* Regrettably due to the Caulerpa outbreak, Parengarenga Inc Committee of Management have taken the following actions:
* The Te Pua Reserve **WILL NOT** be open for **CAMPIING** until further notice.
* There will be restricted **BOAT ACCESS –**
1. For gatherers of Marae in Te Kao, Te Hapua and Ngataki **ONLY**.
2. For whanau from Te Kao and Te Hapua.
3. Our whanau coming back home to Te Kao and Te Hapua during the Festive Season **PLEASE** use your local whanau boat and fishing equipment.
4. **BOATS** from South of Te Kao (Pukekarero) are **NOT PERMITTED ACCESS** through Te Pua Reserve
* **NO UNAUTHORISED ENTRY BEYOND THIS POINT**
* Those **“FISHING”** outside of Te Pua Reserve **PLEASE** be responsible and ensure your fishing equipment is clean.
* Keys will be available from **21 December 2023 to 08 January 2024** thereafter, from PInc Office.
* **PLEASE** call 0275335544 to arrange **KEY** pick-up.
* Koha is accepted.
* Misuse of the **KEY** and/or unruly behaviour will not be tolerated, and the privilege will be removed.

**NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION**.

More information regarding CAULERPA can be found at NZ Biosecurity/Exotic Pests

**TE PUA RESERVE**

**CAULERPA**

Caulerpa brachypus and Caulerpa parvifolia are two almost identical species of invasive exotic seaweed that have been found growing intertidally on Aotea Great Barrier Island (2021) and now Kawau Island (2023).

The Caulerpa species grow extremely rapidly and are said to smother everything living on the seabed. Native species either move away or die.

*How could it get here?*

Boating and fishing activity are thought to play a significant role spreading fragments of weed between nearby locations **within** New Zealand.

***It takes only a small fragment to create an immense smothering bed in a few years.***

*How to Identify Caulerpa?*

Caulerpa has:

* - long horizontal runners (stolons) with many upright, flattened fronds
* - fronds up to 15cm long
* - a bright green colour
* - fronds with a smooth midrib
* - paired branchlets, all flattened in the same plane.

*If you think you've found* caulerpa

* - photograph it
* - note the location and any landmarks
* - **call** 0800 80 99 66

Excerpt from MPI, Biosecurity NZ

**HELP PROTECT OUR KAPATA (FISHING GROUND) FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME !!!**