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KAIPARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chief Executive's Report:

December 2008/January 2009

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To 30 September 2008

Report

a) Summary of Activity

1 General

1.1 Mangawhai Gala

Council staff along with the Mayor and Mangawhai Councillors attended the annual Mangawhai Gala on Friday 2 January 2009. The day proved very successful with a large crowd of people turning out to the event at Mangawhai Domain. Numbers through the Council gazebo were steady all day with questions being asked on a variety of matters and good feedback being given. Having the Council gazebo for shade along with display boards regarding the District Plan, Reserves Management and Civil Defence, Tsunami information provided an area for the public to get out of the hot sun, talk to Councillors and staff on a very informal level and to make a written submission if required. Providing one free rubbish bag per person as a way of promoting Council's rubbish collection service and giving information on collection days also proved popular on the day with several hundred rubbish bags being given out on the day.

1.2 Concert Of A Life Time

A concert is planned for 30 August 2009 at Dargaville's Town Hall for the Kaipara community and the people of Northland. Being supported by Council's Community Facilitator the concert will honour Kaipara's internationally famous Kevin Friedrich who is retiring as President from the World Accordion Association. Based overseas in America for many years Kevin is well known internationally as one of the best Accordion players in the world and has performed throughout the world, it is an opportunity for Northland along with Kaipara residents to see him perform. The Concert will be supported by Yulia, another international performer along with some of the best German accordion players in the world. With the international favour of this concert it will bring many people into Dargaville and wider Kaipara area and show case the district. There will be 125 German people all part of the Accordion Association coming to Dargaville to take part in the event. During their visit they will be shown around Kaipara with some of the planned activities including a trip along Ripiro Beach with Taylor Made Tours, a Powhiri at Oturei Marae as well as a show at the Kumara Box in Dargaville. All these planned activities show case the Kaipara to overseas visitors.

1.3 Dargaville's Most Disastrous Fire Since 1961

Monday 5 January will be well remembered in Dargaville's history books. The late evening's blaze in lower Victoria Street gutted the large Foster's Home Decorating store, the adjoining Main Street Interiors, Red Cross Opportunity Shop plus Lyndsey Bargh Physiotherapy and also damaged the Blockbuster Video Shop. It has sent shockwaves through the community.

This event has required a multi agency approach and all involved to date are working collaboratively to ensure the community is kept safe and site clearance is progressing as quickly as possible. The

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...y to have been electrical. With the confirmation of asbestos
agency for the site on Wednesday 7 January. However, the
site was formally handed over to asbestos Solutions and the Department of Labour on Monday
12 January.

The clean up of the site has begun and Council continues to facilitate and support where it can. Once
the site is cleansed of asbestos demolition can commence. The clean up and demolition is expected
to take approximately two or three weeks.

1.4 Mangawhai EcoCare – 13 January 2009

Construction of the wastewater scheme has now been underway for one year. 85% of the sewers are
now completed and survey for as-built drawings is progressing. All of the pump stations are at various
stages of completion.

The concrete structures at the treatment plant site are taking shape. Blinding has been poured and
pre-cast tank sections have been assembled on site for the CASS tank, Intermediate Tank and Final
Effluent tank. Procurement of specialist equipment is ongoing and sourced locally where possible.

The transfer pipeline to Council's Brown Road farm is progressing. The reclaimed water storage on
the farm will be constructed this summer at a revised location. Non-notified consent variation from
Northland Regional Council has been obtained and detailed design is nearing completion.
Preparatory works including stripping of topsoil is underway.

Design of private property drain connections is continuing. In conjunction with design, written consent
from individual property owners to carry out private drainage works including grinder pump installation
is being requested. Response has been very positive so far. In conjunction with the design work, any
concerns with existing on-site systems are being highlighted to ratepayers and/or Council's
Development Team. Installation of private drains including low pressure grinder pumpsets is
progressing along Moir Street in the Village, and a second team will start in Lincoln and Cheviot
Streets in the Heads in February.

Reinstatement of sewerred areas is ongoing and once Water Infrastructure Group is satisfied with the
level of reinstatement landowner sign-off will be sought. Feedback from community is mixed, with
some minor complaints generally relating to delays with reinstatement however there are also positive
comments.

Water Infrastructure Group's present advice is that the current scope of works will be completed by
August 2009 with initial areas having wastewater services by April 2009. The scope of work is being
expanded to encompass subdivisions and areas that have built up since the initial reticulation scope
was set. The timing of these additional works will follow the initial areas.

Modifications:

At this time, we have agreed Modifications with Water Infrastructure Group totalling \$516,000. These
Modifications cover:

- Design of all house drainage works (this involves the employment of a plumber/house drain
designer by Water Infrastructure Group for approximately 12 months).

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connect areas developed in the last six years plus those
remote due to development

Please note that these Modifications cover investigation and design costs, consent variations, geotechnical and survey costs only. Once this has been completed we will be requesting firm pricing for the agreed additional scope. This is all within Council's adopted budgets for the project.

The relocated treatment plant Modification will involve a time and cost claim as per the Contract.

