



**Date:** 22/11/2024

**To:** Meirene Hardy-Birch

**CC:** Haina Tamahana

**From:** Paul Mills

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**Subject:** Meeting Summary – Access Issues - Maitai Bay Gate

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### Meeting Details

**Date and Time:** 22 November 2024, 11:30 AM

**Location:** Kaitaia DOC Office

### Attendees:

- **Hapū Representatives:**
  - [REDACTED]
  - 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]
  - [REDACTED]
- **Department of Conservation (DOC) Representatives:**
  - Meirene Hardy-Birch
  - Paul Mills
  - Haina Tamahana

### Background

- [REDACTED] submitted an Official Information Act (OIA) request (OIAD-4589) on 21 October 2024.
  - The request sought information regarding the installation of a gate at the Maitai Bay Campground, which restricts general public access to Merita Bay.
  - [REDACTED] specifically requested:  
*"I would like all the information surrounding the implementation of the gate that was installed in the campground preventing us from accessing our Māori land at the end of Merita Bay."*
  - The OIA request was completed, and the information provided to Windelborn.

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### Meeting Purpose

- The meeting held 22 November 2024 was requested by [REDACTED] to inform the Department of Conservation (DOC) of his intended actions if he is unable to access his whānau land via Merita Bay.
  - Windelborn was supported by 9(2)(a) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
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## Discussion Points

- **Current Access Arrangements:**

- [REDACTED] is presently accessing his whānau land through other hapū land adjacent to his property.
- Primary access for this land is via a public road.

- **Preferred Access:**

- [REDACTED] expressed a desire to access his land via Merita Bay, similar to other hapū members who currently access their land through the gate.

- **Proposed Actions Regarding Gate Access:**

- [REDACTED] stated he would either:
  - Obtain a key from hapū members [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] (surname unknown), who currently hold keys to the gate.
  - Remove the gate himself if other options are not successful.

- **Engagement with the Whānau Trust:**

- [REDACTED] has been unsuccessful in engaging with the Waitai Raharui Whānau Trust regarding access.
- He acknowledged that the Trust is the appropriate authority for addressing access to his whānau land.

- **Potential Complaint:**

- [REDACTED] indicated an intention to file a complaint about a dwelling occupied by [REDACTED] located on public conservation land at the eastern end of Merita Bay.
  - DOC is aware of this dwelling.
  - When questioned about his motivation for the complaint, [REDACTED] stated it would be “for leverage” as he believes Raharui is responsible for denying his access.
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## Conclusion

- [REDACTED] seeks resolution regarding access to his whānau land and is considering various actions to achieve this.

- DOC representatives noted his concerns and acknowledged the broader context involving hapū and whānau relationships.
- DOC again gave advise around approaching the Waitai Raharuhi Whānau Trust regarding access to his land.
- For detailed information on the background and other information already disclosed to [REDACTED] ref OIA 4589 and response from the Department.

Released under the Official Information Act

**Waikato Bay Access.**

28th Dec. 2018

This is to inform you that access on to Waikato Bay is the private property of the Raharuhi Whanau.

We have allowed free access to ALL including Dept of Conservation Campers for the past 30 plus years and so we ask that you respect the fact that you are on private land.

In the meantime we will be negotiating with DOC for a suitable arrangement to allow future access.

**Raharuhi Whanau  
Trust**

Plyers Given out to Boaties using boat ramp  
access to launch.  
Vehicles parked on Waikato Beach.



WAITAI RAHARUHI WHANAU TRUST

s 9(2)(a) OIA

21st October 2019

Department of Conservation  
Kaitiā Branch

Attn: D J Neho  
Area Manager [DOC Kaitiā]

Tena koe

On behalf of the above named Trust, I have been asked to inform you that at a recent whanau hui 19th October 2019, that our discussion centered around Maitai Bay Campground boat ramp gate.

Please be advised the outcome of this discussion is that our whanau have decided that the said boat ramp gate will be locked 24/7 over the xmas/new year period from the 19th December 2019 - 30th January 2020.

Any further information do not hesitate to contact myself or s 9(2)(a) by email or phone.

Naku noa  
s 9(2)(a) OIA

## Abraham Witana

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**From:** Meirene Hardy-Birch  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 November 2019 3:07 pm  
**To:** Haina Tamehana  
**Subject:** Hey I forgot to get this to you to check and send to [REDACTED] and crew

Kia ora Haina – I did this letter for the Waitai Raharuhi Trust early this morning and forgot to send through to you. I think its pretty much on point, you have write/edit access if you think it needs a touch up. Anyway from my perspective I think its good to go, so can you please print it off and get it out in the mail I'd appreciate that.

