

An aerial photograph of the Whitianga Esplanade waterfront. The image shows a curved coastline with a marina area containing several boats, a paved road with parked cars, and various buildings. In the background, there are green hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. A semi-transparent white text box is overlaid on the upper portion of the image, containing the title and date.

Whitianga Esplanade Waterfront User Workshop 2

June 2024

User Group – Tonight's Run Sheet

- **Welcome**
- Tonight's key focus on the **Commercial / Public Wharf Redevelopment**
- **Quick recap** on first workshop and key themes
- **Existing Wharf Upgrades** incl. Update on user agreements, pontoon replacement, fender piles, plans for a second pontoon
- **MAIN EVENT - Separate Jetty / Pontoon Redevelopment** budget, concepts and ideas presentation and focus group feedback discussion
- Wrap up around 7:30pm



Quick Recap from last Workshop

The focus user group session was held on **26 March 2024**, at the Whitianga Game Fishing Club Rooms

Key issues and challenges:

- Insufficient wharf / pontoon berth capacity
- Conflicting activities on the same wharf
- Growing trailer boat parking demands on limited waterfront space
- Space for events and public amenity
- Playground/ boat ramp/ toilet location impacting on child / pedestrian safety
- Need to cater for public amenity and open space
- Traffic safety concerns

The key desires and ideas :

- Separate commercial and public activities
- Extending wharf and adding pontoons
- Creating a dedicated ferry berth
- Address trailer boat demand
- Relocate and / or manage trailer boat activities
- Reclaim land
- Remove 'blue' crossing and slow traffic
- Cater for events
- Retain commercial fishing wharf

Work Streams

Existing Wharf Upgrades

LTP 2024-26 Budget \$2.4m

1. Pontoon Replacement

Replace the existing Whitianga Wharf pontoon by 30 June 2026 within a budget of \$976,000, ensuring the project aligns with the overall waterfront redevelopment proposals.

2. Existing Wharf H&S and Second Pontoon

Improve H&S and berth space to the Whitianga Wharf before 30 June 2026 within a budget of \$1,423,000 ensuring the project aligns with the future waterfront redevelopment.

Work Streams

Waterfront Redevelopment

LTP 2028-31 Budget \$12.5m

3. Separate Public / Commercial Wharf Activities

Re-development including construction of a dedicated ferry berth, a separate pontoon or pier for tourist and fishing charter boats, and safe access for public and recreational fishing, swimming, and game fishing weigh-ins within the allocated budget of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) to enhance the Whitianga Esplanade Waterfront for tourism and local community use by 2031.

PLUS Workstreams to be the topic of next focus group 4 – Safe Boat Ramp Space

5 – Events & Open

Wharf Modifications and User Agreement Update



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Bollards Lowered

Existing Wharf Pontoon Replacement by June 2026



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EXISTING WHARF H&S IMPROVEMENTS

LEGEND:

— PROPERTY BOUNDARY

1:200 @ A1
1:500 @ A3



- ① NEW / RENEW FENDER PILES
- ② CATWALK FOR COMMERCIAL AREA
- ③ PONTOON RENEWAL (4m LONGER, 500mm WIDER) FOR FERRY AREA BERTHAGE
- ④ WHARF EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC USE
- ⑤ NEW FLOATING PONTOON FOR CHARTER BOATS
- ⑥ REMOVE 10m OF EXISTING RAMP PONTOON
- ⑦ DREDGING
- ⑧ TWO NEW MOORINGS IF SPACE PERMITS



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INCREASE WHARF FACILITY CAPACITY

CONCEPT 1 - NEW PUBLIC WHARF AND FISHING WHARF

LEGEND:

— PROPERTY BOUNDARY

- ① PUBLIC PIER
- ⑤ NEW FLOATING PONTOON
- ② FISHING WHARF (COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL)
- ⑥ SHELTER / TICKETING CENTER FOR FERRY
- ③ WHARF FISH SALES
- ⑦ SWIM PLATFORM
- ④ RELOCATED EXISTING PONTOON TO NEW WHARF

1:500 @ A1
1:1000 @ A3



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Whitianga Wharf Suggestions/Ideas / Concepts

Concept 1 – New Public Wharf and Fishing Only Wharf

- ❑ **Existing wharf to be dedicated to Fishing** with removal of pontoon. Provides less conflicts with users and more water space for boat ramp launching.
- ❑ **Create new public Pier (around 80m long and 6m wide)** opposite Monk Street that joins onto open space reserve area. **No reclamation** or significant dredging required.
- ❑ **New Pontoon (100 - 150m long) aligning with channel and current** to allow space for dedicated ferry berth and ticketing, tourist charter boats, Fishing charter boats and short-term berths.
- ❑ **Swim Platform** facility with on inside corner of wharf for swimming and diving into deep water.
- ❑ **New public jetty connects** with open space area currently used for parking. Future landscape design, connections and parking to be carefully considered for next user workshop discussion.

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INCREASE WHARF FACILITY CAPACITY

CONCEPT 2 - UPGRADE EXISTING WHARF

LEGEND:

— PROPERTY BOUNDARY

1:250 @ A1
1:500 @ A3



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| ① COMMERCIAL AREA | ⑤ REPLACE STRUCTURE WITH OPEN CANOPY SHELTER |
| ② FERRY AREA / BERTHAGE | ⑥ REMOVE 10m OF EXISTING RAMP PONTOON |
| ③ CHARTER BOAT AREA / BERTHAGE | ⑦ DREDGING |
| ④ RELOCATE EXISTING (RENEWED) PONTOON CLOSE TO SHORE | ⑧ TWO NEW MOORINGS |



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60m

NAVIGATIONAL CONCERNS



Whitianga Wharf Suggestions/Ideas / Concepts

Concept 2 – Upgrade Existing Wharf with new pontoon and extended wharf with separation of users

- Existing wharf to be upgraded and enlarged for all users with separation
- Create new public pontoon (around 70-90m long and 6m wide) extending further into channel to allow space for dedicated ferry berth and ticketing, tourist charter boats, Fishing charter boats and short-term berths.
- Recreational fishing access off wharf??
- Game Fish weighing station??
- Swim Platform facility with on inside corner of wharf for swimming and diving into deep water.
- Replace existing shelter with open canopy structure

Public Open Space and Events

Annual Events	Mercury Bay Game Fishing Club	
	Snapper Comp	250
	Winter Tuna Comp	200
	Ladies Blue	50
	Longshore Marine – No Bait Comp	50
	Kids wharf fishing comp	250
	Suzuki Top Ten Tuna Comp	350
	Girls in the Bay Ladies Comp	400
	Okuma Open Nationals	200
	Billfish Classic	1500
	Junior and Youth Nationals	200
	Extreme Fishing Tournament	350 Participants
	Placemakers One Base –	400 Participants
	Kabota Billfish Classic-	420 Boats
	Oceans Festival -	5,000 attending
	Whitianga Run Fest	
	Thunder Cat Racing	
Needs	<i>Needs open space venue on Whitianga Waterfront and amenities</i>	

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MULTI USE / EVENT SPACE

LEGEND:

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- ① MULTI USE SPACE FOR EVENTS / EVENT PARKING (OPTION 1)
- ② MULTI USE SPACE FOR EVENTS / EVENT PARKING (OPTION 2)
- ③ MULTI USE SPACE FOR EVENTS / EVENT PARKING (OPTION 3)
- ④ CAR AND TRAILER PARKING
- ⑤ PUBLIC PIER FOR EVENT SPACE WITH SHELTER
- ⑥ SWIM PLATFORM

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Thank you

