

Ngā Tai o Tokerau A new Māori ward

We have introduced a Māori ward to cover the entire district. There will be four councillors elected 'at large' for this ward. The remaining six general councillors will be elected to the general wards in which they stand.

Our next local body elections will held be on Saturday 8 October 2022 and will include a new Māori ward, Ngā Tai o Tokerau. We see this change as a practical demonstration of our commitment to tangata whenua and one that better reflects the needs and aspirations of the Far North community, half of which identifies as Māori.

The council established Māori wards in May 2021 following a review of Far North representation arrangements. The council undertakes this review every six years. We gathered informal feedback on establishing Māori wards and of the 499 responses we received, 408 or 81.76% supported Māori wards.

To find out more and how to stand for election, go to our Local Elections 2022 page on the FNDC website: www.fndc.govt.nz

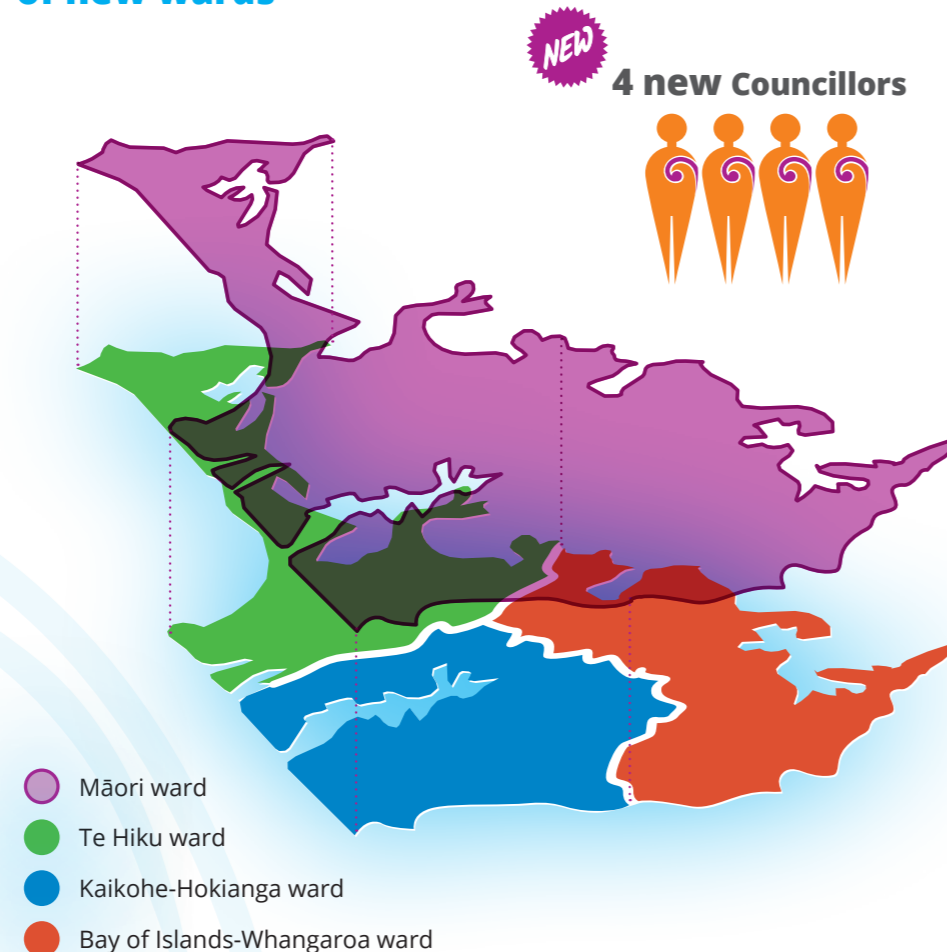
The Ngā Tai o Tokerau ward will cover the entire district with four councillors elected 'at large' to represent it. At large means that each councillor represents all constituents within the ward, rather than a specific part or subdivision. The remaining six general councillors will be elected to the general wards in which they stand.

Councillors elected to represent the Māori ward declare and sign the same oath as general ward councillors. When making decisions as a councillor, they represent all the people of the Far North, just as general ward councillors do.

The October 2022 election will be the first time Ngā Tai o Tokerau candidates will stand for election. They do not need to be of Māori descent, but must be nominated by two electors from the Māori electoral roll within the Ngā Tai o Tokerau ward.

Only those enrolled on the Māori electoral roll can vote for someone standing in the Māori ward. Those enrolled on the general electoral roll can vote for candidates standing in their general ward – Te Hiku, Kaikohe-Hokianga, or Bay of Islands-Whangaroa. It does not matter which roll you are on when voting for community board or mayoral candidates.

Geographic distribution of new wards



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News updates about the Far North District Council

Kaitiāia pipeline almost complete

A 14km water pipeline linking bores at Sweetwater to Kaitiāia's water treatment plant on Okahu Road is almost complete. The pipeline is a key component of our project to improve Kaitiāia's drought-resilience. This project is due for completion by June. Installation of power and instrumentation is ongoing at the bore site along with reinstatement and completion of bore headworks. A prefabricated pipe bridge is being lifted into place at Bonnetts Road and installation will be completed this month. The next phase of work is to connect the new bore water supply to the water treatment plant when further water testing and treatment processes can be calibrated. The Kaitiāia Water Project will enable the supply of an additional 5,000 cubic metres of water daily to Kaitiāia. The project's estimated total cost is \$15.3 million and will provide safe, quality drinking water to Kaitiāia and supplement the existing supply from the Awanui River.



