

# **Dargaville, Surrounding Areas and Kaipara District Council Working in Partnership**



## **Action Plan Update 2**

**June 2016**



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<p><b>Presentation:</b></p> <p>Retain and celebrate Dargaville’s historic character</p> <p>Create seating options in the town centre</p> <p>Pedestrianisation of Victoria Street</p> <p>Water blast shop fronts</p> <p>Owners of the shops need to keep them tidy</p> <p>Council could make a bylaw requiring buildings to be kept tidy</p> <p>New paint to liven up town and shops</p> <p>Need to keep the town looking good with activities for people to do, as it is a tourist town</p> <p>Have artwork in town</p> <p>Clean the pavements/cobbles in the centre of town</p> <p>Need pressure to clean the culverts by the footpaths</p> <p>Remove the pole outside the Dargaville Club. There was a clock here, but it has been removed.</p> <p><b>Utilise and celebrate the River:</b></p> <p>Refocus town on river</p> <p>Develop and make the river front more attractive</p> <p>Build up the river promenade/walkway</p> <p>Tie in the river, the gardens and the parks</p> <p>More seats along the riverside.</p> <p><b>Signage:</b></p> <p>Signage to direct people to where the town centre and river are. At present, most people just carry along the State Highway to the Kauri Forest – this road looks industrial and neglected</p> <p>A historic walk with information and signage at locations of interest would be fun for tourists and locals</p>	<p><b>Work In Progress</b></p> <p>An overall placemaking concept plan for Dargaville has been developed, focusing on enhancing the town’s features and livening up the presentation of town. Outputs of this plan seek to address many of the concerns listed here.</p> <p>Implementation of this work is envisaged to be a partnership, undertaken by both Council and the community. You can view this plan <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>Prior to Christmas the Parks and Community Team organised a spring clean of the town centre, and business owners were encouraged to do their part.</p> <p>A pedestrian zone trial in Victoria Street was carried out for one day in December 2015. This included closing the central section of Victoria Street to vehicles and relocating the Dargaville Riverside Market in this space. As well as this, there were games, seating and plants to create a street scape. This day was successful and positively received by business people and shoppers. A similar exercise may be carried out in an alternative area of town to further test this idea.</p> <p>A Signage Plan is being developed for Parks and Reserves throughout the Kaipara District.</p> <p>Entrance signage for Dargaville is currently being investigated.</p> <p>Lighting up the Northern Wairoa bridge is being investigated by Council.</p> <p>A service request has been raised to remove the pole outside of Dargaville Club.</p>

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<p>Signage for beaches and natural features</p> <p>Entry and exit signage into town more welcoming</p> <p>Light up the Northern Wairoa Bridge</p> <p>Have carvings on the bridge to create a gateway into town.</p>	
<p>Better lighting in the main street</p>	<p><b>Work In Progress</b></p> <p>Council to work with Northpower and a local electrician to ensure Council's lighting in town is satisfactory. With regards to lighting under verandas, this is the responsibility of local business owners and landlords.</p>
<p>Reinstate wharf</p>	<p><b>Work In Progress</b></p> <p>Council is currently working with local boat builders and engineers to investigate the best long term solution for this.</p>
<p>Need a roundabout or some kind of traffic solution at the intersection of Hokianga, Gladstone and Normanby Streets, could just be a painted circle on the road.</p> <p>The pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Normanby and Hokianga is on the wrong side of Hokianga Road. Another pedestrian crossing should be constructed somewhere else on the other side of the intersection, possibly further down Normanby Street.</p> <p>Need a pedestrian crossing from Mitre 10 across Normanby Street, for children walking down Portland Street from Primary School.</p>	<p><b>Work in Progress</b></p> <p>These concerns are located on State Highway 12, which is managed by New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA). They will be taken into account as part of the overall plan and design that is currently being looked at for Dargaville. Council Staff have met with NZTA on these matters, and NZTA have indicated this work will be investigated and designed in the 2016/17 financial year.</p>
<p>Protect dining hall at Kaihu Marae from flooding, as it floods almost every winter. Needs gabion baskets or something? Boulders were taken away and flooding ended up eroding half a property away.</p> <p>Flooding on road between Kaihu and Dargaville</p> <p>Dam the Kaihu River</p>	<p><b>Work In Progress</b></p> <p>Council is in discussion with Northland Regional Council regarding these concerns, as it is their responsibility to address.</p> <p>A meeting is proposed to be held with the Kaihu community to understand their concerns better, and work out the best solution.</p>

