

Ruawai, Surrounding Areas and Kaipara District Council Working in Partnership



Action Plan Update 2 February 2016

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<p>Roading</p> <p>Sealing of metal roads – Tramline Road, Raupo Wharf Road and McKinnley Road.</p> <p>Using better metal on roads i.e. Dunns Road, Whitcombe Road and Robertson Road.</p> <p>Why are they laying tarseal on tarseal on the main road leading into Ruawai from Dargaville?</p> <p>Cows crossing on State Highway ruins the seal.</p> <p>We need better foundations for our roads – could we go deeper to get to more solid foundations?</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Council does not receive funding or subsidies from the NZ Transport Agency for seal extensions, and it would be uneconomical for Council to do this without it. Rates would need to be increased significantly to seal roads across the District, as there is a long list of roads that residents wish to be sealed.</p> <p>Council is confined to using metal from the nearest quarry for economic reasons. Quarries do attempt to produce the best quality determined by the specifications outlined in the contract. Council is currently undertaking testing throughout the roading network, taking metal from various quarries and mixing it to find the perfect blend of aggregate. Trials will soon be carried out to validate this concept.</p> <p>Council's Roding Engineer agrees with this issue of cow crossings ruining the seal, however states that unfortunately no cost effective or fool proof solution has been discovered at this stage. However the badly damaged area near Mititai Road has recently been fixed.</p> <p>Reseals occur for a number of reasons. This can be to further waterproof the seal if the seal is old and bitumen has become brittle and stones unstuck, or if the road has become too smooth by the bitumen rising to the surface, it is resealed to provide grip.</p> <p>Roding materials and foundations are carefully designed and tested for strength and grading, to ensure they are suitable. This also has to be cost effective.</p>
<p>Keep an eye on the contractors</p> <p>Roads are in the worst state ever – poor maintenance, need regular maintenance plan.</p> <p>Better maintenance of metal roads - haven't seen a grader for a long time.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Council's roading contractors have specific standards, measures and timeframes that they have to meet when maintaining roads within the Kaipara District. This contract is monitored and</p>

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Fixing sealed roads.	audited throughout each month, and is only paid when Council is satisfied that the work is completed to the agreed level of service. However, if you have specific concerns about the condition of your road you are welcomed to log these in Council's Service Request System by calling Council on 0800 727 059 or email council@kaipara.govt.nz
Move metal from the boat ramp area.	Complete The New Zealand Transport Agency's previous contractors Downer would stockpile metal in this area for convenience reasons when carrying out jobs in the vicinity. The new contractors Fulton Hogan have now addressed this.
Kikuyu is running rampant on road edges.	Complete The spray round in urban areas targets the kerb line, and the spray round in rural areas targets from the edge of the seal to the bottom of the open drain. This is carried out three times a year across the District, and should address kikuyu. If there are specific locations that you believe need to be addressed you are welcomed to log these in Council's Service Request System by calling Council on 0800 727 059 or email council@kaipara.govt.nz
<p>Footpaths</p> <p>Footpaths – hard to get around on a mobility scooter. It is hard to cross over from one side of the road to the other.</p> <p>Footpath by RD1 exit is not good.</p>	<p>Work in progress</p> <p>Council's Roding Engineer has recently met with a Ruawai Resident in regards to mobility scooter accessibility. Some work will be carried out as a result of this within the next month.</p> <p>The footpath near RD1 has been inspected, and a letter sent to the landowner regarding their damaged driveway access being a safety hazard to pedestrians.</p>
<p>Water</p> <p>Why is water so expensive in Ruawai?</p> <p>Check drinking water quality. Strong chemical</p>	<p>Work in progress</p> <p>Council staff are investigating this action.</p>

