



Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014

1. TITLE

This Bylaw is the Thames-Coromandel District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014.

2. EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Thames-Coromandel District Council made its Freedom Camping Bylaw on 14 December 2011 under Section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011. The 2014 review of this Bylaw is in accordance with section 13(1) of the Act.

As from the day on which this Bylaw comes into force, Part 9 Freedom Camping 2011 of the Thames-Coromandel District Council Bylaw 2004 shall be revoked.

This Bylaw should be read in conjunction with the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

The Council has an adopted Policy Statement with regard to freedom camping in the Thames-Coromandel District.

This Bylaw is not the only control document regarding freedom camping. The Freedom Camping Act 2011 addresses various issues such as offences and penalties. The Freedom Camping Bylaw and the Act allow for legal action with consequent fines.

Other legislation and regulatory tools are in use across the District relevant to the activity of freedom camping, such as the Reserves Act 1977, Council's District Plan, and other Council bylaws. Whilst Council endeavours to ensure consistency in its approach to freedom camping, there may be situations where this Bylaw allows freedom camping but as a result of other regulation it is not possible, and/or behaviour of people including freedom campers may be further regulated.

3. COMMENCEMENT

This Bylaw comes into force on 01 December 2014.

4. REVIEW

Review of this Bylaw will be undertaken in accordance with section 13(2) of the Act, being no later than 10 years after the last review.

5. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, unless the context requires otherwise:

Act means the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Camping ground has the meaning given in section 5(3) of the Act.

Certified self-contained means a vehicle designed and built for the purpose of camping which has the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days, without requiring any external services or discharging any waste and complies with New Zealand Standard 5465:2001, as evidenced by the display of a current self-containment warrant issued under *New Zealand Standard Self Containment of Motor Caravans and Caravans, NZS 5465:2001*.

Chief Executive means the person employed by Council as the Chief Executive of the Council for the time being.

Community Board area means defined area within the Thames-Coromandel District, as defined by the Thames-Coromandel District and represented by an elected group of people.

Council means the Thames-Coromandel District Council.

District means the Thames-Coromandel District.

Freedom camp has the meaning in section 5(1) and 5(2) of the Act.

Holiday period means any weekend which immediately precedes or follows a public holiday, and includes the public holiday.

Local authority area has the meaning in section 6 of the Act.

6. PURPOSE

In accordance with the Act, the purpose of this Bylaw is to control freedom camping in the Thames-Coromandel District in order to:

- a) protect local authority areas;
- b) protect the health and safety of people who may visit local authority areas; or
- c) protect access to local authority areas.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS WHERE FREEDOM CAMPING IS PERMITTED

Freedom camping is permitted in any local authority area within the District unless it is restricted or prohibited in an area:

- a) in accordance with this Bylaw; or
- b) under any other enactment.

8. PROHIBITED AREAS AS OUTLINED IN SCHEDULE ONE

A person must not freedom camp in any prohibited area that is local authority area as identified in Schedule One, without the prior written consent of the Council.

9. RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM CAMPING AS OUTLINED IN SCHEDULE TWO

A person may freedom camp in any area that is local authority area identified in Schedule Two, pursuant to the restrictions listed for that area in Schedule Two.

10. PRIOR CONSENT FROM COUNCIL

Consent can be sought from the Council to allow freedom camping in an area listed in Schedule One, which may be granted with or without conditions. Consent must be applied for in writing to the Chief Executive of the Council at least 30 days in advance of the date planned for freedom camping in the prohibited area.

Permission can be sought from the Council to waive or modify freedom camping restrictions in an area listed in Schedule Two, which may be granted with or without conditions. A waiver must be applied for in writing to the Chief Executive of the Council at least 30 days in advance of the date planned for freedom camping in the area.

Signed on Behalf of Thames-Coromandel District Council by:

District Mayor

Date

Chief Executive

Date

SCHEDULE ONE: PROHIBITED AREAS FOR FREEDOM CAMPING

To freedom camp is prohibited in local authority areas identified below.

