

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 3. Restoring the Power House – Creating a day visitor centre

Help us redevelop the former Power House building into a day visitor centre and a sheltered place where the interesting and varied stories of Baring Head/ Orua Pouanui can be revealed.

Baring Head is a special place. The landscape is dramatic and there is a lot to discover here – iwi and early settler and defence history, maritime navigation stories (lighthouse keeping and ship wrecks), current NIWA and GNS work, geology and ecology stories.

Why do this?

When restored, the Power House visitor centre will reveal stories through interpretive panels and other media, offer day visitors shelter from the wind, and create a base for the Friends of Baring Head in the park. Restoring the Power House as an interpretive centre will enable visitors to discover why Baring Head/ Orua Pouanui is such a special place.

This work is part of an overall restoration and redevelopment plan for the cottages, outbuildings and garden area of the light house complex which aims to enhance 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
- Help to research and write stories for interpretation
- Support interpretation panel and media design and installation
- Promotional / supporting material



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Vision for the Power House as a visitor centre revealing stories of Baring Head/ Orua-puanui



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