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<p>Wild ginger and gorse on Kaihu River banks needs to be cut</p> <p>Siltation of the Wairoa River is an issue</p> <p>Slash and spray rice grass along River</p> <p>PD workers could trim the rice grass</p>	<p>Kaipara District Council has suggested that Northland Regional Council coordinate a land care group in Kaihu to address vegetation along the river banks.</p> <p>Northland Regional Council carry out a programme of rice grass spraying along the river to address this concern.</p>
<p>Encourage healthy lifestyles by putting exercise equipment in parks and public spaces</p> <p>Basketball hoop by the skate park</p>	<p><b>Work In Progress</b></p> <p>Parks and Community Team plans to install exercise equipment in Selwyn Park once drainage work is completed.</p> <p>Concrete has been laid by the skate park for a half court, and the basketball hoop will be installed soon.</p>
<p><b>Parks and Vegetation:</b></p> <p>More planting/gardens to beautify town</p> <p>Plant shade trees in parks and public spaces</p> <p>Get rid of noxious Phoenix Palm from Council roadsides</p> <p>Who is responsible for tree trimming over footpaths</p> <p>Trees over footpaths need to be trimmed back</p> <p>Stop chemical spraying</p> <p>Tree planting on Normanby Street, near drycleaners to disguise mess.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Planting and gardens to beautify town will be taken into account in the overall beautification plan for Dargaville, mentioned above.</p> <p>The Parks Team are investigating these concerns and developing a planting plan that will cover all plantings on Council owned land in Dargaville township and included in this will be consideration of the replacement of Phoenix Palms.</p> <p>If trees are overhanging footpaths from private properties, Council will write to them asking them to cut the trees back. If they are located in the berm Council will consider trimming or removing their trees. Please contact Council with particular locations so they can be assessed.</p> <p>Chemical spraying is the most cost effective way to manage vegetation growth along footpaths and kerbs. If property owners do not want chemicals to be used to control vegetation in front of their properties they can register their details on a 'No Spray register' held by Council.</p>

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<p>Improve the road in from Te Kopuru</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Rehabilitation work has recently been completed in March on Pouto Road (the road to Te Kopuru).</p>
<p>Slips on Arapohue Road</p> <p>Repairs on Arapohue Road aren't sustainable</p>	<p><b>On-going</b></p> <p>Repairs on Arapohue Road are a temporary fix to ensure the road is safe, until a programmed permanent fix is carried out. This will also address the slips. Site investigations have been carried out in Arapohue Road, however works for a permanent fix have been delayed until the next financial year. Temporary fixes have been completed again in the interim.</p>
<p><b>Footpaths and Kerbing:</b></p> <p>Uneven footpaths</p> <p>No footpath on Colville/Logan Street</p> <p>ANZ footpath needs to be fixed so it is flat</p> <p>The ramps from the pavement to the road are too high, creating a bump which makes access difficult for those on mobility scooters</p> <p>Curbing outside the Lighthouse Church is too steep for mobility scooters, they get stuck here and need help from passers by</p> <p>Access of footpaths for mobility scooters is poor</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>A recent concrete round has been carried out in Dargaville to address a number of footpath concerns on Kauri Street, Plunket Street, Portland Street, Ranfurly Street and Tirarau Street.</p> <p>There is some difficulty when building footpaths like the one outside the ANZ, to ensure the level of the shop entranceway is married with the top of the curb where the road is at fixed level. If you have specific access issues in this location outside the ANZ please contact Council's Community Facilitator on <a href="mailto:dlang@kaipara.govt.nz">dlang@kaipara.govt.nz</a> to arrange an engineer to meet with you on site to look at how this could be remedied.</p> <p>The Logan Street footpath has been put forward to be constructed as part of forward works programme. This is unlikely to happen for a couple of years, but is on the radar.</p> <p>Steel plates have been installed around Dargaville to help resolve issues for mobility scooters, this is a trial and is potentially a cost effective way of dealing with these concerns.</p>
<p>The path to the left of the entrance outside the High School gym is a disgrace and has the</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p>