2 Contracts

Contract	Project Name	Tender Closes	Work Start	Work Finish
KDC AWPT Projects 2007/08				
558	Paparoa Area AWPT	7 May 2008	14 May 2008	October 2008
KDC AWPT Projects 2008/09				
577	Whakapirau Road	18 December 2008	19 January 2009	April 2009
578	Mititai Road	13 November 2008	1 December 2008	April 2009
579	Tomarata Road & Insley Street (Includes Stormwater project)	25 September 2008	4 December 2008	April 2009
583	Robertson Road and Te Kowhai Road	16 October 2008	January 2009	March 2009
584	Waihue Road Baylys Coast Road (Including seal extensions of bridge approaches and intersection)	21 October 2008	January 2009	May 2009
593	Gorge Road (Including Intersection sealing of Doctors/Hill and Valley/Laurence)	5 February 2009	23 February 2009	April 2009
548	Matakohe Museum East and West	In Design	TBA	TBA
KDC RDF AWPT Projects 2007/08				
568	Pouto Road South (4 km)	13 December 2007	14 January 2008	18 Dec 2008
KDC Seal Extension Programme 2007/08				
553	Oparakau Road RP 1570 & 2281 bridge approaches, Dunn/Rehia, Access/Greenhill and Access/Oparakau intersections sealing	6 December 2007	14 January 2008	30 October 2008
558	Southern Minor Seal Extensions (Bridge approaches, intersections and guard rails)	7 May 2008	September 2008	29 Dec 2008
565	Garbolino Road	14 February 2008	14 March 2008	30 October 2008

		Tender Closes	Work Start	Work Finish
	(R-fund) (Including Baldrock/Gibbons Road)	February 2009	February 2009	October 2009
566	Baldrock Road Stage 2	October 2008	January 2009	May 2009
591	Awakino Point East Road	13 November 2008	27 November 2008	16 February 2009
592	Central/Arcadia Road Intersection	February 2009	February 2009	April 2009
596	Bickerstaffe Road	Awaiting Developers Contribution		
KDC Bridge Replacement Programme 2006/07				
503	Wairere Road bridge 318		Awaits KDC Contract award approval	
	Central Road bridge 47	Financial analysis to be carried out		
KDC Bridge Replacement Programme 2007/08				
	Omana Road bridge 158 replacement	Financial analysis to be carried out		
KDC Bridge Maintenance Programme 2007/08				
522	Various	Invite	1 February 2008	Ongoing
KDC Minor Safety Programme 2006/07				
546	Molesworth Drive safety footpath	EcoCare Liaison		
543	Insley (Tomarata) Road footbridge	Further funding required		
KDC Minor Safety Programme 2007/08				
	Mangawhai Road Carter Road Curve Easing	On Hold		
522	Komiti Road Safety footpath protection	Invited	September 2008	Complete
	Montgomery Avenue traffic calming devices	Invited	November 2008	Complete
	Streetlight improvement (programme extended)	Invited	April 2008	September 2008
KDC Reseals 2008/09				
586	Reseals 2008/09	October 2008	Feb 2009	March 2009
KDC Slip Repairs 2007/08				
582	Mangawhai Road RP 2690 (July 07 slip)	Funding Approved	TBA	TBA

		Tender Closes	Work Start	Work Finish
	Road (slip)	Funding Approved Being Designed	TBA	TBA
	Paparoa Oakleigh Road RP 4870 (July 07 slip)	Funding Approved Being Designed	TBA	TBA
	Tinopai Road RP 7600 (Historical slip)	Funding Approved Being Designed	TBA	TBA
	Tinopai Road RP 7700 (Historical slip)	Funding Approved	TBA	TBA
594	Lawrence Road and Tokatoka Road	January 2009		
522	Pebblebrook Road RP 100	18 December 2008	January 2009	March 2009
KDC Slip Repairs 2008/09				
	Slips (June 2008 Storm Event)	NZTA Funding approved (Being Designed)		
KDC Wastewater 07/08				
576	Maungaturoto WWTP Consent Renewal upgrade	Closed	September 2008	February 2009
KDC Water 06/07				
	Maungaturoto - Baldrock Dam Pipeline	Closed	January 2009	February 2009
KDC Stormwater Programme 06/07				
559	Moir Street Stormwater improvement	28 February 2008	September 2008	February 2009
561	Bayly Street	November 2008	November 2008	January 2009
561	Ripiro Drive drain (Baylys Beach)	14 February 2008	January 2009	February 2009
562	Edward Street (Day to Victoria Street)	30 June 2008	September 2008	December 2008
KDC Stormwater Programme 07/08				
	Completion of stop banks at boat club	Invited	May 2008	Review Solution
	Estuary Drive detention/treatment pond	Agreement Reached with Kaizen Inv 29/12/2008		
	Coastal outfalls	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Piped outlet from Pohutukawa Place and Quail Drive to Molesworth Drive	Design 2009	TBA	TBA

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		Tender Closes	Work Start	Work Finish
559	Moir Street (Piping of open drains) Included in AWPT Project	25 September 2008	4 December 2008	April 2009
559	Moir Street West Stormwater (Portion A)	11 March 2008	25 September 2008	February 2009
559	Moir Street West Footpath (Portion B)	11 March 2008	EcoCare Liaison	
	Gordon Street (Culvert replacement and upgrade)	March 2009	April 2009	June 2009
	Montgomery Avenue (culvert replacement and upgrade)	March 2009	April 2009	June 2009
601	Moir Street East (Piping open drains), Molesworth Drive & Pearson Street	February 2009	March 2009	June 2009
603	Mangawhai Stormwater Pipe Supply (for Contract 601)	January 2009	March 2009	June 2009

3 Roading

The roading network is in good shape following the holiday break. During this period there was significantly more traffic travelling over our roads whilst the maintenance activity was reduced to emergency responses only.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we can be assured of new challenges arising from the new Government, the new road funding agency New Zealand Transport Agency and the new Regional Transport Committee. There will be a need to closely follow policy directions and engage in lobbying with new personnel to ensure Kaipara receives optimal funding levels. With the prospects of more infrastructure funding from Central Government we need to be in the best position to benefit from this.

