



## **Whangarei / Kaipara Area COUNCIL REPORT**

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### **Investigations**

About 6pm on the Thursday, 13 November 2014, a 48-year-old male German tourist was taken to the Waipu Medical Centre with serious head and facial injuries. He was dropped off at the medical centre by a member of the public. It was believed that the injured man has been riding around Northland and had been camping in the Waipu area prior to the assault.

Police located a bike and tent belonging to the victim. This was found in a forestry area about 150 metres off Cove Road between Mangawhai Heads and Langs Beach. All the man's other possessions, including his passport, travel documents, and clothes, were not at the scene.

The man had cycled from Wellsford that day and had gone into the forest area to camp. He was riding a green bicycle and was wearing a black lycra suit and dark coloured helmet.

The investigation is ongoing.

### **Operation New Years Eve**

Over the Christmas/New Year holiday period, there is normally a large influx of visitors to the Northland area, particularly at a number of the local beach resorts.

The Bay of Islands also experiences a significant increase in the number of pleasure craft, large launches and yachts making the area home for the summer. These vessels add to the area's increased population.

Local hotels and clubs also experience increases in patronage. A number of these licensed premises will be providing entertainment and operating to the full extent of their licensing hours.

New Year celebrations throughout the district often involve the increased consumption and abuse of alcohol. This is often accompanied by related offences such as violence, street disorder, and other anti-social behaviour, along with drink/drive related offending and motor crashes.

Additional staff will be deployed throughout the district to provide a high profile presence to prevent incidences by discouraging the excessive consumption of alcohol in public places, particularly in beach resort areas and hotels, thus reducing the likelihood of disorder.

Road Policing staff will provide high visibility and be working to monitor the expected heavy traffic flow into the Whangarei and Mid North areas and ensure drivers are driving safely and to the conditions.

Inspector Ruth, Operations Manager for Northland District will be also attending this meeting to discuss Operation New Years Eve further.

## **Road Policing**

### **Road Fatalities**

Fiscal year of 2013/2014 = **20.**

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Calendar year of 2013 = **21**

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Calendar year of 2014 = **14** (18 for same period in 2013)

<b>Road Toll</b>	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total for 2013	As at 11 Nov 2013	As at 4 Nov 2014
Whangārei	1	6	9	7	7
Kaipara	0	4	3	3	1
Far North	6	4	9	8	6
Totals	7	14	21	18	14

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Whangarei / Kaipara