

# Temporary Road Closures Approval – Welcome to the Jungle 2022 - 2023

**Meeting:** Kaipara District Council  
**Date of meeting:** 14 December 2022  
**Reporting officer:** Gordon Whyte, Road Corridor Management Specialist

## Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To seek approval for the application of temporary road closures to facilitate safe event management for the purpose of local events in Kaipara.

## Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

Approve the application for temporary road closures to allow the following local events to proceed in a safe manner:

### Welcome to the Jungle

07:00 hours Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 23:59 hours Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Settlement Road

**Valley Road** from Settlement Road to Pritchard Road

**Lawrence Road** from Valley Road to Cames Road

## Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Approve the temporary road closures to facilitate safe event management for the purpose of the following local event in Kaipara:

### Welcome to the Jungle 2022/2023

07:00 hours Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 23:59 hours Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Settlement Road

**Valley Road** from Settlement Road to Pritchard Road

**Lawrence Road** from Valley Road to Cames Road

- b) Notes that a condition of approval being the event organisers to do a letter drop to all businesses/residents located within the road closures.

## Context | Horopaki

In terms of the Local Government Act 1974 Schedule 10, 11(e), 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.

### Welcome to the Jungle

The event will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Gates open at 11am and ends Sunday 19 February 2023 at 12pm. This will be the sixth year that Fuzen Entertainment have run the festival. The last two years 2020/21 and 2021/22 were cancelled due to covid restrictions. To carry out the festival in a safe manner the applicants have applied to temporarily close Valley Road, Lawrence Road and Settlement Road (already approved) restricting access to residents only.

## Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

### Welcome to the Jungle

To seek approval from the council to correct this event timing that has been publicly notified in the Kaipara Lifestyler issue dated 28 November 2022 and in the Northern Advocate dated 29 November 2022.

An error was made in advertising this event in relation to road closure timeframes, which is presently being rectified through re-advertisement. No objections have been received following the initial notification period. Any objections received following the re-advertisement period will be appropriately considered and managed through the NTA Corridor Access Team. Based on event history it is not expected that objections will be received.

The proposed traffic management diagram necessitates the temporary closures of Valley Road and Lawrence Road to supplement the approved road closure of Settlement Road, Kaiwaka as shown on the proposed Traffic Management Diagram (**Attachment A**). The proposed Traffic Management Plan requires the roads to be closed from Saturday 18 February 2023 at 07:00am until Sunday 19 February 2023 at 23:59pm for the implementation of temporary traffic management set up, event management and break down of signs and equipment.

The closure of these road will assist with any previous nuisance experienced by the local residents located within the closures. 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 increase 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 to prevent event goers from wandering through resident properties.

Resident access will be managed by using a sticker and code system. The event organisers will distribute stickers to households (as many as they require) and they will also run a code system to enable guests of residents to access the area.

This event has been publicly notified in the Kaipara Lifestyler issue dated 28 November 2022 and in the Northern Advocate dated 29 November 2022. No objections have been received during the notification period.

### Options:

**Option A:** Approve each application for temporary road closures.

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

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

Declining applications would be a step in the opposite direction as the Local Authority, Council has an obligation to provide a safe environment for event participants. If the application is declined, it will have a negative financial effect on local businesses and residents located in and around the event 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 applications.

## 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 roads under Clause 11a of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974. Applicant to undertake letter drop to all residents/businesses located in and around the closure.

## Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Traffic Management Plan – Welcome to the jungle