

WORKING FOR A THRIVING TE TAITOKERAU

Te Taitokerau, Ka Whai Hua Tātou



NATURAL HAZARDS PORTAL LAUNCHED

The real-world effects of natural hazards are constantly evolving and becoming increasingly dangerous. Recent flooding in Te Taitokerau has highlighted the need for people to be aware of the types of hazards that have the potential to effect them and their properties in the future.

To help, we've launched a new online Natural Hazards Portal on the NRC website, focussing on projections and data around natural hazards and the risks they pose here in Te Taitokerau. People now have the ability to see the hazards, and how they affect specific locations and places throughout the region. The various maps show projections of areas that may be prone to coastal erosion and coastal flooding over 50 and 100-year timeframes.

Climate change, rising sea-levels, increasingly frequent and intense storm systems, coastal erosion, and severe flooding events are all examples of natural hazards that pose a risk in Te Taitokerau.

Visit www.nrc.govt.nz/hazardsportal



FRESHWATER IN TE TAITOKERAU

The government's set a new national direction for how we must all look after freshwater. It's designed to restore the health of waterways within a generation.

As a council, we must implement the government's plans and as a result we're preparing a new Freshwater Plan for Te Taitokerau. It's basically a set of new targets, policies and rules which will enable us to improve the health of freshwater and a draft of the plan will be ready mid-2023.



...ABOUT WHAT VALUES NORTHLANDERS HOLD FOR FRESHWATER AND WHAT PEOPLE THINK IS IMPACTING THOSE VALUES.

You can use our online mapping tool to tell us what you think needs to be done differently to improve fresh water in specific locations. This is also a really great place to find out more up-to-date detail about everything to do with freshwater in Te Taitokerau.

SAFESWIM

CAN I SWIM HERE?

We've changed the way we deliver water quality results at popular summer beach and freshwater swim spots by swapping to the online Safeswim system.

It means water quality will now be updated in real-time modelling giving you more accurate information about where it's safe to swim, and when. Safeswim provides information on tides, physical hazards and lifeguard patrols providing a 'one-stop shop' for users to make informed decisions on where to swim before they head off.

DOES YOUR FAVOURITE SWIMMING SPOT HAVE A GREEN, RED OR BLACK DROPLET, CHECK HOW SAFE IT IS, FIND OUT AT WWW.SAFESWIM.ORG.NZ



YOUR RATES

AT WORK

Council services rate funds activities including planning, consents and monitoring; governance and engagement; economic development; customer services, transport, harbour safety and oil pollution control; corporate services and other activities.

LAND AND FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT

Funds land management activities and activities to improve freshwater quality in local waterways, like erosion control, landowner advice, water quality monitoring and water allocation.

PEST MANAGEMENT

Funds pest plant and animal management activities on land and in the water and supports community-led pest control projects.

FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE

Funds development of flood protection infrastructure and other minor river works.

EMERGENCY AND HAZARD MANAGEMENT

Funds Civil Defence emergency management, natural hazard management activities and climate change adaptation planning activities.

REGIONAL SPORTING FACILITIES

Contributes towards development of sporting facilities of regional benefit.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Provides funding for organisations whose primary purpose is to save lives that are in immediate or critical danger, or to respond to serious injury.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Funds activities which support economic wellbeing in Northland and community infrastructure.

RESIDENTS SURVEY

Share your views about the work we do, what's important to you and how we can do better.

Take our survey nrc.govt.nz/residentssurvey



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NEW CHAIR AND DEPUTY



NRC Chair
Tui Shortland



NRC Deputy Chair
Jack Crow

Bay of Islands based councillor Tui Shortland has been elected as the new Chair of Northland Regional Council for the next three years.

Unlike district councils, whose mayors are elected by the public, the regional council's equivalent – its chair – is voted in by fellow councillors. Tui Shortland (Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Wai, Te Rarawa) is one of two councillors elected to the council's new regionwide Māori constituency Te Raki – the other being Peter-Lucas Jones (Te Aupōuri, Ngāi Takoto, Te Rarawa and Ngāti Kahu).

Whangārei Central constituency representative Jack Crow, a second term councillor was elected as the council's Deputy Chair. All nine councillors were officially sworn into office in Whangārei, in late October.