

Old makes way for new in Kaikohe

Work started on Monday 15 July to demolish vacant buildings currently occupying the site at the intersection of Broadway and Raihara Street where a new library for Kaikohe will be built.

Fencing, signage and strict health and safety measures are now in place around the demolition site and motorists and pedestrians in the area are asked to take care. Traffic will be slowed to 30kmph around the site, including along parts of Broadway, Raihara Street and Routley Avenue. Site fencing will run between roadside carparks and the curb as required by traffic management.

A qualified asbestos contractor was onsite for about a week from Tuesday 16 July, and all precautions were taken to comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act. Demolition of the buildings occupying the site is due to be completed by early September.

A kōwhai tree at the front of the site has been flagged as protected and care will be taken while any work nearby is completed.



Find out more about the Kaikohe Library Project on the council's website.

Far North Holdings Limited has been appointed to project manage clearing the site and building the new library. It will work closely with hapū, iwi, the community, council staff and councillors throughout the project.

A start date for the construction of the new build will be confirmed once the design phase is complete, which is expected to take around five months. Construction is expected to start next year.

End of the road for NTA



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It's the end of the road for the Northland Transportation Alliance (NTA), a collaboration of roading teams from Whangārei, Kaipara and Far North district councils, Northland Regional Council and the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.

Members of the alliance recently agreed to disband the eight-year-old organisation in favour of a new mixed model. The new approach will give each council greater control over its roading maintenance and construction projects but allow for collaboration when that makes financial and practical sense.

Chair of the Regional Land Transport Committee, Joe Carr, said he believed the NTA was the right initiative in 2016. However, times had moved on and councils now needed to develop better connections with the work taking place within their own district.

For the Far North, that will mean NTA staff will be redeployed back to FNDC to prioritise work on local roads. The goal is to improve the resilience of the roading network, deliver better value for money for ratepayers and focus on repairing damage caused by severe weather events in 2022-23. To help achieve that, the council will establish a professional panel for consulting and construction services.

Far North residents are reminded that the best way to resolve road-related issues is to report these to the council through its Request for Service (RFS) system. Raising an RFS ensures that repairs can be scheduled as required and residents who lodge the RFS can be updated on progress.

Dog adoption success for Jordy

Did you know your dog registration fee helps us to run our dog adoption scheme, take action on uncontrolled dogs, and identify lost or roaming dogs?

Our Adopt a dog Facebook page worked its magic for Jordy, the Huntaway pup.



Jordy's forever family found him on our Facebook adoption page.

Nate and Tesara knew straight away that Jordy was right for their lifestyle when they saw him online. Jordy now enjoys a life of beach adventures with his loving forever family, which also includes another dog to hang with.

When you adopt one of our dogs, they're registered, microchipped, desexed and have had their first parvovirus vaccination. Visit www.facebook.com/adoptadog/FNDC to find doggos needing a new home, as well as details on how to adopt them.

We adopt around the country, so send your friends and whānau to our Adopt a dog Facebook page too!

Win with dog registration



Registering your dog before 31 August could be a 'win win' for you.

Dog owners who register their dog before 31 August will pay the cheapest fees of the year, and also go into a draw to win a prize pack. A potential 'win win' for dog owners.

There are 10 prize packs up for grabs this year for those who register their dogs between 1 July and 31 August. Each prize pack includes a refund on your dog registration plus two large bags of dog biscuits for your buddy. Winners will be drawn after the promotional period has ended. Only one dog registration will be free per winner.

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