



## Kia ora <<First Name>>

We are pleased to advise you that on 10 December 2020, the Takutai Kāpiti Co-Design Working Group presented their report to Kāpiti Coast District Council. This report outlined their recommendations for establishment of a Community Assessment Panel for the Takutai Kāpiti project.

This Community Assessment Panel will be established in 2021 and we will be asking members of our community to volunteer.

To kick start this conversation The Takutai Kāpiti project team want to find out how the Kāpiti community feel about their region's coast and its future. It is important that we take public opinion into account as we go forward with researching and developing adaptation and resilience options during Phase Two of the Takutai Kāpiti project.

We'd appreciate your thoughts, so please fill out our 10 question survey.

[Complete short survey](#)

## What is the Takutai Kāpiti project?

The name Takutai Kāpiti was given to us by Council Kaumatua Koro Don Te Maipi, Te Ātiawa. Takutai is translated as sea coast, shore in te reo Māori. The overarching meaning of Takutai Kāpiti reflects our coast, our shorelines, our Kāpiti Coast.

The Takutai Kāpiti project aims to work in partnership with local iwi to inform, engage and work with our local community on the impacts and challenges of climate change and sea level rise on our district, to take part in developing solutions and ways of adapting to coming change. Communities which plan for change are more resilient when it needs a response.

## Why is it important?

Like many coastal communities around Aotearoa, Kāpiti is facing significant environmental challenges from our changing climate and associated rising sea and groundwater levels.

While there is still much uncertainty about how significant these challenges will be and how quickly they will happen, we know there is a crucial need for our community to start planning for our future.

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## What are the project phases?

**Phase One:** Launched and co-designed the community-led process.

**Phase Two:** The establishment of a Community Assessment Panel from 2021 consisting of iwi, community and other key stakeholder/ agency representatives who will have access to cultural, technical, social and economic advice to inform the decision making.

**Phase Three:** Recommendations to Council and implementation planning.

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## What progress has been made on the project?

During the levels of COVID-19 lockdown, the Takutai Kāpiti project continued to progress work with our Co-Design Working Group and undertook a tender process for Coastal Science and Engineering Services.

The Co-Design Working Group consisted of representatives from our Tiriti Partners, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Coastal Ratepayers United, North Ōtaki Beach Residents Group, Waikanae Estuary Care Group and Kāpiti Coast District Council staff.

The Working Group's objective was to discuss and finalise preferences and recommendations to Kāpiti Coast District Council on the preferred process for Phase Two of the Takutai Kāpiti project on 10 December 2020.

[Read more about the projects progress](#)

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## How will the community be involved in the Takutai Kāpiti project?

The Community Assessment Panel will be a working group of local people, representing a cross-section of our community and the formal mechanism through which the wider community input, iwi and technical expertise are used to develop the medium to long-term adaptive solutions.

We envisage the Community Assessment Panel will meet regularly over a 12-month period to consider the coastal hazards and risks they represent, review a range of adaptation options, and assess cultural, social and economic impacts.

The wider community will be able to feed into the process in less formal ways, this will include utilising the dedicated Takutai Kāpiti website, surveys, and public open days.

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## What does success look like?

The Takutai Kāpiti project should deliver recommendations on coastal adaptation options for Council's consideration. The recommendations, including any potential cost associated with those options, should also guide the future development of District Plan provisions to manage coastal issues and an approach for the district dealing with coastal hazards.

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## Send us your photos of the Kāpiti Coastline!



There is no doubt that kiwis love the picturesque Kāpiti coast. If you have any photos of the coastline that you would like to be published on the Takutai Kāpiti website, please send them to [coastal@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:coastal@kapiticoast.govt.nz) with your full name.

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## Next Steps



## Join the conversation

In early 2021, we will be asking people to volunteer to be actively involved through the Community Assessment Panel process. Our next newsletter in the new year will detail how you can apply.

Visit [www.takutaikapiti.nz](http://www.takutaikapiti.nz) for more information.