

WAIPU COVE RESERVE(S) BOARD

Monday 1st July 2019, 7pm

Camp Waipu Cove all-weather room.

ALL WELCOME

AGENDA (E & OE)

PRESENT: John Henderson, Peter Baker, Evan Cook, Roger King, Rowan Pullan, Angus McCulloch, Kerry Baker, Rick Stolwerk

APOLOGIES:

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

MATTERS ARISING: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

26/05/2019 – Bream Bay Sliders – Request to hold annual mid-winter Festival of Surfing at Waipu Cove

Outwards:

REPORTS:

- **Management report**
- **Financial report**
- **WCSLSC Report (verbal)**

Motion P. Baker/R. King/All in favour

GENERAL BUSINESS

Algae research proposal

Letter received from Colin Dall at NRC regarding an investigation into the nuisance algae at Waipu Cove. Rick discussed this some time ago, suggesting further research into the cause and commonalities of the algae. Anton priced it (some years ago). There is the possibility of using a university student within the council or alternatively a Master's student from elsewhere or perhaps under Wendy from NIWA in Nelson.

Rick hopes that a student would be able to take the research that's already been done and build on it. The council has a budget that could contribute to the research and hopefully the Camp could contribute also. There are a number of interested parties to help fund the project in a variety of ways including the Surf Club, Camp Waipu Cove, possibly the Cove Café. Rick stated that of primary importance is getting the message out to the general public that we are doing something, and we have been for the last 3- 4 years. Peter asked if the work that's already been done can be put together so that the student is not starting from scratch. Could they liaise with Andre LaBonte and Wendy from NIWA to reduce the initial work and time required. Rick mentioned that a Master's student would also look at the research first here in Waipu, but also around NZ and around the globe. This could include studies that may have taken place around the world. Considering the many factors that can be compared, and hopefully coming up with a definitive answer. We have over 10,000 images from the camera taking a photo every 15 minutes. It would require a student to work through the images to get the data and correlate it with the many variables such as fresh water, wind, water currents.

John advised that as a board we are receptive to the research and study and we would like to help fund it in some way. We would like to see a specific intention for the research and a tight definition of it. We also could consult with Andre LaBonte for support and expertise. John will forward Colin Dall's letter to Andre to seek his thoughts and input to the research proposal.

Rick will return next meeting with a more detailed proposal and different priced options including combinations that include the Regional council, University students, and possibly NIWA in Nelson. It was discussed that a Graduate student makes the most sense to provide continuity over a 5 year period and to give us a useful document stating a whole list of possibilities and suggestions. John mentioned that the NRC would surely be keen to deal with the problem if they know what it is. Roger stated that the NRC has a vested interest in the outcomes, and participating in the research as water purity is their business. Rick restated that the algae is not toxic and if it was the NRC would act instantly.

Discussion regarding hazards that occur due to the algae such as swimmers and surfers moving down the beach to get away from the algae which in turn could potentially lead to drownings and safety issues with the general public. Rick stated that if we saw an algae event such as the one a few years ago the camp has the consent and could take action immediately.

Surf club Report – Anton recently regrassed areas of the camp and had leftover grass which he offered to the surf club. This was accepted along with some topsoil. It was used on the area in front of the surf club and is settling well. Thank you to the camp for this.

Submission on WDC Open space Plan Change

Evan has circulated a draft submission to the board via email. Comments have been received and the board has given approval for the submission to be made to WDC.

Angus clarified that the camp sits on crown land which falls under DOC who mandate their responsibility to appoint a board who then administer that land on behalf of the general public of NZ.

Evan advised that our submission requests that the camp should fall into the zone active sports and recreation (SAR) rather than multiple zones as is currently proposed. Discussion regarding policies and SAR rules including amendments being sought regarding the camp office permitted opening hours. The plan permits activities that are consistent with a reserve management plan and we are seeking that this rule be retained. Evan stated that the problem being that we are currently operating under a management plan that has expired and a management plan that hasn't been approved.

Discussion regarding the management plan. Rowan advised that it has been submitted to DoC and at last report from Willy the Management Plan had been evaluated by the planner in Christchurch and was being sent to Louise Gritt, for her consideration. John offered to touch base with Louisa.

Evan to make the board submission to WDC on board letterhead via email. Evan advised that the hearings would take place towards the end of the year and if necessary there will be an opportunity for speaking rights.

Upcoming events on the reserve and local area

- **Waipu Saturday Market:** First Saturday of the Month in Presbyterian Church Hall 9-1pm
- **Waipu Boutique Sunday Market & Café:** 2nd Sunday of the Month, Waipu Coronation Hall 9-1pm
- **Waipu Street Market** - Saturdays of long weekends 9-1pm
- **Waipu Antiques and Collectables Fair** – Sunday of Long weekends 9-4pm

Next meeting... AGM and general meeting Sunday 25th August. 11am AGM followed by the board meeting at 1pm.

