

WORKING FOR A THRIVING TE TAITOKERAU

Te Taitokerau, Ka Whai Hua Tātou



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Northland
REGIONAL COUNCIL 
Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Te Taitokerau



ANNUAL PLAN ALL GO

Kua whakaaetia te Mahere ā Tau

Northland Regional Council rates will rise 10.48%, or on average \$45.95 a year – under the council's newly adopted Annual Plan 2023/24.

Our councillors were acutely aware of the need to strike the right balance – continuing to move forward, while recognising the pressures the region is facing.

Two years ago, council had forecast an average rate increase of 9.2% for the 2023/24 year to keep work going and meet its Long-Term Plan commitments.

However, after consultation with the public, the revised budget adopted recently would see an estimated overall rate increase of 10.48%. Keeping up momentum in our work is critical to improving Northland's environment, meeting our statutory obligations, and supporting mana whenua and communities to adapt to the effects of climate change.

Now more than ever we need to keep building resilience and supporting our communities through regional emergency management and recovery, flood risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

YOUR RATES AT WORK

Ko ngā whakapaunga utunga reiti

COUNCIL SERVICES

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

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

EMERGENCY AND HAZARD MANAGEMENT

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

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 SPORTING FACILITIES

Contributes towards development of sporting facilities of regional benefit.

RESIDENTS SURVEY He rangahau hapori

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Tui I Te Ora Scholarships Ngā Karahipi Tui I Te Ora

Six Northland students are set to receive \$4000 in financial assistance and paid work experience thanks to Northland Regional Council's Tū i te ora Scholarships.

This is the fourth year that council has awarded the scholarships, and the first time that work experience has been included as part of the scholarship award package. The scholarships recognise, encourage and support students to undertake study, research or training that relates to our environmental and regulatory functions, whilst contributing to council's vision 'Our Northland – together we thrive'.

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners Ruby Crawford, Stephanie Membery, Jack Panoho, Malindi Reihana-Ruka, Te Karira (TK) Ruakere-Norris and Shavonne Toko.

More info about the scholarship and recipients is available from scholarships.nrc.govt.nz

HELP PREVENT INVASIVE SEAWEED SPREAD

Me kaupare tahi tātou i te horapa o te rimurimu kino

The community is being encouraged to follow new biosecurity rules to prevent the spread of exotic *Caulerpa* seaweed in Northland.

The new rules – introduced by Biosecurity New Zealand last month, make it illegal to fish or anchor a vessel in an area of Te Rāwhiti in the Bay of Islands.

Known as a Controlled Area Notice (CAN), the new legal restrictions are important to protect Northland's marine environment, but also wider Aotearoa New Zealand waters.

Patukeha and Ngāti Kuta hapū have also declared a rāhui over Omākiwi Cove and parts of the Albert Channel, at Te Rāwhiti, preventing boat anchoring, fishing and kaimoana harvesting. The hapu are working together with Biosecurity New Zealand and NRC after the *Caulerpa* discovery.

For more info about exotic *Caulerpa* and the legal controls visit biosecurity.govt.nz/caulerpa

**For more info on rates visit
www.nrc.govt.nz/rates**

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