



## MERRA Newsletter Summer 2020

MERRA wishes residents a very Merra holiday period and a wonderful New Year.

Here are the MERRA Summer events for your calendar

**Mahurangi 44<sup>th</sup> annual Regatta**, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021. View link

<http://www.mahurangi.org.nz/1947/02/23/2021-mahurangi-regatta-programme/>

We seek several drivers for the small shuttle van operating at Scotts Landing during the regatta, and expect to need twice the number we had last year. If you can spare an hour or two during the day or evening, please email [merra.chair@gmail.com](mailto:merra.chair@gmail.com) or [peter@seers.me](mailto:peter@seers.me)

**MERRA BBQ** with shared plates 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 members Free, others \$5.00 at Scott House

**MERRA AGM** – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 all welcome – held at Scott House.

Please view our website for all our events <https://scottslanding.org/> if you feel you are missing out, please email us. [merra.chair@gmail.com](mailto:merra.chair@gmail.com)

### Summer Fire Ban

Residents are reminded that there is a fire ban in place, and summer is the time to watch any fire very carefully and to act quickly if it gets out of control. Please take the following link to the MERRA website and download and print off the instruction in the event of a fire.

<https://scottslanding.org/fire/>

Or check the council site

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/licences-regulations/outdoor-fires/Pages/default.aspx>

### Summer Safety & Security

Please remember to secure items like kayaks, outboards, etc, during the festive season with the increased number of visitors around. Many items have been lost over the years.

### Medical

Coast to Coast Healthcare operate a 8am to 8pm medical centre now at 77 Morrison Drive in Warkworth. <https://scottslanding.org/warkworth-medical-centre-available-7-days/>



## MERRA Historical Trail

**Invitation:** The MERRA Committee invites you to test out the **first two historical trail benches** and provide us with feedback.

**Aim:** The trail aims to bring the rich history of the Mahurangi and Scotts Landing alive for residents and visitors. Marked by its beautiful hardwood and corten steel bench seat, each site offers a place to rest, to look and to learn. It is a project by the community for the community and its visitors.

**Locations:** The first two benches are located in the historic **Mahurangi Heads Cemetery** (up the gravel stairs at c350 Ridge Road) and in the **Community Garden** (13 Young St) [map below].



**Please visit the benches with your family and guests over** summer, scan the QR code (or search/enter the URL) and read about the local history while taking in the views. At present the guides are in text form but we hope to add an audio commentary in future.

**Feedback sought:** We welcome your feedback as we trial the first two benches. We look forward to hearing your thoughts ... strengths? suggested improvements? ideas for additional content?

**Future locations?:** MERRA has materials for a further four benches and invites your thoughts on other potential locations. Please see the map below for some of the sites already suggested as possibilities. Please be reassured (as per the notes on the map) that neighbours of a possible site will be consulted before placement decisions are made.

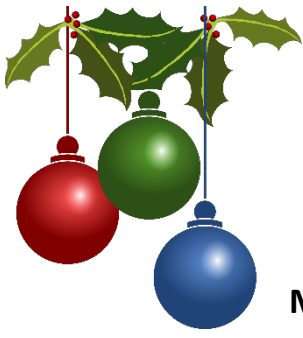
We look forward to hearing from you via the MERRA website or to [merrasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:merrasecretary@gmail.com)

