

## Media Release

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### Inaugural Reserve Contribution Funding awarded

Three deserving community groups are getting a welcome contribution to their projects after the inaugural awarding of the contestable portion of the Reserve Contributions Fund.

The Reserve Contribution Fund was adopted by Council in May 2019. Under legislation, 80% of the reserve contributions must be spent locally, in the area where it was paid. Kaipara District Council is the first Council to set aside a portion of the Reserve Contributions, as a district-wide contestable fund. The total cost of applications was over \$1.2 million, with the Awards and Grants Committee having \$300,000 to award.

Councillor Peter Wethey (Kaiwaka-Managwhai Ward), who is chair of the Awards and Grants Committee said “the committee focused on ensuring applications would be accessible to a wide range of users. Projects that have a volunteer input, with ongoing ownership of the projects were well received. The committee welcomed the opportunity to assist with funding groups within the District who were passionate about projects that would bring significant outdoor recreational assets to their communities. I hope the committee will have many more applications to review in the 2020 round of applications as more people hear about the contestable fund.”

The recipients of the funding are below -

Kaipara Cycling Incorporated	To build and design five mountain bike trails at Harding Park reserve	\$20,000.00
Mangawhai Activity Zone Charitable Trust	To build a pump track for community use at 191 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai	\$170,000.00
Paparoa Lions Club	Funding towards the construction of the boardwalk and walking surfaces in Paparoa	\$45,000.00
<b>Total granted</b>		<b>\$235,000.00</b>

Sadie Cogan of Kaipara Cycling Incorporated said “This funding will be used to develop local trails. The trails will be a progression of Beginner to Intermediate so that our local mountain-bikers from 3 year olds to 86 year olds can enjoy the off road trails experience. It will be vital for our local Kaipara schools to have a park to train on as Otamatea, Dargaville Intermediate and High Schools all have mountain bike squads. The Northland Secondary schools Mountainbike Champs will be held at Waitangi Mountainbike Park as well as the NZ Secondary School Champs so it is vital our riders have somewhere to practice. ”

The unallocated \$65,000 has been rolled to the next funding round which will open June 2020 for applications. More details on the RCF and other community funding opportunities can be found at [www.kaipara.govt.nz/funding](http://www.kaipara.govt.nz/funding)

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