Meeting Closed at 7.50pm.

Managers' Report June 2019

June has been warm, sunny and settled with the only hint of winter being the cold mornings and evenings. The fine weather has allowed the builders to have a good uninterrupted run, and we have been able to get plenty achieved around the grounds and reserve.

As just mentioned, cabin build progress has been steady. Cladding is going on and window joinery is in. The builders are slightly behind but on track to be finished around early August. Then we will just need to get the cabin fitted out with furniture, appliances, blinds and curtains etc.

We have had to do a few site repairs due to departing ASH, and a number of our casual sites and areas around the cabins were looking rather bare. We harvested our own grass from the North carpark and laid this on the above areas, which should start to spread and grow nicely when we get a bit more rain.

This month we've had a contractor in to spray the camp. Usually Robert or Anton would have undertaken this spraying, but due to health concerns we will be using a contractor to undertake this work from now on.

The arborist has been and done a couple of days tree trimming in camp. There is still a lot left to trim, but all able to be trimmed by us as the arborist did the difficult trimming.

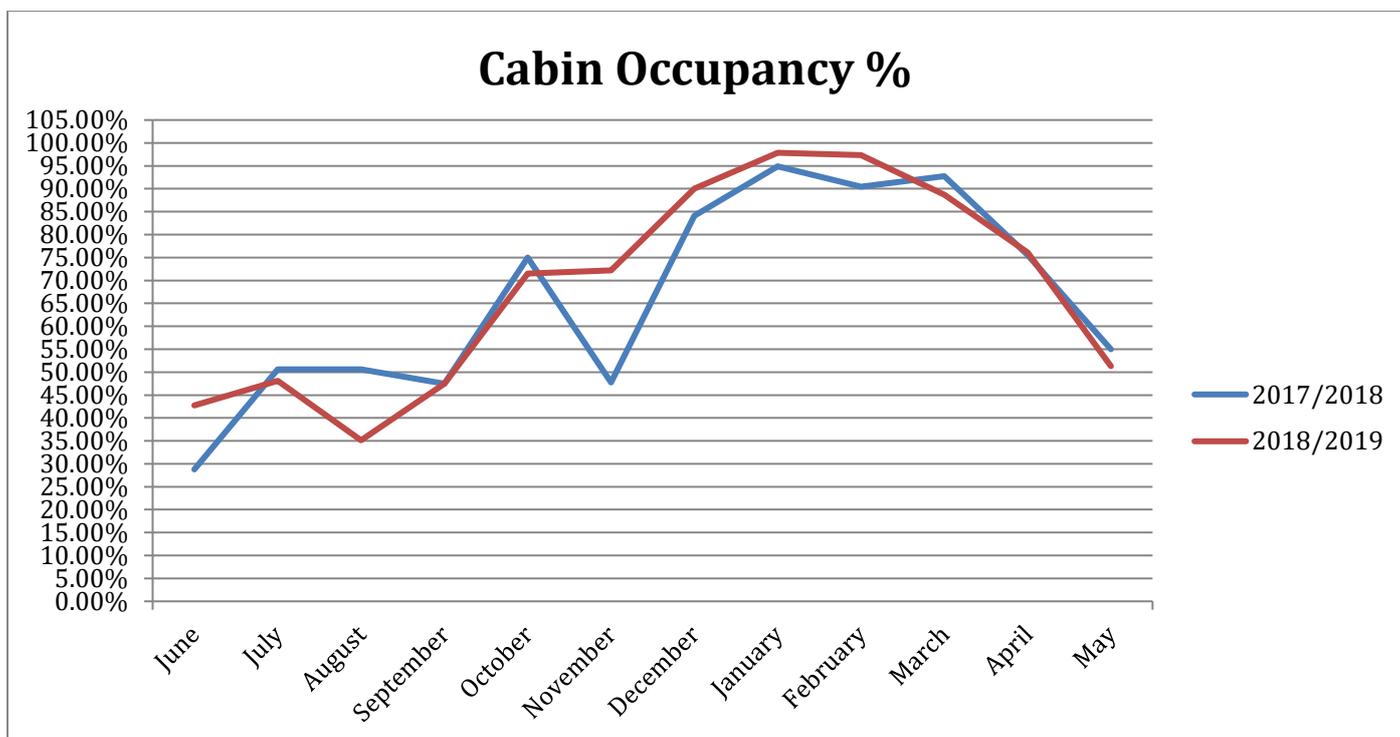
The school holidays are starting in a couple of weeks and we are expecting to be quite busy. We also have two rugby teams attending the Taniwha Cup (which is an under 13 representative rugby tournament being held in Waipu this year) who will be staying in cabins, the surf club and bunkhouse during the second week of the school holidays. The camp has sponsored player of the day medals for this tournament which has been good advertising for us.