Out of scope [REDACTED], Mei

**Meirene Hardy-Birch** has shared the following files with you. View them by clicking on their links below:

**Follow up letter. Waitai Raharuhi Trust. 15.11.19 - DOC-6129445.docx** Microsoft Word  
Document, 55.7 KB  
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Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

s 9(2)(a) OIA

Waitai Raharuhi Whanau Trust

s 9(2)(a) OIA

Tena koe s 9(2)(a) OIA

Follow up letter from our meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Thank you for hosting Haina Tamehana and I late afternoon on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019. It was a pleasure to meet yourself, s 9(2)(a) OIA in person. The purpose of our meeting was to meet face to face and discuss both parties' views to clarify the intent of our previous correspondence regarding the "Boat Ramp adjacent to Maitai Campground". Following is my notes that I captured from our discussion:

1. How will the Department support the Waitai Raharuhi Whanau Trust to instate the closure period of the boat ramp 24/7 for the dates of 19/12/2019 to the 30/01/2020?

The Waitai Raharuhi Whanau Trust committed to providing the following:

- a. Will discuss with their own whanau and notify of the intent of the upcoming closure.
- b. Will release publicly a closure panui of the discussed area to the general public.
- c. Provide to the Department appropriate closure wording to be used for signage.
- d. Provide to the Department appropriate closure panui to upload on the DOC website, facebook page and distribute to other visitor information sites.

The Department committed to providing the following:

- e. Purchase a forestry gate for boat ramp.
- f. Replace and install the forestry gate at boat ramp with lock system.
- g. On the date of 19/12/2019 the Department will maintain the closure period required at the boat ramp and close the Maitai campground main entry gate during the evening to morning hours.
- h. Once appropriate wording/panui notice received from the whanau the Department will produce and install required signage and upload onto the DOC website, facebook page and distribute to other visitor information sites.

2. How will the Department and the Waitai Raharuhi Whanau Trust continue to interact positively as supportive neighbours?

We all discussed several topics regarding our aspirations and future interactions as neighbours. In conclusion we decided that Haina and I were both open to meeting with the Trust members at one of your Trust meetings when the Trust is ready.

Naku noa, na

s 9(2)(a) OIA

Meirene Hardy-Birch  
Acting Operations Manager - Kaitaia District



# Legislation, policies, and information used to support closure of boat ramp access onto Waikato beach.

## Reserves Act 1977: Maitai bay Recreation Reserve

### 17 Recreation reserves

(1) It is hereby declared that the appropriate provisions of this Act shall have effect, in relation to reserves classified as recreation reserves, for the purpose of providing areas for the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside.

(2) It is hereby further declared that, having regard to the general purposes specified in subsection (1), every recreation reserve shall be so administered under the appropriate provisions of this Act that—

(a) the public shall have freedom of entry and access to the reserve, subject to the specific powers conferred on the administering body by [sections 53 and 54](#), to any bylaws under this Act applying to the reserve, and to such conditions and restrictions as the administering body considers to be necessary for the protection and general well-being of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it:

### 53 Powers (other than leasing) in respect of recreation reserves

(1) The administering body of a recreation reserve may from time to time, in the exercise of its functions under [section 40](#) and to the extent necessary to give effect to the principles set out in [section 17](#),—

(o) do such other things as may be considered desirable or necessary for the proper and beneficial management, administration, and control of the reserve.

Sections 17 (2)(a) and 53 (1) (o) Conditions for the protection and control of the public using the reserve.

## Conservation Management Strategy 2014 - 2024:

### Sec 7: Parengarenga-Aupouri-Kaimaumu-Karikari Place

#### 7.2.2. Policies

7.2.2.5 (c) Work with tangata whenua, councils, other agencies, four-wheel drive clubs and the community to promote initiatives designed to reduce the impacts of vehicles on beaches including:

Raising awareness of natural, recreational, and historical values, to achieve the outcomes of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010

## Sec 16: Specific policy requirements for Northland

### 16.1.1 Policies -General

16.1.1.7 (b) Restrict or close access to reserve consistent with the conditions and restrictions of use of the reserve, and to conservation areas where necessary to: protect public safety.

