darren from "Bach it". Big thanks!

We're now waiting patiently for spring to arrive so that we can get planting. If you'd like to start raising some seedlings for us that would be fab!

Feel free to join us at the gardens on Monday mornings which is our regular volunteer time. There is always weeding, mowing and chatting to do and there is usually a project on the go.

Any queries please contact Melissa at [ngungurumahingakai@gmail.com](mailto:ngungurumahingakai@gmail.com)

- **Neighbourhood Support**

There is now a high-resolution camera installed near the intersection of Tutukaka Block Road and Whangaumu Street at Wellingtons Bay. This monitors the entry to Lawson Drive and to the beach precinct with a prominent sign advising that the area is under 24hr surveillance. Number plates can be read (including at night) on any approaching and departing vehicles, including those vehicles that turn into Lawson Drive. The NZ Police will be provided with footage following any and all incidents.

- **Puke Kopipi.**

Please see <https://www.facebook.com/RestorePukeKopipi/> for the latest information on the restoration of our local landmark.

- **Ngunguru Skatepark**

The Ngunguru Skatepark Management Group (NSMG) has now received funding from the Oxford Sports Trust for the installation of a bench and two picnic tables (supplied by WDC at no charge) adjacent to the skate park at the Sports Complex. These will be installed before summer. Additional funding is being sought for the erection of a shade sail over the area where the benches will be installed.

The group has some exciting plans under consideration for providing additional facilities where juniors can practice their moves without running the risk of collisions with the pre-teens, teens and post-teens!

The Tutukaka Lions Club has been instrumental in supporting the skate-park development over the years and our Association is now acting as the umbrella organisation through which the NSMG can access funding for its projects until it is in a position to formalise itself as a legal entity.

Please see <https://www.facebook.com/Ngunguru-Skatepark-354778722236488/> for upcoming events.

- **Tutukaka Marina**

If you have any queries or concerns regarding TMMT's activities, please communicate them, in the first instance to Dylan Lease at [dylan@tutukaka.co.nz](mailto:dylan@tutukaka.co.nz), or to Lester Sherman at [lester.r.sherman@gmail.com](mailto:lester.r.sherman@gmail.com).

- **Update from Cr Amy McDonald - Northland Regional Council**

Floods, fires, heatwaves! The news headlines in recent weeks have had it all! We've been hearing about it from the scientists for a long time, but now it's all feeling pretty real. I've got three young kids so the projections for our world in 2050, and beyond, have me extremely motivated for climate action.

Climate change is a key focus of my work at Council, I lead our Climate Change working party and the regional climate change adaptation committee (all Northland councils with Tangata Whenua representatives). It's a

massive area of work - our society and our economy need to transform and this decade is crucial for us to make progress. As a first small step I'm super proud that NRC have committed to real climate action with dedicated staff, budget and work plans. You can check out our freshly released strategy and implementation plans on the website: <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/resource-library-summary/plans-and-policies/climate-change/nga-taumata-o-te-moana-our-strategy-for-tackling-climate-change/>. And there's also a page with simple actions for you: <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/environment/climate-change/>

Right now NRC is doing a representation review, preparing for the next elections in 2022. The review looks at the numbers of councillors, the areas they represent, and how the new Māori constituencies will work. There's a proposal and we're keen to hear feedback from you, so please have a read and let us know what you think in a submission by the 10<sup>th</sup> September. There's lots of information on the NRC website, and link to the submission form: <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/your-council/about-us/council-projects/representation-review-2021/>.

I've got just over one year to go as your representative on the NRC, so if you want to discuss an environmental issue or project, or to share your perspective on things, please do get in touch – [amym@nrc.govt.nz](mailto:amym@nrc.govt.nz).

