

Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Panel



Firstly, Thanks to the Community for allowing the 'new' Community Panel the time to get to grips with the scope of the project and the respective data sets within the project.

As an overview:

The Community Panel are 'local' Volunteers who meet monthly to look at the hazards on our coastline from the Auckland boundary at Waharau to the bridge at Pūkorokoro / Miranda, approximately 23kms. Whilst the area is 23kms the diversity in the needs and requirements of each of the Coastal area's is vast.

The challenges the Wharekawa Coastline faces are, now and in the future, from coastal inundation, coastal erosion and river flooding. These are the priority hazards for the Wharekawa Coastline.

With this in mind, the purpose of the community panel is:

- to work with experts and the councils to provide recommendations for what the future of the Wharekawa Coast could be and how we can adapt to future changes over the next 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 years.
- These recommendations will then be escalated up to the 'Joint Working Party' who in conjunction with the respective Councils (HDC AND WRC) will devise a plan for our Community
- The Community Panel has asked that this draft plan be brought back to the Panel prior to being finalised, so that should there be further questions, we can undertake the submission process.

Introducing your Community Panel members:

Gay Rawiri	Chairperson	Waharau permanent resident
Stephen Cooper		Whakatiwai permanent resident
Tania Donovan		Kaiaua permanent resident
Toni Kereama		Kaiaua permanent resident
Alan Yee		Waharau bach owner
Lorna Ratahi	Mana Whenua	Whakatiwai permanent resident
Matilda Thompson	Mana Whenua	Kaiaua permanent resident
John Waata	Mana Whenua	Kaiaua Ahuwhenua Trust Member
Kristelle Wi		Kaiaua permanent resident
Rodger Barlow		Whakatiwai permanent resident
Hera Clark		Kaiaua permanent resident
Sue Harris		Kaiaua permanent resident
Tracy Heslop		Kaiaua permanent resident
Jono Clark & Ria Brejaart (joint appointment)		Waharau permanent residents & Business reps (Whakatiwai)

The community panel wish to provide communications to the wider community about the project and will provide an update via the Compass on a monthly basis. It is our aim to have a Community meeting to report back to the Community on our progress and to ask if there is anything we may have overlooked in our enthusiasm

This is where you come in.....

We need your input, your comments and your recommendations.

What would you like to see in your Community?

These can be short term or long term considerations.

To this end, we have set up an email address for communication with the Community panel.

Wharekawa2120@gmail.com The email address will be monitored and all correspondence answered. Feel free to drop us a line.

For a broader overview please feel free to check out the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Hauraki District Council website: <https://wharekawacoast2120.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/>