#### New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010:

##### Policy 20 Vehicle access:

Control use of vehicles apart from emergency vehicles, on beaches, foreshore, seabed, and adjacent public land where:

- (a) damage to dune or other geological systems and processes; or
- (b) harm to ecological systems or to indigenous flora and fauna, for example marine mammal and bird habitats or breeding areas and shellfish beds; or
- (c) danger to other beach users; or
- (d) disturbance of the peaceful enjoyment of the beach environment: or
- (g) damage to sites of significance to tangata whenua.

#### Maitaibay Rahui 2017



As kaitiaki we, Te Whanau Moana me Te Rorohuri and wider community, wanted to take action to improve the management of our rohe and to slow the rate kaimaona was being taken from our moana.

By prohibiting access, the resources of the area will hopefully be given time to be restored. As a community we believe the rahui is the first step to moving forward for the sustainability of our kaimona.

#### Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011

[www.coastalrestorationtrust.org.nz/effectsofvehicles](http://www.coastalrestorationtrust.org.nz/effectsofvehicles)

**Abraham Witana**

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**From:** s 9(2)(a) OIA s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 November 2019 5:19 pm  
**To:** Haina Tamehana  
**Subject:** Fwd: Gate Closure Notice

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

**From:** s 9(2)(a) OIA s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Date:** 22/11/19 10:58 AM (GMT+12:00)  
**To:** htamehana@doc.govt.nz  
**Subject:** Gate Closure Notice

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**GATE CLOSURE NOTICE**  
**Re: Boat Ramp Access**

The land past this gate is is private property belonging to WAITAI RAHARUHI WHANAU TRUST. Due to numerous instances of dangerous and irresponsible driving on the beach this GATE will be closed 24/7 from 19th Dec 2019 - 30th Jan 2020.

Pedestrian access is still welcome.

**Nga mihi**

s 9(2)(a) OIA

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



## Abraham Witana

**From:** s 9(2)(a) OIA s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 November 2019 6:18 pm  
**To:** Haina Tamehana  
**Subject:** Re: Gate Closure Notice

Kia ora Haina

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

**From:** Haina Tamehana <htamehana@doc.govt.nz>  
**Date:** 22/11/19 5:38 PM (GMT+12:00)  
**To:** s 9(2)(a) OIA s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Cc:** Meirene Hardy-Birch <mhardy-birch@doc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Gate Closure Notice

Kia ora s 9(2)(a) OIA

Got it – will send it through to Signs of Life next week and will e-mail you through proof before going to print. Also heads up the Forestry gate has been ordered, looking at 2 week before that's ready.

Mauri ora

Haina

**Haina Tamehana**

Ranger Supervisor, Recreation/Historic

Kaitiaki Tauawhi, Āo Hākinakina/ Āo Tuku iho

*Te Papa Atawhai*

*Te Korowai o Te Hiku*

Cell Ph s 9(2)(a) OIA

Kaitiaki Area Office

25 Matthews Ave

Kaitiaki 0410

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## Abraham Witana

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**From:** Haina Tamehana  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 December 2019 12:56 pm  
**To:** s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Subject:** FW: Waitai RahaRuhi Whanau - GATE CLOSURE  
**Attachments:** Gate Closure.jpg

Kia ora s 9(2)(a) OIA

Can you guys have a look at this and give us feedback?

Thanks  
Haina

**From:** s 9(2)(a) OIA s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Sent:** Monday, 2 December 2019 12:29 p.m.  
**To:** Haina Tamehana <htamehana@doc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Waitai RahaRuhi Whanau - GATE CLOSURE


s 9(2)(a) OIA



Haina,

Herewith layout & costings of intended signage for your consideration.

s 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA



Thanks for the opportunity of quoting on this project.

s 9(2)(a)  
OIA



s 9(2)(a) OIA



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# **GATE CLOSURE NOTICE**

**( Boat Ramp Access )**

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***19th December 2019 to  
30th January 2020***

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## Haina Tamehana

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**From:** s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 December 2019 11:30 am  
**To:** Haina Tamehana  
**Subject:** Re: Waitai RahaRuhi Whanau - GATE CLOSURE

Kia ora Haina

s said yep notice all good.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

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## Haina Tamehana

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**From:** Haina Tamehana  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 December 2019 12:36 pm  
**To:** s 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** FW: Northland age advert

Kia ora s 9(2)(a) OIA

This was sent through for proofing, I'm going over there now to tweak the wording and then put it through.

If your not happy with it – we can change it before next Tuesdays edition.

