

Working

for a thriving Northland

Te Taitokerau, ka whai hua



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Northland
REGIONAL COUNCIL



Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Te Taitokerau

Your rates

at work

Ki hea āu reiti whakapaua ai



We recently asked for your feedback right across our region as part of a month-long consultation period on our 10-year plan for Northland.

Our 10-year plan will continue to work towards a thriving natural environment, building resilient communities, and more chances to fulfil our region's potential.

Like all councils, we do a Long Term Plan every three years. We look at where we are now, where we all want to be in 10 years' time and how we'll get there. Council will carefully consider all the feedback we received, and the final plan will be adopted in June.

Thanks for having your say - your feedback ensures we do the right thing with your rates to help Northland thrive.

Litter traps

stop rubbish

Kohi parapara



To determine how much plastic and other litter is reaching Taitokerau rivers and estuaries annually, we're working with NorthTec, Northland District Health Board, Whitebait Connection and the region's three district councils to install 'LittaTraps'.

The devices are simple, cost-effective nets that fit inside stormwater grates, trapping plastic and other litter that would otherwise be carried by stormwater straight to the sea. As part of the study, 50 traps have been installed around Northland to capture a variety of different land uses, including playgrounds, carparks, and fast food premises.

The traps are audited every three months to estimate how much plastic finds its way into the sea.

Civil Defence

emergency management

Whakamarumaru



The recent tsunami evacuation saw Northlanders pull together to keep ourselves and our communities safe. The Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group manages the emergency response for occasions such as tsunami evacuations, COVID-19 alert levels, and flooding. Northland Regional Council and the region's district councils are members of this group, alongside emergency services and other agencies. The Civil Defence and hazard management rate helps fund Civil Defence - providing you with information and resources to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergency events, and promotes emergency management throughout Northland.

Your rates help make sure Civil Defence has us covered in cases of emergency.

Recognising excellence in business

Te Taitokerau Māori Business Awards



Northland Regional Council sponsors the 'Excellence in Environmental Awareness and Management' category of the Te Taitokerau Māori Business Awards.

This year the award was presented to a Kerikeri business with a 'sustainable future and awareness of its environmental footprint'. Roof BOI Ltd specialises in bespoke, high-end residential, industrial and commercial roofing and one of their big environmental efforts has been to become 'paperless' by using on-site apps.

Your rates help us to acknowledge the important mahi happening within Taitokerau's Māori business community.

Educating

our future

Nā te kukune, te pupuke

The EnviroSchools Project Pest Control courses provide opportunities for students, including educational qualifications, (NCEA credits) and career pathways into the pest control industry. Kaipara secondary schools joined the Kai Iwi Lakes course in March, with Whangārei and Far North training to begin in June/July.

Students learn about the biology and impact of animal pests, how to trap and kill them humanely using trapline, and skin possums and pluck fur.

The EnviroSchools WaiRestoration project gives students insight into our relationship with fresh water and how past and present practices affect the mauri of waterways. One WaiRestoration component is WaiFencing - with 75 students recently learning how to build fences to keep stock away from waterways on Donagh farm in Whangārei. A similar course will take place on the Karikari Peninsula.

It's your rates that help make our EnviroSchools mahi happen!

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