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Kia ora

This is the Takutai Kāpiti team's final update for the year – we'll be back in 2022.

The [Takutai Kāpiti](#) website will be offline for a couple of days on Monday and Tuesday (20/21 December), while we make some updates to the navigation and content, so try again in a day or two if you have trouble connecting next week!

Iwi representatives join Coastal Advisory Panel

The Takutai Kāpiti community Coastal Advisory Panel has confirmed iwi representation from Ngā Hāpu o Ōtaki – we're delighted to welcome Oriwia Mason and Heni Wirihana. We're looking forward to welcoming the other iwi representatives as soon as they can be appointed by mana whenua.

And speaking of names, you might notice we've had a few iterations for the panel but have settled on Coastal Advisory Panel to better reflect its role – advising on future adaptation options for our coast!

[Read about Oriwia, Heni and the rest of the panel on the Council website](#)

New housing law and our coastal project

You've no doubt heard about the new law designed to increase housing supply by enabling more medium-density development in tier one councils, which includes Kāpiti. It allows landowners to build up to three homes of up to three storeys on most residential sites unless a mechanism called a "qualifying matter" is applied to limit intensification through a district plan change process.

While we support initiatives to address New Zealand's housing shortage, we told the select committee our district needs a more nuanced approach to growth. The new law presents particular complications for the Takutai Kāpiti project because it requires Council to put out a draft plan change to its District Plan in 2022 to enable greater intensification, including in coastal areas. We now need to look at applying a qualifying matter to prevent further infill while the Coastal Advisory Panel develops its recommendations on how best to manage future development in land along the coast.

[Read Council's submission on the Housing Supply Amendment Bill \(now Act\)](#)



Our panel visits the coast

The Coastal Advisory Panel has visited a number of coastal sites to learn first hand about the changes and challenges. They were briefed by Derek Todd from coastal engineering consultancy Jacobs New Zealand Ltd and Dr Iain Dawe from Greater Wellington Regional Council. The panel got a close up view of the parts of our shoreline that are being affected by coastal processes in Paekākkāriki, Raumati, Paraparaumu, Peka Peka, Waikanae, Te Horo and Ōtaki.

Panel chair Jim Bolger said, “The visit gave us a good overview of the way our coast is being affected by natural processes and the likely future changes resulting from climate change, including sea-level rise. It’s clear that different parts of the coast are being affected differently so there can be no blanket solution in planning for the future. It’s also given us a good understanding of the challenges our district faces in planning for future development in coastal areas.”

The panel will be firming up its plans for its schedule next year and how you can engage. We hope to be able to provide more details in the next e-newsletter.

Meanwhile, Jacob’s draft technical report is being updated to reflect recent additional information on sea level rise scenarios from the IPCC’s AR6 report and in Ministry for the Environment guidance for local climate change risk assessments, as well as updated New Zealand sea level projections expected to

be released in early 2022. This will also give the panel time to get its community engagement up and running as technical information and projections will be an important part of those discussions.

(Pictured (above) our panel at Waikanae; and (below) at Paekākāriki.)



Wishing you all a relaxing summer break

Finally, we'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer break. It's been a tough year in so many ways, so we hope you manage to reconnect with friends and whānau and get out and about to enjoy our beautiful coastline.

Ngā mihi.

The Takutai Kāpiti team



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