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smell and not nice to drink.	
<p>Drainage</p> <p>Can the floodgates be reversed to conserve water in drought conditions?</p> <p>People throwing their rubbish in the drains.</p> <p>Pipe drains in Jellicoe Road – what’s the plan? 400 metres in total, some already piped.</p> <p>Clean drains with digger between Tokatoka corner and Donovan’s Bluff.</p> <p>McKinnley Road drains smell when it rains a lot – will these drains be piped?</p> <p>Drains behind Freyburg Road smell like sewage on certain days – is there sewage seepage?</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Floodgates could potentially be reversed to conserve water, however this would not be an easy task. The sluice outlets allow for water to be let out in flooding conditions but to keep water in would be challenging to ensure that the rainwater does not mix with the saltwater. This will not be investigated or trialled in the near future.</p> <p>Northland Regional Council are currently investigating Northland wide water reserves. As well as this, a group named Kauri Coast Water are investigating water supply and storage within the wider Dargaville area. It is recognised that improved water storage and distribution infrastructure could provide numerous benefits to the region. If you would like further information on this, or are interested in discussing water uses, Gary Treadgold at NRC would be happy to discuss this with you. You can contact him on 09 439 3300.</p> <p>Rubbish in the drains is the responsibility of those who are choosing to dispose of their waste like this, and it is unfortunate that some degrade the environment in this way. If you see anyone illegally dumping their rubbish, please contact Council. Council does regularly spray and check the drains, and they are machine cleaned when required or it is considered necessary.</p> <p>Council currently has no plans to pipe any drains, due to the large financial costs. It costs approximately \$320,000 to pipe 1 kilometre of drain.</p> <p>The drains between Tokatoka and Donovans Bluff are NZTA’s responsibility to address. Although, Council also clears some drains in this area. When Council clears drains within this area, they work with NZTA to ensure their area is also cleared.</p>

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	<p>The drains around McKinnley Road were machine cleaned in March 2015. They will not be piped due to costs. Due to the low lying nature of this land, these drains continue to fill up even in Summer.</p> <p>Greywater from washing and household use flows into these drains, when this sits stagnant this may create a smell, particularly if there is rubbish, and vegetation dumped in the drain.</p>
<p>Sewage</p> <p>Investigate sewage system for Ruawai.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Council currently has no plans to investigate or install a sewage system for Ruawai, due to the large costs associated with this. This would have a dramatic impact on rates and would likely prove to be unaffordable for ratepayers.</p>
<p>Rubbish</p> <p>Rubbish bin for Donovan's Bluff.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>A rubbish bin will not be installed here, as it is located on a rural State Highway area and is not a Council managed reserve space. It is also considered that a rubbish bin in this location would encourage illegal dumping as it is too isolated to be effectively monitored.</p>
<p>Street Lights</p> <p>Street lights are on and then just go off randomly.</p>	<p>Work in progress</p> <p>Council staff will audit Ruawai's street lights and pass this information on to NorthPower, as this is their responsibility to address.</p>
<p>Trees are blocking the view onto the road at the bottom end of Dunn Road coming onto the State Highway by Ruawai College.</p> <p>Can Council add the grass area at the end of Dunn Road to their mowing schedule and install a rubbish bin here?</p>	<p>Work in progress</p> <p>Council staff have investigated and were unable to locate any trees blocking visibility in this area. If you have more specific information, please contact Council's Parks and Reserves Officer at mcollins@kaipara.govt.nz</p> <p>It is determined that a rubbish bin is not suitable in this location, due to low foot traffic. Therefore the grass in this area will not be mowed regularly. However, the grass island is on the mowing schedule and will continue to be.</p>

