

# **Wharekawa 2120 Community Panel**

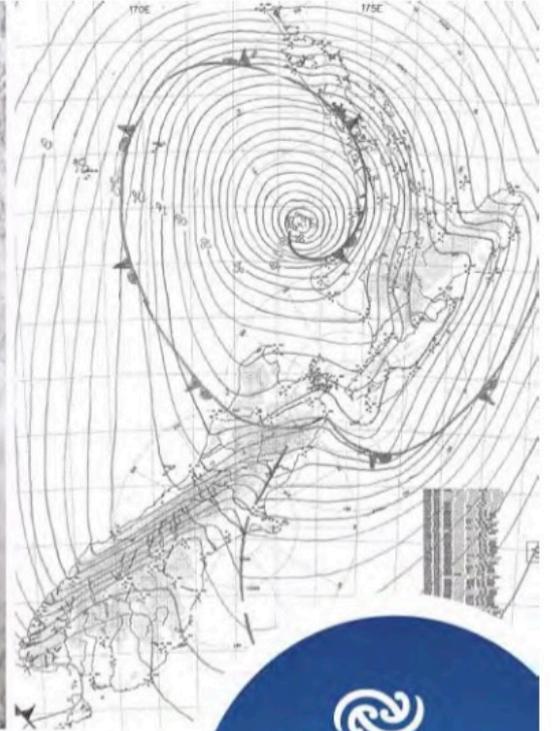
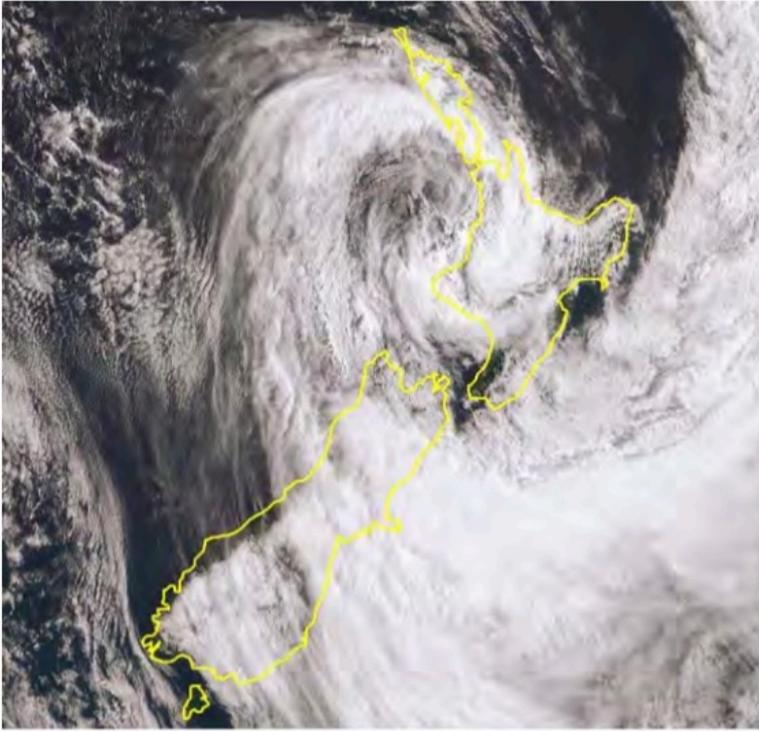
After the rainfall flooding events from March 2017 (rainfall) and January 2018 (sea inundation/cyclone), Hauraki District Council decided to commission a Coastal Plan for the Kaiaua Coast following the newly developed guidance from the Ministry for the Environment in 2017.

The Hawkes Bay is the first to follow the guidance to develop this new Dynamic Adaptive Pathways Plan. We are grateful that Simon Bendall, the Environmental Consultant who carried out this work in the Hawkes Bay, was commissioned to begin this process for the Wharekawa Coast.

Over the last 18 months the Waikato Regional Council and a number of external experts have gathered data on which to base this planning process and now the time has come to discuss this data/information with our community.