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potential for somebody to hurt themselves	Repair work was completed in December 2015.
<p>New bridge on Wood Road, Kaihu</p> <p>Need a footpath or pathway along the State Highway to the shop at Kaihu</p> <p>Road to the marae at Kaihu should follow rivers edge but instead has been formed between the rugby club and church.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>No work is currently scheduled to be carried out on this bridge on Kaihu Wood Road. If you can provide any specific details as to why a new bridge is needed or if it needs repairs, please report them to Council at <a href="mailto:council@kaipara.govt.nz">council@kaipara.govt.nz</a> or 0800 727 059.</p> <p>It is not clear where exactly this footpath is needed, and if there is demand for it. This footpath would be located on State Highway 12, which is managed by NZTA. Council has raised this concern with them, but the community is encouraged to log your concerns relating to the State Highway at NZTA's hotline on 0800 44 44 49 or <a href="mailto:info@nzta.govt.nz">info@nzta.govt.nz</a>.</p> <p>If you have specific concerns about the road to the Marae, please contact Council's Community Facilitator at <a href="mailto:dlang@kaipara.govt.nz">dlang@kaipara.govt.nz</a> so Council can investigate.</p>
Year round use of the swimming pool	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>Kauri Coast Community Pool Trust is currently investigating costs in regards to keeping the swimming pool open all year round.</p>
Playground next to the RSA is tatty and could use a tidy up	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>The playground next to the RSA has had a tidy up and the sea saw has been removed and a new one installed.</p>
<p>Sportsville Sports complex at Memorial Park. This would create visitors to our town via sports tournaments for tennis, netball and rugby.</p> <p>Sportsville requires toilets, storage and changing rooms and courts for netball and tennis.</p> <p>Memorial Park needs to be treated as a premier park for local people.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Kaipara District Council has committed \$100,000 toward an ablution block in Memorial Park, for Sportsville. Kauri Coast Recreation Society has used this and other local funding to leverage from in terms of gaining other funding. They have now received \$1,000,043 from Foundation North. An application was lodged in February to Lotteries</p>

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	for further funding. Outcome is expected in June.
Have playgrounds that are better suited to teenagers. More challenging with high ropes or an adventure forest	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Health and safety requirements inhibit Council from installing high ropes course or similar, this is something the private sector could initiate. Council may be able to support with available land.</p> <p>Council will consider installing playgrounds that are more challenging for teenagers as part of the playground renewal programme.</p>
Tracks need to be recut on Montgomery Memorial Reserve on Sills Road	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>This reserve is Department of Conservation (DOC) owned and administered, not Council's responsibility. This has been passed onto DOC. In the past community groups have cut tracks and maintained this area.</p>
How/where are tenders advertised for local businesses? Some feel like they are not given a chance.	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Contracts Council wishes to tender must align with Council's Procurement Policies and Council cannot favour one contractor over another.</p> <p>Infrastructure and Parks and Reserves Teams put most tenders up on the Tenderlink website. Smaller projects are advertised locally or requests for tenders/quotations provided to local contractors.</p> <p>Tenders won by Kaipara contractors have increased in recent years. For example, Kaipara based Huband Contractors picked up a large share of the three waters and roading capital works in 2014/2015.</p> <p>The organisation such as the Dargaville Business Forum could potentially mentor local businesses to help them with the tender process.</p>
Council takes the cheapest rather than the best roading contractor, putting cost ahead of quality. Contractors need a better standard of quality, and	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Council takes the best combination of price and quality of work into account throughout the tender</p>

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<p>their work to be performance based.</p> <p>Road fixing does not last long enough</p>	<p>process, rather than just taking the cheapest option.</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 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 <a href="mailto:council@kaipara.govt.nz">council@kaipara.govt.nz</a></p>
<p>Need 10 minute parking outside NZ Post</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>From the corner of Hokianga Road and Victoria Street, in front of ANZ Bank along until Polwarth's is 10 minute parking. This is considered sufficient. Council does carry out enforcement when deemed warranted.</p>
<p>Need a few more disabled car parks</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>The Dargaville CBD has seven disabled car parks. This is considered sufficient.</p>
<p>Outside ANZ on Hokianga Road another park could be added on, and on Blahs corner and Nola's on Parore Street.</p> <p>Could use space outside the Northern Wairoa Pub on Victoria Street, ANZ and New Asian.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Council's Roothing Engineer has inspected and car parks cannot be added in these locations. Safety requirements are followed in regards to spacing of car parks from intersections.</p>
<p>Remove the concrete boats in Victoria Street. These are too narrow and make it difficult for busses and campervans to pass, and take up parking spaces.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>These will not be removed. They act as a traffic calming solution to slow traffic and ease pedestrian access in Victoria Street.</p>
<p>Smoke free town</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>All playgrounds and parks across the Kaipara District are encouraged to be smoke free. At this time it is not considered appropriate to do the</p>