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<p>Whenuanui Domain</p> <p>Metal the carpark, mow, maintain the walking track and pick up rubbish. The Lions try to look after what they can.</p>	<p>Work in progress</p> <p>Council is interested in facilitating a community and Council working bee in regards to tidying up this Domain and walking track. Council may also be able to help with signage and markers for the walking track. In order to progress this, Council would need some community support and indication of how often this area is utilised. If you would like to help with this, please contact Council's Community Facilitator at dlang@kaipara.govt.nz</p>
<p>Domain on Simpson Road (by old tennis courts) needs the access checked.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>When the grass area of this reserve was leased for grazing, fences were installed to protect the section of native bush. While access to this bush area is allowed, there is no formed access way and access could prove difficult.</p>
<p>Promote Tokatoka more. Seal the road to the access point (maybe to Kaurilands and the carpark) and clear the rubbish.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>The Tokatoka walking track is currently promoted on Council's website, alongside other walking tracks within the Kaipara District.</p> <p>Due to budget constraints, the road access to Tokatoka will not be sealed.</p> <p>The Department of Conservation is responsible for maintaining this area, and they have been notified.</p>
<p>Maintain parks and playgrounds</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>The Parks and Playground in the Ruawai area are maintained by Recreational Services under contract to Kaipara District Council. This maintenance includes mowing to an agreed specification (this can vary from site to site), removal of free litter, and repairs of any assets in the reserve. In addition to this, the playgrounds are audited monthly to check functionality and safety. Toilets are cleaned daily. A review of Parks was undertaken and as a result the picnic</p>

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	table at the corner of Fryberg/Jellicoe Road has been replaced and work is planned for the toilets near the boat ramp.
Have a picnic table at the old Kindergarten under the shelter	<p>Complete</p> <p>This was installed in December 2015.</p>
Little Skatepark for Ruawai by the toilets.	<p>Complete</p> <p>This is considered a project that the community could lead. If a community group wishes to take on this project, please contact Council's Community Facilitator at dlang@kaipara.govt.nz, and she may be able to offer support.</p>
Grandstand at the Rugby Park needs replacing. The Grounds are in Council ownership.	<p>Complete</p> <p>This grandstand is not under Council's ownership or responsibility to maintain or replace. However, a Council Building Inspector carried out an inspection of the grandstand building on 25 September 2015 to determine the building's structural safety as described in the New Zealand Building Code. It was found that the north-eastern grandstand top protection wall is in a dangerous state and Council will be isolating the area with signage to deter use by the public.</p> <p>The community group responsible for the grandstand have recently carried out some repairs to the structure and a Council Building Inspector has deemed it safe for public use.</p>
Find out info about the Koi Carp from DOC.	<p>Complete</p> <p>Koi Carp is a pest and considered a threat to the water quality and habitat of New Zealand's lakes and rivers.</p> <p>The Whitebait Connection offers education around this.</p> <p>http://www.whitebaitconnection.co.nz/</p> <p>The Department of Conservation also provides information regarding Koi Carp on their website.</p> <p>http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-</p>

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<p>Economic Development</p> <p>We need jobs. Encourage people to start up business in rural areas. Have incentives for them. The businesses doing well are Kaipara Kumara, Kaipara Refuse, Portstar and Sleep System who export to America and Australia.</p> <p>Encourage Auckland businesses to come to the rural areas.</p> <p>CCTV for town – Will cost about \$13,000.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Council is focussing its efforts on strengthening our core local government business and current levels of service, not economic development. Council is also working to ensure the District's infrastructure and regulatory controls are robust to enable and support business.</p> <p>These ideas could be projects initiated by the community, local groups or private investors/developers. Council is happy to support business development, however cannot lead it. Northland Inc. is the economic development arm of Northland Regional Council, and they may also be able to offer support. Council is happy to facilitate this relationship if the Ruawai community are interested.</p> <p>Council has not installed CCTV in any town centres within the Kaipara District. This would need to be a community funded and organised project. If safety is a concern, Council is happy to work alongside the Ruawai community and local Police.</p>
<p>House by boat ramp is an eyesore.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Council's Building Team has stated that this house is not considered dangerous or unsanitary, and therefore it cannot be removed based on these terms. It is the property owner's responsibility to look after and maintain this private property, and as they have neglected to do so, Council's Building Team have investigated a number of options to address it. After exhausting one avenue, Council staff are now working with Crown Land, as a third of this house is encroaching on Crown land. It is hoped that this will address concerns. This is an ongoing process.</p>