The next four months will see the balance of the road construction programme completed with an already full programme underway. We anticipate keen interest from contractors and good prices for the work put to tender.

The Draft Programme for 2009/12 has been developed and the required supporting information is being prepared to ensure that we have the best presentable programme for the next three financial years. This is a new and challenging approach, but we anticipate that New Zealand Transport Agency will support sustaining current funding should the Long Term Council Community Plan process support this.

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	<p>well over the holiday break with no major defects or failures,</p>
<i>Condition</i>	<p>however there appeared to be a greater than expected occurrence of sealed road potholes as increased holiday traffic usage over previously saturated roads</p> <p>Generally the network is in good condition with continued improvement in all areas, this will be sustained over the next two months with a different approach as we try to balance the need to eliminate corrugations and minimise metal loss.</p>
<i>Unsealed Pavements</i>	<p>In summer we will only grade selected roads, with attention to crossfall and cut outs.</p> <p>Follow up metalling behind grader and elsewhere as required although few roads are unlikely to need significant amounts.</p>
<i>Sealed Pavement</i>	<p>Maintenance crews are out patching sealed and unsealed potholes, attending to edge breaks, edge markers and extending the inspection program. Some bridge approaches are being repaired using pre-fabricated seal patches.</p>
<i>Drainage</i>	<p>We will commence attacking one of the underlying problems affecting the long term stability of our network, specifically efficient stormwater drainage.</p> <p>Although the winter storms did hold up progress this is still a priority and significant progress has been made to date.</p> <p>A full survey of all our culverts in Kaipara has been completed and a rolling program of culvert cleaning, repair and renewals is continuing.</p> <p>A concerted effort on general roadside drain cleaning and formation is continuing with an emphasis on addressing known heavy rainfall problem areas.</p>
<i>Vegetation Control</i>	<p>A substantial portion of the required vegetation cutback has been completed but with an early warm wet start to the year we are off and running with this task again. Removing potentially dangerous large trees on road reserves is becoming a significant problem.</p>
<i>Emergency Slip Repairs</i>	<p>Over the Christmas break at the end of the seal on Te Kowhai Road a truck rolled over the bridge parapet and took the guard rail out, our contractors were in attendance and made the bridge safe, permanent repairs are underway. During December, 5 slip repairs were carried out on Bickerstaffe Road.</p>
<i>Ordered Works</i>	<p>Minor structural bridge repairs are continuing to address issues identified during annual inspections.</p> <p>Minor Safety Armco railing of selected bridges is continuing.</p>
<i>Financial</i>	<p>Total maintenance items are at 123.1% of budget. We have reviewed programmed works for February and expect to end this financial year on budget.</p>

continued to improve with all areas in the Average / Proactive

Slip Repair Work is continuing on the extensive slip repair program. Some of the smaller slips are being undertaken by the maintenance contractor. The repair of the remainder is progressing well with the prioritisation, investigation, design and economical solutions being undertaken.

3.1 Resealing Contract 2008/11

The 2008/11 Reseal contract has closed and has been evaluated.

3.2 Pavement Marking Contract

The new contract has been awarded to Coastline Road Markers. The work will commence and be completed during February and March 2009.

3.3 Signs Maintenance Contract

The contract commenced in April 2008. The expenditure is currently constrained to maintenance of existing signs until the end to the financial year.

3.4 Seal Extensions

We have been able to confirm funding for Bridge Approach and Intersection sealing projects. The Bickerstaffe Road has been surveyed with pavement investigations to progress in January. This contract will be undertaken with funding from the developer on this road.

Contracts held over for winter have been completed.

3.5 Regional Development Projects

Funding for Kaipara Regional Development Fund projects has been put on hold pending further deliberations by the joint regional committee.

3.6 R-Funded Projects

The contract for the initial section of Baldrock from State Highway 1 to Gibbons Road has commenced. At a later date the Maungaturoto Water Pipeline from the Bygraves/Anderson Dam will require thrusting of the water main along the new road. These two projects will be able to run concurrently.

The final stage of Baldrock Road has received New Zealand Transport Agency funding approval. This contract will be tendered before end of January 2009.

3.7 Bridge Replacements

The preferred tenderer for the Wairere Overbridge contract has been recommended to Council and approval is anticipated shortly. A Deed of Grant is currently being reviewed with OnTrack. The OnTrack approval obtained for Wairere will allow finalisation of the Central Road and Omana Road Bridges, these being similar in design to the Wairere Road Bridge.

on the Bob Taylor Road Bridge. The deck of the Pukehuia Road Bridge has been replaced. Work was also done on the Shepherd Road Bridge.

3.9 Minor Improvement (Minor Safety Works)

The programme is progressing with design of the last batch of projects programmed up to the end of the financial year. The Tomorata Road pedestrian bridge has been deferred with a substitute pedestrian related programme which is currently under development.

3.10 Street Lighting

The programmed Street Lighting upgrade is now complete. A smaller programme of work at the Ruawai Wharf will be let in early 2009 in response to 2008/09 Annual Plan submissions.

