

Focus on Baring Head/Orua-Pouanui

Restoring our past, revealing our history

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The Friends of Baring Head Trust and Greater Wellington Regional Council are working together to redevelop the lighthouse keeper's complex at Baring Head in East Harbour Regional Park. The buildings and compound are historically significant because they are the only remaining lighthouse complex in original condition in New Zealand. Works proposed will create an attractive new destination for visitors close to Wellington. Work on restoration will take place through a range of projects and we are calling on people, businesses and others to get involved.

Project 1. The Loo with a View

Help us make the lighthouse complex well-served for day visitors with a new toilet. This area is going to be a great place to spend time enjoying views and having a picnic, but at present the only toilet is four kilometres away and a new facility is needed within the lighthouse complex.

Why do this?

Baring Head is an interesting and special place. It's a stunning landscape and lots of interesting stories will be revealed to visitors via other projects such as iwi and early settler history, maritime navigation (lighthouse keeping, ship wrecks, search and rescue), research undertaken by NIWA, defence history, geology and ecology. It's a great place for day visits – we want it to be well-served with environmentally friendly facilities for visitors.

This work is part of an overall restoration and redevelopment plan for the cottages, outbuildings and garden area of the complex which aims to enhance the site's heritage values. The two light keepers' cottages will be transformed into bach-style overnight accommodation.

How you can help

- Provide funds, materials or in-kind assistance
- Get involved by supporting the Friends of Baring Head
- Support other Baring Head redevelopment projects



The new loo could have a view like this



The former Power House will become a new day visitor centre revealing interesting stores and be a base for the Friends of Baring Head who spend a lot of time in the park doing conservation and heritage restoration work. The new toilet is for visitors and all the conservation volunteers working in the park.



Location for new toilet behind the Power House visitor centre.

Benefits for you/ your organisation

- Being part of a community-led project
- Association with this iconic and special place, and an opportunity to promote your support
- Providing a practical way to support conservation and heritage restoration efforts
- Recognition of your contribution in the cottages and day visitor centre (Powerhouse)
- Association with an environmental protection project for all park visitors.

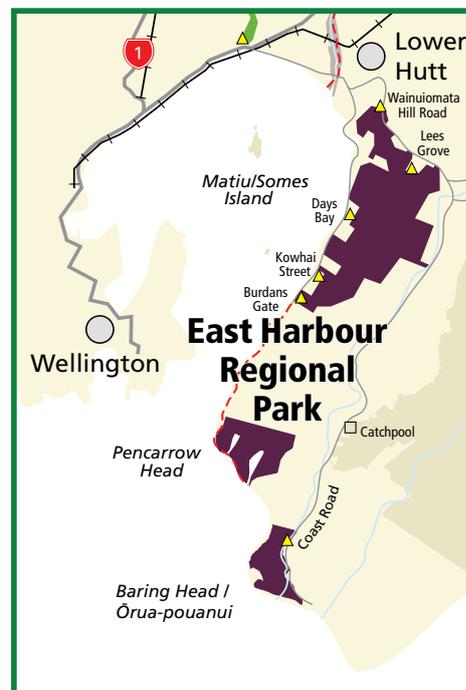
Estimated funds required - \$120k

Our cost estimates include:

- Consenting and earthworks
- Toilet building and tank facility
- Path and landscaping



The landscape concept plan identifies the location for the new toilet facility behind the Power House. There are views east along the coast here.



How to get involved?

Contact the Friends of Baring Head

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