

RUAKĀKĀ BEACH HOLIDAY PARK



Winter Newsletter

JUNE 2026

BUSY WINTER AHEAD

We've got plenty happening this winter! In this newsletter, you'll find updates on the exciting improvements and projects already underway, along with what's planned over the coming months. The quieter winter season gives us the perfect opportunity to get stuck into these projects and prepare the campground for another great summer.

You can find a copy of our summer newsletters from November and December 2025 on our website, which highlight the upgrades made around the camp during the previous winter.



WINTER ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

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Camp 4/Mioweka Bathroom Renovations

So far this year, our team has been hard at work upgrading the Camp 4 (Mioweka) bathroom facilities. The project has included removing the existing partitions, completely repainting the interior, and installing improved lighting to create a brighter and more welcoming space.

A specialist team has also replaced the flooring, and brand-new toilet partitions are currently being installed. These improvements will give the facilities a fresh, modern appearance and ensure they are ready to welcome campers for the busy summer season ahead.

Tree Removal

A qualified arborist is currently removing pine trees throughout the campground after identifying a number of trees that posed health and safety concerns. While these trees have been a long-standing feature of the camp, their removal is helping to create a safer environment for everyone.

Pine needles can also make it difficult for grass to grow, and we're already seeing a noticeable improvement. Camp 6 has opened up significantly, and visitors can now enjoy views of the water from the Camp 5 hill. The area around the hall will also feel much more open and welcoming once the work is complete.

We plan to replace the pines with more suitable trees and plantings over time. To minimise waste, all mulch produced from the tree removal will be kept and reused throughout the campground in our gardens and landscaped areas.



Penny (KiwiCash) Installation Camp 5/Kūkupa

This winter, we will be installing KiwiCash in the Camp 5 / Kūkupa amenities block, ready for use during the upcoming summer season.

KiwiCash provides a more convenient and reliable way to access showers, reducing the need for traditional tokens and the maintenance that comes with them. Many campers will have experienced the frustration of a token not working properly or running into issues mid-shower, often at the most inconvenient time.

We've received great feedback about the Camp 4/Mioweka amenities block, where Penny has been installed. We're hoping that introducing it to additional blocks will create an even more user-friendly experience for our guests.



Naming Our Camp Roads

To make it easier for campers to find their way around, we have decided to name the three main roads in the campground. With the size of the camp, giving directions can sometimes be confusing, so named roads will help guests and staff navigate more easily. We will also be installing large signs that can be easily seen from the campground entrance. We have chosen native tree names for the roads, although the final names have not yet been confirmed.



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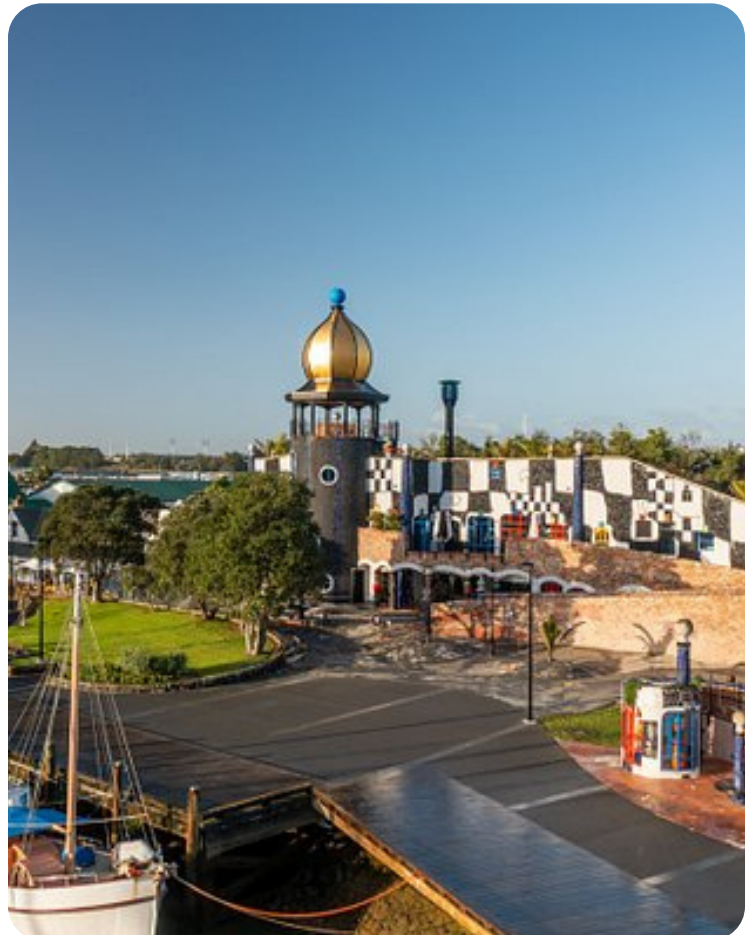
Waipū Golf Club Discount