3.11 Unsubsidised Roading Programme

The proposed footpath on Moir Street will be completed as part of the ongoing stormwater contract 559 which started in September 2008. The start of footpath construction is dependent on completion of the EcoCare pipelines in the area.

3.12 New Zealand Transport Agency

A letter has been received from the New Zealand Transport Agency acknowledging Council's submission on the Transit New Zealand draft 2008/09 Land Transport Programme and 10 Year Financial Forecast. As part of this process Councils requested consideration of a joint management arrangement for the State Highway Network. The New Zealand Transport Agency board has made the following comment, "We will open initial discussions with you with a view to setting up a joint management arrangement of our network once our current contractual arrangements come to an end in 2010."

3.13 Road Safety Report

Council has received the following report from Gillian Archer of Roadsafe Northland.

The key community focused activities delivered to Kaipara were:

- Finalising funding applications for Road Safety programmes and meeting attendance

The road toll as at 30 November 2008 stood at 3 for the Kaipara, this is comparative with the same time last year.

3.14 Installation of Telecom Plant

Highways North has received an application to install a Telecom Plant on State Highway 12 from the corner of Hokianga Road to Awakino Road, Dargaville. These works will involve hauling a fibre optic cable that may require excavation. The works are currently being undertaken.

Soils Study

designed to undertake a comprehensive geo-physical survey of Northland. The cost of this project is approximately \$4.5 million. A proposal for undertaking this study has been commissioned and a copy has been requested. Unfortunately, due to the current economic climate funding is proving problematic and currently the project is on hold due to financial constraints.

4 Wastewater and Water Supply

4.1 Water and Wastewater Operations Contract

A summary of works completed in the reporting period is summarised below for each utility.

Maungaturoto Water Supply	<p>The pump station at Brynderwyn Bridge refurbishment/upgrade was completed. We are awaiting electrical connection and specialty equipment to be installed.</p> <p>Leak detection survey completed.</p> <p>Extra meter readings completed.</p>
Ruawai Water Supply	<p>Maintenance continued.</p> <p>Water pipe condition assessment undertaken for three pipe sections.</p>
Dargaville, including Baylys Beach, Water Supply	<p>Maintenance continued.</p> <p>Rotu pump station de-silted and inlet works inspected.</p> <p>The Parore booster pump was reinstalled and then removed due to further work required. The pump was again reinstalled on the 22 December 2008.</p> <p>Water main replacement project at Colville Road has been completed by the Utilities Construction team.</p> <p>Second phase of meter renewals has been completed.</p> <p>New aluminium tanks are ordered for the treatment works, due to the tanks being out of test date.</p>
Glinks Gully Water Supply	<p>New system in and operational. Automation requires completion.</p>
Kaiwaka Wastewater System	<p>No issues</p>
Maungaturoto Wastewater System	<p>Plant operated satisfactorily during current upgrade works</p>
Dargaville Wastewater System	<p>Maintenance continues</p> <p>New inlet flow meter installed at Dargaville ponds, due to be commissioned shortly has been delayed due to vandalism on site. The meter is still to be connected to telemetry.</p>

1 running problems- investigations ongoing
isolated to assist desludging work.

Glinks Gully Wastewater System	6 septic tanks programmed for cleaning before Christmas period. Completed
Te Kopuru Wastewater System	Minor problems with pump station . investigations ongoing. No issues

4.2 Water Supply

An overview of capital water projects currently underway is provided below.

4.2.1 Public Health Risk Management Plans (PHRMPs)

The PHRMPs for the Ruawai and Maungaturoto water supplies have now been incorporated into Capital Assistance Programme funding applications. The Ministry of Health have indicated that a decision on whether subsidy funding will be provided will be made when the assessment panel meet in February 2009.

Action items from the PHRMPs for Glinks Gully and Dargaville have been incorporated into the 2008 Asset Management Plan.

4.2.2 Maungaturoto Water Supply

A consent application has been lodged with the Northland Regional Council for the discharge of backwash water from the Maungaturoto water treatment plant. The application is currently being placed on hold pending further water quality testing and discussion with the landowners.

Council is currently working with Fonterra to investigate an alternative water supply source.

4.2.3 Ruawai Water Supply

The consent application to take water from two existing and one proposed groundwater bores was submitted to Northland Regional Council in December 2008 who have put the notification out for consultation with a limited number of affected parties. The closing date for the submissions is 22 January 2009. The consent to discharge backwash water is also being processed.

The programme for installation of a new groundwater bore and upgrade of the water treatment plant is dependent on obtaining subsidy funding approval.

4.2.4 Dargaville Water Supply

The Ministry of Health has approved the Public Health Risk Management Plan.

The pumps at Rotu, and the corresponding opening of the discharge from the Waiatua Dam into the Kaihu River, have been successfully tested. An assessment of the test results indicate that the Rotu supply is capable of providing sufficient volume of water should it be required, however some aspects of the water treatment process need to be checked to ensure it can adequately treat water from the Kaihu. An assessment of the sand filters at the treatment plant is currently underway.

condition of the Dargaville raw water supply line which indicated poor condition, although subject to corrosion, wear at the joints and exposed sections. A programme of testing is currently being developed to monitor the condition of this key asset.

Similar testing was also carried out on the water supply line to Bayllys. This indicated that the line will likely need replacement in the near future. Preliminary work has also been completed on the capacity of the Bayllys pipeline.

