

# Ngā pārongo hou

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## Planning begins to shape district

**We're asking for ideas on how to make Kerikeri and Waipapa an even greater place to live.**

Public engagement is now open on a Kerikeri-Waipapa spatial plan, which was gifted the name Te Pātukurea by local hapū. It will guide how we manage development over the next 30 years and is the first step in developing a district-wide spatial strategy.

Council CEO Guy Holroyd says more than 22,000 people are expected to call Kerikeri-Waipapa home by 2051, and the council needs to act and plan now.

"We want Kerikeri-Waipapa to grow in a way that reflects our culture and considers the wellbeing of our people, our local economy and our environment.

"By understanding our community's aspirations and underpinning this with in-depth evidence and analysis, we'll be able to identify opportunities for growth as well as where and how the council invests resources."

Mr Holroyd says working with the community is an important part of the journey to help shape how the council makes decisions about what matters to the people of Kerikeri-Waipapa.

"That includes what the area will look and feel like, where we can live, work and play, how we get to where we need to go, what infrastructure we need, how we care for our environment and what we can do to tackle climate change.



Head to our Have your say page on the council website to share your ideas about the future of Kerikeri and Waipapa.

"Te Pātukurea will be a plan for everyone. That's why we're encouraging everyone in our district to have their say and shape how our district develops over the next 30 years," he says.

The public engagement period runs until 4 December, but you can have your say right now by completing our online survey. Go to our Have your say page at [www.fndc.govt.nz](http://www.fndc.govt.nz)

### Awanui – you little beauty

The historical river port town of Awanui, near Kaitiāia, was recognised as the nation's Most Beautiful Tiny Town at the annual Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards 2023 in Wellington on 9 November.

The village at the intersection of State Highway 1 and State Highway 10 recently received a major community-led facelift after years of planning and development by residents, iwi and local businesses.

Its core funding came from central government's Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund.

Far North District Council representatives, Councillor Felicity Foy, community board chair Adele Gardner and members of the Awanui redevelopment team attended the awards ceremony and accepted the award on behalf of stakeholders and supporters of the Te Hiku Revitalisation Project, which led the design and redevelopment of Awanui's public spaces and facilities.



The Rural Travel Fund helps young people attend sports events.

### Funding boost for sports groups

Young sports enthusiasts are the big winners after receiving a share of nearly \$14,000 in funding to help them compete around Northland.

The Far North's three community boards approved 11 applications for financial help through the Summer Rural Travel Fund, which subsidises travel for rural team members aged five to 18. The aim is to help remove the barrier of travel costs.

The **Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board** granted funds to three groups: Bay of Islands College (\$1900), Whangaroa College in Kāeo (\$1900), Russell Sports Club (\$1000). The **Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board** granted funds to five groups: Hokianga Sports Club (\$1700), Kaikohe Young Stars (\$1000), Hōreke School (\$250), Te Kura o Ōmanaia (\$750), Rāwene School (\$800). The **Te Hiku Community Board** granted funds to three organisations: Nga Hoe Horo Canoe Club Pawarenga (\$2000), Kaitiāia Gymnastics Club (\$1000), Ahipara Boardriders (\$1300).

The fund covers travel to and from sporting events, including competitions and practices within Northland. It is part of the Active Aotearoa Programme and administered by the Far North's community boards.

### Sea Scouts seek lease renewal

Doubtless Bay Sea Scouts is seeking a new 15-year ground lease to extend its existing use of Taipa Recreation Reserve.

The troop has been based at the site since 1991 but has been serving the local community for more than 80 years. It operates under the Scouts Aotearoa umbrella and remains a popular organisation for young people in the area aged five to 26.

Under the Reserves Act, the council must notify the public of any proposal to lease a Recreation Reserve and seek feedback before making a decision.

Submissions are open until Tuesday 12 December 2023. Community members can have their say on the council's Have your say webpage. Alternatively, email your views to [submissions@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@fndc.govt.nz) or deliver a written submission to any Far North District Council service centre. Verbal submissions will be organised at the end of the submission period.



The Keep New Zealand Beautiful award puts Awanui on the map.

For more information go to [fndc.govt.nz](http://fndc.govt.nz)

Tell us what you think

### Resident Opinion Survey

Far North District Council is conducting a survey to gather feedback on our services, facilities, and activities. This survey is being conducted by an independent research provider, Key Research. Your responses will remain anonymous. This link will take you to the survey [fndc.govt.nz/residentsurvey](http://fndc.govt.nz/residentsurvey) Ngā mihi.

