



About the Ruawai Adaptive Pathways Community Panel

The Community Panel is an opportunity to participate in decision making about Ruawai's future and how to respond to the changing climate. The panel will be at the centre of the Ruawai Adaptive Pathways project which aims to develop a long-term plan to respond to sea level rise, flooding and other coastal changes.

The Community Panel will be the voice for the local community and an advisory body made up from a cross-section of community members, Mana Whenua partners and key stakeholders. Members will use their local knowledge and experience to help develop an adaptive pathways plan. This

plan will help the community to better manage change based on the best interests of the whole community. Members will also be responsible for actively sharing the work of the panel with the wider community and seeking their input.

Facilitators, Kaipara District Council staff, Northland Regional Council staff, and technical advisors will support the community panel through this process which is scheduled to take three years. This is the first community adaptation planning of its kind in Northland and Ruawai will be leading the way for other communities to follow.

Personal qualities of Community Panel members

Community oriented

- 'Big picture', community-minded individuals who have a strong connection to the Ruawai area and the local community
- Work to promote issues or actions that are in the public good

Committed, open-minded and proactive

- Willing to commit to long-term involvement
- Willing to learn and take a diverse set of views into account
- Actively listen to and engage with others and will seek and share feedback from the community

Positive and respectful

- Have a positive mindset and be solutions oriented
- Able to interact, debate and discuss in a respectful way

Culturally aware

- Familiar with tikanga Māori and collaborating with Mana Whenua or have a willingness to learn



Panel make-up and expectations

Panel members will represent specific aspects of the Ruawai community and provide valuable local knowledge. There will be two Panel Co-Chairs who will take a leadership role and be the key spokespeople. Panel members will be decided by peer nomination and self-nomination through an expression of interest process. Members will then be selected to ensure a wide representation of the Ruawai community. In some cases, members will be decided through invitation.

Members will attend regular meetings and community events. This is a long-term role and commitment. Members will receive an honorarium stipend for their time.

Members invited to join the Community Panel

**Te Uri O Hau
Hapū, Ahikāroa,
Mana Whenua
Representatives**

2

**Raupo
Drainage
Committee
(rate payer
members)**

2

**Ruawai
educator
(from the staff
of either the
Kindergarten,
Primary or
College)**

1

**Youth
from
Ruawai
College**

2

Selected members through the expressions of interest process

- Ruawai township residents
- Rural residents of Ruawai area
- Local business
- Farming, agriculture, horticulture
- Community clubs and organisations

Do you have questions?

Please contact the Adaptive Pathways team on climatechange@kaipara.govt.nz

Timeline

July

Raise awareness about the Community Panel and the opportunity to become a member of the panel.

August

Expressions of interest open: Monday 1 August

Expression of interests close: Friday 26 August

Nominations forms will be available from and can be returned to:

- The Well Café, 23 Freyberg Road, Ruawai (Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 2pm)
- Challenge Ruawai, 67 Jellicoe Road, Ruawai
- Kaipara District Council office, 32 Hokianga Road, Dargaville, phone 0800 727 059
- Kaipara District Council office, The Hub 6/6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai, phone 0800 727 059

Online at: climatechange@kaipara.govt.nz

September

Community Panel members finalised.