Dousing of the recent fires in Dargaville has used considerable volumes of water, with the treated reservoirs getting as low as 56%. These have since substantially recovered, however contractors have been asked to treat all leakages as per drought conditions until treated water levels recover.

4.2.5 Glinks Gully Water Supply

The new water treatment plant has been installed and test results indicate that the process is working as required. Further work is currently underway to automate the treatment process.

Four truckloads of treated water were tankered to Glinks Gully over the Christmas period to supplement the raw water supply.

4.2.6 Mangawhai Campground Water Supply

A programme for installing telemetry and monitoring equipment to meet consent condition requirements is currently being developed.

4.3 New Scheme Investigations

An investigation into raw water supply options for Kaiwaka and Mangawhai has been completed, with a draft report due end of January 2009.

4.4 Wastewater

A discussion on capital wastewater projects currently underway is provided below.

4.4.1 Mangawhai - Wood Street Wastewater

This system is the subject of ongoing monitoring. No new work is programmed, as the system will be replaced by the EcoCare project within the next 12 months.

4.4.2 Maungaturoto Wastewater System

A significant portion of the civil works for the treatment plant upgrade have been completed, including; installation of a new access track, placement of material to increase the existing pond embankment height, excavation of the new effluent storage pond, and delivery of the material to construct the rock filter.

The electrical installation subcontract has been let to Newpower. A new power supply from Davis Landing Road to the treatment plant has been installed by North Power.

panels for the membrane filter building is currently underway
membrane filter are currently being assembled off-site.

The Fonterra wastewater pipeline, which passes through the treatment plant site, was relocated during December to reduce the risk of it being damaged during construction of the treatment plant and future site works. Relocation of the pipeline has caused some delay to the construction programme.

The existing treatment plant has continued to work satisfactorily during the construction period.

4.4.3 Dargaville Wastewater

A request for tenders to desludge the maturation pond was issued in December 2008. The maturation pond is currently being dried in-situ with sludge removal expected to start in mid to late February. Draft consent conditions have been discussed with the Regional Council for placement of the sludge.

A flow meter on the Silver Fern Farms discharge has been installed.

Smoke testing of selected sewer lines is planned for January 2009 to better assess the extent of infiltration of stormwater into the sewer network.

4.4.4 Glinks Gully Wastewater

A programme of renewals has been determined.

4.4.5 Te Kopuru Wastewater

A consent application has been prepared for the Te Kopuru wastewater discharge that is to be lodged with the Regional Council before the end of January 2009. Consultation with affected and interested parties has begun, including site meetings with Iwi and preparation of a cultural impact assessment by Environs Limited.

4.4.6 Kaiwaka Wastewater Consent Renewal

Testing of the treated effluent from the wastewater plant for suitability to be disinfected using ultraviolet light was concluded in December 2008.

Preliminary discussions have been held with the Regional Council and Te Uri o Hau in relation to renewal of the wastewater discharge consent.

4.4.7 Taharoa Domain Wastewater Discharge Consent

An application for the discharge from the upgraded wastewater treatment system and to take water from the Lakes has been lodged with the Regional Council. This application is ahead of schedule for renewing consents. The Regional Council has therefore requested an extension of time to process it under Section 37 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

An options report has been prepared for consideration by the Taharoa Domain Committee to improve treatment of the water used at the campground. Cost estimates have been prepared for installation of composting toilets at Promenade Point.



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The Edward Street Improvement Contract has been let. Investigation and design work is progressing on the 2008/09 programme. This should see contracts released in early February.

5.2 Mangawhai

The Insley Street contract has made good progress on a reasonably complex project. However the Moir Street West contract has struck several problems due to ground conditions. This has delayed progress, however we expect completion in February 2009.

Liaison is ongoing with EcoCare regarding all stormwater projects in the Mangawhai area.

The design of the Pohutukawa Place overland flowpath has been finalised with no construction work planned for this year.

5.3 Baylys

Work on the Bayly Street portion of this year's contract has commenced with good progress made. There is some reinstatement work required on the road sections of this project. The work on Ripiro Drive will require some further design and liaison with land owners to optimise the pipeline routes.

6 Refuse

Discussions have been held with the Ministry for the Environment regarding the proposed Landfill Levy that is included in the Waste Minimisation Bill. Ministry for the Environment have signalled that they will consult with Council regarding how this levy would be implemented as part of the consultation process on the bill.

6.1 Hakaru Refuse Transfer Facility

Discussion has commenced with the Northland Regional Council regarding the post-closure landfill management plan. The interim landfill capping construction has ceased for winter. Further work is planned once the refuse in the old landfill has settled.

6.2 A Load of Rubbish

Rubbish cages are proving to be far too successful and are now being treated like transfer stations by members of the public with people leaving all sorts of rubbish and bags at the sites days before collection day. This is causing visual problems, with many cages overflowing with rubbish and bags and headaches for Council's contractor picking up their official rubbish bags. Unmarked bags have to be left behind along with unpackaged rubbish behind, and this then means that if they are not picked up by other contractors in the area or removed then other contractors have to be employed to remove the unstickered bags and rubbish. Everyone agrees that the cages have solved the problem of unsightly rubbish points littered with bags, some opened up by animals and has kept the areas

by people now dumping all manner of rubbish, with or without
and removed. Rubbish is a community district wide problem
and edges were reinforced strongly by communities through the Annual Plan process as needed. This
developing problem is one that can only be solved by the communities themselves by taking
ownership and working together to reduce the problems that are occurring at these locations.

