



**Prohibited area for:**

- dogs
- horses
- land yachts
- drones and model aircraft
- taking off and landing microlights and helicopters

**Restricted area for:**

- kite surfing

**5 knot speed limit area for water craft**



# Caring for the Ashley / Rakahuri Estuary

## HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Black stilt. Photos supplied courtesy of Steve Attwood

The Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 is in place to ensure wildlife and the natural environment are not harmed and so that everyone can enjoy the district's beaches. The new bylaw became operative on Monday 15 August 2016 and aims to:

- Manage recreation use for the benefit and enjoyment of all users
- Minimise any negative environmental impact from beach activity
- Promote public health and safety
- Minimise nuisance and offensive behaviour

Thank you for observing the bylaw rules to help protect our environment and to ensure the enjoyment of all beach users

For more information –

[waimakariri.govt.nz/beaches](http://waimakariri.govt.nz/beaches)

## Key rules

- ✓ Leave birds and their nesting areas undisturbed. The estuary is home to a number of rare and endangered species and they need your help
- ✓ If you hold a vehicle permit make sure you stay clear of driftwood and other materials likely to be used for bird habitats both in the estuary and on beach areas adjacent to it
- ✓ If you are a kite surfer obtain a copy of the kite surfing user agreement from the Council's website and follow the guidelines
- ✓ Observe the 5 knot speed limit for watercraft on the Ashley River and its tributaries downstream of the SH 1 bridge
- ✓ Aerial activities can be seen as a threat to some birds who stay in the air while these take place, putting themselves and their chicks at risk. If you fly a microlight or similar, leave the air space over the estuary to the birds
- ✗ **Do not** drive in the Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary area unless you have a permit to use the access track in the whitebait season
- ✗ **Do not** take your dog into the Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary area. Dogs can run along the top of the stopbank which is outside of the bylaw area, but if you are not able to prevent them running down into the estuary, you must keep them on a lead
- ✗ **Do not** take your horse or land yacht into the estuary area
- ✗ **Do not** use a drone or model aircraft or take off or land an aircraft in the estuary area



Copies of the Bylaw are available at the Council's service centres and online at [waimakariri.govt.nz](http://waimakariri.govt.nz)