Our newly formed Community Panel has now been launched.



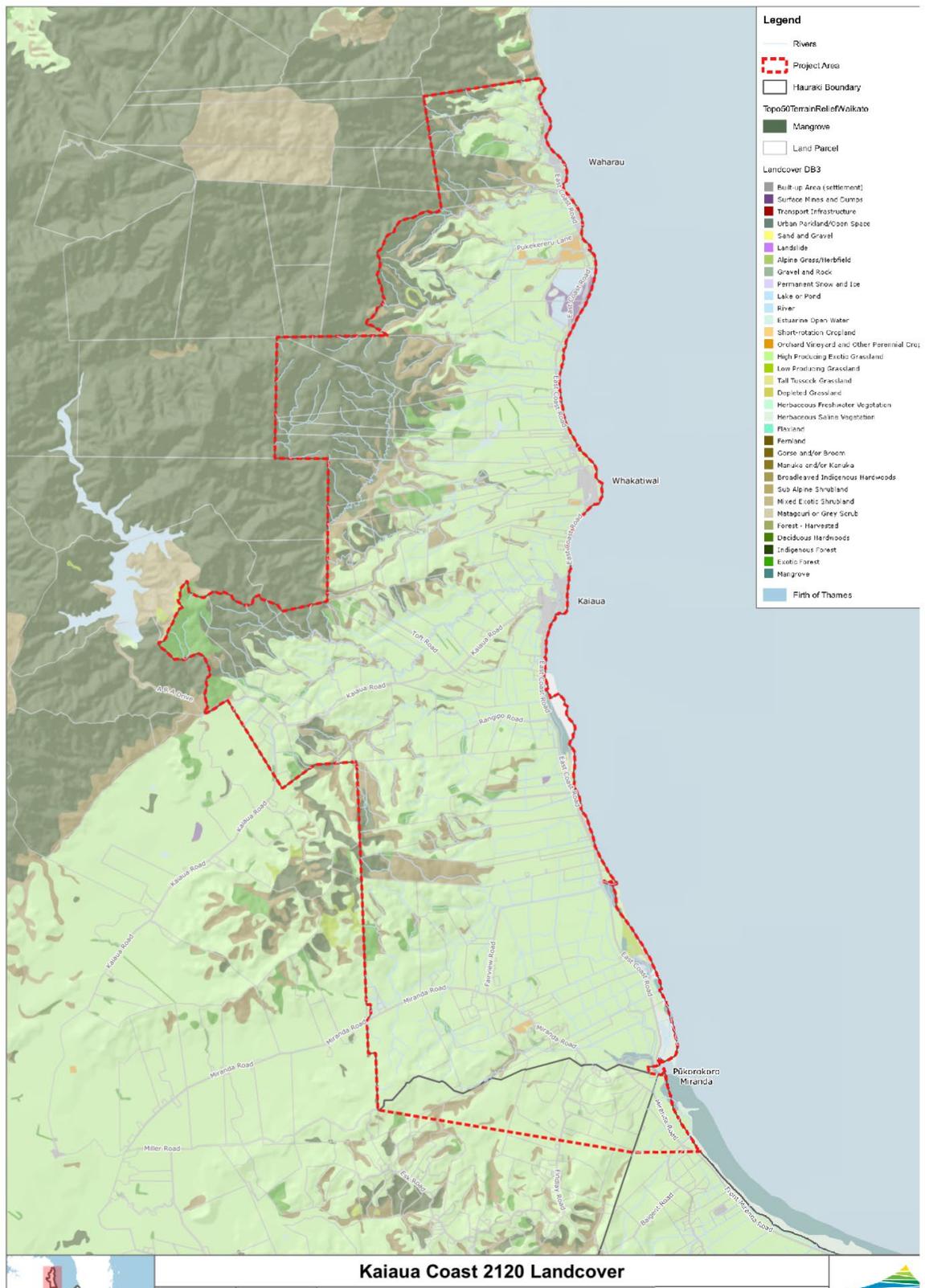


**Visible satellite imagery and hand-drawn mean sea level  
pressure analysis chart**

Satellite imagery courtesy of JMA



**MetService**  
05/01/18  
10:00 am



The inaugural meeting was held at the Kaiaua Bowling Club meeting room on Tuesday March 17th.