7 Land Drainage

7.1 Awakino Point Drainage District

Work has begun on the installation of a new floodgate and stop bank in the Phillips property at Awakino Point. The floodgate will be installed closer to the river outlet than the previous floodgate. This will require substantial stopbank earth works and should be completed within two weeks.

7.2 Hoanga Drainage District

Recent floodgate inspections have shown the outer piles, floor and breast work of five floodgates in the district to be in poor condition. One has been repaired with a further four to repair when a digger is available. The first spray round of the districts stopbank ring drain has been completed.

7.3 Kaihu Valley Drainage District

The concrete wing wall assembly of Floodgate No 29 on the Lupton property is in need of repairs due to the wall collapsing. It is hoped to remove the concrete structure from the main culvert and repair in place. If this cannot be done a new steel floodgate is to be installed.

7.4 Manganui Drainage District

A recent inspection of the Manganui River below the Pukehuia Bridge was carried out. It was agreed that this section of the river was in good condition apart from a section of bull rush below the Cripps farm woolshed. Currently methods of removal or spraying of the bull rush are being investigated. The section of river above the Pukehuia Bridge is in need of a machine clean, on both sides, from the bridge to the Burgess property. The maintenance cleaning of the river is done in stages each year and the long-reach digger is due to clean the problem area this summer. The Manganui River has had the Manchurian Rice Grass aerial sprayed by Helicopter. This has been funded by Ministry of Agricultural and Forestry Bio security.

7.5 Kopuru Drainage District

At a meeting held on 11 December 2008 the committee agreed to proceed with further investigation into the installation of a floodgate in the Kopuru catchment. The location of the floodgate is to be below the Bickers Road Bridge Te Kopuru (creek below Southern Rugby Club). Quotes have been received for the construction and installation of a pre-cast floodgate (2500W x 1500H x 1500L), construction of breast work either side of the floodgate and the construction of stopbanks to suit. An approximate price of \$60,000 was discussed and provided no serious budget overruns happen this was within the district's budget. A resource consent application for the project is in progress.

programme has been completed. Various extra sections of drains have also had to be done again due to rapid weed growth. A third spray round may be required before winter as was the case last year.

Repairs to Floodgate No 2 with breast work still to be done as with some spalling below Floodgate No 2. A new floodgate door has been made for No 1. This will be fitted as soon as sand blasting and painting is complete and the existing door will be repaired and kept as a spare. Access roads to No 1 Floodgate and Naumai Wharf Road are to be lime stoned before winter.

Machine cleaning of Drain 49 below Sunrise Bridge is to be done when the long-reach digger is available. The main stopbank spalling from the boat ramp to Awaroa Creek is due to start in the middle of February.

8 Community Facilities

8.1 Mangawhai Heads Reserve

Work is progressing well on the redevelopment of the Mangawhai Heads Reserve and Car park area with works due to be completed before Christmas. Any other works needed on the site after this period will be left until the summer holidays are over. To date the project has enjoyed favourable weather conditions which have meant the tight time frame for completion has been maintained. A formal reopening of the Reserve took place on 17 December 2008 after which the area will be left until mid to late January onwards to complete minor works and look at any problems identified with the reserve during the holiday period.

8.2 Halls

Hawthorn Geddes of Whangarei have looked at the Matakohe, Kaiwaka and Hakaru halls and provided structural reports on them for both Council and the hall committees. The inspections and reports are part of providing information to the committees on any work required to the buildings. All three have been reported as structurally sound, with only minor repairs required. Meetings have also been held with Pouto, Matakohe, Kaiwaka and Hakaru and the policy regarding funding and future handover explained and clarified where needed. Hakaru have again shown an interest in the possibility of a targeted rate, but have not yet made it clear where they would like the boundaries.

8.3 Toilet Audit

The structural audit on the condition of Council's toilet facilities is underway and should be completed by the end of January 2009. The audit is looking at all of Council's toilet facilities and their current condition. From this Council staff can build up a picture of the requirements needed to ensure good asset management. Once all the information is finalised a replacement / management programme can be developed which will also give the Council much needed information on where and likely replacement costs involved which will also help when setting budgets.

is a very popular place to be over the summer break with holiday makers. While campground numbers are able to be controlled and capped, reports of very large numbers of people visiting the lakes daily and very little room available on the beach at the main campground site at times over the Christmas and New Year period have been coming in. This does have an impact on the facilities provided at the Kai Iwi Lakes and the servicing of it. It also raises the question of campers paying for the use of the facilities, but day visitors being able to enter the domain and use the facilities free of charge. Funding to maintain facilities and undertake works within the Domain are very limited and something the Governance Committee has been working hard on.

8.5 Mangawhai Walkways

With the major works at Mangawhai Heads Reserve almost completed, the focus is now moving to the upgrading of existing walkways and linkages, looking at opportunities to increase the usage of these areas by visitors and residents in the area and developing new linkages where possible. As Mangawhai has a number of walkways and linkages around the harbour at present and others where new linkages are possible it has been agreed to undertake this in a staged manner with the first stage being the upgrading of the linkages from Robert Street to Alamar Crescent at Mangawhai Heads. This will involve talking with residents in the areas concerned and putting the work out to tender. The work involving the developing of better signage, improving stairways and the walkway surfaces as needed, providing seating and developing new linkages to the foreshore where needed. This work was identified as needed through submissions on the Mangawhai Heads Coastal reserves development work undertaken by Council and Soul Environments. While this first stage is underway, initial work will also be started on the walkway from Alamar Crescent to Mangawhai Heads Reserve along with investigations into the upgrading of the walkway and linkages from Robert Street to Lincoln Street reserve Mangawhai Heads.

