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A new chapter begins for Kaikohe

Hundreds of locals, visitors, school groups and dignitaries gathered early Monday morning to officially open Kaikohe's new library and civic hub — a facility set to breathe new life into the town.

The celebrations began with a formal blessing at 5am on 9 November, setting the scene for a packed programme of activities, entertainment and tours.

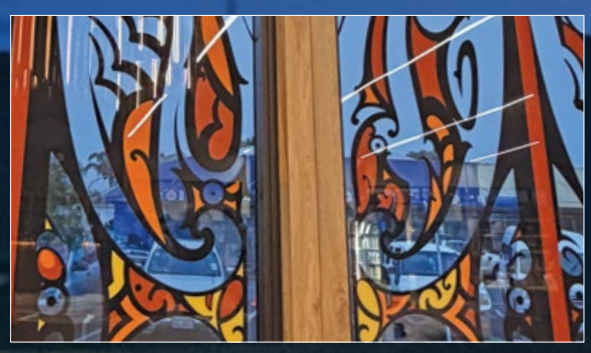
Visitors had the chance to explore the new building, discover its unique features and be among the first to experience the exciting spaces designed to bring the community together.

More than just a place to borrow books, Te Kākahu offers a modern, welcoming environment where people can learn, connect, create and access a range of services under one roof (see below for details).

With the celebrations over, and the doors now open, Te Kākahu is ready to become a vibrant new heart for Kaikohe – a place where the community can come together for generations to come.









Game changer for new hub

A dedicated group of detainees at the Northland Region Corrections Facility at Ngāwhā have helped put the fun into the new Kaikohe Library and Civic Hub by creating a collection of play equipment for the community to enjoy.

Four prisoners put their carpentry and creative skills to work to build giant versions of some popular games for Te Kākahu. The collection includes giant dominoes, Jenga, a cornhole game and a supersized version of the dice-based game Shut the Box.

But there's more to the project than fun and games. The initiative has given the men the chance to put their practical skills to positive use, tackle new challenges, and create something that will benefit the Far North community.

For some of those involved, who have completed much of the unit standard-based training in the corrections facility, the project has offered fresh challenges and a chance to put their skills to the test.

Service centre moves to hub

Residents and visitors can now access council services and library facilities under one roof at Te Kākahu - Kaikohe's new library and civic hub.

The Kaikohe Service Centre has relocated from the council's headquarters at Memorial Drive to the new community facility on the corner of Broadway and Raihara Street following its official opening on Monday 9 November.

Whether you need to pay rates, register your dog, request property information, report a problem or get help with a council inquiry, bringing council services and the library together will make it easier for residents and visitors to get things done in one convenient location.

The move around the corner places the council's customer services team in a more spacious, central, welcoming environment and offers a focal point for information, services and activities.



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