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	same in the town centre.
Water fountains down town	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Water fountains in sports grounds are currently Council's priority, however Northland District Health Board have a programme where they are funding water fountains. We are working with them to see where we can install some in Dargaville.</p>
Need public toilets by Countdown and the Warehouse	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Council does not own the land in between the Warehouse and Countdown. It would be up to the private business owners in regards to putting a public toilet here.</p> <p>Kaipara District Council currently has public toilets in Totara Street, nearby to Countdown and The Warehouse.</p> <p>Council has three toilet locations in the Dargaville business area which is considered sufficient.</p>
<p>Have a Customer Service Centre person based at the library</p> <p>Could have a Council office on Victoria Street</p> <p>Keep Council in Dargaville</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>For a town the size of Dargaville, it is considered only appropriate to run one Council Customer Service Centre (CSC). Renting or buying additional premises in Victoria Street to relocate our CSC from the current premise is not possible within current budgets.</p> <p>We will continue to consider opportunities to make our Dargaville services easier to access by the community, including improving our online and telephone based services.</p> <p>We have no plans to move our Council office from Dargaville. Our Mangawhai office is growing, but Dargaville remains our main office in our biggest population centre in the district.</p>
<p>Why is Council doing another Long Term Plan?</p> <p>Have a constitution with a graph showing the percentages that the money is going towards</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>The Long Term Plan (LTP) is a document that sets out the Council's intentions for the next</p>

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	<p>decade and is a legal requirement. We review our Long Term Plan every three years to make sure it is still relevant and accurate in dealing with the proposed strategic direction of the Council and community outcomes.</p> <p>The Long Term Plan includes graphs and information on Councils finances, including the planned expenditure over the life of the plan. This Plan can be found on Council's website.</p>
<p><b>Democracy:</b></p> <p>Need a stable Council before moving forward. What will happen when the Commissioners are gone?</p> <p>Need to elect a decent Council.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>We are returning to democracy in October 2016; realigning Kaipara's elections with the rest of New Zealand.</p> <p>Public are encouraged to take interest when electing a new Council.</p>
<p><b>Dargaville Library:</b></p> <p>Need a bigger library, as it is a hub for the community</p> <p>A pergola or covered area with a picnic tables could be established outside the library to allow kids and tourists to sit and use the internet</p> <p>Get rid of plastic chairs by the library</p> <p>Turn off Wi-Fi at night</p> <p>Why is there security at the library?</p> <p>Maintenance is needed around the Dargaville Library. This includes removing or repairing the bench around the back, stopping kids from climbing on the transformer and tar sealing or concreting the gravel area. Currently lose gravel gets spread all over the area in front of the video store.</p> <p>Would like the library back in the town hall as there was more space here.</p> <p>Library is a great asset for Dargaville. Would be good to extend this by catering for improved literacy with trained tutors.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Council is currently investigating the library design and ways we can better use the existing space. This includes potentially creating an outside area. Council would only be able to fund a bigger premises for the library through rates. This is considered financially unaffordable for the ratepayer at this time.</p> <p>The plastic chairs outside the library have been removed.</p> <p>The Wi-Fi available at the library will remain on overnight. The police are comfortable with the current arrangement and there is clearly a community need for this service, as it is so well utilised.</p> <p>Security has been introduced at the library as some library users had displayed behavioral problems within this space. Having security here has reduced this behavior. The Maori Wardens also do regular drop-ins, helping to ensure the atmosphere at the library remains positive and enjoyable for all users.</p>

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	<p>Sealing the car park out back is a good idea, but this car park is not Council's property and is the private owner's responsibility to seal if they wish. We are endeavoring to stop kids from climbing on the transformer. We have asked Northpower and they assure us that there is no danger of electrocution. A general spruce up of the outside of the building is part of our current library re-design discussion.</p> <p>The library does have information available for literacy for adults. There is also literacy training available through Te Roroa Learning Centre.</p>
<p>Need better internet service. Is Council acting on the Ultra-Fast Broadband rollout?</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>In the last three months, all four Northland councils came together to produce a joint Registration of Interest (ROI) to the Government's nationwide proposal for funding of the rollout of ultra-fast broadband (UFB), extended coverage of rural broadband and addressing mobile black spots. This ROI focused on key population centers for UFB and raising the level and quality of coverage of rural broadband across the whole of Northland. Dargaville being a key population center in Northland was proposed as a focus for UFB rollout.</p> <p>The Government has now shortlisted 11 towns in the Northland region to go forward to the next stage of its Ultra-Fast Broadband fibre extension initiative (UFB2). The shortlisted towns from Kaipara are Dargaville, Mangawhai Heads and Maungaturoto.</p>
<p>Integration of regional, local, central vision</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Kaipara District Council has been working with other Northland councils to pull together a plan on the combined vision for Northland. This is the Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan that has just been released in February 2016, and it can be viewed <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>

