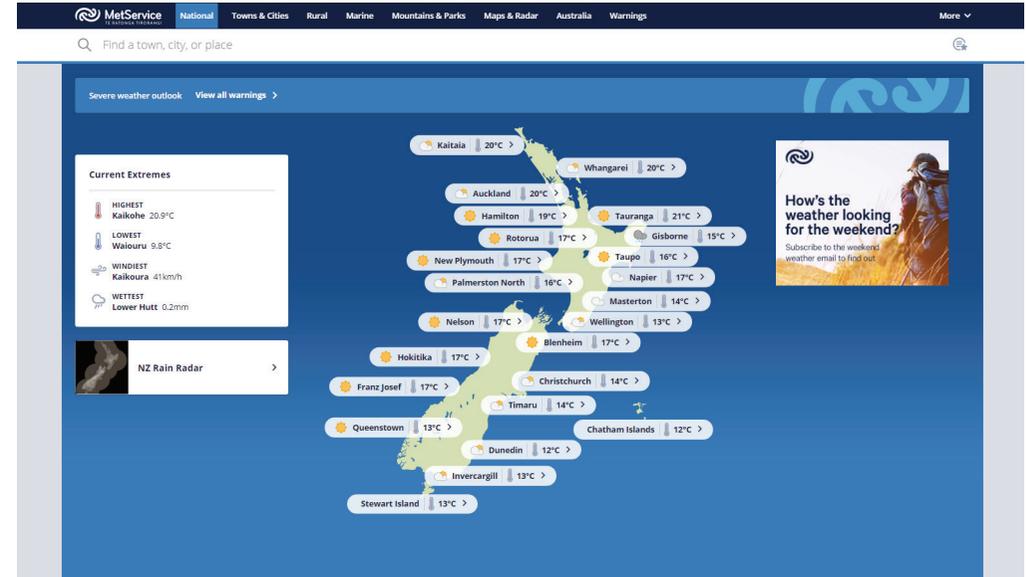


# We're making some changes to metservice.com

MetService.com, the official weather website for the country is one of New Zealand's most visited websites, and over the coming months we'll be making some exciting changes.

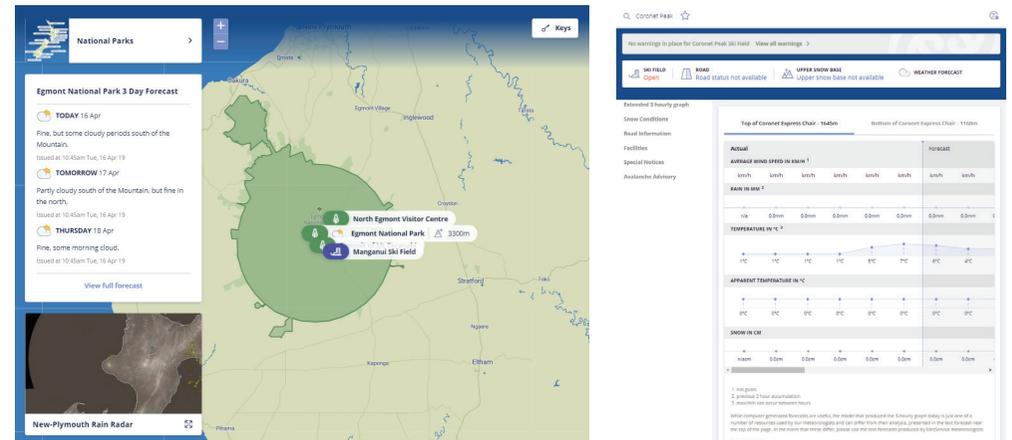
## What's changing?

