

# Call for coastal redevelopment to include Kawaroa tidal pool

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A NEW PLYMOUTH tidal pool is creating a new wave of interest.

The Kawaroa Park tidal rock pool has not been included in the New Plymouth District Council's plan to upgrade the area.

But David Fernee, Westown, said it would be good if the pool could be enhanced in the same way as the rest of the area.

"There are plans to re-do the walkway from the port through to the airport, so if the council could do up this area as well and attract more people down here, it would be really good," he said.

"The pool is a great place for children to see what sort of things live in the sea. Because the tide runs in and out twice a day there is always fresh water, the creatures of the sea are left in the pool when the tide goes out, so the area is educational as well as fun," he said.

A feature of the pool is a seal, carved from andesite stone, added to the pool in April last year by Wayne McVicar.

Mr Fernee would like to know more about the history of the pool as well.

"The pool has been there since I was a kid.

"One person has told me it was made in 1880, but if anyone has any more



**STONE SEAL:** A recent addition to the tidal pool at Kawaroa, New Plymouth.

information, I would be grateful."

Mr Fernee said the council should put up a sign describing the history of the pool and what could be found in it.

Maxine Slater, the parks policy officer, said the plan for Kawaroa Park

was a landscape-only plan. "It is great that people have brought this to our attention and it is something we will be interested in looking at in the future, but at the moment the plan is to landscape the area."