

Congratulations to... Tui I Te Ora Scholarships Ngā Karahipi Tui I Te Ora

Eight \$3000 Northland Regional Council scholarships designed to provide a springboard for future environmental leaders have been awarded.

We received 40 applications for this year's 'Tui i te ora Scholarships' which recognise, encourage and support students to undertake study, research or training that relates to our environment, whilst contributing to council's vision 'Our Northland – together we thrive'.

2020 Winners

Tayla Bamber, Fern Donovan, Rosa Harper, Aya Morris, Josh Otene, Maria Secker, Shavonne Toko and Taiawhio Wati.

To find out more about our winners, visit www.nrc.govt.nz/scholarships2022

Whakamānawa ā Taiao Environmental Awards winners

A group's community-focused approach to restoring waterways around Kaikohe, incorporating mātauranga Māori and providing opportunities for local youth has been named supreme winner of Northland Regional Council's annual Whakamānawa ā Taiao – Environmental Awards.

This award recognises the environmental work being carried out across Northland.

As well as the supreme win, Te Kotahitanga e Mahi Kaha Trust, Project Ngā Wai Ora o Ngāpuhi also took out the awards' Environmental action in water quality improvement and highly commended in Kaitiakitanga.

These awards – first held in 2019 – are an opportunity for Northlanders to be recognised and appreciated for their mahi across Te Taitokerau.

Find out all about our 2022 winners, visit www.awards.nrc.govt.nz/winners2022

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Protecting our native taonga

We have seen our communities come together to remove invasive weeds in our high value areas, such as Tutukaka, Piroa Brynderwyn, and Whangārei Heads.

An initiative by Weed Action to sponsor a community skip bin at Whangārei Heads has found thousands of moth plant pods placed in there by volunteers. One pod can produce up to 1000 seeds, which means the community has helped avert millions of pest plants from our ecosystem.

Invasive weeds are found in all environments. It has sometimes seen our volunteers walk deep into the bush to remove wild ginger and restore our native ngahere, or removing pampas and other weeds from sand dunes to help restore the habitat, vital for our native shore birds. Our Pest Plants group from Biosecurity works closely with and supports our communities.

Learn more about Pest Plants in Northland at www.nrc.govt.nz/pestplantsinfopack

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 .

Land & freshwater management rate funds land management activities and improvement of freshwater quality in waterways, such as erosion control, landowner advice, water quality monitoring and water allocation.

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

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

Emergency and hazard management rate funds Civil Defence emergency and natural hazard management and climate change adaptation planning activities.

Emergency services rate funds organisations whose primary purpose is to save lives that are in immediate or critical danger, or to respond to serious injury.

Regional sporting facilities rate contributes towards development of sporting facilities for regional benefit.

Regional economic development rate funds activities that support economic wellbeing and community infrastructure.

New CEO

Senior council manager Jonathan Gibbard has been appointed as the Northland Regional Council's new CEO - Tumuaki.

Jonathan's five-year appointment comes as the current CEO Malcolm Nicolson prepares to retire at the end of September, with Jonathan's official start date 1 October 2022.

Age 42 and the council's current Group Manager – Environmental Services, the new CEO was chosen from a shortlist of four applicants after a year-long exhaustive search. He lives at Tutukaka with his partner and son.

Residents survey

We'd love to hear from you about the work we do, what's important to you and how we can do better.

Follow the link or scan the code to share your views.

nrc.govt.nz/residentssurvey

