

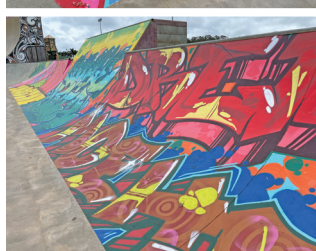
Artworks add positive flourish to Kerikeri Domain

Original artworks that will eventually adorn different sections of the Kerikeri Domain Revitalisation Project are already turning heads with positive messages for skatepark users.

A recently completed mural, Kia Piki te Ora, is providing a warm welcome on a grand scale for those visiting the new skate ramp. It is named after a phrase used to wish someone good health. Artist, Hone Tiatoa of Impact Northland Trust, designed the mural as one of four phases of artworks to be applied to new Kerikeri Domain Revitalisation Project spaces. Hone developed the artwork concepts alongside fellow artist Taru Hedger. All the works are linked by positive themes to uplift those using the new facilities.

Taru Hedger is now applying his street-style graffiti to one of the skate bowls as Phase Two of the artworks. The grey concrete panels are being transformed into a bright, uplifting space. The work includes messages in te reo Māori and English supporting the theme of Kia Piki te Ora. The skate bowl artworks also encompass the values of Piki te Kaha, Piki te Maramatanga me te Rangimarie (lifting up for strength, understanding and peace).

All skate park artworks are expected to be completed by the end of February but this will be weather dependent.



Kia Piki te Ora, greets visitors with a message of good health at the new skate ramp at Kerikeri Domain. Phase Two of the domain artworks includes a series of colourful messages encouraging strength, understanding and peace.

Safer speed limits for Moerewa



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Work is underway to implement new speed limits in Moerewa, which are set to come into effect on 15 February once new speed-limit signs are installed.

The speed limit changes are part of a wider review of Far North district roads conducted by the council and Northland Transportation Alliance (NTA). It is part of the Government's Road to Zero National Strategy.

Changes in Moerewa include a 40km/h speed limit within residential areas and new 30km/h speed limits around schools.

Decisions on new speed limits for Moerewa were informed by feedback provided by the community and technical assessments required under the Setting of Speed Limits Rule. The changes are part of a review of district roads in the Kaitiāia-Awaroa and Broadwood-Kohukohu catchments, Moerewa urban area, and Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe (Ninety Mile Beach) launched in 2021.

The council is now reviewing speed limits on district roads in the Bay of Islands-Kerikeri area east of State Highway 10. Go to the council website and search for *speed limit review 2022* to find out more.

FENZ seeks long-term leases



Broadwood is one of four locations where FENZ is seeking long-term leases. The council is seeking public feedback on the proposal.

Community consultation is underway on a proposal to provide Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) security of tenure over four council-administered sites that will enable the organisation to better plan and invest in volunteer firefighting services.

The council is asking the community to provide feedback by Monday 27 February on the proposal to grant FENZ long-term leases over land the organisation currently occupies and to transfer the ownership of assets at these sites. Assets include buildings, carparking and other facilities.

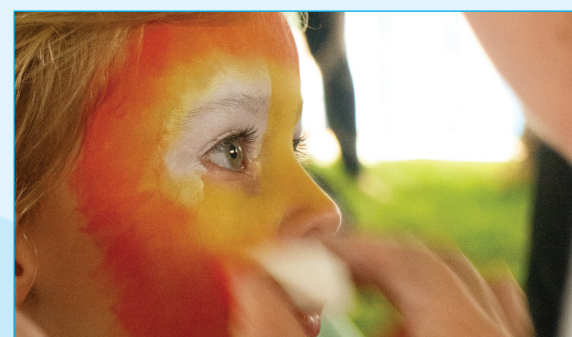
The four sites are:

- 3985 State Highway 1, Pukenui
- 699 Rangiputa Road, Karikari
- 721 Taupō Bay Road, Taupō Bay
- 1089 Broadwood Road, Broadwood.

The proposed lease term for each site is 30-years (15-years plus 15-years). Assets at each location will be transferred to FENZ from the council. The proposal will also require a change of classification over a portion of reserved land currently occupied

by FENZ at Rangiputa Road. A key consideration will be whether the lands in question have cultural or other special significance to communities. The consultation will run for four weeks. You can make a submission at the 'Have Your Say' page on the council website.

Festival promotes Kāeo pride



Kāeo festival endorses healthy food stands and zero waste practises.

Kāeo's free, one-day arts festival, Ngā Purapura, returns this year on Saturday 4 March to celebrate tamariki, rangatahi and to promote pride in the Bay of Islands' town.

Expect to see workshops encouraging kids and teens to get hands-on with their creativity. Family-focused events include a community picnic, as well as group waiata and dancing. The festival will run between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

This year, organisers were granted \$4373 by the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board to help with equipment hire, logistics and to provide for St John staff to be on-site.

Organisers describe the broad range of workshops and events available as "an explosion of sound and colour" that celebrate the rich local heritage.