Kaiwaka and Kaipara District Council Working in Partnership



Action Plan Update 4 February 2016



Issue	Update
Crossing State Highway 1 is dangerous	ONGOING PROJECT
Oneriri Road intersection – what is the plan? Speeds along State Highway 1 and within the 70km-100km zone are too high	Council is working with the New Zealand Transport Agency and community group Kaiwaka Can in regards to improving State Highway 1 for local use. This is focussing on a range of factors, including speeds through the township, and ensuring the town is accessible for all users – not just cars. This is an ongoing process and initial ideas were made available to the wider Kaiwaka community to feedback on in December 2015. Further opportunity for the Kaiwaka Community to provide input will be made available as this project progresses.
Gibbons Road: The one way bridge outside the quarry has huge potholes either side, and is dangerous for those who do not know they are there. The school bus has to stop to move around these safely.	COMPLETE The eastern side of the bridge has been sealed to ensure the runoff will not sit on the surface, and therefore reduce the occurrence of potholes here. The west side will not be sealed due to heavy traffic from lime work vehicles, as the presence of lime on the surface of the seal makes it slippery.
On the Settlement Road and Tawa Road intersection is a school bus pick up point. There have been a number of accidents here with people hurt, a sign was installed but subsequently knocked over by a car. It has been reinstated under a tree but is now not visible. Can this please be moved to a more visible location?	Community Input Required Council's Roading Engineer has visited the area, and was unable to see the site of concern. He also spoke to two locals who did not know anything about this. If you can provide any further clarification or can meet the Engineer on site, please email our Community Facilitator on dlang@kaipara.govt.nz
State of Oneriri Road corner - weeds. There was a garden put in but it was mown over	COMMUNITY INPUT REQUIRED On behalf of our contractors, we apologise for this garden being mown over. Council is happy to contribute plants for reinstating this garden, if there are members of the community interested in doing the planting. This would make a great community activity. If you or a local group are interested, please email our Community Facilitator on dlang@kaipara.govt.nz . In the meantime, this space will continue to be mown to ensure it is kept tidy.



Subsidence at the Oneriri Road intersection	COMPLETE
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	If you have any roading concerns relating to the State Highways, you are encouraged to call NZTA's hotline, on 0800 111 655 and log your concern.
Hazardous slip on Tara Road that has existed for	COMPLETE
number of years	Council's Roading Engineer has investigated, and this 70m section of the road has been ripped, remade and sealed to remove the undulations caused by slip movement.
Need more contributions from logging truck	COMPLETE
companies	Resulting from the 2015/2025 Long Term Plan, Council has applied a targeted rate on forestry owners for the first six years of the plan. The money collected will be used to strengthen roads used heavily by logging trucks.
	This targeted rate will raise 39% of the funds needed. Council has assumed that NZTA will provide the remaining 61% of the total cost. NZTA has so far only committed to \$1.0 million to this purpose, compared to \$1.8 million requested for the next three years. Council will continue to work with NZTA for further funding.
Create a Kaiwaka/Northland roading bond	COMMUNITY INPUT REQUIRED
	We need more information. We need clear details in order to address this idea. What exactly does this mean, and for what purpose would it be for? We asked these questions at the roading meeting in Kaiwaka, but nobody at the meeting could provide further clarification. We raised it in the previous Action Plan Update, but still no clarification received.
New roads create drainage issues and erosion	COMMUNITY INPUT REQUIRED
	This was brought up at the roading meeting in Kaiwaka, but nobody at the meeting could provide further clarification. We raised it in the previous Action Plan Update, but still no clarification received.



	We need clear details in order to address this issue, for example we need an exact location. If you see any issues like this please let Council know by calling 0800 727 059 or emailing at council@kaipara.govt.nz
The rubbish collection point on Oneriri Road is not working well	COMPLETE The collection point has been baited to try and reduce the amounts of rats. The collection will not be extended further down Oneriri Road at this stage. However, due to development at Takahoa Bay, this may change in the future.
The Hakaru Hall would like another street light outside as it is used by community groups in the evening and it is very dark	COMPLETE A streetlight has now been installed opposite the Hakaru Hall, ensuring this area is lit in the evenings. Another street light has also been installed on the corner of Settlement Road and Kaiwaka Mangawhai Road.
Fixed line broadband is not accessible in Kaiwaka	Complete Council has little control over the access to broadband or internet services, this is the internet provider's responsibility. However, Council is part of a joint Northland bid to Central Government to get Ultra-Fast Broadband rolled out in towns across Northland, including Kaiwaka. Although, when reviewing the list of towns within this bid, The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment did not include Kaiwaka in the next round. The Kaiwaka community could show that there is a demand and need for faster internet in Kaiwaka by lobbying internet providers.
There is no rubbish kerbside collection	According to the contractors, kerbside collection is undertaken along Gibbons Road, Kaiwaka Mangawhai Road, SH1, Settlement Road up to Vista Lane, and Marshall Road. Council does not undertake kerbside collections on private roads or rights of way, as these are not engineered to take heavy traffic and Council does not maintain these



