

# Ngā pārongo hou

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## Kaikohe Memorial Park revamp resumes

A \$750,000 upgrade to Memorial Park in Kaikohe is underway again after supply chain disruptions halted work at the end of last year.

A new playground is a key part of the upgrade and will include a wheelchair accessible merry-go-round, in-ground trampolines, slides, a sand play area, swings, and an eagles' lair rope climbing tower. The slides, swings and a samba drum were installed at the end of last year.

The eagles' lair will be installed between Wednesday 1 February and Friday 3 February, making it necessary to close a section of the playground while work is underway.

During the same week, park seating, picnic tables and barbecues will be installed, with a crane used to re-locate existing concrete picnic tables. Barbecues will also be installed, but these will not be ready for use until power is connected in early March.

Construction is also due to begin shortly on concrete supports for pou and the learn-to-ride track. The southern grassed area of Memorial Park will close during this work, but the playground itself will remain open. However, the playground will be closed from Monday 13 February to Friday 24 February to allow a permanent rubberised safety surface to be poured and to then cure correctly.



A grand opening for the upgraded Memorial Park in Kaikohe will be held in March 2023 once all works have been completed.

## Cable Bay carparks upgraded

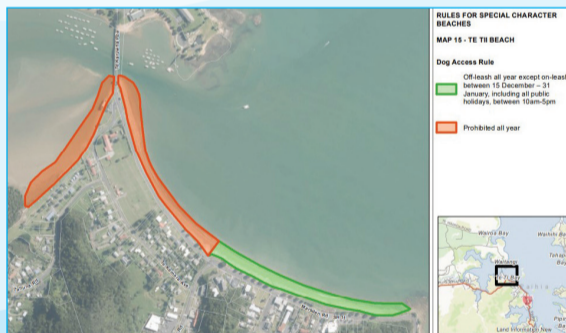


Upgrades to three carparks in Cable Bay were co-funded by the council and the Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

Three carparks at popular beachfront destinations in Cable Bay have been upgraded at a cost of \$476,000.

Work on a carpark opposite the dairy on SH10 in Cable Bay included new seal as well as the addition of new concrete kerbs to prevent vehicles parking on the grass verge. Further along the state highway, a coastal carpark opposite Stratford Drive has been resealed, providing a large parking area suitable for campervans. The third carpark to receive a spruce up is next to the public toilets and has been sealed, with new line markings and accessible parking provided.

## Digging up maps for walkies



Te Tii Beach in Waitangi is an example of an area where two separate zones with different dog access rules apply.

Want to know where on-leash or off-leash rules apply when walking your dog? We've made this information easier for dog owners to fetch with a new council webpage — "Maps for dog walking areas".

The Far North has 17 designated areas where dogs must be on-leash, off-leash, or are prohibited. Maps for each area detail access rules, as well as dates and times when these apply.

The maps have long been available online in the council's Dog Management Policy 2018 but dog owners have had to dig through the document to find the relevant map. The new 'Maps for dog walking areas' webpage has a list of all the Far North areas

where restrictions apply with drop-down menus containing maps for each specific area.

The goal of the restrictions is to maintain opportunities for owners to take their pets into public places while minimising problems sometimes caused by dogs. A key focus is on protecting nesting sea birds and other wildlife.

Go to our website and search for 'dog maps' to find the webpage.

## Tell us how to minimise our waste



Most agree that we need to reduce rubbish sent to landfill, but how should our waste streams be managed and funded?

Our Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) is up for review. It sets out how the Far North District will manage and minimise its waste over the next six years.

The council is seeking feedback on community priorities for managing and minimising waste. Collecting household food scraps, and extending kerbside rubbish and recycling collections are just some ideas we want to get your opinions on. **You have until March 6 to help shape the new plan.**

Go to [www.fndc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.fndc.govt.nz/haveyoursay) to fill in the survey or find out about other ways to share your feedback.



## Free foot stomping feast from Hot Potato Band

A free dance event designed to recapture the upbeat vibe of the Kanikani Katoa community dances once held in Kerikeri is coming to the Turner Centre on Sunday 12 February from 4pm. But you've got to reserve a ticket to avoid missing out. The energetic Hot Potato Band is an 11-piece brass and percussion ensemble with a New Orleans sound, backed up by a 'dance machine' beat incorporating pop, funk, ska, and reggae flavours. This event is supported by the Australian High Commission and the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board. Go to our 'Latest News' webpage at [www.fndc.govt.nz](http://www.fndc.govt.nz) to find out how to reserve your tickets.