Final power and instrumentation work is now underway on the Sweetwater boreheads as final preparations are made to begin supplementing Kaitiāia water supplies.

Leak 'detectives' in Kaitiāia



High-tech equipment is helping contractors to track down hard-to-find leaks in the Kaitiāia water supply.

Our Far North Waters contractors are achieving significant successes tracking down hard-to-find water leaks in our supply network and helping to save precious treated water. They've been deploying Aquascope and Zonescan 820 loggers that can distinguish the hiss of a leak from background noise to help pinpoint losses within the reticulation network. This technology is being deployed across the district but has already significantly reduced water leaks in Kaitiāia. In one instance, the highly sensitive equipment detected a leak within a concrete structure buried underground and completely hidden from view. This and other discoveries have resulted in a loss reduction of over 400 cubic metres of treated water per day.

Water security for Kaikohe



Matakii Reservoir construction site with main culvert in the background.

We signed a contract with Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust to purchase shares in the Kaikohe Water Company late in March. This will provide us with access to water in the Matakii Water storage reservoir. The contract gives Council preferential supply status ensuring we have a back-up supply for Kaikohe in case of severe water shortages. We are planning to install infrastructure linking the reservoir to the council water treatment plant by November 2022. Construction of the 750,000 cubic metre reservoir located north-east of Kaikohe is now at its mid-way point. Matakii will also provide water to the Ngāwhā Innovation and Enterprise Park and other local horticultural ventures. It will be operational by next summer.

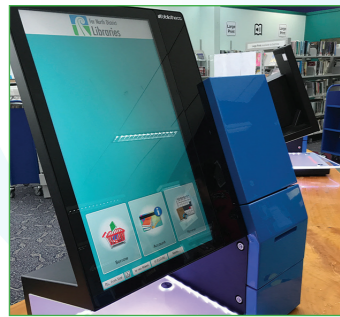
Play area for Kerikeri Domain



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Work on a new playground for Kerikeri Domain is now underway and is due for completion in June. The play area will include a flying fox, swings, slides, tunnels, a climbing wall, towers and shade sails for protection. The playground is a part of the Kerikeri Domain Revitalisation Project, which has already completed a new skate park and full-sized basketball court, both of which have proved to be a huge hit with locals and visitors. The Council received \$3 million from the Government's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund to deliver priority domain infrastructure. A grand opening of the whole revitalisation project is scheduled for later this year.

District Libraries services



Click and collect

Our U-Collect Service has helped members negotiate COVID-19 precautions. The click and collect service allows you to order online and select a day to collect your items. You can also highlight reading preferences and library staff will select up to six books for you to take away.



History at our fingertips

From 30 June we launch 'Recollect' – a database that will share our history with a global audience. Anyone will be able to look back on historical content previously accessible only through in-person visits. Information will include old maps of the Far North, details on pā sites, newspaper photos and images of sports clubs, and accounts of key events.



The six libraries we operate in the Far North are all free to join. They provide access to tens of thousands of books, magazines, DVDs and other materials. Our librarians provide a range of fun and educational programmes such as Robots, Lego Challenge, craft workshops, Tamariki Tune Time, Storytime and Armchair Travel. They also provide school visits and school holiday activities. You can find where your local library service is located below and some of the services they provide.



Do it yourself

Self-service kiosks allow library members to check out books, magazines, and other materials themselves. The kiosks reduce wait times and provide customers with contactless service options. Don't worry, all our librarians are still on hand to assist if required.



Toi Story

One definition of 'Toi' in te reo Māori is knowledge, so we've created a Toi Box collection to embrace emerging digital and STEAM technologies. Families can borrow these kits to use at home for a loan period of two weeks.

Far North Libraries

- Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Ward**
 - Kawakawa Library
 - Paihia Library
- Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward**
 - Kaikohe Library
- Te Hiku Ward**
 - Kaitiaia Library

Community Libraries

- We support community libraries through book exchanges. Contact your nearest community library to join.
- Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Ward**
 - Russell Library
 - Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward**
 - Broadwood Library
 - Kohukohu Library
 - Te Hiku Ward**
 - Mangonui Library

Mobile Library

- Our custom-built mobile library can come to a community near you. We are adding more stops. Follow 'Library Outreach Services' on Facebook for more information!
- **Opononi:** Four Square Carpark 3rd Tuesday of the month, 10am-12pm
 - **Waimamaku:** Resource Centre Carpark 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1pm-2pm
 - **Towai Makers Market:** 2nd Sunday of the month, 2pm-5pm

Other services

- Our Outreach team has visited the following schools and daycares
- Okaihau Primary
 - Opononi Area School
 - Pamapurua School
 - Peria School
 - Pakaraka School
 - Paihia School
 - Kaitiaia College
 - Kaitiaia Primary

- Outreach Pop-up Libraries/ Mobile Library stops**
- Opononi
 - Waimamaku
 - Towai
 - Urupukapuka Island

- Robot Days coming soon to these venues**
- Mangonui Hall
 - Kaitiaia Library
 - Procter Library
 - Paihia Library
 - Pamapurua Playcentre
 - Peria Playcentre
 - Te Rito
 - Te Kainga Reo (Doubtless Bay)