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Kaipara Mayor's Taskforce for Economic Support and Recovery

As a response to the unprecedented COVID-19 and drought situation, Kaipara Mayor Dr Jason Smith is setting up a Task Force to focus on economic support and recovery of Kaipara businesses and residents.

"We are all in uncertain and challenging times with the current COVID-19 pandemic, and everyone's doing really well with the emergency health measures and the community lockdown, added to the drought we've been in for months." says Mayor Smith.

"Many agencies are doing extraordinary work at this difficult time,' says Mayor Smith, adding the Kaipara Mayor's Task Force for Economic Support and Recovery "will meet a quickly-emerging need across the Kaipara as people start asking hard questions about the future, working closely with Kaipara businesses and residents and the agencies which can support them."

Mayor Smith adds "The scene for everyone is rapidly changing, sometimes several times a day, and the Task Force will need to work closely with many partners, be light on its feet, and have its ear to the ground in Kaipara. It will not function as a committee but instead be a dynamic arrangement that's small, agile and no-cost but high value to Kaipara people".

"There's a constant stream of valuable information crossing my desk that will be of interest across Kaipara and I also want to make certain Kaipara people are aware of and can benefit from the stimulus and support tools available to them." Mayor Smith adds "We have the tools, let's use them wisely. This Task Force will help sharpen our focus here, in a Kaipara way".

Further announcements on the Kaipara Mayor's Task Force for Economic Support and Recovery will be made as it is established.

For further comment please contact Mayor Smith.

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