

HE ARA TĀMATA CREATING GREAT PLACES

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News updates about the Far North District Council

Blessing completes water project build

A blessing in June marked the end of construction for Kaitāia Water Project, a \$15.3 million supplementary water supply due to become operational once treatment plant modifications and testing are complete. The Kaitāia Water Project included construction of a 14km pipeline and pump station infrastructure that will take water from two bores at the site near Awanui to the water treatment plant at Kaitāia. This will reduce the town's reliance on the Awanui River, although it will remain the primary water source for Kaitāia. Our second largest town has experienced six droughts in nine years – most recently during the record-breaking drought in 2019-20. The new infrastructure will provide much-needed supply certainty for Kaitāia households, businesses and industry. The Sweetwater bores can provide up to 5000 cubic metres of extra water a day.



Trudy Allen (Ngāti Kahu), Deputy Mayor Ann Court, Mayor John Carter and John Paitai (Te Rarawa), cut the ribbon to mark construction completion of the Kaitāia Water Project.

Unahi Wharf officially opened



Construction work on the wharf was carried out by Northland companies Total Marine Services, Stonecraft and Laser Electrical Kaitāia.

The Unahi Wharf, north of Awanui, officially reopened in June after a \$1.8 million project to replace the ageing timber structure. Work included demolishing the existing wharf, parts of which are believed to have been up to 100 years old, and replacing it with a new modern truck-rated concrete wharf. A new concrete pontoon, gangway, and berthing piles were installed, and repairs made to the seawall. To ensure that the new structure meets community needs, the council's commercial arm, Far North Holdings Ltd, developed designs in partnership with commercial fishermen and the Awanui Progressive and Ratepayers' Association. The project received \$1 million in funding from the Government's Provincial Growth Fund and another \$800,000 from the council.

Communities make streets safer

Community-led road safety projects funded by Waka Kotahi were recently completed in Kawakawa, Moerewa and Kaikohe. In Moerewa the percentage of vehicles breaking the 50km/h speed limit fell from 42% to 19% between December 2020 and December 2021. Near Kaikohe Te Kohanga Reo, vehicles breaking the speed limit dropped from 9% to 6%. In Kawakawa the percentage of drivers going over the 50km/h speed limit more than halved to 31%. The projects aimed to create safer, more pedestrian-friendly communities by installing temporary traffic-calming measures along busy roads. The projects used road art, planters, speed bumps, road markings and pedestrian crossings to reduce the speed of traffic and encourage walking and cycling. Local design agency, ĀKAU, led projects in both Kaikohe and Moerewa. In Moerewa, ĀKAU involved tamariki from Moerewa School in the design process and local artist, Lorraine King, developed their ideas into graphics to help slow traffic on Ōtiria Road. Students also painted planter boxes installed outside

Moerewa School and Ōtiria Marae. In Kaikohe, ĀKAU designed road art with tamariki. This connected a series of vertical markers erected throughout the town. The goal was to slow traffic and provide safer walking routes along Mangakahia and Recreation roads. In Kawakawa, road art, road markings and planter boxes were installed to slow traffic through the town centre. Designs were provided by Lorraine King and Ngāti Hine.



Planter boxes in Kawakawa are helping to slow traffic speeds and make streets safer.

Our sports facility projects

Te Hiku Ward

The community-led Te Hiku Sports Hub Aquatic and Sports Facility Project will be transformational for the Kaitāia community when completed early in 2023. The facility includes a 25-metre pool, a learn-to-swim pool, a hydro therapy pool and a toddlers' water play area. The sports wing will include a gym, function rooms and changing rooms for sports fields. The council is a significant stakeholder in the project.



The Far North District Council is not directly involved in sports or the management of sports teams, but we are heavily involved in delivering sports infrastructure across the district. There has been a boom in new recreational and sports facilities in the district recently. This includes construction of sports hubs in each of our three wards. Below are just some of the great recreational facilities recently opened or under construction near you.

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa

Work on Stage One of the multisport complex at Waipapa is due to start in August. A giant roadside billboard at the State Highway 10 site entrance now displays designs for what will become Te Puāwaitanga — Bay of Islands Sports Hub. Stage One includes construction of four sports fields, toilets, changing facilities and parking for over 300 vehicles. This complex will cater for football, league, gymnastics, hockey, softball, cricket, and croquet. There is also consent for a dog training area.



Two competition-grade pump tracks completed last summer proved an instant hit with Far North tamariki. The tracks at Memorial Park in Kaitāia and Korora Park in Ahipara are part of the ongoing Te Hiku Open Spaces Revitalisation Project funded by the government through Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit.



Kaitāia

Ahipara

Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward



The community board has granted \$20,000 towards the Kaikohe Rugby and Football Club for designs in preparation for an upgrade to the club. The work will provide a modern facility that community members can use to host events. The upgrades will also allow for the hosting of premier events such as Super Rugby pre-season matches.

A \$12.7 million upgrade to Lindvart Park will turn existing sports fields, courts, and pavilion into a premier facility. The project is being funded through Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit, the council and other organisations. The project is expected to create 35 construction jobs.



