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for a thriving Northland

E mahi nei kia tōnui ai
Te Taitokerau



Whangārei district
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KEEP CLEAR OF BIG SHIPS IN WHANGĀREI HARBOUR

Kia matāra atu I ngā kaipuke nui kei Whangārei Terenga Paraoa

Whangārei Harbour is a busy shipping channel where large ships have right of way over small vessels.

Ships are limited to the marked deep-water channel and need the whole width of the channel to manoeuvre. They can't stop easily and have limited visibility from the bridge to directly under the bow, so small boats can disappear when they get too close.

To keep yourself and others safe:

- Do not anchor in the shipping channel.
- Keep a good lookout and stay well clear of ships.
- Listen to VHF channel 11 for ship movements.
- Report maritime incidents to 0800 504 639.

Our maritime team will be out on the water this summer to make sure boaties are enjoying the harbour safely.

For more information, visit www.nrc.govt.nz/safeboating



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Local Government reform and you

Te whakahoutanga o te kāwanatanga ā-rohe me tō whai wāhi

As ratepayers you are no doubt interested in central government's proposals for local government reform and how this will affect you.

It's still early days but the government is proposing a two-part plan which would first see our regional councillors replaced with a panel of Northland's three district mayors, creating a 'Combined Territories Board' (CTB). The second part would require the CTB to propose its own model for the future of local government in its region, in line with government criteria.

You can read more about it here:

www.dia.govt.nz/simplifying-local-government

We agree that it's time for a major review as our current system has been in place for 35 years, but we want to ensure any reform is in the best interests of Northland as a whole, rather than a solution imposed by Wellington.

All four Northland councils are united in working together proactively on solutions to better serve our communities and the region. Central government is calling for public submissions on its proposal until 20 February 2026.

Residents survey

He uiuinga whānui o ngā kainoho

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 QR code to share your views with us.

nrc.govt.nz/residentssurvey



SCAN ME

Are you
GOOD TO GO
this summer?

Kua rite katoa koe mō tēnei raumati?

Before you hit the beach, visit your favourite lake or river, or head out on the boat, check out our online 'Good to Go' hub. It's a one-stop-shop for the latest local rules, regulations, and tips to help you and your whānau have a safe and enjoyable summer.

You'll find information on fishing, diving, and anchoring restrictions in the Bay of Islands, and guidance on how you can help protect our lakes and rivers from invasive freshwater clam. The hub also includes a link to Safeswim, so you can find up to the minute information of water quality and conditions at your favourite swimming spot. To explore the hub and make sure you're 'Good to Go', visit www.nrc.govt.nz/goodtogo

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