

Temporary Road Closure Approval – Pritchard Road Rally Event.

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

Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To seek approval from the council for the application of a temporary road closure for the purpose of the Pritchard Road Rally Event 2020 – Hibiscus Coast Motorsport Club (HCMC).

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

Approve the application for a temporary road closure to allow the Pritchard road Rally event 2020 to take place in a safe manner. The proposed closure is to be held on Sunday 8 November 2020 from 09:00am to 06:00pm on Pritchard Road between Ryan Road and Valley Road.

Recommendation/Ngā tūhunga

That Kaipara District Council:

- a) Approves the application for the temporary road closure of Pritchard Road between Ryan Road and Valley Road as shown on the proposed Traffic Management Diagram (attachment A of this report) on Sunday 8 November 2020 from 09:00am to 06:00pm. A condition of approval being the event organiser to do a letter drop to all businesses/residents located within the road closure.

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 Pritchard Road Rally Event will be held on Sunday 8 November 2020 and will be approximately the seventeenth year that the Club is running the same route successfully. This event was cancelled last year due to the condition of the road, however the council network inspector has done a pre rally inspection and after routine maintenance has been carried out have found the road surface to be acceptable for a event of this type.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

The proposed traffic management diagram (Attachment A) necessitates the temporary closure of Pritchard Road between Ryan Road and Valley Road 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 nine hours on a Saturday between the hours of 09am to 6pm.

This is likely to cause minimal nuisance to the residents located within the closure. 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. Council will inspect Pritchard Road before and after the rally sprint and any damages caused by the event will be charged to the applicant.

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

By declining the application, Council could potentially stop a very popular event with negative implications for the community including local businesses. Arcadia Road will not be at risk of major damages as a direct result of the rally event.

The recommended option is Option A.

Policy and planning implications

Local Government Act 1974, s319 – General powers of Council in respect of roads.

Section 319(1)(h) includes “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
A	Traffic Management Plan

Wendy Campbell, 25 September 2020