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Freedom Camping is a security issue	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Freedom Camping means to camp temporarily in a public place, other than in a Reserve or camping ground. This could be using a tent, caravan, car, campervan or other motor vehicle. Council was investigating putting a bylaw in place to help manage freedom camping within the Kaipara District. In order to establish a bylaw Council needs evidence to show that there are issues happening. To date, there is insufficient evidence to warrant establishing a Bylaw. Therefore, no freedom camping Bylaw is proposed at this time. If you are experiencing any issues with freedom campers, please contact Council as soon as possible on 0800 727 059 to ensure we have a record of any concerns. If Council is unaware of anything happening, it is less able to act. If Council decides it is warranted to establish a freedom camping bylaw in the future, then it will go through a full public process including submissions and hearings.</p>
<p>Could have a cycle track using the old railway crossing from Dargaville to Donnelley's Crossing</p> <p>Cycleway from Airport to Baylys Beach</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>This has been investigated and is possible. While Council currently has no immediate plans to develop this route as a cycle trail it will continue to give consideration to this suggestion. It should be noted that an on-road cycleway is already open between Dargaville and Rawene. This route passes through Donnelley's Crossing. Council is currently working to get this route signposted.</p> <p>An on-road cycle trail is already open between Dargaville and Baylys Beach. Regarding the addition of a link to the airport; cycling and especially walking over the Northern Wairoa River Bridge is currently dangerous due to the bridge being in a high speed zone, having poor visibility and no road shoulder. The bridge is part of the state highway network administered by the</p>

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	<p>New Zealand Transport Agency, not Council. It is believed that the number of people using this route would have to increase significantly for this to be improved.</p>
<p>Lifeguard for Kai Iwi Lakes</p> <p>Boats need to be removed from the main lake at Kai Iwi</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>To get funding for a Life Guard at Kai Iwi Lakes, Council needs to gather more information around the details of incidences or issues occurring around water safety at the Lakes. This will determine the need for this service. If you have details of incidences or issues occurring please log these in Council's Service Request System by contacting Council on 0800 727 059 or email <a href="mailto:council@kaipara.govt.nz">council@kaipara.govt.nz</a>.</p> <p>Regarding boat use at Kai Iwi Lakes, this has long been a polarising issue. Some people love boat use on the Lakes, some people not so. The Taharoa Domain Governance Committee is currently considering the future management of the Lakes through a review of the Taharoa Domain Reserve Management Plan. The draft Plan has been publicly notified, over 1000 submissions have been received, and hearings have been held. The Committee are now considering how the final Reserve Plan should be, and will recommend to Council to adopt at their July meeting.</p>
<p>Irrigation, water storage and management</p> <p>Water can be used for electricity, as well as recreational activities</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></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</p>

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	discuss. You can contact him on 09 439 3300.
<p><b>Rubbish and Waste:</b></p> <p>More rubbish bins</p> <p>Put ash trays on rubbish bins</p> <p>Rubbish bins need emptying in the weekends</p> <p>Rubbish collection on Lakes corner needs to be shifted to a side road (Lewis' Corner)</p> <p>Waste needs to be better self-managed</p> <p>Recycling is too hard in remote areas</p> <p>Recycling should be free</p> <p>Lack of education around waste.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>A larger rubbish bin will be installed outside the bake house. Other than this, the number of rubbish bins within the township is considered sufficient at this time.</p> <p>Ash trays will not be installed on rubbish bins, as this is considered a potential fire risk.</p> <p>Rubbish bins will not be emptied during the weekends, as this is not part of rubbish collection contract. Bins are currently emptied 4 days per week.</p> <p>The rubbish collection point on the Lake's Corner is not an official collection point. As part of the overall improvement of Taharoa Domain (Kai Iwi Lakes) this corner will be addressed ensuring it is beautified and welcoming.</p> <p>Recycling in the Kaipara District is user pays, with some subsidy from the Ministry for Environment. Nothing is funded by rates.</p> <p>Recycling in the Kaipara District is costly due to the large distance recycling has to be transported and our small and scattered population.</p> <p>As an alternative to kerbside recycling collection, you could take your recycling to one of the refuse stations located around Dargaville:</p> <p><b>Recycling Facilities in Dargaville include:</b></p> <p><b>Kaipara Refuse</b>      Telephone: 09 439 2146      Awakino Road      Open seven days a week. Mon – Fri: 9am - 4pm,      Saturday: 9am -12pm      Free – sort yourself</p> <p><b>Little River Transport</b>      57 Beach Road      Available all hours, as when business is closed,      bins are placed outside the gates.</p>

