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Repair projects hitting the road

In the lead-up to the busy Christmas and New Year season, the council is currently progressing a programme of road repairs and resilience improvements across the district, with several projects already underway and more scheduled over the coming months.



Several road repairs and resilience projects are already underway with more planned across the Far North this summer construction season.

The works include repairing slips, strengthening retaining structures, improving drainage, and reinstating damaged road surfaces, with the works aiming to improve road safety and resilience for communities that rely on these routes.

Work currently underway:

Broadwood Road: Slip repair, retaining wall construction and road reinstatement. Expected completion - November-December.

Kohukohu Road: Roadside retaining wall construction and pavement reinstatement. Expected completion - October-November.

Paranui Road: Construction of a rock retaining wall and stormwater maintenance. Expected completion - November.

West Coast Road, Kohukohu: Seawall protection and road-edge resilience improvements. Expected completion - January 2027.

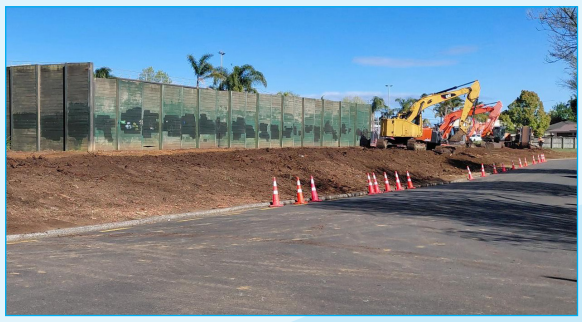
Duncan Road: Slip repairs and construction of rock retaining walls. Expected completion - Six sites with works ongoing through to March/April 2027.

Ōmanaia School Road: Slip repairs and pole retaining wall works. Expected completion - early November.

Additional projects are scheduled across the district, which will keep you updated on as they progress.

For the full story and to and to see more on repair projects, go to **fndc.govt.nz**

Final cut for Kerikeri redwoods



The Wendywood Lane stand of trees has now been removed.

Kerikeri residents and businesses in the shadow of two stands of ailing redwood trees can now breathe easier following completion of their removal.

The mature trees on council-owned land were felled in the wake of a near-miss incident during Cyclone Tam in April last year, when a 30m tree crashed into a shed at Kerikeri Retirement Village, narrowly missing a gardener who escaped seconds before impact.

Specialist arborist OS SafeTree Limited carried out the work, first establishing fencing and safety signage, managing traffic and pedestrian access, and installing noise and environmental controls.

The redwood trees were then carefully dismantled in sections, using cranes, elevated work platforms and rigging where required. The stumps were then ground down, with useable logs, mulch and green waste taken off site.

Time to talk about alcohol



Public feedback is wanted on the council's proposed alcohol policy.

Could changing the way alcohol is sold and managed help reduce harm, improve health outcomes and make communities safer?

Those are some of the questions behind Far North District Council's Draft Local Alcohol Policy, now open for public feedback. The draft policy draws on local information about alcohol-related harm, as well as feedback from communities and businesses, and a comprehensive survey of the public conducted last year.

The draft proposes changes to when alcohol can be sold, where new licensed premises can operate, and the conditions that may apply to licences.

Apart from trading hours, most of the proposed changes in the policy are guidelines that may be applied to alcohol outlets on a case-by-case basis. The council is now asking people to read the draft policy and share their views. Feedback is open until Sunday 15 November.

Western Village housing nears completion in Kaitāia

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Claud Switzer Western Village in Kaitāia.

A major community housing development designed to support independent living for older people in Te Hiku is nearing completion, with 28 new homes at Kaitāia's Western Village now in the final stages of construction. The development at the Claud Switzer Memorial Trust village on South Road has been delivered through a partnership between Far North Holdings, the Claud Switzer Memorial Trust and the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport. Designed specifically for people aged over 50, the one-bedroom homes will provide much-needed community housing for up to 56 people, creating a supportive environment where residents can live independently while remaining connected to their community.

Read the full story on the FNDC website.

What's on?

Looking for more events?

Discover events, activities and community experiences delivered, funded or officially supported by Far North District Council