Kaikohe

A new playground area in Kerikeri Domain is due for completion this month. The playground has been relocated to sit alongside other key facilities of the Kerikeri Domain Revitalisation Project including the skate park, basketball court, seating, drinking fountains and pathways. A flying fox, swings, slides, tunnels, climbing wall, towers, and shade sails to protect users will all feature in the new play area.



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Single Transferable Voting (STV)

A new way to vote in the Far North

One change to the local election this year will be the way you vote. After consulting with residents in 2020, councillors adopted Single Transferable Voting for the next two elections.

Here's an overview of how it works.

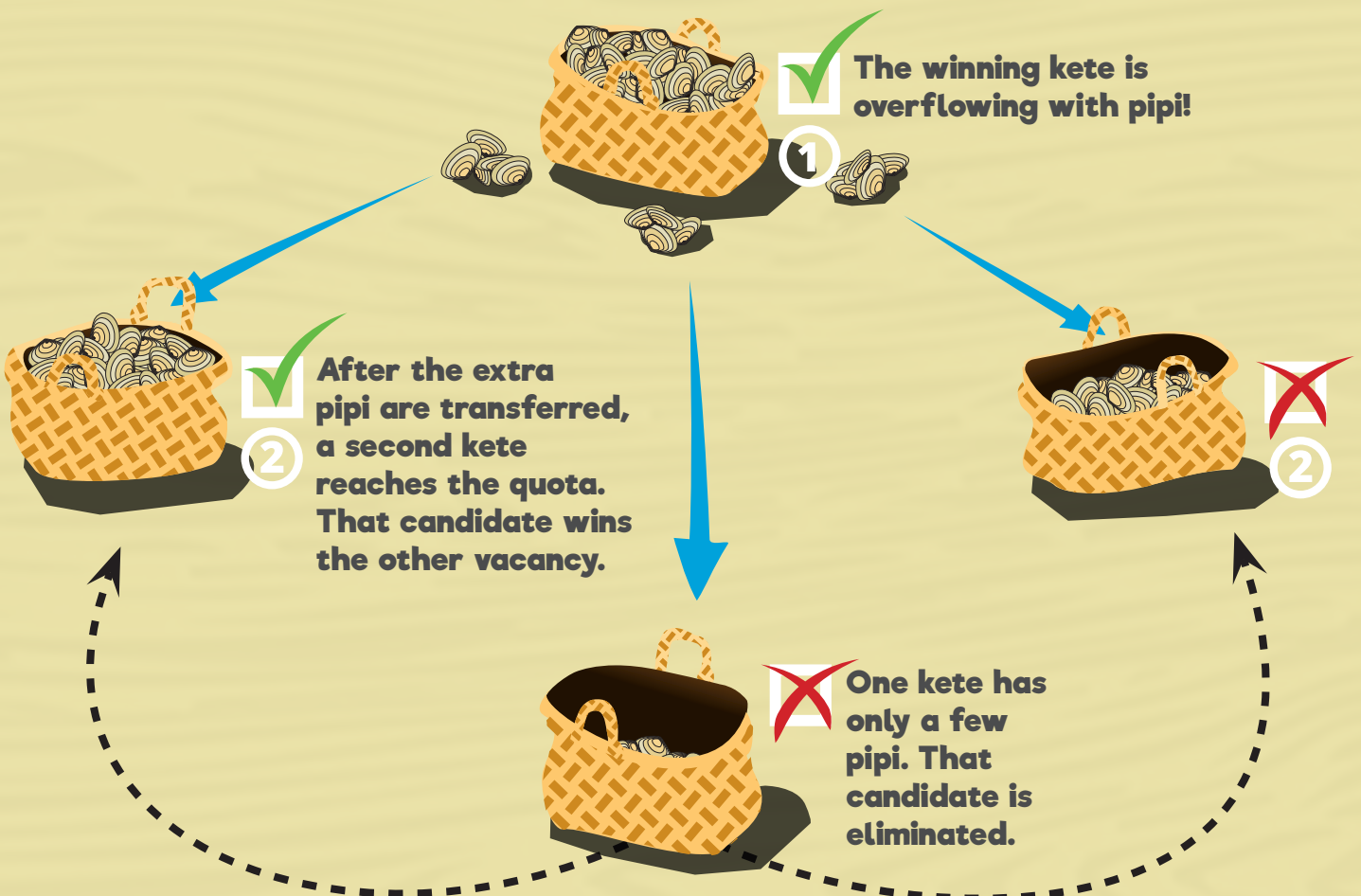
Instead of ticking the candidate you want, you rank candidates in order of preference — ① beside your most preferred candidate, ② beside the second-most preferred, and so on.

To be elected, a candidate must get a certain number of votes. This is known as the 'quota' and is worked

out after voting has closed. The quota is calculated by dividing the total number of votes received by the number of vacancies, plus one vote.

To be elected, a candidate must get enough votes to reach the quota. If there is more than one vacancy, votes received over the quota are

partially transferred to other candidates in order of voter preference. Those with fewest votes are eliminated and their votes are partially transferred to other candidates. This process repeats until enough candidates reach the quota and all vacancies are filled.



The votes from the eliminated candidate are not lost. Pipi from that basket are partially shared among the others, according to the voters' second preference.

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