

# Ngā pārongo hou

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## Pak'nSave site donated for regeneration

Ownership of the former Pak'nSave site in central Kaitiāia has been transferred to Far North Holdings Limited (FNHL) and will now play a pivotal role in the regeneration of the town.

Foodstuffs North Island has handed the site to FNHL for \$1 and given a commitment to donate \$300,000 to support any project on the site that will benefit the local community. Chris Quin, CEO of Foodstuffs North Island, says Foodstuffs hasn't specified how the \$300,000 should be used.

The agreement was completed on 14 September 2022 after a series of community meetings outlining FNHL's plan for the revitalisation of the town centre, which includes developing the site as part of a significant urban redevelopment. FNHL now has full ownership of the land with no caveats or covenants attached.

It has contracted a local company to complete demolition of the building, which is expected to start soon. In the meantime, FNHL will continue developing plans for the site and will consult with the community and provide further updates in due course.



Works around the carpark will be carried out in conjunction with the Te Hiku Working Group as part of the Te Hiku Revitalisation Project.

## West Coast Road re-opens



A single lane has reopened at the site of a West Coast Rd slip.

North Hokianga locals will be relieved that a section of West Coast Road closed by a slip on 19 August is now open again to one-way traffic.

The section of road between Panguru and Kohukohu was re-opened to light traffic only on 23 September and means that locals will no longer have to detour via Broadwood to access the Hokianga Ferry or State Highway 1 at Mangamuka. Heavy goods vehicles will continue to detour through Broadwood and Runaruna Roads.

Variable Message boards informing drivers of restrictions will remain in place at the Hokianga vehicle ferry terminal and intersection of Runaruna and West Coast Roads.

Long-term repairs for this and another slip on West Coast Road will be undertaken once repair and funding options have been fully assessed.

## Mobile ballot box tour to visit remote communities



Our election van is helping to reduce barriers to voting.

Have you completed your local election voting papers but are having difficulty posting them back? Our roving election van has a solution.

Each day the election van will visit up to three small or remote Far North communities with a mobile ballot box. In all the van will visit 16 communities across the Far North before the election closes on 8 October. For exact locations and times, go to the Mobile ballot box page on the FNDC website.

Not enrolled? You can still have your say by casting a special vote. To cast a special vote, update your details with the Electoral Commission at [vote.nz](http://vote.nz) by 5pm Friday 7 October and then pop down to our Kaitiāia, Kerikeri or Kaikohe service centres to cast your vote before 8 October at midday.

## Support for flooded farmers



Flood-hit farmers are being supported by the Mayoral Relief Fund.

The Mayoral Relief Fund has been allocated \$20,000 by the Ministry for Primary Industries to support rural businesses affected by the August heavy rain and flooding event.

The first \$10,000 will provide partial payment for the costs of flood recovery measures. Costs must relate to the flooding event 16 to 19 August for primary sector businesses within FNDC boundaries. Application forms can be downloaded from the Rural Support Trust website.

The second \$10,000 will support services provided by the Rural Support Trust to impacted communities. This includes wellbeing support initiatives and events, access to recovery facilitators, and specialist technical advice.

You can find out when the Northland Rural Support Trust will visit your community via its Facebook page.

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LONG DISTANCE  
NATIONALS  
**2022**  
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## Waka Ama Long Distance Nationals 2022 being held at Waitangi

Around 1500 of the nation's best paddlers will gather at Waitangi over three days in October for the Waka Ama Long Distance Nationals 2022. Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa - Waka Ama New Zealand is hosting the event, which will close public access to Waitangi boat ramp on Friday 7 and Saturday 8 October

from 6am to 5pm. You can read more about the Waka Ama Nationals at [www.wakaama.co.nz](http://www.wakaama.co.nz) The council is supporting the festival through a \$5128 grant made by Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board in August.