- We're making the site more user-friendly and more consistent with the MetService app.
- We've made the site fully responsive, so people can access the same information, whatever device they are using.
- As New Zealand's only official provider of severe weather information, we've taken this opportunity to refresh the icons, colours and shapes we use to communicate severe weather watches and warnings too. We've also made it clearer to view the areas affected by watches and warnings.
- We've added a second navigation tool to improve the user experience on maps. Once a location is selected, information relating to marine and land-based forecasts will be available in one place.
- We've increased the number of locations we provide a forecast for, and over time expect to add even more forecast locations.
- Many of the changes we've made will be to the back-end of the site, which will make future changes easier to manage at our end.
- It's important to note that our forecasts are not changing. What we are doing is improving the platform (back-end of the website) and streamlining the access to information and responsiveness of the site.



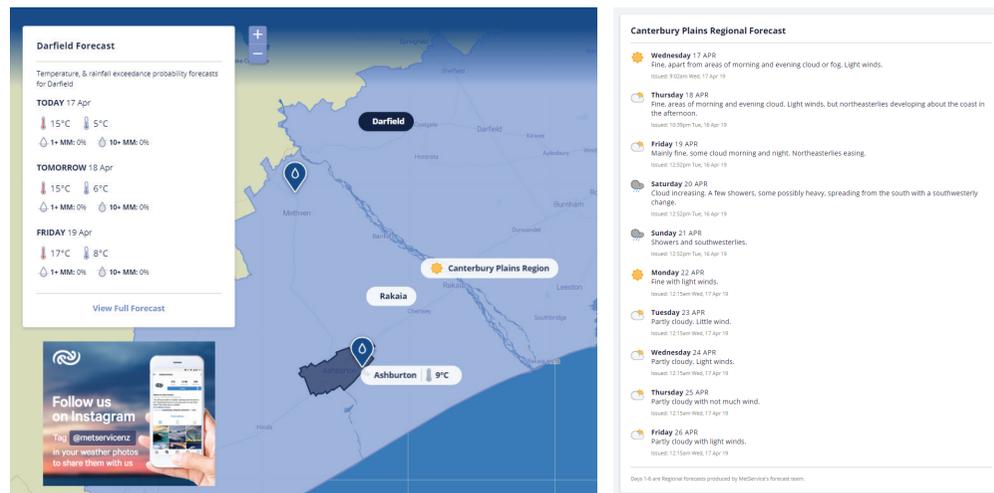
## What's new in the Mountains & Parks section of the website?

- The Mountain & Parks forecasts can now easily be navigated to from the Town & Cities pages – ideal for those that are unfamiliar with the wider area. For example, from the New Plymouth forecast page, you'll be able to click through onto the Egmont National Park forecast to receive that information.
- National Parks and some Forest Parks are now on an interactive map, so you can click on the park location and get the forecast and observations for different sites of that specific park
  - If there is a ski field in the National Park, then this information is also integrated into the same map. This is helpful year around, as the fields can be great recreational areas for hikers and mountain bikers during the off season too.
  - Mountain forecasts continue to be provided in partnership with the Department of Conservation.
- The ski section layout is new and improved.



## What's new in the Rural section of the website?

- Those in the rural sector often need more weather information to make decisions.
- Rural areas now cover a larger geographic area, so more forecast and observation data is available on one page.
- Any spot locations and observations will be available on rural home pages, which helps for locations at different elevations for example.
- Rain radar information will be more prominent than it has ever been on rural pages.
- Rural pages also include mountain and marine forecasts.
- We've designed the site with the future in mind, so it can digest and display information from other sources of use to the rural sector, such as hydrology data or weather station information from Councils.



**Darfield Forecast**  
Temperature, & rainfall exceedance probability forecasts for Darfield

**TODAY 17 Apr**  
15°C 5°C  
1+ MM: 0% 10+ MM: 0%

**TOMORROW 18 Apr**  
15°C 6°C  
1+ MM: 0% 10+ MM: 0%

**FRIDAY 19 Apr**  
17°C 8°C  
1+ MM: 0% 10+ MM: 0%

**Canterbury Plains Regional Forecast**

**Wednesday 17 APR**  
Fine, apart from areas of morning and evening fog. Light winds.  
Issued: 9:02am Wed, 17 Apr '19

**Thursday 18 APR**  
Fine, areas of morning and evening cloud. Light winds, but northeasterlies developing about the coast in the afternoon.  
Issued: 10:37pm Tue, 16 Apr '19

