

Major upgrades to transform town

A multi-million-dollar programme of infrastructure upgrades will get underway in Kawakawa this summer, helping prepare the town for future growth while strengthening the resilience of essential water and wastewater services.

The programme is a partnership between Far North District Council and the Government's Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF), with five key infrastructure projects.

Key infrastructure projects:

- water reticulation upgrades
- water supply treatment upgrades
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- Greenacres Drive transport improvements.

The projects will provide the infrastructure needed to support housing growth in Kawakawa while improving the performance of existing networks.

Upgrades to water supply and wastewater infrastructure will help ensure services can meet the needs of a



The project will improve existing infrastructure and prepare Kawakawa for future growth.

growing community, while transport improvements to Greenacres Drive will support access and connectivity for future development.

The programme represents an investment of more than \$37 million, with FNDCC contributing around \$2.9 million, developers \$8.7 million and up to \$25.6 million in funding through the IAF. Planning, design and consenting

are underway. Physical works are expected to begin in late 2026 and throughout 2027. The work will be delivered in stages, with completion expected by the end of 2028.

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Bright future ahead for cadets



Pictured (from left): Hemi Cherrington, Jazz Tasker-Frost, Shanya Marsh, Iverson (Ivy) Davies, Joe Cherry, Trinity Campbell.

It was a milestone day for six new cadets last month, as Far North District Council Chambers rang with waiata to mark the start of a potentially life-changing 10-month work programme.

The pōwhiri kicked off this year's cadetship which aims to open doors to future work opportunities for rangatahi aged 18-24.

Delivered by the council in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development and Work Ready, the cadet programme has an impressive track record. Work Ready joined the initiative a decade ago to boost participants' confidence and skills ahead of their council placements. Since then, every cadet who has completed the programme has gone on to secure employment, with more than 60 per cent finding jobs at the council.

Book your place at celebrations

Check your inbox! Invitations to celebrate the official opening of the new Kaikohe Library and Civic Hub have been sent.

The much-anticipated facility in the heart of Kaikohe officially opens its doors on Monday 9 November, marking an exciting new chapter for the town. Community members, whānau, schools, local businesses and organisations, and proud locals will gather to mark the occasion to mark the occasion.



Join the opening celebrations at the Kaikohe Library and Civic Hub.

The day kicks off at 5.30am with a formal blessing and opening ceremony followed by opportunities to explore the new facility, guided tours, community activities, kai, entertainment and tamariki-friendly experiences. The library and hub will officially open for business from 2pm. If an invitation hasn't arrived, no problem. Everyone is invited. Just RSVP at this link — www.fndc.govt.nz/libraryopening

Bagging a new kerbside service

Residents on Arawhata Road and Mangatete Heights in Kāingaroa will have a more convenient way to dispose of household rubbish, with kerbside collections being introduced.



The new service provides environmentally responsible waste disposal.

From Wednesday 14 October, residents will have prepaid rubbish bags collected from the end of their driveways. This door-to-door service will replace the current rural collection point at the end of Arawhata Road, which closed on Tuesday 6 October.

Kerbside collections of recycling can also be arranged, and residents should contact Northland Waste about subscribing to the service.

The change is part of a wider initiative to provide safer, fairer and more environmentally responsible waste services across Te Hiku. The Awanui Refuse Transfer Station at 94 State Highway 1 also accepts recycling and is an alternative drop-off option.

