

# Ngā pārongo hou

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## Te Hiku Sports Hub warming up

Construction is progressing well on Kaitiāia's Te Hiku Sports Hub Aquatic and Sports Facility with the dry wing fully framed up, roof on, and most of the window and door joinery in place.

Less visible is work on the wet wing area (swimming pools) with underground services being installed for the hydrotherapy pool, learn to swim pool and the big eight-lane swimming pool.

Te Hiku Sports Hub Aquatic and Sports Facility will include revamped grounds providing year-round multi use sports fields for soccer, cricket, rugby, athletics, softball, league, a fitness track around the perimeter, archery, and multi-sport outdoor courts. The existing netball complex will also be upgraded.

The council is a significant stakeholder in the community-led project, which promises to be transformational for Kaitiāia when completed at the end of the year.



You can track construction progress at Te Hiku Sports Hub Aquatic and Sports Facility on the project Facebook page.

## Waipapa boat ramp upgrade



Improving the boat ramp parking at Waipapa Landing is part of a wider upgrade to Bay of Islands boating facilities.

Work began at the end of August to improve car and trailer parking at Waipapa Landing Boat Ramp near Kerikeri and to better control stormwater flows into Kerikeri Inlet.

The first stage of the \$495,000 project will see drainage at the existing gravel parking area upgraded by installing concrete kerbing and stormwater catchpits. This will help to prevent silt, debris and contaminants washing directly into Kerikeri Inlet. The parking area will then be sealed with asphalt.

The 10-week project, which is jointly funded by the council and the government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund, will be completed once line markings are added to the newly-sealed parking area.

This will provide dedicated areas for vehicles and boat trailers, plus a disability park next to the public toilets. It is anticipated that parking capacity at the boat ramp will be improved once parking areas have been clearly defined.

Access to the boat ramp will not be affected during the initial drainage work. However, parking and access may be impacted immediately before and during asphalt work. Contractors will aim to maintain full access to the ramp and parking area during weekends. Final line markings for vehicle and trailer parking should be completed early in November.

new footpaths, slip repairs and much more will be taking place. These projects are jointly funded by councils and Waka Kotahi. Clicking on highlighted map points reveals details of what is being done on that road, why, when it will start, and what the project status is (e.g. if it is at design stage, planning stage, if construction is underway).

To access the Far North map go to our website and search 'roading improvements' to find the map link.

## Online mapping tool provides road improvement updates

Ever wondered if a road near you is scheduled for an upgrade? A new online map launched by the Northland Transportation Alliance (NTA) can now tell you what's happening, when and where on our district road network. The Geographic Information System (GIS) map highlights work across the Far North that is included in the NTA's Roothing Renewals and Improvement Programme.

The NTA is a collaboration between Waka Kotahi and all four councils in Northland. It has now mapped roading improvement projects across Northland and made this information accessible via each council's website. The tool will tell you where seal extensions,

## District Plan submissions due by 21 October

People are being urged to help shape the Far North by making a submission on the Proposed District Plan. The best way to submit is via the online ePlan. This allows users to search for any Far North property using an interactive map. It shows details of the zone the property is in and includes supporting information, such as flood and coastal erosion zones. To help navigate the process, submitters can view a simple 'how to' video that walks them through each step of a submission. Written instructions and graphics also guide users. Submitters can also seek assistance from a 'friend of the submitter'. This is an independent planning consultant who can help them understand the plan and explain how to make an effective submission. There is no charge for this service. Go to [pdp.fndc.govt.nz](http://pdp.fndc.govt.nz) to view the plan and supporting material, and to contact the planning team.

**Submissions close on 21 October.**



## UPSURGE Festival returns for 2022

The popular Upsurge Bay of Islands Arts Festival is back with a line-up of talented artists and performers from the Bay of Islands and around Aotearoa. Tickets are now on sale for the eight-day festival that showcases a mixture of theatre, dance, music, and writers' events from 18 to 25 September. The council is a supporter of the festival.

To buy tickets and browse the programme, go to the festival website: [upsurgefestival.co.nz](http://upsurgefestival.co.nz)