	roads. Rural roads will have a central collection point.
Are there any hazardous substances drop off sites in the Kaipara	COMPLETE Northland Regional Council handles hazardous substances. Depositing of hazardous waste is not allowed at Kaipara transfer stations. Community can contact NRC's Hazardous Substance Specialist, James Mitchell on 09 470 1223 should you have any queries.
No recycling or compost facilities	COMPLETE
	Recycling is a user pays system in Kaipara. Yellow recycling bags are able to be purchased and recycling is Wednesday in Kaiwaka. There is also a Refuse Station located in Hakaru that recycles.
	As to composting, it is far more cost effective and environmentally friendly to compost in individual gardens rather than having a truck collecting this waste and creating a fuel footprint for the activity.
Community could carpool to Auckland	COMPLETE NZTA has resources available on their website to help people interested in setting up a car pooling initiative. http://www.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/businesses/carpooling.html
Council's land for sale on State Highway 1 should	COMPLETE
be held onto and capitalised on – located on eastern side north of Settlement Road	Due to its financial situation, Council has been looking at all surplus Council owned properties across the Kaipara District that could be sold. In March 2010, Council made a resolution to sell this land in Kaiwaka. In order for it to be sold it had to comply with a set of criteria, identifying surplus land and its saleability. The benefit of this land is not enough to warrant holding onto it. This land has now sold.
Drains on Pukenui Road were not built properly	COMPLETE
	Drains were built by a method of riprap lining, whereby 150mm diameter rocks line the water table



	to prevent scouring by slowing the flow of water and protecting the dirt base. This was done approximately two years ago. If there are specific problems, please let Council know.
Develop a Kaiwaka website and Facebook page	COMPLETE
	The Community Facilitator sent out links to the already established website and Facebook page. These can be found using the following links: www.kaiwaka.co.nz https://www.facebook.com/groups/18300736187180 8/
Develop cycle ways to encourage tourism – could use old railway	While the signposting and promotion of the Kauri Coast and Missing Link Cycle Trails (which go via Pouto) are Council's current Cycle Trail priority, this does not preclude Council from supporting other Cycle Trail initiatives where funding permits. Council is willing to work with community groups interested in developing cycle and walking tracks in the Kaiwaka area providing funding can be made available. If you have any ideas please email our Community Facilitator on dlang@kaipara.govt.nz
Create water storage to ensure there is a regular supply in the future	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. If you would like further information on this, or are interested in creating a similar initiative for Kaiwaka, Gary Treadgold at NRC would be happy to discuss – you can contact him on 09 439 3300.
Look for cheap clean electricity sources	COMPLETE This is an individual choice and could be an initiative amongst those who are interested.
Boat ramp at the end of Oruawharo Road is in a bad state	COMPLETE



	This boat ramp has been inspected by an Engineer who stated that it is in a usable condition. Any improvements could be a community project, as Council is not in the financial position to do this. Council could offer non-financial support.
Welcome to Kaiwaka sign is tagged	COMPLETE
	Recreational Services have inspected, and were unable to remove the graffiti due to the age and condition of the sign. Staff have investigated and it has been determined that this is a community owned sign. The rejuvenation of this sign could be a great community project. Council can support this.
Create a community group:	COMPLETE
 Create employment opportunities Establish Kaiwaka as an information hub for Kaipara and Northland 	People who were interested in being a part of this group left their names and contact details, and this group have since met a number of times.
Update town's lights as it is just one person that looks after them and they are old fashioned	A number of other matters raised regarding beautification or economic development could also be addressed by this Community group. As these projects are considered best to be community led
Posts already in place for entrance sign into south side of Kaiwaka	initiatives with Council's support, Council can put community in contact with regional organisations.
Promote Kaiwaka as a motorhome friendly town, with better signage and directions	A community group has since been established, named 'Kaiwaka Can'.
What will Kaiwaka look like in 10 years' time?	COMPLETE
Growth will need to be planned for through commercial zoning	Council is currently not in the financial position to fund future planning projects. However, the District Plan allows for a lot of commercial and light industrial land use in Rural Zoned land. Council's Planner is happy to guide a business owner through the District Plan to determine if they can establish their business in the Rural Zone.
Signage into Oruawharo Marae and school has been lowered and spelling on school signs is wrong	COMPLETE A new sign with correct spelling has now been installed higher on the pole to ensure it is visible.



Footpaths in Kaiwaka are not accessible and	
need to be extended to the 70km sign	

COMPLETE

Councils Roading Engineers state that as the footpath extends to the driveway of the last house on the left hand side of the road, there is no clear demand for the footpath to be extended. There is a limited budget for footpaths, meaning money is utilised in areas that there is high foot traffic. Therefore, the footpath on the left hand side of the State Highway will not be extended any further. However, Council is currently working with NZTA to investigate better pedestrian access throughout the township.