Importantly, since the focus is not just Kaiiua, but includes the Coast from where the stop bank ends north of Pūkorokoro Miranda to the Auckland Council boundary north of Waharau (see map above), following the suggestion by the Joint Working Party (JWP) the project has been renamed the **Wharekawa 2120** to reflect this.

The JWP (Joint Working Party) is a governance group set up to oversee the Community Panel and includes, paid staff from both councils with technical knowledge (TAG), IWI representatives, Councillors from the WRC and HDC, the Mayor and Environmental Consultants.

This meeting included a meet and greet followed by the appointment of a Chair for the Community Panel. The appointment of a co-chair is pending.

An overview of the project was provided and the terms of reference were discussed.

There was a brief chance to start to get to know each other over light refreshments and a chance for us to mingle and discuss subjects.

Unfortunately representatives from the Waikato Regional Council and NZTA were unavailable due to planning for the Covid-19 response plans for their organisations.

The suggested name change was adopted by those present at the Community Panel meeting and are listed below.

#### Present Community Panel Members

Justin Johnstone Community/Chair  
Allan Yee Community  
Stephen Cooper Community  
Stephanie Brough Community  
David Twiname Community  
Ria Brejaart Joint Community  
Jonathan Paul Clark Joint Community  
Eddie Johnson Community  
Tessa Watts Community/ Fire and Emergency  
John Waata Mana Whenua  
Frank Rawiri JWP Mana Whenua  
Charles Royal JWP Mana Whenua

#### HDC and other organisations

Simon Bendall Consultant Traverse Environmental  
Deborah Kissick Consultant Traverse Environmental  
Linthea Visser HDC Administration  
Nina Murphy HDC Strategic Planner  
Toby Adams HDC Mayor  
Peter Thom HDC Group Manager planning and Environmental Services

This consultation and planning is community-led, meaning local knowledge and local solutions can be put forward to a Technical Advisory Group and Joint Work Party to consider actions/costings. Those actions are then used to inform the district and regional plans for the future.

The next panel meeting will discuss the natural hazards within the project area. We seek to understand the hazards, identify the values this community has, and we will explore risks, triggers and responses.

Issues we anticipate to be discussed within the community include: river flooding, coastal inundation, coastal erosion and tsunami threats.

Responses need to take into account sea level rise predictions over a 100 year timeframe as required by the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.

Any proposed courses of action and responses that are appropriate for the current time frame may not be appropriate for the future; solutions will change with the effects of climate change and in particular sea level rise. Triggers will be developed for when to change from one strategy or approach to the next. It is important to realise the plan is for adaptive management - so it's a live document, which may be altered in response to changes in needs and the review and updating of climate change predictions going forward.

At the centre are aspirations for the future of our living on this coastline and there are many vital questions for our communities that need to be addressed. We will consider all options, without pre-empting outcomes. Our thoughts and ultimately recommendations on how we might be able to adapt, will be followed by Council planning details such as where building development should be accommodated in the future, and how we can respond to hazards / events.

As a community panel we want to hear from you: we need your local knowledge, your ideas and your thoughts on what we should aim for as your community panel.

This email address has been set up by us in the community panel to be discussed with council and technical professionals: [wharekawa2120@yahoo.com](mailto:wharekawa2120@yahoo.com)

Please don't hesitate to contact us, send us your contact information if you would like one of the panel to call for a chat.

You should also follow the link below to read all the information available on the Hauraki District Council's newly created website available for this project.

<https://kaiauacoast2120.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/>