**Friday 19 APR**  
Mainly fine, some cloud morning and night. Northeasterlies easing.  
Issued: 12:52pm Tue, 16 Apr '19

**Saturday 20 APR**  
Cloud increasing. A few showers, some possibly heavy, spreading from the south with a southwesterly change.  
Issued: 12:52pm Tue, 16 Apr '19

**Sunday 21 APR**  
Showers and southwesterlies.  
Issued: 12:52pm Tue, 16 Apr '19

**Monday 22 APR**  
Fine with light winds.  
Issued: 12:52pm Tue, 16 Apr '19

**Tuesday 23 APR**  
Partly cloudy, little wind.  
Issued: 12:52pm Tue, 16 Apr '19

**Wednesday 24 APR**  
Partly cloudy, light winds.  
Issued: 12:52pm Wed, 17 Apr '19

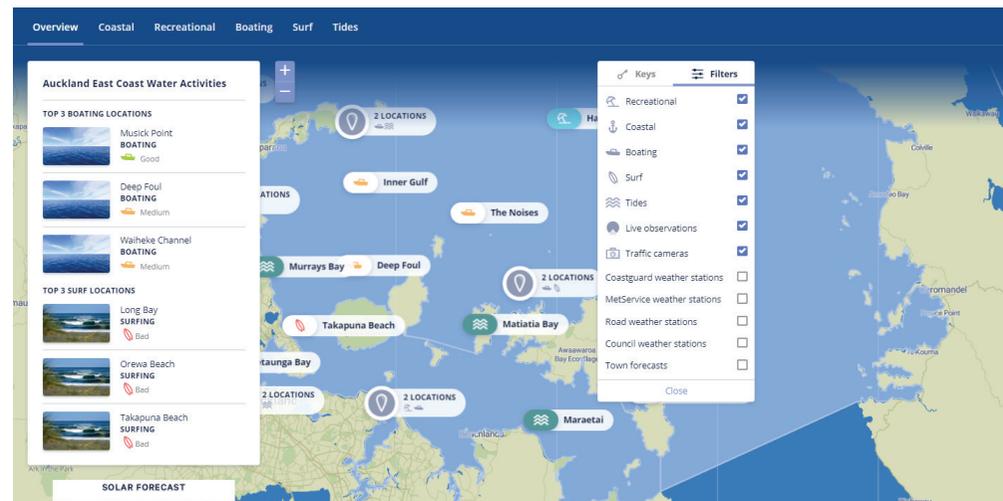
**Thursday 25 APR**  
Partly cloudy with not much wind.  
Issued: 12:52pm Wed, 17 Apr '19

**Friday 26 APR**  
Partly cloudy with light winds.  
Issued: 12:52pm Wed, 17 Apr '19

Days 1-6 are Regional forecasts produced by MetService's forecast team.

## What's new in the Marine section of the website?

- All available marine information such as coastal, recreational, boating, surf and tides can be seen in one overview on an interactive map.
- Filters can be used to turn on/off the information that is/isn't relevant to you, this includes weather station information for towns and cities in that area.
- Observations (what is happening now, as opposed to forecasts which look forward) are being brought into the marine section.
- We are able to add more webcams to marine pages.



**Overview Coastal Recreational Boating Surf Tides**

**Auckland East Coast Water Activities**

**TOP 3 BOATING LOCATIONS**

- Musick Point BOATING Good
- Deep Foul BOATING Medium
- Waiheke Channel BOATING Medium

**TOP 3 SURF LOCATIONS**

- Long Bay SURFING Bad
- Orewa Beach SURFING Bad
- Takapuna Beach SURFING Bad

**SOLAR FORECAST**

**Filters**

- Recreational
- Coastal
- Boating
- Surf
- Tides
- Live observations
- Traffic cameras
- Coastguard weather stations
- MetService weather stations
- Road weather stations
- Council weather stations
- Town forecasts