

# Protecting

our marine environment

E tiaki nei tō tatou taiao moana



Divers plan to check 2000-plus boat hulls between now and May 2022 as part of our ongoing search for unwanted marine pests.

Marine Environmental Field Services is carrying out the 2021-2022 hull inspection programme which will kick off in the Bay of Islands.

With summer on the way, we're keen to ensure vessels are free of marine pests before owners start travelling to new areas.

Among the pests we're looking for are Mediterranean fanworm, Asian date mussel, Australian droplet tunicate, clubbed tunicate and little bottles sea squirt.

People keen to know if their boat has been inspected (and the results) can email their vessel name and mooring/berth location to:  
[marinebiosecurity@nrc.govt.nz](mailto:marinebiosecurity@nrc.govt.nz)

**Information on the council's rules and requirements can be found at [www.nrc.govt.nz/marinebiosecurity](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/marinebiosecurity) and [www.marinepests.nz](http://www.marinepests.nz)**

# Educating

our future

Nā te kukune, te pupuke

'Taking Climate Action' is the theme of this year's annual Enviroschools Encounters – He Kai Kei Aku Ringa.

This year's events (formerly known as Enviroschools Expos) will be held at Waipu in the Whangarei District on Tuesday 02 November. Kaipara's event will follow two days later at Paparoa and the final, Far North, event will be at Kaitia Wednesday 10 November.

Free for Year 4-8 students and teachers, the events will enable participants to discover how schools can take climate action, as well as take part in hands on activities, such as alternative energy exploration, 'seed-bombing' and hot composting.

Among the events' objectives are to highlight climate action that's already taking place in Northland communities and inspire new initiatives. They will also aim to provide interactive experiences in real world situations and equip schools/teachers to deliver future climate action-focused teaching and learning.

**To register, or for further information, email Education Manager Susan Karels at [susank@nrc.govt.nz](mailto:susank@nrc.govt.nz)**

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# Working

for a thriving Northland

Te Taitokerau, ka whai hua



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# Your rates

at work

Ki hea āu reiti whakapaua ai



Your rates assessment lists several regional council rates. This is a brief overview of what each regionwide rate is used for:

**Council services rate;** This funds a wide range of activities including planning, consents and monitoring; governance and engagement; customer services, transport, harbour safety and oil pollution control; corporate services and other activities.

**Land and freshwater management rate;** This funds land management activities and activities to improve freshwater quality in local waterways, such as erosion control, landowner advice, water quality monitoring and water allocation.

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

**Flood infrastructure rate;** This rate fully or partially funds the development of flood protection infrastructure and other minor river works in communities across Northland.

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

**Emergency services rate;** This rate 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 rate;** This contributes funds towards the development of sporting facilities across Northland that are of regional benefit.

**Regional economic development rate;** This funds activities which support economic wellbeing in Northland and community infrastructure.

**For more detail on the regional council's activities and budgets in our Long Term Plan – visit [nrc.govt.nz/longtermplan](http://nrc.govt.nz/longtermplan)**

# Regional

sporting facilities

Ngā wāhi hākinakina ā rohe



Council has allocated the latest round of funding from its Regional Sporting Facilities Rate.

It allocates the rates in advance to give receiving organisations a degree of certainty to plan and a platform to apply for funding from other parties.

Among those to receive an 'in principle' GST exclusive allocation from the cumulative Regional Sporting Facilities Rate to be collected during the 2021-2024 financial years are:

- » Pohe Island Sports Hub (bike); up to \$600,000 from September 2021
- » Sportsville Kaikohe Stage 2; up to \$1.4 million from November 2022
- » Northland Football Hub Stage 1; up to \$1 million from August 2023
- » Northland Football Hub Stage 2; up to \$800,000 from June 2024.

**(Although no Kaipara projects are funded in this round, the district received \$600,000 for Sportsville Dargaville in 2018 and \$500,000 for the Mangawhai Activity Zone in 2019.)**