

# Wharekawa Coast 2120 Community Panel



July update for our Community on the Wharekawa Coast 2120 project.

The Wharekawa 2120 Community Panel have been very busy over the months' of June and July catching up with members of the Community and asking for input into a survey that has been put together by the TAG (Technical Advisory Group) within the Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Councils, in conjunction with the Community Panel.



This has been a mammoth task and if we have missed you, we apologise, but be rest assured we will be having a number of Community focused sessions and your participation will be appreciated.

It wasn't until we embarked on this process that we realized how busy our Community were. We did not realise the number of Community members who worked outside the area and also the number of holiday homes, not to mention how busy you all are.

We caught up with those we could and have had a good response.

## Recap

Our survey divided the Coastline up into Compartments. Each compartment has differing environmental issues and we were looking at how these issues impact you as an individual. Your scoring of tolerance to these issues has been enlightening and your personal comments and suggestions have been appreciated.

The survey was totally anonymous, so to have your say became more compelling and encouraged 'frank' comments which was great to see/hear. The surveys have been forwarded to the TAG team for collation and we are hopeful of having feedback for the next edition of the Compass.

## Community Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> July

On the 4<sup>th</sup> July we arranged a Community meeting, so that we could explain, with the assistance of the TAG Team, what we had been up to, what we had learnt about our Coastline, the assistance we had received and to inform you of where to next.

Thank you to those who attended and your input, insight and support was gratefully received.

We will have additional Community meetings, to ask for your assistance and opinions and will advertise these, to ensure your participation.

## What is next for the Community Panel?

As mentioned at the Community meeting, we will now start looking at options for mitigating our Climate issues. We will not be able to fix everything, but we will look at any and all options and prior to the planning stage, we will need your input. Hence the comment about further Community meetings.

The next phase is about – 'Blue Sky' visions. Start with a clean slate, utilizing your comments and input from the Surveys and start looking at the options for the Wharekawa Coast.

This is the exciting bit! The opportunities and the potential of our Coast. What we can put into play and plan for now, will assist those who will follow in our shoes.

Thank you for your time. We will be in touch.