

Temporary Road Closure Approval – Settlement Road Northern Bass Event 20/21

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 25 November 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 of Settlement Road for the purpose of the Northern Bass 2020/21 music festival.

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

Approve the application for a temporary road closure to allow the Northern Bass 2020/21 music festival event to take place in a safe manner. The proposed closure is to be held on Tuesday 29 December 2020 at 0:00am until Friday 1 January 2021 at 23:59pm. on Settlement Road, Kaiwaka. Restricted Access will allow residents access to their properties

Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That Kaipara District Council:

- a) Approves the application for the temporary road closure which includes Settlement Road, Kaiwaka as shown on the proposed Traffic Management Diagram (attachment A of this report) on Tuesday 29 December 2020 at 0:00am until Friday 1 January 2021 at 23:59pm. 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 Northern Bass 2020/21 music festival event will be held from Tuesday 29 December 2020 at 0:00am until Friday 1 January 2021 at 23:59pm and will be the sixth year that Fuzen Entertainment are running the festival successfully. To carry out the festival in a safe manner the applicants have applied to temporarily close Settlement Road restricting access to residents and festival goers only. 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 necessitates the temporary closure of Settlement Road, Kaiwaka. 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 the days from Tuesday 29 December 2020 at 0:00am until Friday 1 January 2021 at 23:59pm.

The closure of this road will assist with any previous nuisance experienced by the local residents located within the closure and in the past council has received complaints regarding security issues and noise control. Fuzen Entertainment has worked proactively with council staff to improve their communication with the residents and increased the security of this event. This year Fuzen Entertainment are implementing no stop zones along the roads around the event to ensure there

are no security issues and will prevent event goers from wandering through residents properties. No objections have been received during the notification period.

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. If the application is declined, this event will still continue but have a negative effect on the local businesses and residents located within this closure caused by members of the public wandering around the roads that surround the festival area.

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, 05 November 2020