

Temporary Road Closure Approval – Northern Bass Event 21/22)

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 24 November 2021
Reporting officer: Greg Monteith, Capital Works & Procurement Manager

Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To approve the application of temporary road closures for the Northern Bass 2021/22 music festival.

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

Approve the application for a temporary road closure to allow the Northern Bass 2021/22 music festival event to take place in a safe manner. The proposed closure is to be held on Tuesday 28 December 2021 at 00:00 until Saturday 1 January 2022 at 23:59. The full length of Settlement Road, RP 3.177 – 7.306 Kaiwaka -Mangawhai Road, RP 0.00 – 0.322 Valley Rd and RP1.813 – 6.421 of Lawrence Rd as shown on the proposed Traffic Management Diagram (**Attachment A**). 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 for the period covering Tuesday 28 December 2021 at 00:00 until Saturday 1 January 2022 at 23:59 for the following roads provided in Attachment A:
 - Settlement Road, RP 3.177 – 7.306.
 - Kaiwaka -Mangawhai Road, RP 0.00 – 0.322.
 - Valley Rd and RP1.813 – 6.421 of Lawrence Rd.
- b) Notes that the approval is subject to the event organiser completing a letter drop to all businesses/residents located within the road closure areas.

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 2021/22 music festival event will be held from Tuesday 28 December 2021 at 0:000 until Saturday 1 January 2022 at 23:59 and will be the seventh 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 the full length of Settlement Road, RP 3.177 – 7.306 Kaiwaka -Mangawhai Road, RP 0.00 – 0.322 Valley Rd and RP1.813 – 6.421 of Lawrence Rd as shown on the proposed Traffic Management Diagram (**Attachment A**) 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 the full length of Settlement Road, RP 3.177 – 7.306 Kaiwaka -Mangawhai Road, RP 0.00 – 0.322 Valley Rd and RP1.813 – 6.421 of Lawrence Rd as shown on the proposed Traffic Management Diagram (**Attachment A**). The proposed Traffic Management Plan requires the road to be closed for the days from Tuesday 28 December 2021 at 00:00 until Saturday 1 January 2022 at 23:59.

The closure of these roads 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. There are also additions to the road closure to ensure property breaches and safety of the residence surrounding the event can be managed. 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.

Impacts on Māori

There is no significant impact on Māori.

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 for Northern Base.