

What's the plan for Northland's future?

Te Mahere Roa

From mid-March we'll be consulting on our 10-year plan for Northland, and we'll be looking for feedback from right across our region.

It's been a year of change and upheaval, from flood events, water shortages, Covid-19, new government directives for freshwater management and more.

As well as dealing with these issues, we're continuing to focus on protecting our region's environmental, social, economic and cultural wellbeing so future generations can thrive.

A flourishing natural environment, resilient communities and more chances to fulfil our region's potential – that's the kind of future we're planning for, and we'll need your input to make sure we get it right.

Sign up to be notified when the consultation kicks off in mid-March: www.nrc.govt.nz/subscriptions



Apply now! Tū i te ora scholarship

Karawhiua!

Our 'Tū i te ora' scholarships are all about empowering our communities to reach their full potential.

This year we have eight \$3000 scholarships for students studying or training in areas that relate to our wide range of work as a regional council.

The scholarships also aim to build Māori capacity within the region, with four of the eight scholarships available earmarked for Māori who whakapapa to Te Taitokerau.

Think you or someone you know might be eligible? You'll find all the eligibility information and application forms on our website: www.nrc.govt.nz/scholarship

Applications close on 14 February 2021.



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Your rates at work

Ki hea āu reiti whakapaua ai

It's a great time of year to get out and enjoy the wealth of natural beauty here in Te Taitokerau.

Ask any Northlander why they love it here and they'll talk about nature: our beautiful beaches, marine environment, forests, our kiwi and other native taonga.

Over summer, we're continuing our work to protect and improve our environment – monitoring water quality in Northland's favourite swim spots, checking boat hulls for unwanted marine pests, investigating environmental pollution incidents, going bush to support local pest control operations, keeping an eye on river flows and much, much more.

And it's your rates, together with other funding that pays for our work, that make it all happen!

While you're out and about, do your bit to keep plastics and pollutants out of our waterways.

And if you see pollution or an environmental incident, report it!



24/7 Environmental Hotline
0800 504 639

Stay safe on the water this summer

Kia haumarū pai i te raumati nei

Did you know that your rates help support life-saving emergency services like Coastguard Northern Region?

With more coastline than any other region and such a big boating community, Northland needs this critical service and we're proud to be supporting it.

About \$12 a year of your rates bill goes to support a range of emergency services around Northland. In the three years to 2021, we're funding Northland's rescue helicopter service (\$525,000 a year); St Johns Northern Region (\$90,000 a year); Coastguard Northern Region (\$84,000 a year); and Surf Life Saving Northern Region (\$200,000 a year).

Find out more: www.nrc.govt.nz/emergencyservices

We're well into the summer boating period now, so before you head out remember to:

- » **PREP your boat** – give it a good once-over
- » **CHECK your gear** – always wear a life jacket and take two waterproof ways to call for help.
- » **KNOW the rules** – they exist to help keep us safe

One of our jobs as a regional council is looking after the navigational safety of all vessels in our region's harbours and around the regional coastline. We also encourage safe boating behaviour and are ready to respond in case of a marine oil spill.

Find out more: www.nrc.govt.nz/safeboating

Nobody's stronger than Tangaroa.
Know your limits. Come home to your whānau.

