

Waitāre Progressive Association

Waitarere Beach Progressive & Ratepayers Association Inc
ESTABLISHED 1945

Long Lunch Held 19 January 2025

Another fantastic success for our yearly event (the sun played its part also). Thank you to all our fabulous sponsors who made this day even better than before, always filled with fun and laughter and a great assortment of food to share, if you didn't make it this year there is always 2026. Thanks to Bill & Marie for running the raffles and of course to all the volunteers who give up their time to help make this a great day. ***NB: (Sponsors have been thanked individually from the WBPRA).***



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New Web Site – <https://wbpra.co.nz> (you can still access old site <https://waitarerecoast.co.nz>)

We are thrilled to announce that we are in the process of updating our website and its almost complete! Featuring a fresh design, improved navigation, and comprehensive information about all community initiatives, events, sponsors, etc, and the new site aims to serve you better. You will now easily find details about upcoming activities, volunteer opportunities, and more. We encourage everyone to visit and explore the new look and feel of our online presence plus you can contact WBPRA by emailing us.

Email address waitarere.wbpra@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed – Help your Community!

NZ Fire Service are calling for Waitarere volunteers for the beach station. The Waitarere Beach brigade responds to an average of 60 emergency callouts a year, about one a week. The Waitarere brigade often assists crews from Foxton, Levin and farther afield in responding to fires, car accidents, natural disasters, medical emergencies, hazardous material events, and yes even cats stuck up a tree. Please contact Chief Chad O'Hara on chad.o'hara@fireandemergency.nz

Beach Wardens are also looking for extra volunteers to assist the current group. Beach Wardens provide a voluntary service and operate under a Warrant of Appointment as officers of the Horowhenua District Council. Beach Wardens are familiar with Laws/Bylaws relevant to Waitarere Beach including Traffic & Parking Bylaws, Dog Control Bylaw, Liquor Bylaw, Litter Act, etc. Contact Craig Dyson at 100cdyson@gmail.com

The Round-about Garden – Thanks to our Garden Volunteers and HDC for ongoing weeding, mulching etc– We have had a lot of positive comments regarding this garden and the enhancement to the entrance to the village. Please remember not to cut the corner by the roundabout and end up damaging plants. ***At The Next Call out please come and help!***

Defibrillators

Waitarere Beach Community has a new defibrillator sited at 4 square available 24/7, with thanks to Waitarere Fishing Club, Lewis Farms, Graeme Bagrie and Easton Family and Frank Taylor (for site). **Call 111 for instruction on how to access the defibrillator.**



NB: There are several defibrillators distributed throughout the Village – sites include Surf Club (during patrol hours), Waitarere Fire Station (by calling 111) Hyderabad Holiday Park (Forest Road) Waitarere Club (Park Ave - Club opening hours).

NB: in an emergency ring 111 for Ambulance or Fire or NZ Police

Reminders.

Community Security Cameras – It is IMPORTANT to remind the Police that we have cameras located at Waitarere Beach, if you need to report any crime where images may have been recorded by the community security cameras.

Rubbish - Please use the HDC bins that have been provided around the beach. Keep our Beach & Village litter free. Recycle Bins by the surf club - Please do not overfill.

Beach Clean-up - Dates for the Next 4 months- **11am start** - Sunday 27th April, Sunday 25th May, Sunday 22nd June & Sunday 20th July.

Vehicles on the beach. All Vehicles need to be registered. Keep to the **30kmph speed limit** when driving cars and/or on your quad or motorbikes. If you witness bad driving or accidents etc, please contact NZ Police on 111 for urgent/dangerous or 105 for non-urgent.

Appreciation

Thank you to all our fantastic Beach Volunteers who assisted throughout the summer. A reminder to be safe and courteous out on the beach and the surrounding village area.



JOIN WBPRA - New & Past Members - All Welcome Membership Subs only \$10 per household couple or \$5 per single member (This Financial Year starts 1 April 2025) join up via 4 Square. **AGM to be held in 11am on 25 May 2025 at Surf Club.**

All Welcome - but only current Financial Members can vote at the AGM.

Your Community Values your Support.

