



Long Bay **4**

Cliff Road provides a pleasant walk past the cliff top homes until at the Northern end when Cliff Road meets Gilbert Road, the path takes you down to Long Bay. Until recently the path went through open field, apart from a World War II gun emplacement near the bottom of the hill. The hillside has now been developed into up-market housing. From the hill, Long Bay Reserve stretches before you. The waters surrounding it are a marine reserve and Long Bay beach is a favourite weekend destination for Aucklanders. The reserve contains many picnic spots, a children's playground, a train track for weekend rides and at the Northern end, a walking track can take you around the coast to Okura. There is a popular restaurant, the rangers residence and at the Northern end, the impressive and historical Vaughan Homestead. It has been lovingly restored by the Torbay Historical Society and is open to the public. For many years the Vaughan family who have farmed at Long Bay since 1862, delivered fresh mutton and lamb to the residents, campers and bach owners. Milk could also be bought by walking along the beach or across the paddocks to the Vaughan farm.



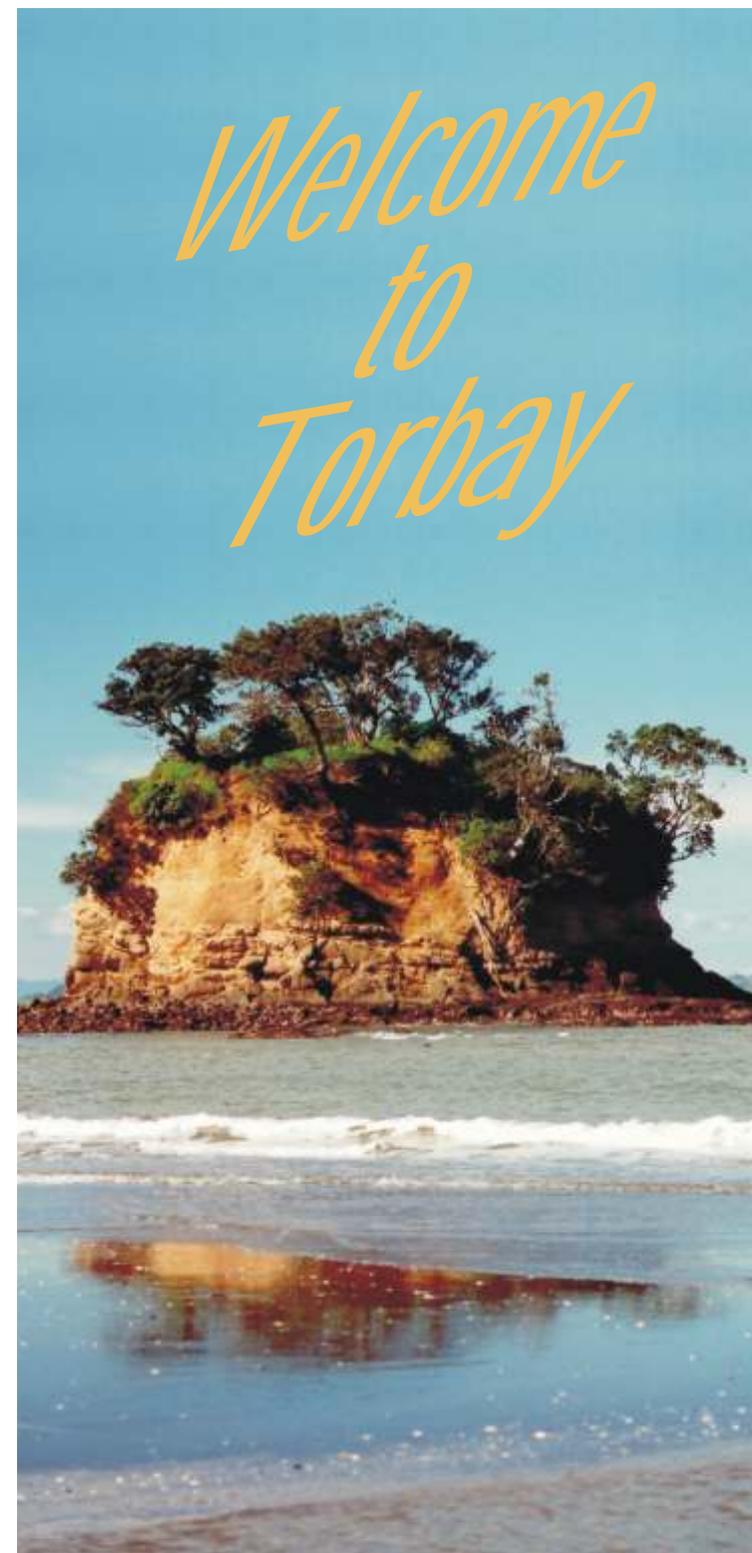
Awaruku Bush Reserve **5**

Access to this beautiful place is from Moorgreen Heights, Relko Crescent or off Awaruku Road. The reserve contains a cross section of flora and fauna that existed in pre-European times, among them is a 600 year old kahikatea tree. The ponds and streams contain eels, fish and native fresh water crayfish. In 1970 there were plans to cut the bush up for housing. A petition was soon drawn up by residents, who formed the Glenvar Bush Preservation Society. They successfully prevented three hectares of unique forest from being cleared. Paths, steps, drainage, a stairway and signposting were established and in 1979 a citation was presented to the society by the Native Conservation Council for its contribution to conservation in New Zealand.



Saint Mary By The Sea **6**

The Church is situated near the intersection of Deep Creek and Beach Roads. The original kauri church built on the same site in 1886, housed the first Long Bay School. It was moved to Awaruku Reserve in 1978 by a group of locals interested in saving the building. This group went on to form the Torbay Historical Society. Sadly in 1988 an arsonist destroyed the church and today its site is marked by a cross just inside the reserve, from Relko Crescent. However the church's original graveyard still exists next to the new church in Deep Creek Road and is the resting place for many of Torbay's original settlers.



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