

Kia ora from the Chief Executive

As we approach the end of 2025, we reflect on our progress and completed projects – it's been a big year!

We produce an Annual Report every year as a record of council activities, and a progress check against our Annual Plan and Long Term Plan targets.

As I write this, the Annual Report for 2024/2025 is being reviewed by independent auditors and getting ready to be adopted at the inaugural meeting of the new Council. Once adopted, you'll find the Annual Report on our website at kaipara.govt.nz/annual-report. This year's report highlights many significant achievements for the year, including:

- Investing approximately \$35 million across roading infrastructure and maintenance, including repairing slips and damage caused by severe weather events.
- Completing \$30.7 million in capital works. We have ticked off a number of key projects across the district – improving our public amenities and spaces and increasing the resilience of our district's infrastructure. Many of these projects have been supported by external funding.
- Awarding almost \$685,000 to our communities via the Community Grants, Reserve Contributions Contestable Fund, Rural Sports Travel Grant, Creative Communities Scheme, MELA and Kai Ora Fund.

- Continuing to support our district's growth by progressing the Proposed District Plan, in consultation with the community.
- Processing three private plan changes and 529 building consent applications.
- Adopting a Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan and a concept plan for Mangawhai Heads Reserve, setting a vision for the future of these public spaces – both shaped by community feedback.
- Welcoming 86 new citizens from across the world who have chosen to make Kaipara their home.
- Proactive efforts by our animal management team have led to a 65% drop in complaints about wandering dogs, and dog attacks have dropped 43%.
- Dedicating 497.75 hours of KDC staff time to the emergency response and recovery for the Mangawhai Tornado.

We've made great progress this year and I'm looking forward to working with our new council in the year ahead. The mayor and councillors elected for the next three-year term will be officially welcomed at the inaugural council meeting, planned for 30 October 2025.

Ngā mihi



Jason Marris
Chief Executive



**all figures listed above are from the 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 financial year.*

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What's happening?

Here are some highlights of what's been happening in Kaipara.

New website launched to showcase Kaipara

In June we unveiled a brand-new website to highlight the district's exceptional lifestyle and economic potential. The platform is designed as a central hub, positioning Kaipara as an ideal place to visit, live, work, and invest. The website content has been shaped with local input and reflects the distinct character, values, and aspirations of our people, with updates and new additions as the website is developed. Check it out at kaipara.org.nz



Maungatūroto water gets a fresh upgrade*

Two major improvement projects have futureproofed the Maungatūroto water supply for years to come. The water treatment plant had a major upgrade including new filter tanks, a new clarifier rotary arm and a new air blower pump, flow meter, and pressure reducing valve. The water main pipe delivering water from the plant to the community via Doctors Hill Road was also replaced with a larger pipe, giving us more capacity to keep up with the town's growth.

Pensioner housing up to standard

Replacement of the pensioner units on Fagan Place in Mangawhai is almost complete. The upgrade brings the units to Healthy Homes Standards, ensuring warm, dry homes for tenants.

Flood protection and land drainage improvements*

Over the past year, we've delivered flood protection and land drainage upgrades to safeguard some of our most productive rural and urban areas. Works include a new floodgate in Te Kowhai (Canal G), a stopbank in Ruawai and a suite of flood resilience works in Dargaville.

On the other side of the district, stormwater improvements in Eveline, Wood and Robert Streets are helping reduce flood risk and make the network more resilient against severe weather events.

Better facilities for public spaces*

New toilets in Pahi are providing safe and accessible facilities for the community and visitors.

At Baylys Beach, we've extended the boardwalk – significantly improving access – and installed modern toilets.

Over in Kaiwaka, Hubert Linnell Reserve at the end of Rangiora Road has a new concrete carpark, dedicated boat trailer parking, improved access and lighting and a new public toilet.

Pouto Point and Alamar Crescent have freshly sealed carparks and improved pedestrian access in time for summer.

Improved water security*

A partnership agreement with the Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust will see flood protection and water security improvements for Dargaville and surrounds. Alongside the partnership agreement with the Trust, we're upgrading the pumps at Rotu, improving the Waiatua Dam, monitoring the Waiparataniwha streams and updating our drought management plan. These measures are anticipated to reduce the frequency of water restrictions in Dargaville and Baylys Beach from this coming summer.

**These projects are supported by external funding partners.*