Area Name / Description	Map Reference No.
THAMES COMMUNITY BOARD AREA	
<i>Albert Street Turning Circle, Thames Entrance and unformed turning circle at the end of Albert Street</i>	FC_2014_001
<i>Kauaeranga Valley Toilet Block Pull-Over Area, Kauaeranga Valley, Thames The pull over area opposite the Kauaeranga Valley public toilet</i>	FC_2014_002
<i>Kopu Boat Ramp, Thames Quay Street</i>	FC_2014_003
<i>Kuranui Bay Reserve, Thames</i>	FC_2014_004
<i>Rocky's Track Car Park, Dickson Park Reserve, Tararu The small pull-over area that provides access to Rocky's Track 115 Victoria Street, Tararu</i>	FC_2014_005
<i>Ruamahunga Bay Boat Ramp, Ruamahunga Bay Boat ramp opposite 684 Thames Coast Road</i>	FC_2014_006
<i>Tararu Beachfront South Reserve, Tararu 701 Tararu Road, SH25</i>	FC_2014_007
<i>Tararu Creek Reserve 922 Tararu Road, SH25</i>	FC_2014_008
<i>Tararu Cultural Art Centre Reserve, Tararu 600 Tararu Road, SH25</i>	FC_2014_009
<i>TCDC Thames Office and Library Car Parks 503 and 515 Mackay Street, Thames</i>	FC_2014_010
<i>Te Puru Boat Ramp and Parking Area, Te Puru 21 Tatahi Street</i>	FC_2014_011
<i>Te Puru Domain Car Park, Te Puru The formed car park alongside the Te Puru Hall 4-6 West Crescent</i>	FC_2014_012
<i>Te Puru Reserves, Te Puru Reserve areas along the Te Puru beachfront and the non-beachfront reserve on Seaview Ave, opposite 8 and 10 Seaview Ave, excluding reserve area between Tatahi Street and Aputa Ave</i>	FC_2014_013
<i>Te Puru Beachfront Reserves Between Tatahi Street and Aputa Avenue</i>	FC_2015_068
<i>Te Mata Creek Boat Ramp Launch Area Boat launch and swim hole area, opposite 17 Te Mata Creek Road</i>	FC_2014_014
<i>Waikawau Reserve, Waikawau 953 and 947 Thames Coast Road, SH25</i>	FC_2014_015
<i>Waiomu Boat Launch Area, Waiomu Off SH25, opposite Trotters Avenue</i>	FC_2014_016
<i>William Hall Reserve Car Park, Thames 220 Mount Sea Road</i>	FC_2014_017

COROMANDEL-COLVILLE COMMUNITY BOARD AREA	
<i>Amodeo Bay Boat Launching and Parking Area Amodeo Bay, Colville Road, Coromandel</i>	<i>FC_2014_018</i>
<i>Fletcher Bay Road, Fletcher Bay All Fletcher Bay Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_019</i>
<i>Furey's Creek Boat Ramp and Netball Court Area, Coromandel 261 Wharf Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_020</i>
<i>Kennedy Bay Road, Kennedy Bay All Kennedy Bay Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_021</i>
<i>Kikowhakarere Reserve (sometimes called Shelly Beach Reserve), Coromandel 24 Callaway Lane</i>	<i>FC_2014_022</i>
<i>Long Bay Road to Wharf Road Including Coromandel Wharf 1720 Long Bay Road to Wharf Road, including Coromandel Wharf and car park at 1455 Long Bay Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_023</i>
<i>Oamaru Bay, Colville 390 to 444 Colville Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_024</i>
<i>Otautu Wharf Road, Coromandel All Otautu Wharf Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_025</i>
<i>Port Jackson Road, Port Jackson All Port Jackson Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_026</i>
<i>Pottery Lane, Coromandel All Pottery Lane, Coromandel Town</i>	<i>FC_2014_027</i>
<i>Sugarloaf Wharf, Coromandel 260 Te Kouma Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_028</i>
<i>Te Kouma Road and Hannafords Wharf, Coromandel All Te Kouma Road including Hannafords Wharf</i>	<i>FC_2014_029</i>
<i>TCDC Coromandel Office Car Park 355 Kapanga Road, Coromandel</i>	<i>FC_2014_030</i>
<i>Tuateawa Boat Ramp Road Reserve, Tuateawa Adjacent to 296 Tuateawa Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_031</i>
<i>Carey Road Esplanades and Foreshore Area, Port Charles 147A and 82 Carey Road including foreshore area</i>	<i>FC_2015_073</i>
MERCURY BAY COMMUNITY BOARD AREA	
<i>Black Jack Road and Otama Beach Road All Black Jack Road and Otama Beach Road including pull-over areas Kuaotunu to Opito Bay</i>	<i>FC_2014_032</i>
<i>Brophys (Ohuka) Beach Reserve, Whitianga Whitianga North, SH25</i>	<i>FC_2014_033</i>
<i>Dundas Street Boat Ramp, Whitianga The coastal reserve at the end of Dundas Street</i>	<i>FC_2014_034</i>
<i>Hahei Settlement Within the Hahei urban area being at which point the permanent speed limit is set at no more than 70km/hr</i>	<i>FC_2014_035</i>
<i>Hot Water Beach Settlement and Te Huia Reserve Within the Hot Water Beach urban area being at which point the permanent</i>	<i>FC_2014_036</i>

