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**Plant a seed, and . . .**

Kaipara District Council has heard the harbour restoration message straight from the horse's mouth and mayor, Neil Tiller, is impressed by what he heard.



Mayor Tiller and Fred Lichtwark

"We knew that Fred Lichtwark, from Whaingaroa Harbour Care, had been up here before and was advising on the restoration of the esplanade strip around the Kaipara harbour. We also knew that a number of groups are really keen to do it and, as a council, we are 100% behind supporting people who want to help themselves.

"Our harbours are wonderful assets and we need to do all we can to protect them so the council took the opportunity to bring Fred back to give the council an idea of how we can organise and do things better. It was great to see that some 40 locals turned up to the council meeting to also hear what he had to say.

"One of our problems is that the council's biodiversity fund is small and, with projects like these getting under way, it's going to come under increasing pressure. However we need to understand where our environment is going and Fred was able to give us an insight into the next five years and what we can do to protect and restore our water ways and harbours.

"After Fred's presentation the whole council agreed that sponsoring his visit was money well spent. When you hear about what they have achieved in Raglan and realise a similar outcome maybe possible here, although on a much bigger scale, well that's an idea that's worth fostering.

"I know that so far this is only a small step forward but there is nothing more rewarding than planting a seed and watching it grow."

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