

Welcome



Rocky Bay Cove

Important phone numbers:

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021 718 478 or
09 4343 836

Ngunguru Medical
Centre 09 4343 732.

Emergency services 111

Welcome to Rocky Bay Cove. We trust your stay will be enjoyable. Here is some information that you may find useful or interesting.

About the property – We moved to Rocky Bay in 1993. The previous owner had farmed it as part of a 120 acre property prior to subdividing into seven blocks of about 15 acres each. Since 1993 the property has been extensively landscaped, including installing the large ponds and constructing the accessory buildings. Although the boat ramp was built by a previous owner, it was derelict and had not been used for more than a decade. It has been renovated with a timber overlay.

The first artworks (the moa and giant head) were commission in 1999, and works added annually. A number of new art works are planned with the aim of developing a permanent collection of unique works sympathetic with the environment in which they sit.

Frank and Muriel Newman work as writers and live on the property. Should you have any queries during your stay please phone or text Frank on 021 718478.

“Check Out” times - On the last day of your stay, please vacate the property by mid-day unless you have made other arrangements prior to your stay. We are usually able to accommodate a late departure unless new guests are arriving that same day. If you wish to request an extension of your stay, please contact Frank.

Rubbish disposal – Rubbish bins and bags are provided. It is your responsibility to dispose of all rubbish at the end of your stay. A refuse and recycling station is located on the main road at the western end of Ngunguru (approximately 1 kilometre past the 100km sign at the corner of Ngunguru Road and Tongatu Road). Some visitors prefer we dispose of their rubbish and we are happy to do so – a minimum disposal fee of \$35 + GST would apply.

Noise - Rocky Bay Cove is an integral part of a unique environment. Loud music is not part of that environment and disrupts the people and animals that share this space. Excessive noise is a breach of the booking conditions and may result in immediate termination of the stay and forfeiture of the bond.

Ablutions – A flush toilet and warm outdoor shower are available. Please conserve water when using these facilities. Please dispose of no-tissue waste in the bin provided.

Fires - If you do have a beach fire please do so below the high tide mark and well away from the boat ramp. Fires are not permitted on the grassed areas as it causes long-term damage to the grass. The local council does impose fire bans from time to time so please check to see if fire restrictions apply. In the event of an emergency, a fire extinguisher is provided in the accessory building.

Golf – A floating golf green, clubs and 150 golf balls are provided for aquatic golf at no additional cost. Please retrieve the golf balls. A retrieval fee of 50 cents per ball

applies and \$1 each for every lost ball. (If left in the water for any length of time they tend to wash out into deeper water with the tidal movements.)

Art works – Enjoy wandering around the property to view the landscape art and sculptures. Please do not climb on the art works as they are not designed for climbing (and it is a long way to fall!). For information about the artworks and artists see our *Unique Art* brochure or view online at rockybaycove.co.nz.

Water craft and equipment – A range of watercraft are available for your use at no additional cost. Also available for your use is dive gear, life jackets, a range of wet suits, and fishing rods and tackle. See Equipment List.

Water safety – Please wear life jackets whenever you are on the water and watch toddlers and infants around the ponds and while in the bay. Please remember that alcohol and water safety do not mix!

Pets – Because of the nature of the wildlife living in the habit, pets are not permitted. If you listen carefully at night you may hear Kiwi calling.

Water birds – The ponds are home to a variety of water birds, including our domestic Indian Runner ducks and the native and rare Brown Teal duck. Feeding time is between 4pm and 6pm daily. You are welcome to feed your leftover bread to the ducks at any time.

Emergencies – In the event of an emergency call 111. A fire extinguisher is provided in the accessory building. The Ngunguru Medical Centre may be contacted on 09 4343 732.

Local facilities and attractions Petrol and essential supplies are available at the Tutukaka store. For more serious supermarket shopping the closest supermarket is in Tikipunga, which is approximately 25 minutes away. It's located on Paramount Parade, which is the third turnoff at the roundabout in Tikipunga when driving from the coast. Tutukaka also has a number of shops for those seeking retail therapy and the Marina Pizzeria and the iconic Schnappa Rock Café for those seeking caffeine and café fare. For more serious retail therapy most of the large retailers have a presence in Whangarei; the Warehouse is one of the largest in New Zealand. It, and many other outlets, is located at the Okara Shopping Centre. Information about local attractions is available on request.

Rocky Bay Olives - Rocky Bay Cove Olives was established in 2006, following successful trial plantings on the property as early as 1998. Since then the orchard has been expand to 350 trees with further plantings planned to take the total plantings to 500. Varieties include: Olivastro, Leccino, Koroneiki, J5, and Manzanillo. The first commercial harvest is expected in April 2013.

Surfing - While in Tutukaka why not enjoy some of the best surf beaches in New Zealand? And you won't need to bring a surf board. Tutukaka Surf (located in the Oceans Resort building in Tutukaka) has boards available for hire and provides surfing lessons. Their website is www.tutukakasurf.co.nz. Sandy Bay is an excellent surf beach and just 10 minutes further along Matapouri Road.