<i>speed limit is set at no more than 70km/hr, and including Surf Beach and Bull Paddock car parks</i>	
<i>Kuaotunu Coastal Reserves</i>	<i>FC_2014_037</i>
<i>Matarangi Beachfront Reserves Matarangi Beachfront Reserves, including Spit Esplanade Reserve, The Pines Matarangi West Reserves, and Matarangi Dune Reserves including Ocean Close</i>	<i>FC_2014_038</i>
<i>Opito Bay Road and Skippers Road Reserve and Jack Mills Reserve, Opito Bay</i>	<i>FC_2015_083</i>
<i>Quarry Point Boat Ramp, Kuaotunu Kuaotunu Wharekaho Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_040</i>
<i>Robinson Road Reserve and Boat Launch Area, Whitianga The coastal reserve along Robinson Road 2A Robinson Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_041</i>
<i>Shakespeare Cliff Reserve, Cooks Beach Purangi Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_042</i>
<i>The Esplanade and Wharf, Whitianga All parking areas along The Esplanade and surrounding the Wharf down to the northern reclamation area opposite Blacksmith Lane</i>	<i>FC_2014_043</i>
<i>The Village Green Reserve, Matarangi</i>	<i>FC_2014_044</i>
<i>Whangapoua Beach and Wharf Including Associated Areas, Whangapoua Including Meri Te Tai Reserve, areas known as William Mangakahia Lagoon Reserve and Pungapunga Island Reserve and access ways</i>	<i>FC_2014_045</i>
<i>Winiata Place, Wharekaho</i>	<i>FC_2014_046</i>
<i>42 Albert Street, Whitianga Otherwise known as Taylors Mistake</i>	<i>FC_2014_047</i>
TAIRUA-PAUANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AREA	
<i>Gallagher Park Lane, Pauanui Formed car park area adjacent to 1A Gallagher Park Lane</i>	<i>FC_2014_048</i>
<i>Hikuai Hall Reserve, Tairua 45 Morrison Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_049</i>
<i>Kennedy Park, Pauanui Vista Paku</i>	<i>FC_2014_050</i>
<i>Paku Summit, Tairua Vehicle turnaround area at the end of Tirinui Crescent</i>	<i>FC_2014_051</i>
<i>Pauanui Waterways Esplanade Reserves Known as east and west</i>	<i>FC_2014_052</i>
<i>Pleasant Point Reserve and Access Way, Pauanui 16 Golden Hills Drive</i>	<i>FC_2014_053</i>
<i>Sailors Grave, Te Karo Bay Sailors Grave Road leads to Te Karo Bay, north of Tairua settlement</i>	<i>FC_2014_054</i>
<i>9 Harvard Court, Pauanui</i>	<i>FC_2014_055</i>
<i>Pauanui Waterways Parade Car Parks Formed car parks near the toilet block on Waterways Parade (provides access to Pauanui Waterways Esplanade)</i>	<i>FC_2015_086</i>

<i>91A Pauanui Boulevard Pull-Over Area</i> <i>Formed pull-over area at 91A Pauanui Boulevard, adjacent to 96 and 94 Pauanui Boulevard</i>	<i>FC_2014_056</i>
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WHANGAMATA COMMUNITY BOARD AREA	
<i>Beach Road Reserves, Whangamata</i>	<i>FC_2014_057</i>
<i>Hunt Road Beach Access Route, Whangamata From the round-a-bout at Port Road down to the beach - 2 blocks</i>	<i>FC_2014_058</i>
<i>Library and TCDC Area Office Car Park, Whangamata 620 and 622 Port Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_059</i>
<i>Otahu Point Reserve, Whangamata 167 Patuwai Drive</i>	<i>FC_2014_060</i>
<i>Te Titoki Reserve, Whangamata Both sides of Port Road (1100 and 1105 Port Road)</i>	<i>FC_2014_061</i>

SCHEDULE TWO: RESTRICTED AREAS FOR FREEDOM CAMPING

A person may freedom camp in a local authority area identified below, only pursuant to the three following restrictions and any further specific restrictions for that area.

1. Vehicles to freedom camp only in the designated area.
2. Departure by 9.00am.
3. Maximum stay of two consecutive nights.

