



## Kia ora from the Mayor

Summer Seasons in Kaipara District have come to mean bans on open fires, restrictions on water use for those on town water supplies and extra deliveries of water for people on tank water. From 2022 there are some changes here: water restriction and drought notices are now harmonised for all three districts of Northland, with Kaipara District Council having changed its drought alert settings to align with the others. Any water restriction notices will be different to earlier years, take note. Water conservation remains important, and remember to keep those gutterings clear.

After the wet 2021 spring there is an uncommon surplus of extra long grass around Kaipara this summer. This means there's a higher-than-normal risk of summer grassfires, a real hazard. The fire ban is important to keep people safe.

Council is getting on with the job of growing a better Kaipara. Progress on Council projects late in 2021 saw the completion of the upgraded Pahi Wharf, the resource consent being granted for the Kaihu Valley Trail from Dargaville to Kaihu and the activation of the new roundabouts in Mangawhai Village. Many people will be noticing the improvement in the unsealed road network as the \$8m PGF additional money investment is being judiciously applied, the biggest logistical effort the Council has ever undertaken for its roads.

In the first months of 2022 you should expect to see the following matters of note:

- Waka Kotahi will be consulting on its Northland State Highways Speed Limit Review. This is different from Council local road speed limit reviews, happening separately. State Highways 12 and 14 are crucial arterial routes for Kaipara people and tie together our local road network. Any reduction in speed limits would be impactful for people here.
- Kaipara's first Climate Adaptation Pathway Planning project will commence with the Ruawai community. This will be the pilot project for similar action with other places in years ahead.
- Council will be working at pace on its District Plan Review, with a view to having a draft out for consultation in April/May. With our fast-growing district its important Council keeps plans in place to help manage this growth well.

We're starting the 2022 year with a clear focus on the future. Kaipara District Council is building on the successes of 2021 and taking them forward. There's no time to look back when there's so much ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

Dr Jason Smith  
Kaipara Mayor

*For a detailed list of the work we're doing in Kaipara see overleaf.*

# Our work

This is some of the major work we have been doing since July 2021. Alongside this we work every day to collect rubbish, mow grass, clean toilets, mend roads, fix pipes, and carry out other services for the people of Kaipara.



We've also been reconstructing parts of our unsealed road network:

● **COMPLETED - Roothing**

- Rehia Rd
- Houto Rd
- Waipoua Settlement Rd
- Hood Rd
- Waihue Rd
- Karaka Rd
- Maropiu Rd
- Ararua Rd
- Golden Stairs Rd
- Heawa Rd
- Waihue Rd
- Avoca Road

● **STARTING SOON - Roothing**

- Pukehuia Rd
- Paparua Station Rd
- Mt Wesley Coast Rd
- Oneriri Rd
- Neems Rd
- Porter Rd
- Oturei Settlement Rd