



Putting Northland first

PUBLIC INVITATION: FLOOD DETENTION DAM CIVIC CEREMONY



Place: Kōtuku Street, Maunu, Whangārei

Date: Saturday, 9 April 2016

Time: 9.30am

Light refreshments provided

Chairman Bill Shepherd, Northland Regional Council would like to invite Whangārei and Northland residents to celebrate the completion of the flood detention dam in Whangārei.

Construction of the \$11 million dam was first proposed as a way to ease flooding in 1966, after several devastating floods to Whangārei's central business district (CBD).

The big difference between this dam and the Whau Valley dam, is that this detention dam will not normally be full of water – it will only contain a gently flowing stream. It's not meant to restrict normal water flows, but in a flood it will trap vast amounts of stormwater, slowly releasing it over several days. This will reduce flood damage and potentially save millions in flood-related costs to Whangārei CBD and parts of Morningside and Raumanga.

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