We were recently awarded a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence for our 6th year running. This shows we continue to maintain our high standards year after year and is an achievement not too many businesses can say they have. To celebrate this success, the staff all went for dinner at the Cove Café. Awards like this are only possible with a big team effort.

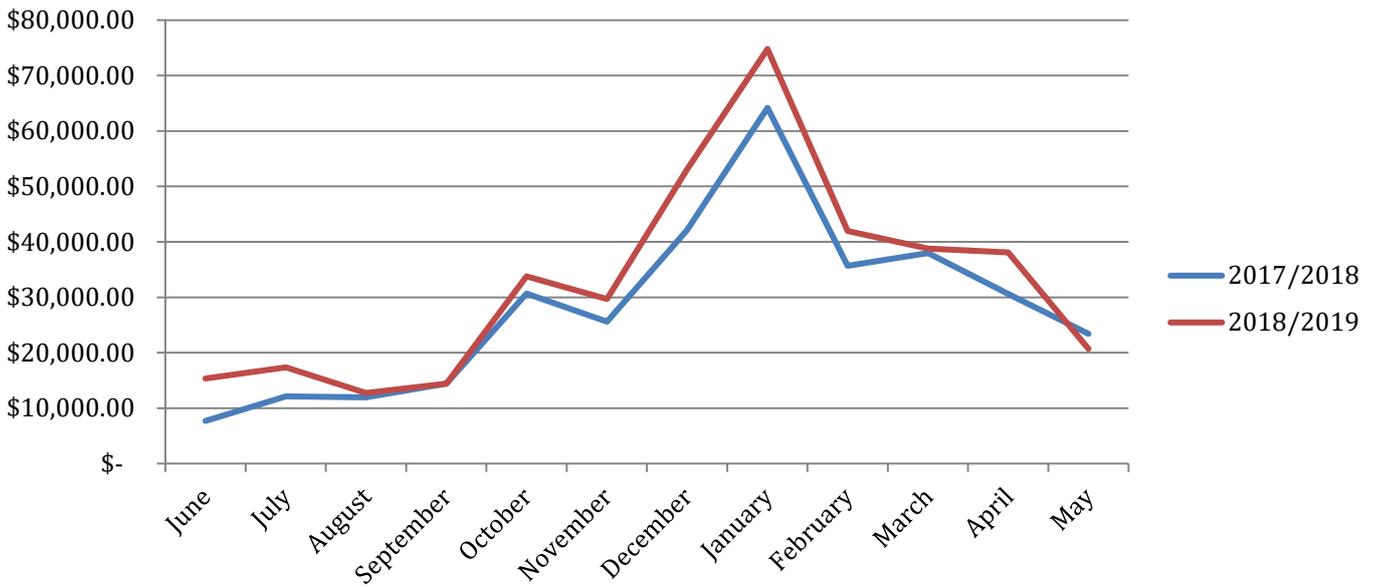
This month three of our staff have attended a First Aid Refresher course at St John. It is always important we have as many staff trained in first aid as we can.

We are going on annual leave at the end of this month, returning to work on the 22nd of July. Victoria will be going on maternity leave around this time also. We will be attending the HAPNZ conference in Wellington at the end of July.

