



Immediate Announcement

New owners for Waipoua Forest, New Zealand

30th November 2010 (Northland)

Effective immediately, Navigate Oceania advises that Waipoua Lodge, Northland; has been sold and we are pleased to advise will continue to be a member of the Navigate Oceania Collection.

Nicole and Chris Donahoe successfully owned and hosted Waipoua Lodge for 7 ½ years and would like to thank the tourism industry for their ongoing support. Nicole and Chris hand over the reins of the lodge to spend more time to be with their children and embark on new challenges.

Karine Thomas, Director of Navigate Oceania, and the Navigate Oceania team wish Nicole and Chris the very best for the future. Karine added, "Waipoua Lodge continues to be a member of the Navigate Oceania Collection under new owner hosts. And we look forward to continuing to promote the Waipoua Forest and the Hokianga as one of the most undiscovered areas of New Zealand. New owners of Waipoua Lodge, Fran and Ian Farrant, will bring fresh ideas to Waipoua Lodge and their love of cooking will certainly bode well with Waipoua's extensive use of organic and locally produced produce'.

As of 19 November 2010 all new bookings are to be directed to:

New Owner/hosts: Fran and Ian Farrant
Waipoua Lodge trading as The Kanale Group Ltd
Bank account details ASB - 12 3209 0457603 00
Email, Fax and Ph numbers remain unchanged.

Domestic and international marketing of Waipoua Lodge is managed by Navigate Oceania. For more information or for graphics, contact Karine Thomas on +64 9 307 3633, or email karine@navigateoceania.com or visit www.waipoulodge.co.nz

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