**Season's Greetings and thanks in anticipation...**

**Stuart Windross**

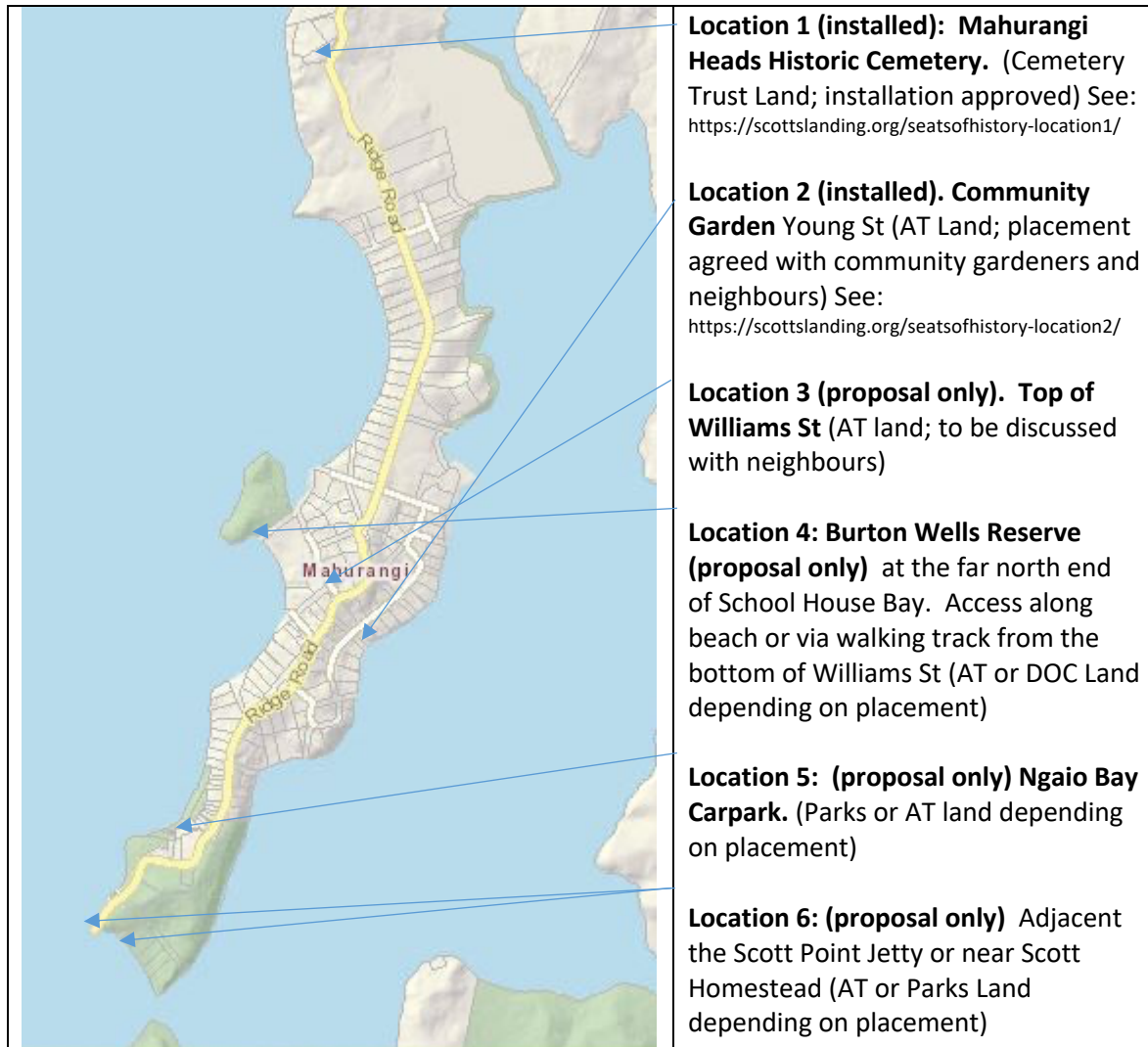
**MERRA Historical Trail Subcommittee Convenor/Author**

**Acknowledgements:** Thanks go to Malcolm and Penny Scott and JSC Timber for their substantial gift of Iroko hardwood; Stephanie Allison and the Abbot family for their donation towards the cemetery bench; Jude Nye and Alan Seelye for the bench design; the Cemetery Trust Board for their support; and the installation-working bee team.



## Map... current and possible additional locations.

**Please note:** only Locations 1&2 are finalised. Other locations are subject to feedback from local residents and discussion with Auckland Parks, Auckland Transport or DOC as appropriate. We invite your community input and feedback.



Other suggestions made to us include sites in the DOC reserve above Scott House and back towards 32 Ridge Rd. We note the risk related to steep cliffs on the Te Kapa side.