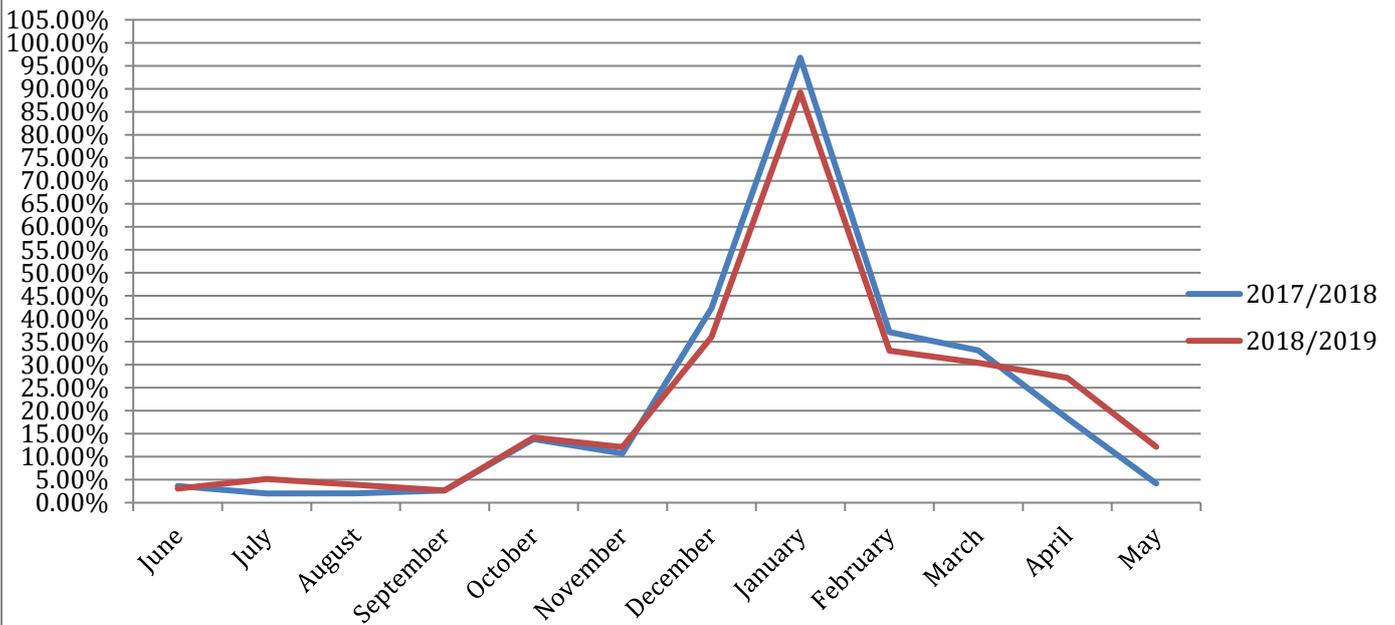
Occupancy and Revenue – May 2019



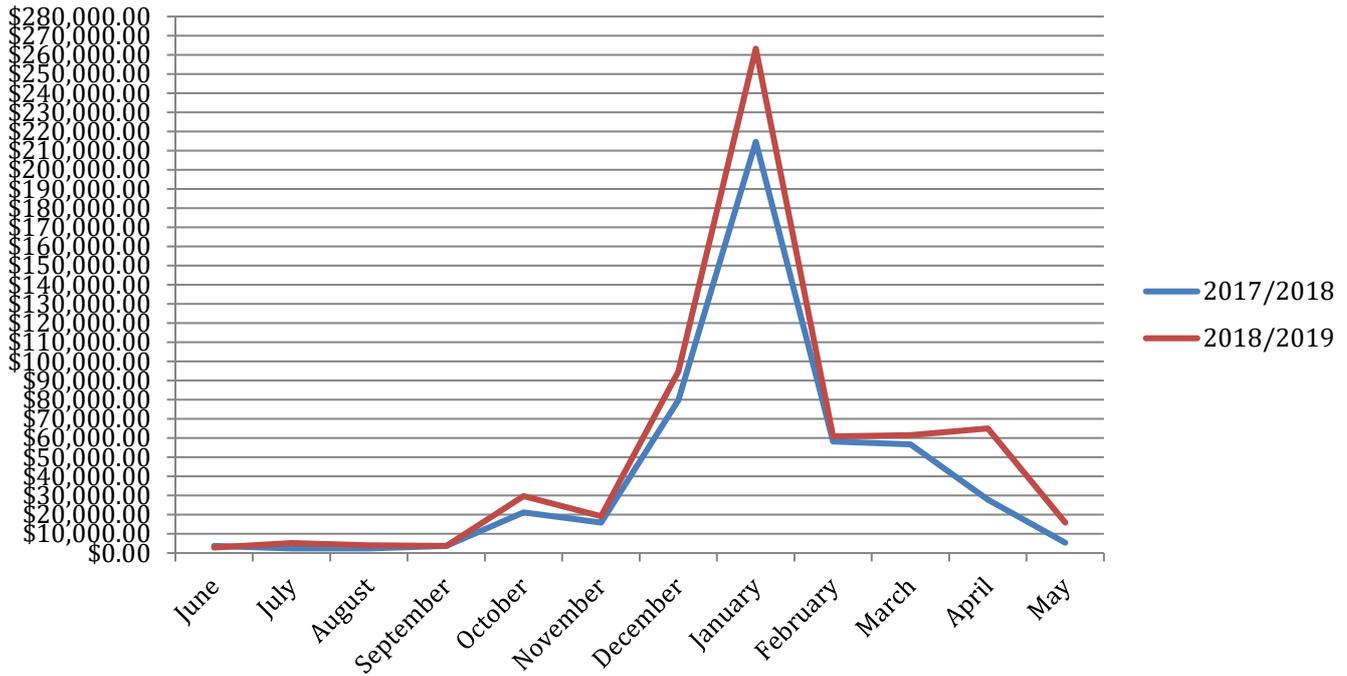
Revenue - Cabins (monthly)



Site Occupancy %



Revenue - Sites (monthly)



Occupancy and revenues for May remained similar when compared YOY, with a slight increase in site occupancy and revenue which can be attributed to the better weather this May. Slight decrease in cabin occupancy and revenue for May when compared YOY, likely due to school holidays falling in May in 2018.

Regards

Anton and Lucy Trist