



Community Newsletter from the Committee of the Mahurangi East Residents & Ratepayers Association (MERRA)

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MERRA pressure prompts harbour clean-up



As recently reported in *Mahurangi Matters*, the Harbourmaster has removed a large amount of illegally dumped rubbish from the Mahurangi foreshore after pressure from MERRA to take action. MERRA wrote to the Harbourmaster's office in July to draw their attention to dumping of rubbish and effluent from illegally moored vessels in the harbour.

In response, the Harbourmaster despatched a crew and work vessel to the site in September, which recovered almost a tonne of waste material from this site. The Harbourmaster has advised that further enforcement action is to be taken, and that the team will continue to work with the local live-aboard communities to ensure compliance.

Walkway Volunteers Needed



MERRA is looking for volunteers to help with maintenance of our Scotts Landing walking tracks over the next few months. Our initial focus is on weed removal and fixing up washouts on the surface of tracks in the Schoolhouse Bay area. If you are able to help out, please contact merra.events@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

Roading Update



MERRA continues to maintain a good working relationship with the local road maintenance crews and it has been pleasing to see recent actions to re-seal Ridge Road, and further protection works to stabilise the slip-prone bank alongside the road near Ngaio Bay. This should help to stabilise the bank and minimise sediment run-off into the harbour after weather events.

Letterbox Theft



The local postman has reported that a parcel has been stolen from a mailbox recently. Unfortunately it seems to be common around Christmastime so please check your mailboxes regularly.

Labour Weekend Weed Skip



A big thank you to Northland Waste and Chris and Helen Russell for the skip that was available to take your pest weeds in the Labour Weekend. There seemed to be quite a bit of wild ginger and woolly nightshade in the skip so thank you to everyone who helped to rid the peninsular of these pest weeds.