

Whangarei District Council

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Leanne

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Suburb:

Maumu

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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- predating on native species - birds, small mammals, lizards and insects
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Address.....*Raurimu Ave*.....
Suburb.....*Onerahi*.....

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Business/community organisation.....

Position.....

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Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Name..... *Liane*

Address..... *Paratai Cres, WOODHILL*

Business/community organisation.....

Position.....

Personal contact details email/phone (optional).....

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 Street name: *Lillian St*
 Suburb: *Kamo*

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Street name: *HAWKEN RD*

Suburb: *RD 9, WHANGAREI*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Suburb: *Mauru*

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Name..... Linda

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Business/community organisation.....

Position.....

Personal contact details email/phone (optional).....

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Address..... *Handforth Street*

Suburb..... *Onerahi*

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Business/community organisation
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First name..... LISA

Address..... Provisional Drive

Suburb..... Kamo

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Street name: *Otaika Valley Road*

Suburb: *Otaika*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Suburb..... Whakapara

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Name..... *Wendy Moore*

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Business/community organisation..... *NATURE'S CALL*

Position..... *WIA*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional)

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Address... Western Hills Drive.....
Suburb... Whangarei.....

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Street name: *Pukenui Road*

Suburb: *Mauunu.*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Suburb: *Parahaki*

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Street name: Sherwood Road

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Suburb: Tamatehau

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Street name: *BANFF ST.*

Suburb: *KENSINGTON*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

16 MAR 2021

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First name: *Louise.*
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 Suburb: *Kamā*
 Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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RECEIVED - CUSTOMER SERVICES

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Address... Rodcliffe St

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 Street name: *Ewing Rd*
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Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Lynn

Street name:

Portland Road

Suburb:

Portland

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Lynn

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Morningside

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Suburb: *Whangarei*

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16 MAR 2021

WHANGAREI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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- competing with native species for food and water resources
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Address..... Bint Rd RDS WHANGAREI

Business/community organisation..... (Maungakaramea)

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 Street name: *Paramount Rd*
 Suburb: *Tikipunga*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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First name: *MALCOLM*

Street name: *Maintainview road*

Suburb: *Hikurangi*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Suburb..... *R.D. 3*

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Street name:

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 Street name: Vinegar Hill
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Business/community organisation.....

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 Street name: *Cartwright Rd*
 Suburb: *Onerahi*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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First name: *Marion*

Street name: *S.H.14.*

Suburb: *Mauungatapere.*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Suburb..... Parua Bay

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Suburb:

KAMO

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 Suburb: *Avenues*

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 Street name: *Owhiwa Road*
 Suburb: *Parua Bay*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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2. Victims of a disturbing range of cruelty and abuse

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