

# Ngā pārongo hou

## Latest council news

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## Career stepping stone for rangatahi

Six cadets have been welcomed to Far North District Council (FNDC) as they embark on an exciting 10-month internship to help kick-start their careers.

The FNDC internship programme partners with the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), Work Ready, and the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs to give cadets work experience and help develop their skills.

Joining the council are Adrian Davita, who is working with the Communications and Engagement team; Alicia Cassidy Tupou will be with the Contact Centre; Stella Saville and Te Harangi Tikitiki will join Customers Services and Libraries; Willow Roberts will be working with Rating Services, and Tanea Webster will be in Compliance.

More than 50 cadets have participated in the FNDC cadetship programme since 2006, with many going on to permanent roles within the council and some are now working at management level.

The scheme supports rangatahi between the ages of 16 and 24 into work and provides career opportunities not easily accessible to young people in rural areas.



New starters (from left) Stella Saville, Tanea Webster, Te Harangi Tikitiki, Alicia Cassidy Tupou, Willow Roberts and Adrian Davita.

If you are an ambitious young person interested in becoming a cadet, head to the MSD website

([msd.govt.nz](https://msd.govt.nz)) or Work Ready ([workready.nz](https://workready.nz)) to find out more.

### Ōpua-Paihia walkway on track

A section of the Ōpua-Paihia Coastal Walkway damaged by a slip in July reopened on 27 September.

Repairs needed to reopen the track between Smith Camp Road and English Bay included reinstating the walkway by resurfacing the track and removing hazardous trees. The repair work was more extensive than first anticipated and a close inspection of the track by contractors to assess damage was delayed by the danger of further slips due to ongoing rain.

The popular coastal walking track has experienced several closures during the past few years due to damage by storms and heavy rains. The most significant storm, Cyclone Gabrielle early last year, caused extensive slips along a 325-metre section of track between Walls Bay and Lemons Bay. This section remains closed. Unfortunately, warning signs and fencing installed to prevent access to this part of the slip area have been regularly removed and vandalised, putting other walkers at risk.

Track users are urged to use common sense and avoid sections of the track that remain damaged and to report any sections that appear unstable.



The popular walkway has been resurfaced and reinstated.

### Groups celebrate funding boost



Sports and community organisations were granted funding.

Nearly \$70,000 in funding has been granted by the Far North's three community boards during their September meetings.

Among the biggest winners were the Te Reo Piriwiritua Brass Band which was granted \$8000 by the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board towards celebrating 90 years since its founding. The board also granted \$5000 each to Bay of Islands Hockey Association and Kaikohe Rugby Football and Sports Club. Kohukohu Fishing, Hunting and Sports Club was granted \$6000 towards the maintenance of the Motukohu fields.

Also receiving funding were Man vs Wild (\$2000), SMC Events (\$2000), Ōkaihou Whānau House (\$1000); and The Centre (\$404).

Seven organisations benefited from the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board funding, with the Graham Dingle Foundation granted \$5000 toward the Nga Ara Whetu programme, and the Foster Hope Charitable Trust was granted \$2000.

Other groups to receive funding were Hidden Pocket Production (\$5680); Business Bay of Islands (\$5000), The Centre (\$4000), Te Kura o Hato Hohepa te Kāmura - Whangaroa Arts Festival (\$3750), Piri Wiremu Mokena Games (\$2000).

The Doubtless Bay Fishing Competition was granted \$6500 by the Te Hiku Community Board, and the Graham Dingle Foundation received \$3000 from the board. Also receiving funding were the SMC Events (\$2000) and Te Kupenga Reo 2024 (\$1000).

For more information, visit [fndc.govt.nz](https://fndc.govt.nz).

### An appetite for success



Far North hospitality is on the menu for Savour Northland.

Locals and visitors have been enjoying a taste of our region's best food and drink offerings as part of Savour Northland.

The event showcasing the best of manaakitanga (hospitality) is running throughout October. It puts the spotlight on restaurants, cafes, wineries, bars and markets from Mangawhai to Cape Reinga in one of the biggest food and drinks events in Aotearoa.

From wine tasting to cooking lessons, Savour Northland is serving up a new perspective on local fare offered by the region. Visit [fndc.govt.nz](https://fndc.govt.nz) to watch our video on the event, or head to [savournorthland.com](https://savournorthland.com) for details about the event.

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