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<p>Council to help with business incentives i.e. Bar Manager's Certificate takes too long and fees are high. Could have a Council buddy to see you through the process.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Fees for this certificate are set by government legislation and do not cover the real costs of processing an application. The remaining is picked up by ratepayer funding as there is an amount of benefit to the public for this function that is reasonable. It does mean however, that fees cannot be reduced.</p> <p>Council is improving the process around alcohol applications following the major changes resulting from the new legislation. Because of the new requirements, Council has had to hire additional resource to assist with this. There is enough capacity within the small alcohol team to assist people through the process, and to now look at updating our web based information for better self-help tools.</p>
<p>There is no pedestrian access on Mangawhare bridge</p> <p>Could have a clip on walkway on the Northern Wairoa Bridge into town</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>These bridges are part of the state highway network administered by the New Zealand Transport Agency, not Council. There is pedestrian access on Mangawhare bridge, but not on the Northern Wairoa bridge. It is believed that the number of people using the Northern Wairoa bridge route would have to increase significantly for pedestrian access to be provided. Community is encouraged to log your concerns relating to the State Highway at NZTA's hotline, on 0800 44 44 49 or <a href="mailto:info@nzta.govt.nz">info@nzta.govt.nz</a>.</p>
<p>Need a pedestrian crossing near the Dargaville &amp; District News and the Four Square on Victoria Street.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>There is a pedestrian refuge and a traffic speed hump in this area. This is considered sufficient to reduce speed and allowing people to cross safely.</p>

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<p>Reduce speeds around town, trucks speed through</p> <p>Speed limits in town should be consistent i.e. 50-70-100km. Particularly Pouto Road and State Highway 14.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>NZTA has a certain process that is carried out in order to establish appropriate speed limits. Current speed limits within town are considered suitable at this stage. However, local Police have been contacted to ensure that speeds are being monitored and enforced if necessary.</p>
<p>Roundabouts need spraying</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Dargaville only has one roundabout on Colville Road, this was added to the spray round, which took place in October.</p>
<p>Babylon Coast Road needs repairs. It has corrugations, slips and is dangerous. Repairs are reactive not proactive</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Council's roading engineer has assessed the state of Babylon Coast Road and found it fit for purpose.</p>
<p>The sign at the intersection of River Road and Mount Wesley Coast Road directing people to the museum is misleading. Its angle needs to be changed, or it should maybe be replaced with a bigger sign. At present a lot of tourists see this sign and drive passed the turn off and end up getting lost.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Council's roading engineer has assessed this signage and it has now been fixed.</p>
<p>Stop sign by Caltex, going west into State Highway 12 needs to be a give way because of the angle of the intersection.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>It is determined by Council's roading engineer that a stop sign at this intersection is safer than a Give Way. It will not be changed.</p>
<p><b>Parking:</b></p> <p>Shop owners and staff are parking in front of other shops and reducing parks for customers. They could be encouraged to park by the boating club, to free up the main street.</p> <p>Parking monitoring or enforcement is needed to better control parking</p> <p>No parking wardens</p> <p>Parking signs should be removed if not enforced</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>The Dargaville Business Forum encourage business owners not to park in front of their businesses.</p> <p>Council's traffic enforcement contractors have been engaged to focus on illegal parking within the central Dargaville business district. This has been advertised by Council media release.</p> <p>Signage directing campervans to designated off street parking areas have been installed.</p>

