



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

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Happy New Year

Here are a few upcoming events to mark in your calendar

Mahurangi Regatta – 24 January 2026



The Mahurangi Cruising Club welcomes all locals to Scott's Landing for this year's regatta on Saturday 24 January. Since its inception in 1856 it was intended as a get together for the local settlers and the Auckland yachtsmen. The classic launch parade gets underway at 9.30 am and the classic yacht racing from 11 am. The big marquee will be erected on Friday 23. The popular Love Square jazz band will play from 6 pm and a dance band from 8 pm. Please note there is no shuttle bus this year, so it will be drop off at the Scott's carpark then park where you can. There will be 5 barbecues for public use.

The Cruising Club is seeking some local help to get the 3 barbecues down from the garage at Baileys Cottage and clean them or fire them up on Friday 23rd, then return on Sunday 25th. Also, a few hands to help erect the marquee on Friday and take it down on Monday 26th. Please contact Hugh Gladwell on 021 606409 if you are able to help, or for any queries.

We are looking forward to fine weather and a great event. We will cancel Wednesday or Thursday if a cyclone or similar threatens

MERRA Picnic – 1 March 2026



The annual MERRA Picnic will be held at Scott House on Sunday 1 March. This year's picnic will be held in the afternoon to allow people to stay on and take advantage of the early evening tide. We will be in touch in February with more details. The picnic is free to all MERRA members, so please come along and encourage any new residents to come and meet others in the community.

MERRA Annual General Meeting – 17 May 2026



The 57th MERRA Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 17 May. We will be contacting you closer to the time with details.

Inorganic Rubbish Collection – 2-6 March 2026



The next Auckland Council inorganic rubbish collection in Scotts Landing will be held in the week commencing 2 March 2026. If you have inorganic rubbish that you want collected, don't just leave it on the street - you must book a pick-up through the Council either [online here](#), or in person at the library.

For information on the inorganic collection, including what will or won't be collected, and where to leave it, [click here](#).

I Pest Weed Collection Bin - Easter 2026



MERRA is once again organising an Easter weed blitz. With support from Northland Waste and Chris and Helen Russell, a skip will be available to take your pest weeds this coming Easter Weekend April 2026.

Pest weeds are those considered to be invasive and a threat to our environment if not controlled. We are particularly targeting Wild Ginger and Woolly Nightshade (tobacco plant). You should also be

on the lookout for monkey apple, cotoneaster, Agapanthas (flower stems only please), Chinese privet, tradescantia, moth plant, gorse, jasmine, and bush lawyer.

For information on what these species look like, and how best to dispose of them, check out the plant pest information on the MERRA website ([link here](#)), or the Auckland Council site [here](#).