Did you know that campers can enjoy a special discounted rate at the Waipū Golf Club all year round? Guests can play 18 holes for just \$50, making it a great opportunity to experience one of the area's beautiful local attractions. Bookings are essential, so be sure to plan ahead. Next time you stay with us, take advantage of this fantastic offer and visit the stunning golf course, located just a 5-minute drive from the campground. While you're there, be sure to stop by their excellent café, which is a great spot to relax and enjoy a meal or coffee with beautiful views.



Things to do in Whangārei

- Flip Whangārei - trampoline park and soft play
- ActionZone Entertainment Centre - bowling, laser tag and arcade
- Timezone Whangārei
- Escape on Bank Street
- Whangārei Aquatic Centre - heated pools and hydrosrides
- Pohe Island Playground
- Whangārei Falls
- Hātea Loop Walkway
- Kiwi North – museum, see real kiwi, and train rides
- Town Basin & playground – play, cafes & waterfront views as well as the famous Hundertwasser Art Centre!



Summer Bookings

Summer booking confirmations will be emailed out on 1st of July. Please take the time to read through your confirmation carefully and ensure that the dates, site allocation, and number of guests are correct.

We always do our best to allocate guests to their preferred site. However, due to the high number of bookings and applications we receive each season, this is not always possible. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to welcoming you this summer.

Fee Increases

Site fees for the upcoming summer season have increased by \$2 per night to help cover the rising costs of running and maintaining the campground. The new rates are (including 2 guests):

Waterview Powered Site – \$66 per night

Powered Site – \$56 per night

Non-Powered Site – \$50 per night

As a not-for-profit organisation, all income is reinvested back into the camp. This helps us maintain our facilities and complete projects such as the Camp 4 bathroom renovations, our tree removal programme, and other improvements around the campground.

We offer very competitive rates throughout the winter and off-peak season, helping to keep camping affordable year-round, with sites available from just \$20 per night. There are plenty of sites available throughout the quieter months, making it easy to book a stay whenever it suits you.

Annual Camper Survey

Each year, the Board invites feedback from guests who have stayed with us over the previous 12 months through our annual guest survey. This year's survey will be sent out shortly, and we welcome all feedback, both positive and constructive. Your responses help us understand what we're doing well, identify areas where we can improve, and guide future projects and developments around the camp. Your input plays an important role in helping us continue to provide the best possible experience for all our campers.

As a thank you for your time, everyone who completes the survey will go into the **draw to win a \$50 Prezzy Card**.

Defibs

We have two defibrillators (AEDs) available within the campground should they ever be needed in an emergency. One is located in the Camp 4/Mioweka amenities block, and the other is situated outside the office. We encourage all campers to familiarise themselves with these locations. In an emergency, quick access to a defibrillator can make a significant difference.

Ruakākā Reserve Board

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge and remember John Quayle for his dedication and commitment during his four years as Chairman. John made a significant contribution to the campground and the Board, and we are grateful for the leadership, time, and energy he gave to the camp. His passing has been deeply felt, and our thoughts remain with his family and friends.

The Board appointed Brett Tibbotts as Chairman and John Kearney as Vice Chair. Alongside fellow Board members Emma Smith, Janette Spyve, and Kristin St. John, they continue to provide leadership and oversight for the campground.

We would also like to welcome our two newest Board members, Jan Nelson and Paul Price. Following our call for new Board members last year, we received a number of excellent applications and are delighted to have Jan and Paul join the team.

Our Team

These are the familiar faces who keep the campground running year-round. Our office team consists of Anne-Marie (Manager), Tayah (Assistant Manager), Karisa, and Hanna. Looking after the grounds are Kyrin and Tony, while Violet works hard to keep our facilities clean and welcoming. Together, our team is dedicated to making your stay as enjoyable as possible.



Left to right: Kyrin, Tony, Anne-Marie, Tayah, Hanna and Karisa. Absent- Violet

Winter Office Hours

Saturday - Thursday 9am - 6pm
Fridays 9am - 6:30pm