

# KAUPOKONUI CAMPGROUND

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## WORD FROM THE OFFICE!

According to Sue the Whitebait are running hot down at the beach. Hey this will never be common knowledge as its one of Taranaki's best kept secrets!

Sue says "its getting really busy and social down at camp with lots of families heading out to the beach in the afternoons and stopping in at the shop to enjoy a box of chips after some beach time".

The backpackers is complete and able to accommodate up to eight people which has loads of potential for small groups. There's also been a change to the rubbish bins which were previously situated by the childrens playground. You will now pass them as you drive down to the camp and the beach. There will hopefully be recycling opportunities not too far ahead as we are looking into a variety of options.

Sue and laurence are on hand to assist you at the camp office. Ph 06 274 8577

The shop supplies fishing bait. Kaupokonui is a great place to get away and enjoy a bit of quiet time or head out to with the kids and their fishing lines.

You can purchase a variety of ice-creams and hot chips by the box or old fashioned punnets from the shop.

## RIP

Sandra Hughes

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Robin and his family. Sandra was a valuable committee member who will be sorely missed by us all.



# WHISPERING WAVES

Waves come crashing to grey sullen shores.  
Powerful and strong, it breathes and roars.  
Cascading and caressing each grain of sand,  
A warm embrace between sea and land.  
High above, a seagull soars high.  
Wings of purity it spreads to fly.  
Battling high against darkened cloud,  
In a wind that blows fiercely,  
flying graceful and proud.  
Beneath, the sand is soft and warm.  
Sculpted by nature, it's weathered the storm.  
A passionate battle between calmness and rage,  
A new chapter's beginning; don't turn the last page.  
I listen again to the whispering waves.....

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Sourced: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/whispering-waves-2>

## Get Involved...

Do you have a passion for Kaupokonui beach and the campground? Do you have fond memories from your childhood and would you like to see the camp preserved for future generations?

We welcome your membership of \$5.00 to become a Kaupokonui Beach Society member.

## Protect our waterways.



**Dry:** Your gear to the touch and leave for at least 48 hours, ideally 7 days (especially when thorough cleaning is unattainable).

**CHECK:** all equipment that has been in contact with water, remove all plant material at the site.

**CLEAN:** your gear with 5% detergent solution between waterways. Pay Special Attention to: Rods, lines, reels, flies, nets, Jet boats grate/unit, outboard motors and bilge pumps.

## COMMITTEE WORK 2018 - 2020

- Upgrades to the camp office, toilet, storage and garage area and camp kitchen
- Improvements to the Camp Roads
- Replacement of boundary fencing along driveway sites - leveling camp sites & installing drainage.
- Purchased a ride on mower for the camp manager to keep the sites pristine
- Fitting the office out 2020.
- Establishing recycling stations for the 2020 summer.
- Installing bollards to stop the motorbikes accessing the bridge for 2020 season
- Renovating a room to create a 'MINI DORM' for small groups
- Promoting the campsite on Facebook and Webpage and improving the the booking system

WHITEBAITING SEASON AT  
KAUPOKONUI

# SPECIAL RATE \$35

(For up to Two People)

UNTIL END OF NOV

If you have a sponsor sign down placed at the camp this is not a permanent fixture. To retain it's placement we ask you to pay a small yearly fee.

Please contact the camp office to avoid your sign being moved.



Daisy and Jed Bourke search deep in the net just in case they miscounted their whitebait hoard!



# NOTE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

I'm often asked how the Kaupokonui Reserve and Campground is funded? When the Society gifted the Reserve to the people of New Zealand (the government) in 1980 to form Kaupokonui Reserve of today the Society insisted on three things:

Firstly: The Leases from the Baches situated on the Reserve had to be retained for spending within the Reserve.

Secondly: That the Society continued with the day to day administration of the Reserve (running the show): Therefore any profits from the Campground were retained within the Reserve.

Thirdly: The South Taranaki District Council continued to help with both Maintenance and Development of the Reserve under a MOU signed with the Society.

These three aspects ensure both the fantastic presentation of the Reserve along with the provision of good old fashioned family camping at reasonable rates in this outstanding Riverine and Seaside Environment.

While the Society is committed to the development and retention of the Kaupokonui Reserve as an outstanding community asset it often runs a fine line financially and welcomes help from individual and organisation who share the love for the place that is 'Kaupokonui.

On behalf of Kaupokonui & Districts Beach Society Inc. May you all enjoy Kaupokonui. Chairman: Keith Rodie 027 457 6343

