

**Name of item: Temporary Road Closure – Four Individual Christmas/Santa Parades**

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## 1 Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to obtain Council approval for temporary road closures for four individual Christmas/Santa Parades in the Far North.

## 2 Recommendations

That Council approves the proposed temporary road closures to accommodate the safe operation of the following events:

1. Kaitaia Santa Parade – Saturday 03/12/22
2. Moerewa Christmas Parade – Friday 09/12/22
3. Paihia Christmas Parade – Friday 02/12/22
4. Kaikohe Christmas Parade – Friday 02/12/22

## 3 Background

### **Kaitaia Santa Parade – Saturday 03/12/22**

Roads closed and times:

- 4 Taffee Street to 139 commerce street – between 11.30am and 2.00pm.
- 139 commerce street to 50 Commerce Street / Bank Street – between 11.30am and 2.00pm.
- Commerce street entry to Bank Street down to West lane – between 11.30am and 2.00pm.

### **Moerewa Christmas Parade – Friday 09/12/22**

Roads closed and times:

- 4 Marshall Street to the intersection State Highway 1 – between 6:00pm and 8:00pm.
- 4 Pembroke Street to the intersection State Highway 1 – between 6:00pm and 8:00pm.
- 1 Plunket Street o the intersection State Highway 1 – between 6:00pm and 8:00pm.

### **Paihia Christmas Parade – Friday 02/12/22**

Roads closed and times:

- The length of Williams Road, between State Highway 11 and Selwyn Road – between 1:00pm and 9:00pm.

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## Kaikohe Christmas Parade – Friday 02/12/22

- The length of Wihongi Street between State Highway 1 and Sydney Street – between 2:00pm and 8:30pm.

## 4 Discussion

### Delegation

The task of approving Road Closures, specifically for the safe operation of Events, cannot be delegated by Council, as the act used to close the road under (Local Government Act 1974, Schedule 10) stipulates under Clause 12:

*“The powers conferred on the council by clause 11 (except paragraph (e)) may be exercised by the chairman on behalf of the council or by any officer of the council authorised by the council in that behalf.”*

Clause 11(e) stipulates *“The council may, subject to such conditions as it thinks fit (including the imposition of a reasonable bond), and after consultation with the Police and the New Zealand Transport Agency, close any road or part of a road to all traffic or any specified type of traffic (including pedestrian traffic):*

- e) for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate 31 days in any year for any exhibition, fair, show, market, concert, film-making, race or other sporting event, or public function:*

*provided that no road may be closed for any purpose specified in paragraph (e) if that closure would, in the opinion of the council, be likely to impede traffic unreasonably.”*

In summary, the Local Government Act 1974 allows the closing of roads to be delegated to the Council staff for most instances with the exception of events.

### Other Community Christmas Events

NTA Corridor Access team staff have proactively contacted local event organisers and traffic management companies in an attempt to identify any other community Christmas events that are planned that would require an associated Road Closure approval to proceed. At the time of writing this report no further events were identified.

### Advertising

The Public Notices of the proposed temporary road closures will be advertised in the Northern Advocate with exact timeframes are yet to be determined, with staff working to advertise these events as soon as possible.

Previous experience indicates its optimal for these events to be advertised approximately two weeks out, this timeframe is in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1974.

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## 5 Summary

- Approval of the proposed road closures will allow the safe operate of each Christmas Parade.
- Delegation of the task of approval, cannot be delegated by Council to Council staff.
- Advertising of each event will take place approximately two weeks before the event in accordance with requirements of the Local Government Act 1974.

## 6 Report Approval

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Calvin Thomas'.

Calvin Thomas  
NTA General Manager

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

## 7 Appendices

- Kaitaia Road Closure Diagram
- Moerewa Road Closure Diagram
- Paihia Road Closure Diagram
- Kaikohe Road Closure Diagram





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