Na

Haina

### Haina Tamehana

Ranger Supervisor, Recreation/Historic  
Kaitiaki Tauawhi, Āo Hākinakina/ Āo Tuku  
iho

*Te Papa Atawhai  
Te Korowai o Te Hiku*

Kaitiaki Area Office  
25 Matthews Ave  
Kaitiaki 0410

**From:** s 9(2)(a) OIA s 9(2)(a) OIA @nzme.co.nz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 December 2019 12:07 p.m.  
**To:** Haina Tamehana <htamehana@doc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Northland age advert

Good afternoon,

Below is the booking proof and summary for your notice.

Thanks 😊

# **GATE CLOSURE NOTICE**

## **Re: Boat Ramp access**

The land past this gate is private property belonging to Waitai Raharuhi Whanau Trust.

Due to numerous instances of dangerous and irresponsible driving on the beach Merita's Beach access adjacent to Maitai Bay campground gate will be closed 24/7 from December 19, 2019 - January 30, 2020.

*Pedestrian access is still welcome*

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## Deaths

**TAHANA,**  
Olive (nee Ashby).  
Sunrise 16.8.1951 -  
Sunset 6.12.2019

Taken suddenly.  
Loved and treasured  
mother of Rozena,  
Laurie and Jane, Pearl  
and Brian, Yvonne  
and Orlando, Jon and  
Erena.

Grandmother to her  
many mokopuna and  
great mokopuna.

She will be sadly  
missed by all.

Olive was laid to rest  
at Waipapakauri  
Cemetery on Tuesday,  
December 10, 2019.

## In Memoriam



**WOODCOCK,**  
Rereahu.

December 13, 2018.  
Loving memory of my  
dear sister-in-law and  
aunt.

You were a special  
woman.

*Remembered always.  
Jean and daughters.*

## In Memoriam



**WOODCOCK,**  
Reverend Rereahu  
Rachel Marie  
(nee Morehu)



**WOODCOCK,**  
Reverend Rereahu  
Rachel Marie (nee  
Morehu) JP. QSM.  
23.09.37-18.12.18

In loving memory of  
our beautiful lady  
Rereahu, from the  
shores of Lake Taupo.

## Religious Notices

### St Andrews Anglican Church

Colonel Mould Drive, Mangonui.  
Christmas Service Times 2019-2020

Nine Lessons and Carols  
Sunday, December 15, at 7pm.

Holy Communion  
Sunday, December 22 at 9am.

Midnight Service  
Tuesday, December 24, at 11pm.

Christmas Day Holy Communion  
Wednesday, December 25, at 9am.

Catholic Service  
Wednesday, December 25 at 11am.

Holy Communion and Family  
Worship  
Every Sunday during January at 9am.

## Public Notices

### Waitai Raharuhi Whanau Trust GATE CLOSURE NOTICE Re: Boat Ramp access

Due to numerous instances of dangerous  
and irresponsible driving on the beach.  
Merita Beach access adjacent to Maitai  
Bay campground will be closed from  
December 19, 2019 - January 30, 2020.

*Pedestrian access is still welcome*

## Employment Vacancies

### ANNE WEST KINDERGARTEN Part time vacancy commencing term 1, 2020

**Administration position**  
15 hours per week. Facility with IT,  
excellent communication skills, high  
level of literacy and numeracy.

Please contact Lynda Maskell  
kdkalnc@xtra.co.nz for job  
description and further information.  
Closing date December 20, 2019.

## Auctions



### NORTHLAND AUCTIONS

89 Quarry Road, Awanui  
Phone: (09) 408 7181

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**9.30AM START**

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## Public Notices

### PAIHIA 1L2 BLOCK AGM PAWARENGA

Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 10am.  
Venue: Pahia 1L2 Block.

#### Agenda

- Trustee report
- General business

*For any enquiries Erina Adams  
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## Abraham Witana

**From:** Haina Tamehana  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 May 2022 2:27 pm  
**To:** s 9(2)(a) OIA s 9(2)(a) OIA  
**Subject:** Maitai bay - Waikato bay beach access.

Kia ora s 9(2)(a) OIA

Re the Forestry gate access to Waikato bay from Maitai bay. The administration of the padlock system for this gate sits with s 9(2)(a) OIA, as does any invoicing or costings associated with the padlock system. All other locks associated with Maitai bay Recreational reserve sit under DoC administration. Hope this helps clarify otherwise give us a call.

Nga mihi na  
Haina

**Haina Tamehana**  
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