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Rangatahi step up to traffic challenge

Rangatahi participating in the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) programme got the chance to apply recent traffic management training during the week leading up to Waitangi Day.

Traffic management crews were tasked with improving vehicle flows around the Waitangi Treaty Grounds during celebrations that brought an influx of visitors and locals.

Rangatahi involved in the MTFJ programme jumped at the chance to be part of the crews helping to direct and manage traffic during a series of large events that ran from Monday 3 February to Waitangi Day on Thursday 6 February.

For many young people on the programme, this was their first experience in the workforce.

Free buses shuttled people from public carparking locations in Haruru into the heart of Waitangi.



Working in traffic management during Waitangi week allowed MTFJ participants to immediately apply new skills on the job.

Mobile service centre offering

A trial using the council's mobile library to offer additional services normally found only at council service centres started this month.

The mobile library already visits more than 20 Far North communities each month, allowing the district's most remote residents to access library services on the go. During the trial, customers are also able to lodge a request for service (RFS), pay their rates, submit forms, and complete dog registrations – all from our mobile library van.

A multi-skilled customer service officer is travelling with the van to help with non-library enquiries. The aim is to save residents from travelling long distances to complete council-related tasks and to gauge community interest in whether a mobile service centre should become a permanent offering.

To get a full overview of stops and locations check out the timetable listed on the FNDC website.



Mobile library trial brings council services to remote areas.

Helping junior teams succeed

Applications are now open for rural junior sports teams to score some funding to help with travel around the Far North.

The Winter Rural Travel Fund subsidises travel for rural teams aged between five and 18, reducing cost

as a barrier and making it easier for teams to compete in organised sporting events across the district.

The fund covers travel to and from regular sporting events, competitions, and practices within the district. Teams can apply for up to half of their total travel costs for the upcoming season. Sport NZ provides half the funding.

Applications close on Friday 14 March. Guidelines and application forms are available on the council website, or email funding@fndc.govt.nz



Community boards will review travel funding applications in April.

Funding iwi environment plans

Far North iwi and hapū are being encouraged to apply for funding to develop environmental management plans for their rohe by Te Hono, the council's Māori Development & Māori Relationships Team.

A maximum grant of \$10,000 per successful applicant is available. Applications close on Tuesday 1 April.

The plans, known as IHEMP (Iwi Hapū Environmental Management Plans), set out the environmental and resource management plan of tāngata whenua for an area. Plans can include goals, policies, methods, or any issues of concern or interest.

To be eligible, a completed IHEMP must include a climate adaptation planning component, as well as suitable expertise and support to be able to complete the plan within a 12-18-month period.

Funds for this financial year have been allocated for

existing IHEMPs to be updated to incorporate a climate change adaptation component as a key area of focus.

To apply, email tehonosupport@fndc.govt.nz

Earthworks Bylaw review

Feedback is being sought to review the Control of Earthworks Bylaw 2019 with online submissions open on our website until Wednesday 13 March.

The bylaw's intent is to manage earthworks to protect the public, the environment and neighbouring properties.

The council requires a legal framework to manage and control earthworks on private property where a resource consent is not required under the District Plan. This is to control erosion and sedimentation created by that work.

This consultation is part of the normal review process required by legislation within five years of the bylaw's creation.

Any person that may be affected by, or has an interest in the Control of Earthworks Bylaw, is encouraged to submit their views, either as an individual or on behalf of an organisation.



IHEMPS are plans that include matters of significance to tāngata whenua.

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