



## Kia ora <<First Name>>

Thank you for signing up to this newsletter and for your interest in how Kāpiti Coast communities can adapt and thrive in the face of climate change and sea level rise.

We hope you and your friends and whānau have been enjoying the Kāpiti summer. Although the weather has been unsettled and there's been the uncertainty over COVID-19 it's always a nice time of the year to connect with people and nature.

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## Could this be you or someone you know?

The Takutai Kāpiti project aims to increase awareness of environmental challenges to our coastline and encourage the Kāpiti Community to be a part of forming a response.

To support the project a Community Assessment Panel (CAP) made up of iwi partners, community, and other key stakeholder/agency representatives is being set up.

The CAP will be a working group of local people and act as the formal mechanism through which wider community input, indigenous knowledge and technical expertise are used to develop coastal adaption options for the Kāpiti Coast

## Takutai Kāpiti is seeking a Chair for the CAP.

To be successful in this role you will have proven leadership and facilitation skills, previous experience chairing a committee of volunteers/ community groups, an ability to influence and achieve consensus, and be able to act impartially and without bias.

With a special relationship and commitment to the Kāpiti Coast, you will be an effective communicator, politically astute with experience of organisational and people management.

You will have an understanding of Māori language, tikanga, history and cultural values.

More information on the Takutai Kāpiti project can be found the [Takutai Kāpiti website](#)

*Only people with the legal right to live and work in New Zealand should apply.*

**Applications close 29 March 2021.**

For more information and to apply

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## Thanks for sharing

Nearly 100 of you were kind enough to share your thoughts through our Coastal Hazard Survey. Thank you for helping us understand how the Kāpiti community feel about our coast and its future. The results showed that:

### **Most respondents had noticed changes on the Kāpiti beachfront:**

*“...Eight years ago, there were no signs of sea life within the rocks. Now you will see there are many spots where small mussels and seaweeds have attached themselves to the rocks...”*

*“...30 years ago there was a dry beach strip all the way from Paekākāriki to Paraparaumu, even at high tide...”*

*“...I want to ensure future generations have access to the beach and that it retains a natural landscape...”*

*“...Keeping the beach a safe place for birds and people...”*

### Most felt they were well or very well informed

*“...There is a need to ‘think globally, act locally’...”*

*“...This is not just about beachfront homeowners...”*

It was also heartening to know that over half of respondents wanted to be kept up to date through this newsletter or the Takutai Kāpiti website.

Thanks again for sharing with us – we’ll keep you informed.

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## Help secure Kāpiti’s future

Here on the Kāpiti Coast, our district has seen significant change over the last few decades, and will continue to do so in the coming years.

Some changes we can foresee, such as our changing climate, others are less certain.

What we do know, however, is that we must plan ahead for change together as a community to ensure Kāpiti continues to be a great place to live.

This is where [our long-term plan](#) comes in. It’s a big deal because it lays out the mahi we intend to do over the next 20 years. It details the planned activities, services and projects, how much things are likely to cost and how we plan to pay for them.

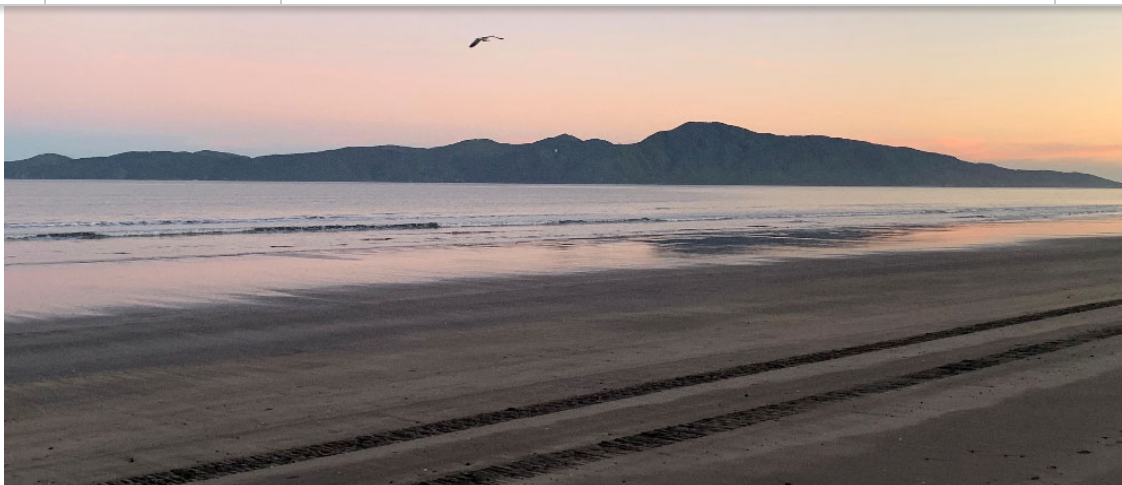
This plan has an impact on everyone living on the Kāpiti Coast.

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