



# Waipu Cove Reserve Board

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**December 2013** - with the peak season fast approaching the camp is looking in great shape ready for the influx of visitors over the next three months.

We would like to welcome **Rowan Pullan** to the board. Rowan was appointed by DOC earlier this year and we look forward to her input.

**Regular visitors to the reserve will notice there has been a lot of work done in the off season, particularly in and around the camp.**

The major refurbishment of the **northern ablution block** has now been completed. This upgrade has meant that this block now complies with OSH regulations and is a safer, more hygienic environment.

As a result of some Annual Site Holders leaving and others being resited, the managers have been busy **cleaning up and regrassing a number of sites**. The concrete pad in front of cabin 4 has been removed and that area regrassed. We expect these areas to be well established by the Xmas rush.

We have been progressively improving the facilities within the ablution blocks such as offering complimentary dish washing detergent in all kitchens, hiring out of kitchen utensils in our middle block and full sized cooking **ovens** in the middle and North ablution blocks (ovens will be installed prior to Xmas). Also two new **“Springfree trampolines”** installed. The **boat ramp** beach access way has been upgraded. We have just installed 3 new clotheslines around the middle block for campers.



The introduction of the **new electric cart** has meant that the cleaners can move around the reserve in the early hours quietly and discreetly without disturbing campers.



We have also finally replaced the worn out **rubbish truck** with a larger, newer version, which has a much greater capacity. This coupled with the cage around the trailer will make the job of disposing of the rubbish and recyclables easier and more efficient with fewer trips to the tip.



Work continues on **dune planting and beach access ways**. With more fencing giving the dunes the protection they need to perform their essential function. After meeting with representatives of the Northern regional council and DOC it was mutually agreed that we were on the right track by fencing off the dunes and directing the foot traffic to specific access ways. It is hoped that this along with continued planting will encourage growth and help stabilize the sand dunes. We ask that all users, adult and children alike, use the designated pathways to and from the beach and not climb through or over the fencing.



**Fees 14/15 will remain the same as this year 13/14.**

\*\*\*\*\*Trial attraction “Wet N Wild Slide” January 4<sup>and</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Northern Reserve.\*\*\*\*\*



The camp has increased the amount and range of accommodation on offer by:-



- **purchasing a leisure built and awning.** . On this occasion it proved to be an economical option, having the advantage of being able to be occupied immediately. This is being marketed as “**Cove Bach**”
- **embarking on a trial joint venture with the Surf club** who have converted little used quarters to a



back packers style accommodation. It is hoped that this will allow a more cost effective option for travellers and tourists alike to enjoy what Waipu Cove has to offer. This is being marketed as “**The Bunkhouse**”

With the help of the camp managers and an independent consultant the board have been granted resource consent to proceed with the construction of the proposed new “**gear shed**”. This will replace the existing building situated just inside the main entrance to the camp. As well as accommodating the newly acquired rubbish truck and electric buggy, the new building will have a **multipurpose room** to provide visitors with an indoor area to meet others and relax. It will also have an OSH compliant **dangerous goods store** to house the fuel and cleaning products needed to keep the reserve in good shape, an outdoor **fish filleting area** and a new disguised **recycle station**. This project is planned to commence at the end of the upcoming season to be ready for Xmas 2014.

There has been a significant amount of new **roading** done over the winter as we had a bit of a catchup to get back on track with 3 years worth now being completed.



The proposed introduction of **grey water drainage** throughout the reserve has started. This proved to be a major undertaking and required a considerable amount of research to get to where we are now. Everything is now in place for this work to be completed next year in the off season,

**Rubbish trial** - In years gone by, skip bins that were located in the Southern car park of the reserve and were designed for reserve users, made it too easy for all and sundry to dump their rubbish. The result was often bins overflowing with smelly, unsightly rubbish. The controversial decision to remove these bins has resulted in a litter free car park and a safer environment for all to share.



Following that trend, many public reserves are now encouraging people to show pride in their environment by taking their rubbish with them. The Reserve Board propose to do the same for Waipu Cove as the provision of bins attracts the dumping of rubbish. The trial will begin this summer from the beginning of **December through to April**. All the rubbish bins from the reserve day area will be removed and the council will remove their 3 bins (1 by the mail box and 2 wheelie bins by the boat ramp). Signage will be placed to inform the public that as there are no bins they will need to take their rubbish home.

**It has come to our attention that there are some casual and ASH campers not being honest in declaring (and therefore not paying for) the number of campers/ASH extras on their sites. This breach of contract is unfair on the majority who are honest and pay the correct amount. Management will be monitoring this situation over the busy summer season. Please make sure to declare at reception any extra campers that will be staying on your site as they arrive.**

With the upcoming summer looking like another long hot and dry one, now is the time to think about the issue of **fire safety** in your caravan/leisurebuilt.

The fire service recommend you install a **smoke detector** and have available a 1kg dry powder fire extinguisher in your caravan, as a minimum precaution. This not only will protect your property and your family, but other families surrounding you.

The camp have been offered a special rate on 1kg **multipurpose dry powder fire extinguishers** so please contact the managers if you are interested in taking up this offer.