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<p>Better designed parking solutions</p> <p>Better parking for larger vehicles</p> <p>Need 'No Campervan' signs. Tall campervans can damage the awnings in the main street when they park.</p>	
<p><b>Council Finances:</b></p> <p>Get rid of debt and become debt free</p> <p>Debt should be dealt with before any new work is done – only maintenance</p> <p>Ratepayer's money from Dargaville should go back into Dargaville, and same for the rest of the District</p> <p>Rates are too high, valuations on farms dropped but rates have still gone up</p> <p>A business owner has a campervan/camping business and pays rates. Now the museum offers campervan camping and they don't have to pay rates.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Council is committed to reducing debt. Our debt will be \$60 million or less at the end of the life of 2015/2025 Long Term Plan.</p> <p>Overall for 2016/2017 we are projecting a rates increase of 2.94% (compared with 3.45% for the same year of the Long Term Plan). The rates increase of 2.94% is made up of a 2.36% increase in the general rate and a 4.61% increase in targeted rates (which in turn reflects the funding of expenditure on network infrastructure). We need this increase to keep up with inflation, reduce our debt and address the backlog of maintenance we have with our water supply, stormwater and wastewater pipework.</p> <p>Direct operational costs for stormwater and wastewater services are averaged across the District. All those connected (or connectable) pay the same amount because the service received is the same, no matter which scheme the property is connected to. This means that some areas are paying more than the actual cost of their local scheme, and some less. We have removed Te Kopuru from this averaging formula, because they were particularly disadvantaged by it. Te Kopuru will only pay the costs of operating its own system. It is not financially viable for Council to do this with all towns across the District.</p> <p>Concerning the valuation of dairy farms and distressed sales/mortgagee sales, Quotable Value states that distressed/mortgagee sales are considered during the revaluation process,</p>

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	<p>however only set the market value/level if they are the dominant transaction in the district at the revaluation date. Interestingly, since Sept 2014 the sales are indicating an increase in dairy prices of 10 – 15% over the 2014 roll values. Of course, given the current climate in the Dairy sector, it would be no surprise if the prices retract over the next 12 -18 months.</p> <p>If you have specific concerns regarding your rates, you are encouraged to contact Council on 0800 727 059 to discuss.</p>
<p>Better licensing restrictions with Countdown. Could be the same as liquor stores.</p> <p>Food and hygiene – What does the contract state regarding inspections?</p> <p>The liquor ban needs enforcing.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>The application for the renewal of the Countdown supermarket Dargaville liquor license was lodged on 16 July 2015, and is currently before the Kaipara District Licensing Committee. Part of the renewal process is that the applicant is required to place a public notice in the local paper. The application was publically notified on 22 July and 29 July 2015 in the Dargaville and District News which satisfies the requirements of the Act. No objections were lodged from the public in general. It is at renewal time that the public may lodge an opposition to a premises licence application.</p> <p>The supermarket is exempt from inspections – they currently fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Primary Industries, however if there is concern we can channel these to MPI through our Environmental Health Officers.</p> <p>Enforcement of the liquor ban is a Police issue. Council will contact Dargaville Police regarding this.</p>
<p>Lorne Street has no formed water tables on the side of the road. This should be addressed</p> <p>KDC should eliminate all open drains in Dargaville. Especially Awakino Road and Gordon Street.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Lorne Street has pipes and sumps to address storm water. However, there is no kerb and channel. This is quite common for many streets in Dargaville to not have kerb and channel. Due</p>

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	<p>to costs, this will not change.</p> <p>Ideally all open drains would be replaced with pipes, however this would be a huge cost which Council cannot currently afford to undertake.</p>
<p>Wandering dogs are a big problem for this town and this needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Dargaville needs an SPCA as there is nowhere to take kittens and abandoned/injured animals.</p> <p>Some arrangement could be made with the vet centre so that they can act as a branch of the SPCA and be reimbursed by the SPCA for doing the SPCA's work e.g. accepting kittens and passing them on to the SPCA's Whangarei branch.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Public can report wandering dogs to Environmental Northland by calling 0800 105 890.</p> <p>The setting up of an SPCA in Dargaville could be a community initiative, undertaken by interested people.</p>
<p>Council support of smaller groups</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>If there are any community groups that are interested in non-financial support from Council, please contact Council's Community Facilitator at <a href="mailto:dlang@kaipara.govt.nz">dlang@kaipara.govt.nz</a>.</p>
<p>Te Arohanui Hall, Ratana Trust – Council needs better communication with halls</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>It is suggested that these groups contact Council's Community Facilitator at <a href="mailto:dlang@kaipara.govt.nz">dlang@kaipara.govt.nz</a> , in order for Council to fully understand what better communication is needed.</p>
<p><b>Business and Services:</b></p> <p>The shops in Dargaville should be open late one night a week so that people can do their shopping after work. Shops could also be open on a Sunday.</p> <p>Encourage more business in order to get rid of empty shops</p> <p>Shop and support local to promote town and businesses</p> <p>Promote and encourage industry</p> <p>CCTV in town to prevent graffiti and 'run offs'</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Business and economic development is currently not a core focus of Council. These suggestions will be passed on to the Dargaville Business Forum who have more capacity to address them.</p> <p>The Dargaville Business Forum are currently working on some of these initiatives.</p> <p>Council is currently developing a welcome pack for new Kaipara residents.</p>