Councillor Amy Macdonald

Northland Regional Council

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- **Update from Cr Anna Murphy – Whangarei District Council**

- **Long Term Plan:**

Last month we adopted our Long Term Plan 2021-2031, which is the result of over 18 months of work, thank you to everyone who made a submission, we did make lots of amendments because of your feedback. It's a massive plan and includes improved funding for what we as a council identified as priorities - transport, housing, revitalising the city centre, and sustainability including waste minimisation and responding to climate change. We will be coming back to you again in a few months with some amendments to the plan because of the proposed Oruku Events Centre development on Riverside in town, and also changes to the transportation budgets due to a reduction in the NZTA subsidy which will affect some planned projects.

- **At Council:**

This month at council we are hearing submissions on our Representation Review.

Continuing work on the review of our Animal Management bylaw, housing strategy, Three Waters reform, draft climate adaptation strategy

Consultation is open on our Trade Waste bylaw - have your say, open until October 11.

Feedback is open on the Draft Hikurangi and Tikipunga place-making plans.

Community grant funding is available, including our new Waste Minimisation Fund! (Several of the funding rounds close September 1)

- **Big changes on the horizon:**

Local government is waiting to see what impact several major proposed reforms driven by central government will have on our structure and responsibilities. These include changes in the management of the Three Waters - drinking water, wastewater and stormwater; reform to the Resource Management Act, through the creation of three new acts, the Natural and Built Environment Act, The Strategic Planning Act, and the Climate Change Adaptation Act; and change to the structure of councils themselves – i.e. the number and form of territorial authorities.

It's always interesting on council!  
Nga mihi  
Cr Anna Murphy

- **Northern Lights Festival (Contribution by Jo Roberts)**

The Premier Northern Lights Festival was a huge success for all who were involved. We were incredibly pleased with how the entire Tutukaka Coast community received the event with open arms and a great amount of support. Locals have excitedly been asking if the festival will happen again and we are pleased to say a big YES!

The Northern Lights Festival ran from 1st-11th July this year to co-align with Matariki. The festival was opened with a powhiri at our local Ngunguru Marae and closed with a celebration at Wahi. During the festival there were many events including Night SUP, Glow Yoga, Silent Disco, Underwater by VR, Mysteries of the Mangroves, an interactive Fire Show and more! This festival was made possible because of the fantastic support from our local community that really banded together for this event.

Many homeowners dressed their houses in lights and our local artists created light masterpieces including Shane Hansen, Mark Wallis (a.k.a. DJ Poppa Soul), Paul Harris, Arijan Verweii and more. On the team we had plenty of local mentors as well as a strong team of volunteers who were there at our every call. Everything just seemed to fall in place, when there was a need, the right person would come along. Once momentum started spreading and word got around about the festival we had many people interested in helping out.

*“Working with other local people, artists, collaborators and supporters to plan, create and realise a unique experience that was uplifting and restorative.”*

*“This festival has enabled the wider community to see, experience and acknowledge the creative talents and potential of the coastal communities we live in. This year we have created some momentum and a new launching pad for others to work together and contribute for future events that help build resilient, safe and strong communities.”*

A huge thanks to our key sponsors at Whangarei District Council and local sponsors Robinsons Asphalts, Think Trees, Matapouri Bay Store, ACER Property Services, Ngunguru School, Wild About Theatre, Clements Contractors, Fulton Hogan, RHJ Builders, Dempsey Wood, Coastal Accounting, Sunshine Homes, TC systems, Yendell Electrical, Tutukaka Marina Trust, Siren Design & Media and Creative Northland. We had tonnes of prize sponsors also and many locals pitching in to help. A huge thank you to all! See you next year :)





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• **Your committee members:**

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**How to contact and engage with us:**

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**Association meetings** – These are held at 7.00pm every second Monday of the month at the Tutukaka Marina Office. The next meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

If you wish to attend meetings and/or raise an issue with the Executive Committee, please contact the secretary in the first instance.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with others who you feel might be interested.

Until next time we wish you well. We are keen to serve this community's best interests so are happy to receive any feedback you have.

Ngā mihi nui

Executive Committee