9 Recreation

9.1 Sun, Sand and Surf

The Council owned section at Seaview Road, Bayllys is being put to good use over the 2008/09 Summer holiday period, with it having a water reconnection put in and a shipping container placed on site for use by the Surf Life Saving Team. The Surf Life Saving Team began this year's three week trial service on Christmas Day and ran through to mid January 2009. Surf Patrol members used the site for storing equipment and to wash down the equipment after daily use on the beach. Daily patrol service on the beach at Bayllys ran Christmas Day onwards during the hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm. As conditions dictated a patrolled swim area was marked with flags, together with patrols some distance along the beach. The Surf Life Saving service will also be available for the annual Bayllys Sports event held on Waitangi Day.

The trial Surf Life Saving service operated well on and within the Bayllys and Chases Gorge area of Ripiro Beach. The community has been very supportive of the service and swimmers have

given to this area of Ripiro Beach, which is at times a very
now well under way with the aim being to have volunteers
community and Council in trialling this service, and long term
establishing a club at Baylys supported by Surf Life Saving, community and Council.

9.2 Vehicles on Beaches

The Council in partnership with the Northland Regional Council have put up signage at both the Chases Gorge and Glinks Gully entrances onto Ripiro Beach to highlight to beach users driving hazards, conditions and safety. This along with a mural on the wall of the Glinks Gully toilet being worked on with the local community are part of a programme aimed at educating beach users on the beach environment and how to treat it.

10 Planning and Reporting

10.1 Kaipara's Future – Working Together Plan 2009-19

The last Council workshop for the preparation of the draft *Kaipara's Future - Working Together* (LTCCP 2009/19) is to be held on Thursday 29 January 2009. This will disclose the likely rate increase as a result of the direction Council has given to staff plus see Managers present their 10 year financial projections based on a revised list of future directions and activities including level of service for 2009/10 2010/12 and 2012/19.

Work on *Kaipara's Future - Working Together* Plan 2009/19 has been progressing well and will be ready for auditing in early February 2009.

10.2 Reviewing of Bylaws

Any given bylaw has to be reviewed at a given interval. Currently the Control of Dogs Bylaw and the associated policy is due for review. It is expected that a Statement of proposal for this will be included when *Kaipara's Future – Working Together* (LTCCP), goes out for public consultation.

Also a draft of a Wastewater Drainage Bylaw is being finalised, while ongoing investigations into a solution for stock crossings continues.

11 Community Development

11.1 Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Te Puna O Te Reo O Takiwira

The Kaipara District Council has received a letter from the Committee of The Kura Kaupapa O Te Puna O Te Reo O Takiwira.

This committee has been involved in Dargaville's only Kohanga Reo School situated in Finlayson Park. The Kohanga Reo is a pre-school Maori Education Facility.

The Committee now recognises and has indicated a need for a Kura Kaupapa attached to the Kohanga Reo. Kura Kaupapa being a Maori education school catering for students from primary

2002 the Committee approached Council seeking either a park to establish a Kura Kaupapa, with Council agreeing to provide land for the purpose, however, because student numbers were insufficient at the time the offer was never taken up. The Committee has now indicated that it would like to explore with Council the original offer of the lease or purchase of some of the Council's land in Finlayson Park next to its existing Kohanga Reo facility. At this stage further investigation and information is being worked through before this matter is presented to the Council for consideration.

11.2 Community Activities

The Dargaville based Northern Wairoa Boating Club is planning their annual regatta which is to be held on the Northern Wairoa River on Saturday 14 February 2009. They have asked Council's Community Facilitator to assist with the organisation of this event. Discussions regarding the event are being held in January 2009 by the Club to see if other organisations want to be involved or can benefit from this event, as there are a number of other events planned around that date. The event has a series of boat races and boating activities planned for the day, and they hope being to get the community and public more involved in this annual event.

Council's Community Facilitator helped Linking Hands, which is a volunteer community group working with a focus on community well being in the Maungaturoto area, become connected to FundView which will enable them to advertise their services to the public through this site. FundView is a computer search programme for funding and funding opportunities in New Zealand. Those registered on this programme can access the site and apply for funding New Zealand wide from all the major funding agencies. Kaipara District Council is providing the licence to Linking Hands to use the FundView programme.

In December there was a clean up session of Mangawhai's roadside berms by members of the Mangawhai community. The clean up of the berms involved the picking up of loose rubbish from drains and berms in the wider Mangawhai areas and happens as needed annually every year, generally before the major holiday period. Kaipara District Council helps out this community project by providing free rubbish bags and for the removal of the collected rubbish afterwards.

The Community Facilitator has assisted St Josephs School in Dargaville with fund raising for a trip which will enable students to go to Auckland for an educational experience in the New Year. The five day experience will be based around the Millennium Sports Institute in Auckland and will revolve around sports based activities.

