

## KI UTA KI TAI

## HEALTHY CATCHMENT, HEALTHY HARBOUR



### ***Kia ora***

Welcome to your first Coromandel/Manaia harbour catchment newsletter. This newsletter is about information gathering for your harbour and catchment management plan, which requires your input into its direction and actions. We hope to see you at a drop-in session on Saturday, 19 October, to learn more and get involved.

We held a hui at Manaia Marae in August to hear from the community and agencies about what needs to be done collectively to help restore the Manaia River. A restoration plan for the Manaia River and information gathered from that hui will become part of the Coromandel/Manaia Harbour and Catchment Plan.

In the meantime, if you've got a wetland, bush or stream enhancement project in mind, or want to carry out river management or weed control on your property, find out what we can do to help. The Whitianga Integrated Catchment Management team is a wealth of information, and we also give financial help for restoration works, soil and stream management and animal and plant pest control. We look forward to hearing from you.

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### **WHAT IS HARBOUR AND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT?**

For Waikato Regional Council, it's about the mountain ranges to the sea – identifying issues that relate to our land, water and communities, and developing a grassroots approach to remedy them. We recognise the need to consider social, cultural, environmental and economic outcomes. Importantly, we like the work to be owned and driven by the community, for the community.

We already have plans for Wharekawa (Ōpoutere), Whangamatā, Tairua and Whangapoua (see [waikatoregion.govt.nz/hcmp](http://waikatoregion.govt.nz/hcmp)), and have completed the community engagement for Whitianga/Mercury Bay. In those catchments, willow clearance along stream banks, riparian and forest fragment protection, wetland restoration, stream and flood management and coastal vegetation control (mangrove seedlings and saltwater paspalum) are jobs well underway.

It's now time to take a look at what we can do for the Coromandel/Manaia catchment. We know your community wants a high standard of water quality, to reduce the amount of sedimentation entering the harbour, and not leave it to degrade.

### **THE COROMANDEL/MANAIA CATCHMENT**

We are looking at an area from Long Bay, in the north, to just past Waitotara Stream at the seaward edge of Manaia in the south and are keen to understand community concerns and aspirations for the wider catchment.

The land area covers 14,000 hectares and includes 62 kilometres of main streams. It can be split into six sub-catchments: Driving Creek, Whangarahi/Karaka/Pitoti, Te Kouma/Awakanae, Waiau, Manaia and Waitotara. Of the land area:

- 67 per cent is indigenous vegetation
- 15 per cent is pasture
- 15 per cent is plantation forest
- 61 per cent is moderately steep to very steep (between 21 to >35 degrees)
- 17 per cent is beef and sheep farming (no dairy farms identified).

Collectively, Coromandel and Manaia harbours cover about 2367 hectares, have about 55 kilometres of harbour margins and 73 kilometres of coastline.



## WHAT THIS WORK WILL COVER

Your information will help us and other agencies identify and prioritise specific works for the catchment. It will also help landowners and interest groups identify what work they can do to help improve the environmental health of their catchment and harbour.

You and your community will determine the focus of this work. Things to look at include water quality, sedimentation, biodiversity, riparian vegetation, pest plants and animals, flood-prone areas and preserving local values.

It is important to note this is a non-statutory exercise and will not pre-empt the co-governance plan to be produced as a result of the Pare Hauraki Collective Treaty settlement, nor change any existing consents that people hold.

## GATHERING AND SHARING INFORMATION

Collective wisdom, knowledge and experiences are crucial for developing this plan. We need to paint a picture of what this catchment was like, is like, and what we want it to look like in the next 50 years.

There are various ways we will collect and share information:

- Drop-in sessions – on Saturday, 19 October, and again once we have collated the information.
- Local media – through your local papers we will be keeping you up to date.
- Rural landowner workshops.
- Newsletters – more will come, and in them we'll be reporting on catchment condition surveys, our community survey (included with this newsletter), and what we have heard are the key themes and concerns for the Coromandel/Manaia catchment.



## DROP-IN SESSIONS

We need to understand the priorities and challenges in your catchment from your point of view. We are holding a drop-in session in Coromandel on Saturday, 19 October 2019.

This is your chance to drop in and talk to our staff.

PLACE	St John Ambulance Station Corner Tiki Road and Whangapoua Road Coromandel
TIME	10am - midday
DATE	Saturday, 19 October 2019

We hope you can help us with this project and look forward to seeing you at our drop-in session.

## OUR LOCAL TEAM, AND WAYS WE CAN HELP

Coromandel/ Manaia harbour and catchment plan	The HCMP, its development, timeframes and getting involved.	Emily O'Donnell and Lynne Butler
Navigational safety	Moorings, safety on the water, jet ski registrations, concerns about others' behaviour on the water.	Harbourmaster 0800 800 401
Catchment management	Restoring a wetland, stream or forest area? Want to reduce erosion, run off and improve water quality? Did you know there is financial assistance, and we can draw up a programme of works specifically for you?	Elaine Iddon Catchment management officer
Rivers or flooding	Eroding stream, in-stream blockages? Issues with vegetation choking a waterway? Our river staff can help.	Mike Theobald River management officer
Pest plants	Issues with pest plants? Not sure how to control a pesky weed? Just need some advice?	Benson Lockhart Biosecurity officer (pest plants)

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HE ŌHANGA PAKARI STRONG ECONOMY  
HE HAPORI HIHIRI VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

For more information call Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 or visit [waikatoregion.govt.nz](http://waikatoregion.govt.nz)

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# COROMANDEL/MANAIA HARBOUR AND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FEEDBACK FORM

We are interested in gathering your views on this catchment and where it's heading. We would appreciate you completing this form and returning it to us, by either of the following ways:

Or, save time, do it on line - [waikatoregion.govt.nz/Coromandel-Manaia-survey](http://waikatoregion.govt.nz/Coromandel-Manaia-survey)

 Freepost      Tear off the survey, fold, seal and pop in the post to be received by 31 October 2019

 Online      [waikatoregion.govt.nz/Coromandel-Manaia-survey](http://waikatoregion.govt.nz/Coromandel-Manaia-survey)

1. What is your vision for this harbour and catchment? (Think about how you want to see it in 10 years' time or in 20 years' time.)

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2. What do you value about this harbour and catchment? (Think about what's really important to you about this area.)

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3. What do you think are the key environmental problems in this harbour and catchment that we should address?  
(Think about issues now or in the future.)

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4. What do we need to do to address these issues? (Think about what is practical and how these can be prioritised.)

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5. What other thoughts do you have that could help with developing this plan?

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## WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEER WORK TO PROTECT THE CATCHMENT?

Please leave us your contact details so we can let you know about upcoming planting days, weed control and beach care opportunities:

Name			
Address			
City/town		Postcode	
Email address		Phone number	

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