

Shore Futures

A collective vision for healthy harbours and communities in the Kawhia and Aotea catchments.

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December 2007

It is almost the end of 2007 and it really has been a busy year in terms of the Shore Futures project which Environment Waikato, Otorohanga, Waikato and Waitomo district councils and the Department of Conservation have been working together on.

Some of the more recent work we have carried out includes:

- completion of the Shore Futures Consultation Report – available on Environment Waikato's website www.ew.govt.nz/projects/shorefutures/index.htm
- initiation of a heritage study for both catchments
- establishment of a community reference group.

We are now focused on writing the Draft Shore Futures Report in conjunction with the Community Reference Group. We hope the draft report will be available for public comment by April or May next year. We also hope to have the summary report of the landscape assessment available on the website soon.

Keep an eye out for updates on www.ew.govt.nz/projects/shorefuture/index.htm or call us if you have any questions about this project.

- Natasha Hayward or Jenni Paul (EW) – 0800 800 401.
- Andrew Loe or Reg Proffit (ODC) – 07 873 8199.
- John Moran (Waitomo DC) – 0800 932 4357.
- Allan Turner (Waikato DC) – 07 824 8633.
- Vicki Carruthers (DOC) – 07 838 3363.
- Hilary Gubb (Federated Farmers) – 07 858 0815.

Other important news

Environment Waikato still has money available in its Clean Streams fund to help farmers in the Waikato region fence and plant their waterways. The fund, set up in 2002, covers up to 35 per cent of the cost of this work. And if you're farming in a livestock exclusion area, which includes most streams flowing into a harbour or estuary and within two kilometres of the coastal marine area, you're guaranteed funding. However, this offer expires at the end of June 2008 – so get in now.

If you would like more information about Clean Streams funding, or want to know if you're in a livestock exclusion area, call Colin Ferguson on Environment Waikato's freephone 0800 800 401.

The Shore Futures project team would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has participated in this process to date, and to wish you all a safe and happy festive season.