

## **Mangawhai EcoCare Wastewater Scheme**

### **Kaipara District Council in Partnership with Earth Tech**

Earth Tech have nominated Hawkins Infrastructure as preferred major subcontractor to build the main sewer pipelines throughout Mangawhai Heads and Village. Earth Tech plan for construction to begin in the Heads area in mid January 2008 and will spend the time between now and then getting everything ready on site. Both Earth Tech and Hawkins will now set up their offices and during the next 8 weeks work together to finalise the pipeline routes in some of the more difficult locations. This time spent planning means that once the physical works start, progress will be quick. This also avoids disrupting you all during the busy Christmas period.

Remember that throughout construction, Earth Tech remain the contractor in charge. It is in Earth Tech's best interest to ensure high quality installation and reinstatement as they have full responsibility for the overall performance of the scheme for the next 15 years. The result for us all will be a very high quality wastewater system and our harbour protected from pollution.

### **How can we find out more?**

You can contact me, Council's community representative for the EcoCare Project.

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The EcoCare Project Office will be established in The Hub in Mangawhai Village next week. I will be sharing this office with Earth Tech Project Staff so that we are a one-stop-shop to address your queries and concerns. Please feel free to call, email or drop in with any queries or concerns.

A blessing and ground-breaking ceremony will be planned to coincide with the beginning of the actual construction works in mid January 2008. This will be followed by an information open day. All interested stakeholders including you, the ratepayers, will be personally invited to attend.

Council and Earth Tech have jointly prepared an Information Booklet that will provide details about how EcoCare will be constructed and how it may affect you. Copies of the booklet will shortly be sent to land owners within the drainage district and further copies will be available from EcoCare and Council offices.

### **What do I need to do in the meantime?**

If you are planning any building works such as fences, decks, sheds, driveways and alterations, please contact me so that we can coordinate locations and timing with the construction of the public sewers and private drains.

### **What is EcoCare all about?**

In late 2005 Earth Tech was awarded the contract to design, build and operate the Mangawhai EcoCare Wastewater Scheme. The major elements include the sewers through Mangawhai Heads and Village, the wastewater treatment plant, the reclaimed water transfer pipeline, storage dam and irrigation scheme.