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Waikare Rd slip repair completed

A major slip repair on Waikare Road is finished, delivering a safer and more resilient road connection for the Karetu community.

The project restores the long-term reliability of this important rural route following damage caused by a historic landslide, worsened during Cyclone Gabrielle and subsequent severe weather events.

The work has stabilised the hillside and rebuilt the road, restoring two-way traffic at the slip site, which had been progressively reduced to less than four metres wide after approximately 1.5m of road had been lost.

The project involved engineering on steep terrain, with slopes dropping up to 50m into the gully below. Construction included the installation of 14 reinforced concrete piles supporting a 16m retaining wall with timber lagging, the use of lightweight engineered geofoam fill to rebuild the road platform while reducing pressure on the unstable slope, a reinforced concrete barrier beam, new drainage infrastructure including culverts, manholes, table drains and erosion protection, full pavement reconstruction, and reinstatement of roadside safety barriers.



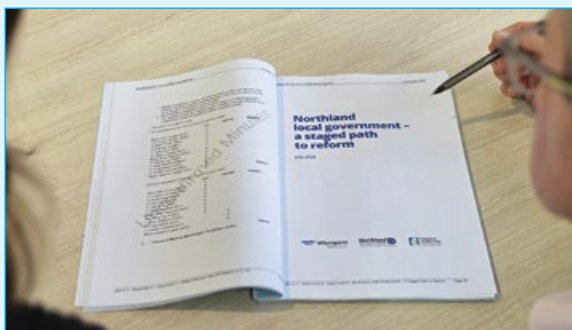
Slip repairs on Waikare Road included installation of 14 reinforced concrete piles supporting a 16m retaining wall with timber lagging.

A standout feature of the project was the use of lightweight geofoam fill. This innovative material allowed engineers to rebuild the road while placing significantly less weight on the unstable hillside, improving the long-term stability and resilience of the site and helping safeguard the route long-term.

Careful planning ensured one lane of Waikare Road remained open throughout construction, allowing residents, school buses and other road users to continue using the route with minimal disruption.

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FNDC supports Head Start plan



The Northland Head Start Proposal was submitted on 7 August.

Far North District Council has voted in support of the Northland Head Start Outline Proposal, marking a significant milestone in Northland's local government reform journey.

The decision was made at an Extraordinary Council meeting on 4 August – following Whangarei District Council's vote of approval on 3 August.

Mayor Moko Tepania said he was proud of the mahi undertaken with his fellow Northland councils, given Central Government's three-month timeframe to come up with a proposal.

He said he was also grateful to the people of the Far North and wider Northland for sharing their views on the proposed changes.

The outline proposal was submitted to the Coalition Government for consideration on 7 August.

Roading support contract signed



The contract will deliver greater value for money for ratepayers.

Far North District Council has awarded its new Core Roothing Professional Services contract to WSP New Zealand Ltd, commencing 1 June 2026. The contract establishes a long-term partnership to support the planning, management, delivery and oversight of the district's roading network.

Under the agreement, WSP will work alongside council roading staff in an integrated "one team" model, providing specialist expertise in asset management, programme planning, contract management of the new Operation and Maintenance contracts, capital works delivery oversight and emergency response coordination. The partnership is designed to improve service levels, strengthen network performance, and deliver greater value for money for ratepayers.

The initial contract term is three years, with options to extend for a further two years subject to performance.

FNHL delivers \$5m dividend



Far North Holdings delivers \$5 million dividend.

Far North Holdings has delivered a total dividend of \$5 million to Far North District Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2026. This was made up of a \$1.6 million dividend paid in February and a further dividend of \$3.4 million paid in June.

The result follows \$5.5 million in dividends paid for the previous financial year and reflects another year of strong financial performance for the council-owned company.

The dividend has been generated through strong operational performance and a disciplined approach to improving its commercial assets and financial performance.

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