

Wreckage found

Wreckage from the Arohanui, which failed to return to Port Taranaki from a fishing trip last Tuesday, was found near Bell Block yesterday.

A wooden vent and a pair of waterproof over-trousers, identified as from the fishing boat, were found during the fullscale shoreline search that attracted more than 130 volunteers.

But no trace was found of the missing New Plymouth fishermen Leslie Roy Styles and his son Peter Barry Styles.

Senior Sergeant Paul Brennan said 130 volunteers scoured the North Taranaki shoreline from Cape Egmont to north of Awakino. Many more joined in unofficially.

Searchers left New Plymouth soon after 1pm and the search was officially called off about 5pm.

Air and sea searches in the past five days have shown no trace of the missing pair, but the Arohanui was found about nine nautical miles off New Plymouth on Friday.