

## **TE WHANGANUI-A-HEI (CATHEDRAL COVE) MARINE RESERVE AND HAHEI COAST COMMITTEE**

Te Whanganui-A-Hei (Cathedral Cove) Marine Reserve and Hahei Coast Committee's broad role is to advocate for and to provide guidance to the Waikato Conservation Board on management matters pertaining to the Hahei and Cathedral Cove public open space areas, including the Te Whanganui-A-Hei (Cathedral Cove) Marine Reserve.

This committee may only act within the mandate of the Conservation Board and is not delegated any specific powers. Any recommendations made by the Committee need to be formally approved by the Board.

The Committee has a key role working on behalf of the Waikato Conservation Board to identify issues and work with DOC to address issues and contribute to the current and future management of this area – both concerning the management of the Te Whanganui-A-Hei (Cathedral Cove) Marine Reserve. And public open space areas along the Hahei Coast.

The Committee comprises of eight members, representing groups with key interests in Hahei Coast and the Te Whanganui-A-Hei Marine Reserve (Cathedral Cove), or individuals with strong links to the local community, and one member of the Board (ex-officio). They are a representative of Mercury Bay Community Board, a representative of the Friends of Te Whanganui-A-Hei Trust, two representatives with community interests and four representatives of, and appointed by, Ngati Hei. Nominations for the two community members are called for every three years by the Board. The Board will place advertisements in local newspapers calling for members and successful nominees will be selected by the Board.

Meetings are held in Hahei where possible and provide a Public Forum as an agenda item. Generally there are three meetings a year.

### **Objectives and Functions**

(i) To provide the Director-General of Conservation / Operations Manager and Operations Director with local information to aid the management of the Hahei Coast and Marine Reserve Place

This will encompass such activities as:

- Having input into the preparation and approval of a conservation planning document for the marine reserve and area as defined by the committee boundary map.
- Fostering community support for the marine reserve and public open space (including Public Conservation Land and other public space) - advising the Board and the Department on (but not limited to):
  - public information and education needs specific applications to carry out scientific study compliance and enforcement requirements .
  - commercial opportunities provided by the marine reserve and land based activity

- the effects of the marine reserve and land based activity on adjoining communities .
- resource consent applications likely to have an adverse effect on the marine reserve and public conservation land
- Business planning by DOC staff pertaining to operational management in the area

(ii) The Committee may advocate publicly for the marine reserve, associated ecosystems, and for public conservation land. This includes making submissions to resource consent applications but not the lodging of an appeal with the Environment Court.

(iii) Committee members must not make statements to the news media representing the Committee without the prior approval of the chairperson of the Waikato Conservation Board.

In the New Year the Committee will be holding workshops with the community to discuss the recommendations made by the SeaChange Group with regard to boundary extensions to our Marine Reserve. We look forward to community involvement.