

Site information - Te Wāhi Pārongo



Moonlight Bach, Scandrett Regional Park

Scandrett Regional Park was purchased from the Scandrett family in 1999 by the then Auckland Regional Council primarily to protect heritage features - among them, Mātairoa and Purahurawai Pā, Scandrett Homestead (1886) and a set of buildings typical of New Zealand farms. Farm animals continue to graze the hills, and tracks around new and old plantings offer visitors excellent views over the bay, called Purahurawai – the ‘expansive sparkling waters’.

Moonlight Bach, the selected artist’s home away from home, is tucked away at the end of a sandy beach. It was built by the Moon and Light families as a shared holiday home. It was the first bach

in what became a bach community on the Scandrett families farm. Now it is one of only three remaining baches, all of which can be booked for short stays by the public.

Ngāti Manuhiri, Te Kawerau ā Maki and Ngāti Paoa have associations with this place.

Click on the links to learn more about the bach and the work of a previous artist based here.

[A Different Land - Lynn Kelly](#)

[Heaven on Earth - Trelise Cooper](#)



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Artist in Residence accommodation

Te wharenoho mō te ringatoi ā-kāinga taupua

Moonlight Bach, 114 Scandrett Road



Description

Moonlight Bach at 114 Scandrett Rd, is light and bright with the kitchen, dining and living areas in an L-shaped open space. French doors lead to a deck overlooking Purahurawai (Scandretts Bay). The bedroom also enjoys sea views when doors to the living area are opened.

House facilities

Dining room

- Table and bench seating and chairs seat six.

Bedrooms

- One bedroom with double bed in the bach.
- A sleepout behind the bach has two bunks (sleeps four) and has a separate toilet, shower and sink.

Kitchen

- Fridge/freezer, oven, microwave, toaster, kettle.
- Crockery, cutlery, pots, pans, and platters etc supplied.

Bathroom

- 'Bachy' shower, basin and toilet.



Utilities

- There is a heat pump in the bach and an oil heater in the sleepout.
- Water supply is from a treated bore.
- Power is standard domestic supply.

Phone coverage

- Phone coverage is good.
- There is no wifi provided, and no radio or tv.

House and park rules

- No pets permitted.
- The park is smoke-free.

Work-space

The artist might use the sleepout for making art or possibly a room in the homestead (depending on the project).

Nearest facilities

- Snells Beach has a small supermarket, petrol, café, takeaways. 6.5km (10min).
- Warkworth has town services – varied shops, library, etc. ~15km from bach.

For more context watch:

Living at Scandretts Bay video



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