

Kerikeri-Waipapa growth plan adopted

Te Pātukurea – Kerikeri Waipapa Spatial Plan has been adopted by the council, and will guide future growth and change in one of our district's fastest growing urban areas.

The plan sets a clear, long-term framework for coordinated urban expansion focused on existing centres and supported by infrastructure that is efficient, resilient, and more affordable.

Kerikeri, Waipapa and the surrounding area have seen significant population growth in recent years. In the absence of a clear plan, that growth has often led to fragmented development, high infrastructure costs, and limited housing options. Te Pātukurea responds to this by providing a strategic, evidence-based blueprint for growth over the next 30 years.

It sets objectives for more resilient infrastructure, a diverse and affordable housing supply, better connected transport networks, and the protection of the natural environment, culture, and heritage.

The plan is the result of extensive technical analysis, alongside engagement with mana whenua, local stakeholders, and the wider public.



The plan focuses on more resilient infrastructure, diverse and affordable housing, connected transport networks and heritage and culture.

It represents a major milestone as the first spatial plan delivered under the council's Far North 2100 planning framework.

The plan was formally adopted at an Extraordinary Meeting on 18 June 2025. During the meeting, the

council acknowledged feedback received during consultation in support of an alternative growth proposal led by a private developer.

For the full story go to fndc.govt.nz

Candidate nominations open



Do you have what it takes to represent your community?

Potential candidates interested in standing in October's local body elections have four weeks to submit a nomination form, from Friday 4 July.

A candidate nomination form needs to be lodged as soon as possible by those interested in standing to allow time for information to be checked and possible technical issues to be resolved. There are different nominations forms depending on the ward a candidate intends standing in. Each potential candidate must be nominated on the correct nomination paper.

Any candidate standing for local body elections must be a New Zealand citizen, over 18 years old, and be on the Parliamentary Electoral Roll. They must also be nominated by two people who are enrolled on the Parliamentary Electoral Roll in the area the candidate intends to stand in.

Our Local-Elections-2025 website has a number of essential resources for potential candidates, information about who is eligible to stand, and nomination forms.

Nominations close **noon, Friday 1 August**

Te Rarawa sign up to MoU



Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa and council representatives signed the MoU.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by Te Hiku-based Te Rarawa and the council. It is the second MoU signed with iwi and builds on a number of similar hapū-level agreements the council has signed over the past few years.

The agreement recognises Te Rarawa as a treaty partner at an iwi level, and establishes a broader, strategic platform for collaboration.

Signed at Te Ahu in Kaitiāia in May, the document outlines a shared intent for ongoing collaboration and partnership.

Mayor Tepania acknowledged the strong progress made by Te Rarawa and praised the foundational work led by Te Hono in building these important relationships – an initiative driven by CEO Guy Holroyd. George Riley, Tumu Whakarae - CEO of Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa said he is very pleased to sign the agreement with the council.

The MoU signals a more formalised approach to working together, including regular hui and opportunities for joint initiatives.

Dog reg launches with a Storm



Dog fees help pay for our Adopt a dog scheme, which rescued Storm.

Rescue pup Storm has launched the council's latest dog registration campaign with her mum Jody and her new favourite toy – the kiwi frisbee!

The campaign raises awareness that dog owners are legally required to register their dogs throughout the year – and if you do register between 1 July and 31 August, you will pay the cheapest rates and be in to win one of 10 prize packs.

Storm was picked up by our Animal Management Team in Kaitiāia. Around three months old at the time, she was a perfect candidate for our Adopt a dog scheme which ensures all the steps are taken to provide well-behaved and healthy dogs for adoption. All Adopt a dog pups are registered, microchipped, de-sexed, vaccinated and parvo tested too.

Dog registration fees help pay for our Adopt a dog scheme, plus help the council to manage stray, barking and aggressive dogs, and take action on uncontrolled dogs.

All dogs in the Far North must be registered by law. Failure to do so can result in a \$300 fine.

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