

## Third Far North speed limit review begins

Council is seeking public feedback on proposed speed limit changes for 301 district roads covering an area from Whangaroa Harbour to the north and Kawakawa to the south.

The review includes district roads in Kerikeri, Ōpua, Paihia, Waitangi and Haruru. The six-week consultation closes on 5 December. This is the third review of Far North speed limits with each area selected because roads have high crash rates or are in high growth areas. Roads outside these priority areas will be included in a Northland-wide speed limit review due to commence in 2024.

The council's 'Have your say' consultations webpage has a full list of roads under review, as well as maps of the review areas. You can make a submission on the proposed changes online or pick up the full proposal from council service centres at Paihia, Kerikeri or Kāeo. Three public drop-in sessions have been planned to discuss the speed limit review. One has been held at Kerikeri. Two more are planned at Paihia Memorial Hall on Thursday 17 November 4pm - 6pm, and at Whangaroa Village Hall on Wednesday 23 November 4pm - 6pm. Council and Northland Transportation Alliance staff will be on hand during the sessions to answer questions on the proposed changes and to assist with submissions.

To view the zones being reviewed and for more information, go to [fndc.govt.nz/speedreview2022](https://www.fndc.govt.nz/speedreview2022)

### New pump track for Awanui



The pump track will be in addition to other Awanui park upgrades.

Tamariki can look forward to testing their skills on a new pump track being built at Awanui.

Construction began early last month in the town park at the intersection of State Highway 1 and 10 and it is hoped work will be completed before the summer holiday break.

The pump track will be the third for Te Hiku with others opening this year at Kaitiāia and Ahipara.

Unlike skateboard bowls and cycle tracks, pump tracks are designed for bikes, scooters and skateboards and can be ridden simply by 'pumping' rather than pedalling to create momentum and flow around the track.

The track is in addition to other park upgrades, including a revamped playground with swings, climbing towers and slides; public barbecues, picnic tables and seating; and renovated toilets.



District roads east of State Highway 10 from Whangaroa to Kawakawa are included in the Bay of Islands-Kerikeri speed limit review.

### Secondary water source for Kaikohe on track for summer



Kaikohe's second bore will reduce the need for water restrictions.

A secondary water source for Kaikohe is due to be up and running in time for summer with work almost complete on a second Tokareireia (Monument Hill) water bore.

The new bore extends deeper into an underground aquifer enabling it to access water well below existing Monument Hill bores used by the council. The new 120-metre-deep bore should supply up to 350 cubic metres of water a day but will only be used if Kaikohe's primary water source, the Wairoro Stream, is running low.

Water pressure testing on the main line for the new bore was completed in September and bore headworks and upgrades to the water treatment plant are now underway. Commissioning of the bore and final treatment testing began this month.

Northland Regional Council granted consent for the project in March 2022 and construction began in May. The consent included extra monitoring conditions agreed to with Waikotihē Trust.

Iwi input and approval was a key part of the project which has a budget of \$1.18 million.

### Soil turned at BOI sports hub



Construction begins on the new multisport complex at Waipapa.

Construction of Te Puāwaitanga - Bay of Island Sports Hub has kicked off following weeks of delays due to wet weather.

For the next 10 months contract staff and machinery will be a permanent fixture at the 46.77-hectare site on State Highway 10 at Waipapa. Phase 1 work includes the installation of stormwater infrastructure, erosion and sediment controls, as well as electrical and lighting utilities. Construction of car parking and the site roadway up to a base level will then begin. This will provide over 300 carparks, along with spaces for trailers, vans and touring coaches.

Construction of four sports fields will then follow and should be completed in time for the 2023/2024 playing season. If budget allows, a changing room block will also be built. The new facility will become a 'hub' for a range of sports, including football, rugby league, cricket, competitive gymnastics, hockey, softball and croquet.

The council has set aside \$8.785 million for the \$10.785 million project, with the additional \$2 million provided by the Government's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund. A project working group has worked with council on the hub since October 2020. The working group includes iwi, sporting code representatives, councillors, and council staff.