The Community Facilitator is part of a committee formed in Dargaville to fundraise for Domain House in Auckland for 2009. Domain House is on Grafton Road opposite Auckland Hospital and is accommodation for people and families dealing with Cancer treatment. The fundraising will specifically help Northland people who could be using the facility. Any funds raised go to meet the costs of family staying and using the facility while undergoing treatment at Auckland Hospital. The committee has been established to oversee an event which will take place on the 14 November 2009.

al Centre invited the Community Facilitator on the

12 November 2008 to talk to social partners about how we can work together to deliver a service to all the people that we work with on a daily basis. Every three months all social partners come together to discuss the different projects, ideas and things that will or are happening in the community. This is a platform to strengthen partnerships, get ideas and to be informed with what is happening in our communities. It is the first time that the Kaipara District Council has had a representative at this level. All the relevant social workers, Strengthening Families, Nurses, Northland Intersectoral Forum, Early Years Service Hub, medical representatives and elderly service providers are part of this meeting.

12 Emergency Management

A moderately busy period with variety for emergency crews during this period with two vehicle crashes, a helicopter medical evacuation, assisting St John Ambulance, several fires - some of which were illegally lit within Department of Conservation fire safety margins, a major fire in Dargaville commercial area destroying four businesses, a tsunami alert and weather warnings from the Met Service.

The most serious incident was the major fire at Fosters Home Decorating premises and adjacent businesses which involved fire crews from as far as Hikurangi and included support from Paparoa and Donnellys Crossing Volunteer Rural Fire Forces. In all up to 100 emergency staff were involved from Fire, Police, Ambulance, Northpower, Council contractors from Transfield and Works EDI. A full report is not yet available from the investigation into the cause.

A worrying incident was the use of an improvised explosive by a young man who was a passenger in a car throwing bombs out of the car onto the roadside. One explosion at Kai Iwi Lakes endangered a large area of titree and grass reserve and would have affected the campers at Pine Beach had it not fallen into a metal dump.

Another concern is the dearth of volunteers at Mangawhai. The St John First Response is currently in recess and that has seen the calls to the Mangawhai Brigade increased. It will be April at least before the First Response unit is operational again.

Temperatures have been high - up to 28°C with humidity levels dropping to 29°C. A cool south westerly has assisted in drying out vegetation increasing the risk of fire in the coastal areas.

Incidents attended by Kaipara emergency response crews during the December - January period:

December

- 1 Car v power pole Pearson Street, Mangawhai
- 4 Smoke seen vicinity Proud Road, Aranga
- 7 Bonfire on Pahi Beach in Department of Conservation restricted area.
- 11 Vehicle crash Ford Road Maungaturoto
- 14 House burning exercise Lincoln Road, Mangawhai
- 17 Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management test warning communication system

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- for medical evacuation
- to Arai
- to Whakapirau
- 22/23/24 Meteorological Service issue a Severe Weather Watch
- 24 Smell of gas coming from house Ellen Street Mangawhai
- 27 Illegal bonfires at Spectacle Lakes, Te Arai . Department of Conservation restricted area
- 28 Met Service issue thunderstorm warning
- January 2009**
- 3 Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management issue a tsunami advisory notice for Indonesian event
- 4 Improvised explosive device at Kai Iwi Lakes . referred to Police
- 5 Assist St John with patient at 181 Pahi Road Pahi
- 5 Major multi-agency fire at Fosters Home Decorating premises Dargaville
- 5 Rubbish fire at Estuary Drive Mangawhai
- 5 Grass fire next to shed at Arapohue
- 5 3 x illegal fire in Department of Conservation restricted area at Kaihu
- 6 Deliberately lit caravan and tent fire at Ahikiwi . referred to Police for arson investigation
- 7 Bonfire in paddock causing concern at Whakapirau
- 10 Switchboard in cowshed fire Floodgate Road Ruawai
- 12 Ambulance assist at Mangawhai Heads campground
- 13 Met Service advise thunderstorms and heavy rain for Northland
- 13 Ambulance assist at Mangawhai Domain
- 14 Burn off causing concern at Jude Road Mangawhai.

13 Finance

The major tasks during November and December were:

- Assisting with the audit by the Valuer General of the 2008 District Revaluation
- Budget preparation, and the financial modelling of the 2009/19 *Kaipara's Future - Working Together* (LTCCP).

Rates rebate applications continue to be processed at levels in excess of the corresponding period in 2007.

14 Meetings

I attended the following meetings:

- 24 November Chairman and Chief Executive Northland Regional Council (with the Mayor)
- 25 November Land Transport Agency Liaison Meeting
- 26 November Auckland Regional Manager, Land Transport Agency
- 28 November Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group



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Strategy - Whangarei District Council and Northland

Regional Council

- 8 December Northland Mayoral Forum
- 10 December Mangawhai Residents and Ratepayers Association
- 12 December Regional Director, Ministry of Social Development
- Kaipara Leadership Group
- 15 December Northland Intersectoral Forum
- 16 December Northland Intersectoral Forum Strategic Facilitator
- 18 December Kaipara Leadership Group
- 19 December Mangawhai Beach Reserve Opening
- 23 December BECA
- 14 January 2009 BECA
- 21 January Regional Director, Ministry of Social Development



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- 1 29 January Workshop (Kaipara's Future - Working Together)**
- 2 11 February Workshop**
- 3 18 February Workshop**
- 4 19 February Raupo Drainage Meeting**
- 5 23 February Taharoa Domain Governance Committee Meeting**
- 6 25 February Workshop and Council Meeting**