

## **Mangawhai EcoCare Update – August 2007**

### **The EcoCare Sewerage Scheme is Here!**

The appeals to the EcoCare Resource Consents are now resolved which means that construction of the sewerage scheme will begin very soon.

This fantastic news comes after many years of planning and community consultation and means we can now take a definite leap forward in protecting our harbour for future generations. EcoCare will enable residents and visitors alike to continue to swim and gather shellfish in the estuary as well as helping to maintain and sustain the environment and long-term economic health of Mangawhai.

### **What Happens Now?**

There are a number of activities now taking place before construction commences:

1. Council and the EcoCare contractor (Earth Tech) are reviewing final designs and construction programs.
2. Earth Tech has commenced the engagement of their construction teams including locking in final sub contract and supplier prices. We expect site establishment activities to be completed by early November 2007, with construction commencing after that.
3. Council and Earth Tech are jointly preparing an Information Booklet that will provide details about how EcoCare will be constructed and how it may affect you. Copies of the booklet will be sent to land owners within the drainage district and further copies will be available from EcoCare and Council offices.

Construction programs and engagement of construction teams could not be completed until the Resource Consent was final due to uncertainty of time to start physical works.

### **How Do We Find Out More?**

If you have any questions please contact Melanie Smith, Council's EcoCare community representative, currently based in the Kaiwaka Council office. Contact details are:

<p><b>Melanie Smith</b> <b>Mangawhai EcoCare Community Liaison Officer</b> ph - 09 431 4380 email - <a href="mailto:melanie.smith@kaipara.govt.nz">melanie.smith@kaipara.govt.nz</a></p>
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EcoCare will shortly be opening a Project Office in Mangawhai, which Melanie will share with Earth Tech. This will ensure that any community queries and concerns are addressed promptly.

Keep an eye out for fortnightly updates in Mangawhai and district newspapers. We are also setting up an email database so please email Melanie if you would like to receive updates by email.

### **What Do I Need to Do?**

If you are planning any building works such as fences, decks, sheds, driveways and alterations, please discuss with the EcoCare team so that we can coordinate locations and timing with the proposed public and private drains.

Council is pleased that Resource Consents have been granted and that the two appeals received were able to be resolved by negotiation rather than through an Environment Court hearing. We look forward to works commencing with Stage 1 due for completion during the 2008/2009 Christmas period.