Oruawharo Road needs to be fully sealed

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In the past seal extensions only occurred when Council attracted a Central Government subsidy. Seal extensions were prioritised based on traffic counts which meant roads with high traffic counts were at the top of Council's seal extension list. Central Government no longer provides this subsidy.

Oruawharo Road is considered by Council's Engineers as being low in traffic volume. Roads with vehicle counts of between 0-500 vehicles per day are considered low volume while roads with vehicle counts of between 500 and 10,000 are considered low to moderate volume. High volume counts are in excess of 10,000 vehicles per day. Generally speaking the higher volume roads and unsealed urban roads are at the top of the list for seal extensions. What this means is that even if Central Government reviewed its current policy it is unlikely Oruawharo Road would be considered for a seal extension.

It costs approximately \$400 to seal one (1) lineal metre of road. Council receives many requests for seal extensions each year and has around 1,125 kilometres of unsealed roads in Kaipara. Currently the only way for a road to be sealed in Kaipara is if the residents in the area fund the work or the road is required to be upgraded as part of a resource



	consent. If you think that the surrounding residents
	may all contribute towards the cost of sealing please
	contact us to discuss this option.
	The financial situation for Kaipara remains
	challenging and the reality is that even if Council
	wanted to seal roads, currently it is not affordable.
Maintenance on Gibbons Road	COMPLETE
	Grader reshaped this road in late September to
	create a camber, this will reduce the number of
	potholes forming. The existing depth of metal is
	considered deep enough not to warrant any more
	metalling. If you have specific concerns please
	report it to Council through the service request
	system on 0800 727 059, 09 439 3123, or
	council@kaipara.govt.nz This is a good way to
	request work as it has to be acknowledged by Council. Ensure you leave your name and
	telephone number so our Roading people can call
	you if they need more details.
Metal on Settlement Road needs to be rolled	COMPLETE
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	Council's Roading Engineer states that this road has only recently been re-metalled and needs time to
	settle. If you know of an exact location of where
	maintenance is needed, can you please report it to
	Council through the service request system on 0800
	727 059, 09 439 3123, or <u>council@kaipara.govt.nz</u>
	This is a good way to request work as it has to be
	acknowledged by Council and resolved. Ensure you
	leave your name and telephone number so our
	Roading people can call you if they need more
	details.
Potholes on Pukenui Road are not compacted	COMPLETE
	Council's Roading Engineer and Contractor
	inspected in late October and could not find the
	problem. If you have more specific details of the
	location of these potholes, can you please report it to
	Council through the service request system on 0800
	727 059, 09 439 3123, or council@kaipara.govt.nz
	This is a good way to request work as it has to be



Bring side metal onto the road. There is always lots of metal on the sides of the metal roads.	acknowledged by Council and resolved. Ensure you leave your name and telephone number so our Roading people can call you if they need more details. COMPLETE Grader drivers purposely do this so it can be pulled back onto the road and spread out during the season, it is called a windrow. This is preferred rather than continuing to transport new metal in each
Planning for roads needs to be sustainable and long term	COMPLETE Council is currently working through a three year detailed program, while at the same time planning a ten year program of works, and a thirty year strategy for all asset infrastructure. The replacement value of the roading network or asset is \$500 million, meaning it has to be planned for, ensuring it is sustainable.
Create a link from Settlement Road to Mangawhai Kaiwaka Road	The cost associated with creating a new road is approximately \$1 million per kilometre. NZTA does not contribute any money towards new roads, and Council is not in the financial position to carry out such a project. The sealing of sections of Settlement Road is included in Council's ten year plan, for year three (2017-18). There may be possible for the community to create a pedestrian/cycle/bridle path instead, if the landowners agreed. Council would support this.
Look at using local road crews – Task Force Green	COMPLETE Task Force Green was used by community further North to assist with the clean-up following this year's storm event. Current Health and Safety legislation restricts Council's ability to use unofficial road crews.
Subdivisions on Black Swamp Road and Settlement Road: Money was paid to Council but it was not spent on the roads, or area it was collected from. People thought they would get	COMPLETE In the past, Council has collected funds from developers to spend on specific roads impacted by



sealed roads with this money. Where has it been spent?

the development concerned. As part of Council's 2015/2025 Long Term Plan, this fund will be spent over the next three years on roads that were specified when the funds were collected.

Development contributions collected from subdivisions on Black Swamp Road are planned to be spent on this road in the 2016/17 year. Works on Settlement Road are planned for the 2017/18 year. This will not be funded by rates but by Development Contributions and Financial Contributions collected in past years.

Rating increase: Rates keep increasing so why are the quality of roads not improving?

COMPLETE

The cost of roading materials have increased significantly more than what is covered by rates. According to NZTA, between October 2001 and October 2014, bitumen costs have increased by 197%. This then impacts on all other costs involved in roading maintenance. Therefore, the amount Council receives through rating does not reflect the amount needed to maintain roads.