



Waipu Cove Reserve Board

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December 2014 – What a big year we have had with a great summer ahead.

Introducing our **Beach Ambassadors, Ella Stolwerk and Kelly Cosgrave**, who are going to be helping people get the most out of their visit to the Reserve this summer. Kelly and Ella will be working weekends to the lead up to Xmas and from the 26th December every day until the 27th January with lots of **information** and encouragement to **share with care**- make sure to say Hi.



DOC appointed a **new Board** in November to administer the reserve for the next three years and we are happy to welcome back **John Henderson** who was promptly elected Chair, **Angus McCulloch** Secretary, **Rowan Pullan, Roger King, Peter Baker** and also a newbie and local **Evan Cook**. The new board held its first meeting on December 1st. Appreciation for the contribution **Linde Judd** made in her time on the Board and her role as Chair was expressed. The setting of **fees** for annual Site Holders was the subject of a robust debate with further information to be gathered and fees to be set at the February 23rd meeting. AuditNZ has been working hard to complete the audit of our annual accounts which should bring us right up to date at last. The annual site agreement renewal date and our accounting year are not aligned and on the advice of AuditNZ, your Board has made the decision to change it. The next ASH agreement will be for a **14 month contract period**. Agreements will be issued in April 2014 and will go through until 30th June 2016. After this date contracts will be back to a 12 month period running from 1st July until 30th June annually.

The **new gear shed** incorporating the “all weather room” has now been completed and is up and running. The **all weather room** now houses the computers that were in the office and also has a TV. The **shed** will provide better protection for our rubbish truck, service buggy, mowers, tools and equipment. There is a **secure workroom** and as an OSH requirement we now have a “**dangerous goods store**” also. We expect that all this will help make the camp staff’s jobs more efficient and enjoyable aside from improving the appearance of the whole area. On the outside at the north end there is a **new fish filleting station** and a more discreet **recycle station**.

Waipu Cove Dune Restoration

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As a result of two rather destructive storms earlier in the year we were forced to reshape a large portion of the forshore sand dune from north of the surf club and rebuild **the beach access ways**. A lot of effort has also gone into **dune planting**. As a result of this there is now an enlarged grassed area on the top of the



reshaped dune to the North of the Surf Club with more fencing giving the dunes the **protection** they need to perform their essential function. NRC, WCRB and WCSLSC did a joint presentation at the **New Zealand Coastal Society Conference in Raglan** in late November on the project. **We ask that all users, adult and**



children alike, use the **designated pathways** to and from the beach and not climb through or over the fencing.



No doubt by the time you are reading this the beach will have changed shape again. Recently the stream has been flowing well and is a fantastic spot for young children at high tide.

Beware Sunday morning at 10 a.m. the beach is invaded by hordes of yellow capped nippers and tadpoles. The excellent work being done by the **WCSLSC committee and members** is ensuring the upcoming generation is more than just waterwise. Please show your appreciation to

these people who give so much time and energy towards all our safety.

Last year's additions "Cove Bach" and "The Bunkhouse" have proved to be **successful**. The partnership with the Surf Club is strengthening all the time with obvious benefits to both parties.

Electrical infrastructure work has been carried out to ensure safety and compliance (another one of the "invisibles" in running a facility).



The Rubbish trial – has proved a runaway success with the Board adopting it as policy.

Another **electric BBQ** and more **picnic tables** have been installed at the Southern end of the reserve and wonderful to see groups using them throughout the week. The **Cove Fish Fry** was another of the popular events held on the Reserve.



In line with the management plan the board will be **constructing 2 new self contained** cabins next to the existing cabins at the south end of the camp. Construction of these will begin around

June next year and should be completed by labour weekend 2015.

Boat parking is ideally **within** your campsite, otherwise under **the direction of management**. No boats to be stored in the camp between **Easter and Labour Weekend**.

A Hot Tip now is the time to think about the issue of **fire safety** in your caravan/leisurebuilt. The fire service recommends you install a **smoke detector** and have available a 1kg dry powder fire extinguisher in your caravan, as a minimum precaution. This not only will protect your property and your family, but other families surrounding you.

As promised last year the **grey water system** has now been completed. If you have water running to your caravan it is compulsory to connect into the grey water system using a **certified plumber/drain** layer by Xmas at the absolute latest. The connection to the supplied "boss junctions" located within close proximity to your site will be at your expense and is mandatory. The camp managers will be conducting their **annual inspection of all ASH** sites over the coming weeks to make sure they comply with all our current regulations.

It's good to see that most ASHs have made an effort to **tidy up** around their caravan /leisure built, and overall the reserve is looking great, thanks to the efforts of the managers and their staff, but there are still a few caravans that could do with a good tidy up. We pride ourselves in presenting and maintaining the whole reserve as a tidy and clean location for all the general public to visit and enjoy - the feedback we get reflects this *with the odd exception of the mention of a few tired, rusty and generally untidy caravans. We take this seriously, so to avoid jeopardising being offered an annual site agreement next year we ask that those of you who fall into this category please put in some effort and tidy your site up by Xmas.*

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