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<p>Dargaville should have a domestic commercial airport receiving flights from Auckland. That way tourists could fly direct from Auckland International airport to the Kauri Coast. A rental car company could be based at the airport</p> <p>Better service by shop assistants, focussing on customers and their needs</p> <p>Costs are very high, shopping prices are expensive</p> <p>Retail needs to compete with online shopping</p> <p>Bigger area for the Farmers Market</p> <p>Businesses/services suggestions from the community: McDonalds, KFC, A Mall, Theme Park, Taxi, Pet shop, SPCA and Vets all in one, Hot Pools, Kiwiyo, Burger King or Carls Jr, Smiggles Shop, Clothing shops, Kmart, Dance studio, Snow Planet, Gardening store, Music studios, Music/CD shop, Arcade in the Cinema Foyer, University Bus service from Dargaville to Auckland</p> <p>Create a 'Welcome to Dargaville' pack</p> <p>Jobs for unemployed, Jobs to keep young people from leaving town</p> <p>The Dargaville Business Forum and Kauri Coast Promotions Society should unite to form one organisation with one set of fees.</p>	
<p>Hanging baskets in the main street with irrigation.</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>A quote was done by Recreational Service and this would cost about \$30,000 to set up, including an irrigation system. Council will not fund this project. Local businesses could establish this if interested.</p>
<p>Bring Te Wairoa Waka back to Dargaville:</p> <p>Construct a purpose built shelter and display</p> <p>Put an ongoing maintenance plan in place</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>A community group is currently working on this project.</p>

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Arts centre	Dargaville Arts Association in partnership with Kaipara District Council, has recently secured the Municipal Chambers to establish an arts centre for Dargaville.
<b>We think the following ideas would make great community initiatives...</b>	
<p>These ideas are not considered to be the core purpose of Local Government, therefore they are best to be community initiatives that Council may support.</p> <p>Community groups throughout Kaipara have established projects similar to some of these, the Dargaville Community could seek support or advice from other groups in initiating these projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More youth activities/entertainment</li> <li>• The existing youth groups are good but their connection with Churches puts some people off</li> <li>• Could do a survey at the high school and ask what they want</li> <li>• 'PEP' scheme for idle hands</li> <li>• More energy and participation from locals</li> <li>• Need more pride in the community</li> <li>• Community does not support things e.g. not enough people support the farmers market</li> <li>• Event notification in town</li> <li>• Have one main events/notice board that is lockable and one person is in charge of putting things up and down</li> <li>• Need to find a way to get the news about events and activities to Dargaville youth. Suggested that a single Facebook page be created on which all the information about youth group events and other youth activities can be posted</li> <li>• There used to be a dance for 12-18 year olds in the Light House Function Centre. It would be good to have this dance back but have it in the town hall to make it more accessible to youth who do not have a car</li> <li>• More events and festivals</li> <li>• A festival celebrating the iconic river – a chocolate festival to celebrate its colour</li> <li>• Coffee/Tea festival</li> <li>• A riverside event at Matariki with wakas on the water and "the longest dinner" a long dinner table with ticket sales going towards the funding of our waka</li> <li>• Grow food on a small scale and open a cannery</li> <li>• Communal orchard</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community centre, Drop in centre</li> <li>• Slogan Dargaville 'An extraordinary town'</li> <li>• Lack of Maori history at the Museum</li> <li>• More tramping tracks, or to know where they are</li> <li>• Special Olympic swimming team</li> <li>• General tidy of street frontages in residential area</li> <li>• Mosaic the town e.g. shop numbers, names, picnic tables</li> </ul>	