



Kia ora Karekare whānau,

Welcome to the February edition of the Karekare Community Recovery Newsletter.

As we move through the year, there's plenty happening behind the scenes with recovery efforts, road repairs, and community initiatives. In this update, you'll find the latest on the Lone Kauri Road works, progress at Pōhutukawa Glade, and updates on deconstruction.

We're also looking ahead to upcoming gatherings, including our next **Recovery Café** – a chance to connect, share updates, and keep the conversation going.

Read on for the latest news, and as always, let us know if there's anything you'd like to contribute or discuss!

Recovery Updates

Road Repairs

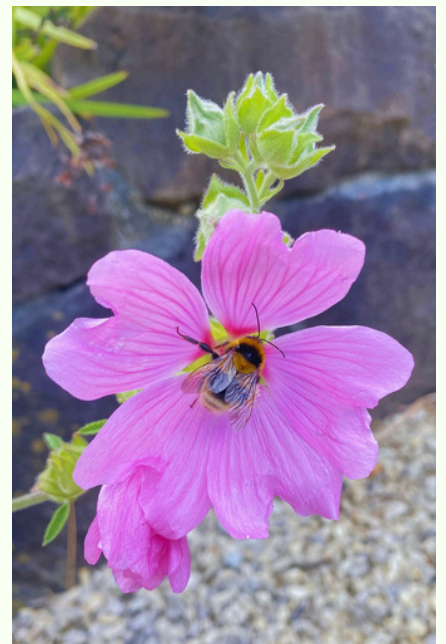
• Lone Kauri Road:

The retaining wall work is now complete, and Fulton Hogan will soon return to finish the stormwater and pavement reinstatement. These final works will take place under a full road closure, with dates to be confirmed as soon as possible. Until then, the site remains under 24/7 traffic light management. We will share further updates before the next phase starts, as we receive them.

• The Glade Restoration

After 18 months of discussions and nine different options considered, a plan is now taking shape for Pōhutukawa Glade. In late February, Local Parks confirmed that some of the fill will be relocated to Waitipu Quarry, a decision approved by the Local Board on 27 February. Because Kauri Dieback is presumed to be present in the fill, it cannot be distributed elsewhere. Some material may remain in The Glade to help level the site, with all fill treated according to Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) biosecurity requirements. The focus now is on securing consents, with ongoing discussions involving Auckland Council, MPI, and the local iwi. Funding is available until the end of June 2025, and local contractors will be able to apply through the usual procurement process: <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/procurement/tendering>.

With Deconstruction likely to be taking place around the same time we have sought and received assurance that vehicle movements etc. will be closely coordinated so as to minimise impact on the community and to make allowances for school drop offs/pick up.



Deconstruction Update

There are no new updates on the deconstruction timeline for Karekare this month. With the Lone Kauri Road works still ongoing, the Deconstruction Team is unable to move forward. A review is expected closer to April, once Auckland Transport nears completion, to determine when work can safely begin.

In the meantime, Auckland Council has published a webpage on future land use, which may be of interest to the community. The page includes a Microsoft Form where people can register their interest in specific properties and be contacted once policies and procedures are in place. More details can be found here:

[Future Land Use - https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/news/2025/02/future-land-use/](https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/news/2025/02/future-land-use/)

If you have thoughts or suggestions regarding Future Land Use, we are also happy to relay them to the Recovery Office on your behalf.

Refreshing the Recovery Group

We are inviting community members to join the refreshed **Recovery Group**, which was previously known as the *Interim Recovery Group*. This will be our sounding board as we continue with the recovery process, and as such it is important that the Recovery Group captures a broad cross section of views from throughout the Community as well as representing all the Community Groups.

Therefore we would love for you to be part of this important effort. If you're interested in helping guide the next steps, please reach out to us. Next meeting is set for mid-March, date to be confirmed.



Congratulations to the **Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club** on celebrating **90 years** of dedication to keeping our beach safe!

Your unwavering commitment to the community and its visitors, from young lifesavers to seasoned volunteers, is truly inspiring.

On behalf of our community, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing work and the legacy you've built over nearly a century.

Here's to many more years of service, teamwork, and safety on Karekare's shores!



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Karekare History and Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club Facebook pages

Recovery Café – Saturday 22 March

Join us for our second **Recovery Café** at **Karekare House** from **10 am to 12 pm**. This is a great opportunity to connect with others, share updates, and discuss ideas for the future of Karekare. We look forward to seeing you there!

Neighbourhood Support Poll – We Want Your Input!

Thank you to those who have already filled out the **Neighbourhood Support Poll**. If you haven't yet, please take a moment to add your thoughts before the poll closes at the end of March.

Your input is important to ensure we have a representative response from our community.

Suggested Community Events

If you have any community event ideas or would like to host something, let us know! Whether it's a potluck, nature walk, or something else, we're happy to help spread the word and support your initiatives.

For regular updates, visit our dedicated Community Recovery webpage at www.karekare.org.nz/recovery under the Residents and Locals section.

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