

18 September 2019 update

Following the significant erosion that has occurred recently at Port Waikato, Council is providing weekly updates to the community about the situation and plans going forward.

- Waikato District Council will be out at Port Waikato on Saturday 28 September for a community meeting on erosion. Our Chief Operation Officer and Mayor will be there, along with coastal scientists and Waikato Regional Council staff.
- The meeting starts at 10am at the Sunset Beach Lifeguard Service lounge and all are welcome.
- Experts will be building on previous discussions with members of the local community about why it is not feasible to protect the Sunset Beach shoreline against erosion. Ways of how we can work together with the community to plan for the future will be discussed, and demolition of the hall and car park work will be outlined.
- Tenders are in for the demolition of the community hall. The hall is being cleared and prepared for demolition which will happen in the coming weeks.
- Once the hall is demolished, work will start on the car park to increase capacity and reduce the impact of the narrowing effects the erosion has had on the car park.
- Council is monitoring erosion at the beach and it will be taking drone footage on a regular basis to improve monitoring.
- Extra signage will be put up during the next week in the car park warning people to stay away from the extra barrier that been put up at the car park.
- There will be more warning signs at the access way to the beach warning people to stay away from the dunes.
- The building team is continuing to speak to the owners of the two baches which are near the cliff face on Ocean View Road.