Area Name and Description	Map Reference No.	Specific Restriction
<i>Thames-Coromandel District All local authority areas, including those specified below</i>	<i>Not mapped</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Must be certified self-contained</i>

THAMES COMMUNITY BOARD AREA		
<i>Danby Field Car Park and Entrance, Thames Queen Street, SH25</i>	<i>FC_2014_062</i>	
<i>Rhodes Park Reserves, Thames 449 Ngati Maru Highway, SH25</i>	<i>FC_2014_063</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Notwithstanding restriction 3, all freedom campers must depart on Saturday mornings</i>
<i>South of Waikawau Reserve known as Little Waikawau Reserve 947 Thames Coast Road, SH25</i>	<i>FC_2014_064</i>	
<i>Tapu Domain and Beachfront Reserves, Tapu</i>	<i>FC_2014_065</i>	
<i>Tararu Beachfront North Reserve 1023 Tararu Road, SH25</i>	<i>FC_2014_066</i>	
<i>Te Mata Point Reserve South of the river mouth near the boat launch area 801 Thames Coast Road, SH25</i>	<i>FC_2014_067</i>	
<i>Brown Street, Thames Brown Street and Esplanade Reserves from Walter Street to Thames Squash Club</i>	<i>FC_2015_097</i>	
<i>Waiomu Domain - Beachfront Beachfront reserve known as Waiomu Domain 601 B Thames Coast Road, SH25</i>	<i>FC_2014_069</i>	
<i>Waiomu Valley Old Campground 6 Waiomu Valley Road, Waiomu</i>	<i>FC_2014_070</i>	
<i>Waipatukahu Point Reserve, Tapu Reserve at the northern end of Tapu 727 Thames Coast Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_071</i>	

COROMANDEL-COLVILLE COMMUNITY BOARD AREA		
<i>Kapanga Road, Coromandel All Kapanga Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_074</i>	
<i>Little Bay Recreational Reserve 59 Little Bay Drive, Little Bay</i>	<i>FC_2014_075</i>	
<i>Woollams Ave, Coromandel All Woollams Ave</i>	<i>FC_2014_076</i>	
MERCURY BAY COMMUNITY BOARD AREA		
<i>Beachfront Reserves, Cooks Beach</i>	<i>FC_2014_077</i>	
<i>Buffalo Beach, Whitianga Beachfront</i>	<i>FC_2014_078</i>	
<i>Car Park Off Tangiora Ave Adjacent to 378 Tangiora Ave, Whangapoua</i>	<i>FC_2014_079</i>	
<i>Egans Park Reserve on The 309 Road, Kaimarama</i>	<i>FC_2014_080</i>	
<i>Flaxmill Bay, Ferry Landing and Front Beach; Mercury Bay Within the urban areas being at which point the permanent speed limit is set at no more than 70km/hr</i>	<i>FC_2014_081</i>	
<i>Lee Street Car Park, Whitianga 2 Lee Street</i>	<i>FC_2014_082</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area available from 5:00pm
<i>Omara Boat Ramp Reserve, Matarangi Boat launch area at the end of Kenwood Drive</i>	<i>FC_2015_039</i>	
<i>Pull-Over Area West End of Quarry Point Boat Ramp, Kuaotunu</i>	<i>FC_2014_084</i>	
<i>TCDC Mercury Bay Area Office Monk Street Car Park Monk Street, Whitianga</i>	<i>FC_2014_085</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area available from 5:00pm
TAIRUA-PAUANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AREA		
<i>Royal Billy Point Reserve, Pauanui 1A Vista Paku and 110 Tangitarori Lane</i>	<i>FC_2014_087</i>	
<i>South End Reserves, Pauanui Formed car park on south side, 51 Pauanui Beach Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_088</i>	
<i>Tui Terrace and Wharf Road, Tairua</i>	<i>FC_2014_089</i>	
<i>Waitoko Stream Esplanade (Grahams Creek), Tairua Corner of Ocean Beach Road and Manaia Road Causeway</i>	<i>FC_2014_090</i>	
<i>25 Paku Drive, Tairua Formed car parks opposite Tairua Surf Lifesaving Club</i>	<i>FC_2014_091</i>	
WHANGAMATA COMMUNITY BOARD AREA		
<i>Aickin Road Sports Reserve, Whangamata Opposite 212A Aickin Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_092</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notwithstanding restriction 3, all freedom campers

		<i>must depart on Saturday mornings</i>
<i>Information Centre Car Park, Whangamata Formed car park behind the Information Centre at 616 Port Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_093</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Area available from 5:00pm</i>
<i>Island View Reserve, Whangamata 302 Rangī Ave, Whangamata</i>	<i>FC_2014_094</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Notwithstanding restriction 3, all freedom campers must depart on Saturday mornings</i>
<i>Onemana Beach Reserves, Onemana</i>	<i>FC_2014_095</i>	
<i>Waiponga Reserve, Opoutere 484 Ohui Road</i>	<i>FC_2014_096</i>	