

# **Temporary Road Closure Approval – Dargaville Lions Club Christmas Parade 2020**

**Meeting:** Kaipara District Council  
**Date of meeting:** 28 October 2020  
**Reporting officer:** Wendy Campbell, Corridor Access Coordinator

## **Purpose/Ngā whāinga**

To seek approval from Council for the application of a temporary road closure for the purpose of the Dargaville Christmas Parade 2020 – community event

## **Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga**

Approve the application for a temporary road closure to allow the Dargaville Christmas Parade 2020 to take place in a safe manner. The proposed closure is to be held on Saturday 05 December 2020 from 07:00am to 01:00pm and includes parts of Victoria Street, Edward Street, Poto Street, Totara Street, Parore Street, Hokianga Road and Kapia Street.

## **Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga**

That Kaipara District Council

- a) Approves the application for a temporary road closure to allow the Dargaville Christmas Parade 2020 to take place in a safe manner. The proposed closure is to be held on Saturday 05 December 2020 from 07:00am to 01:00pm and includes parts of Victoria Street, Edward Street, Poto Street, Totara Street, Parore Street, Hokianga Road and Kapia Street.
- b) Notes that this approval is conditional on the event organiser informing all businesses/residents located within the road closure area with a letter drop.

## **Context/Horopaki**

In terms of the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulation 1965, Council is required to advertise any road closures at least 42 days in advance of an event. The decision to close the road is to be approved by Council under the Local Government Act 1974, s319.

The Dargaville Christmas Parade 2020 will be held on Saturday 05 December 2020 and will be approximately the eighteenth year that the Club is running the same route successfully. To carry out the parade in a safe manner the procession will assemble in the Totara Street carpark and proceed onto Victoria Street continuing along Victoria Street until the Central Hotel Carpark, the procession will then proceed through the carpark onto Edward Street and back onto Victoria Street where they will continue back to Totara Street and end in the Totara Street carpark and disperse from there. This event is widely supported every year with a financial and social gain for the local community and businesses.

## **Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero**

The proposed traffic management diagram (Attachment A) necessitates the temporary closure of parts of Victoria Street, Edward Street, Poto Street, Totara Street, Parore Street, Hokianga Road and Kapia Street in Dargaville as shown on the proposed Traffic Management Diagram (attachment A of this report). The proposed Traffic Management Plan requires the road to be closed for five hours on a Saturday between the hours of 07:00am to 01:00pm.

This is likely to cause minimal nuisance to the local businesses located within the closure as pedestrians will still have access during the closure period. No objections have been received during the notification period and a search of the CSR system shows no history of issues relating to the previous parades held.

### **Options**

**Option A:** Approve the application for the temporary road closure

By choosing option A, the council can allow for a safer event for the community, event participants and road users.

**Option B:** Decline the application for the temporary road closure.

Declining this application would be a step in the opposite direction for creating opportunity to promote tourism in the Kaipara and be seen as a loss in financial, cultural and social opportunity for the local businesses and community. As the local authority, Council has an obligation to provide a safe environment for the event for all involved.

The recommended option is Option A.

### **Policy and planning implications**

There are no policy and planning implications. The works have been undertaken in accordance with Local Government Act 1974, s319 – General powers of Council in respect of roads; ‘to stop or close any road or part thereof in the manner and upon the conditions set out in s342 and Schedule 10’.

### **Financial implications**

The applicant will bear all costs of temporarily closing the road.

### **Risks and mitigations**

There are no major risks associated with the decisions or matters outlined in this report.

## **Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā**

The public have been informed of the application.

## **Next steps/E whaiake nei**

Advise the applicant of the council’s decision. If approved, give public notice and advise stakeholders of the decision to close part of the road under Clause 11a of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974. Applicant to undertake letter drop to all residence/businesses located within the closure.

## **Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga**

|   | Title                   |
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| A | Traffic Management Plan |

Wendy Campbell, 25 September 2020