



H Halkyard-Harawira all minutes & agenda <https://infocouncil.fndc.govt.nz/>

Tēna koutou, ko taku purongo mutunga tēnei. My role as Kaikaunihera Māori -is to:

- a) inform readers of Māori issues and possible solutions within the Council framework,
- b) be guided by He Whakaputanga , Te Tiriti o Waitangi , te taiao and kaupapa Māori ,
- c) to support initiatives that benefit the wellbeing of the whole Far North.

2026 Ngā Whainga

1 **KAITAIA AIRPORT - UPGRADE BY MAY 2026**
Main runway & apron reseal
fencing & drainage
emergency fuel storage & resilience

2 **Lean Hardship Rates**
less than 2% rates increase
each year , over 3 years

3 **Rural Road Safety**
Seek subsidies to seal roads for
8 Kohanga Reo , 38 Marae
as important community centres

4 **MOANA RESTORATION- SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

- Hapu - Community working groups
- Purchase land disposal site in Taipa
- Monthly public progress reports 16 wwtps

5 **Ngā Take Tiriti - equity**

- Mahi tahi with hapu , Iwi, Māori , community, organisations, staff
- Planned growth, more housing, whānau.
- No developments on wāhi tapu

Māori Ward Councillor - H Halkyard-Harawira



Māngungu



How to achieve lower rates ? *Tai Tokerau Mayoral Forum*

Everybody pays rates - through rent, water fees, leases, user charges & customer purchase. **Councils can achieve lower rate increases via**

- **rates remissions** given to charities, community halls, sports clubs, schools conservation lands, pensioner schemes and some uninhabitable or inaccessible Māori lands
- **external subsidies, contributions and grants,**
- **Using local roading contractors** in the northern and southern areas to have better oversight of travel ways
- **use of local contractors & suppliers** to support the economy and businesses in our region
- **housing partnerships** with agencies & Iwi to cater for growth in our area - ie social housing , papakainga, housing for kaumātua kuia, emergency housing, tiny homes and essential local infrastructure for shared community facilities. All of these partnerships create jobs in the Far North.
- **Working collaboratively** with NRC, Whāngarei & Kaipara District Councils to share costs.

16 Feb	9.30 am Ngā Tai o Tokerau Admin Day
17 Feb	10am Te Miromiro - Audit & Risk Komiti 6pm- Wainui Marae, Ahipara- Te Runanga o Te Rarawa nominations for role of chairperson: Katie Murray, Anahera Herbert, Lisa McNab, Mike Te Wake and Abe Witana.
18 Feb	10-2 Te Kukupā
20 Feb Fri	1.30 pm Kaitaia Airport resilience project- the workers are ready to start work as soon as there is a karakia. Rangitane offers to find a Minister. Drainage and sealing of the tarmac is ready to start. The working group had formerly agreed to focus on improving the main runway due to costs. The fencing perimeter will be



	<p>reduced cutting out cross wind runway and lands not used for the airport purpose. Hilary Sumpter takes over from Ruben Garcia as Council Manager. 4pm Lake Waparera, Waihārara NRC & DOC concerned about the state of the lake- unswimmable. Locals want the area tidied up and a toilet. 6.30pm Hui Moko Ora , Waimanoni Marae</p>
Mon 23 Feb	<p>6.50am Travel to Mangere for tangi of Roger Fowler, picked up by Betty Sio 8.30am - Karakia for Kaitaia Airport by Fran Hokianga - attended by kuia Akinihi Smith ,Tumuaki of Te Rangi Aniwaniwa and some tamariki.</p>
24 Feb	<p>10am Te Koekoea</p>
25 Feb	<p>10am Te Koukou online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taipa Waste Water Treatment Plant- waiting to start desludging ● Carbon Neutral Trust ● Waste Water treatment
26 Feb	<p>2pm Hui with GM of Te Hono Aaron Taikato- Kerikeri 6pm State of the Nation - Turner Centre</p>
27 Feb	<p>Admin Day</p>
28 Feb	<p><i>Shajareh Tayyebah Elementary School in Iran</i> was bombed by the USA and Israel governments which killed 170 students.</p>
2 Mar	<p>9.30 Ngā Tai o Tokerau - weekly briefings of hui ahead 12- hui with Awanui Senior Citizen</p>
3 Mar	<p>10am Creative Communities - online - Chair Wally Hicks</p>
4 Mar	<p>Tangi o Shirley Hakaraia - Rāwhiti</p>
5 Mar	<p>10-4 Hui Kaunihera- Petition by Ahipara residents re roaming dogs</p>
6 Mar	<p>Admin Day</p>
Sun 8 Mar	<p>11 -1 North Hokianga Roding Komiti- Panguru 3pm - Tangi o Moses Puru- Utakura Marae</p>
9 Mar	<p>9.30 Ngā Tai o Tokerau - weekly briefings of hui ahead 1.30 Councillors Catch Up with Mayor Moko</p>



<p>10 Mar</p>	<p>9.30- 1pm Te Hiku Community Board hui - Awanui</p>
<p>11 Mar</p>	<p>3pm GM Te Hono - programmes ahead</p>
<p>12 Mar</p>	<p>Petrol stations close in some areas of Tai Tokerau due to panic buying . Both Australia and New Zealand sit at the end of a long supply chain for their transport fuels. The US-Israel war on Iran has led to this supply chain being squeezed. Iran’s move to shut down the crucial Strait of Hormuz has effectively frozen 20% of the world’s oil trade. Three ships were hit by projectiles in the strait yesterday.</p> <p>Since the US Israel war in Iran, petrol prices in NZ have surged. This will be another financial worry for Tai Tokerau households.</p> 
<p>Kia tūtuki commitments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upgrade the Mangamuka Toilets for many travellers as per Akau Plan ● Provide traffic calming in Okaihau, Allen Bell ● SH1 Roundabouts in Kaikohe & Awanui - health & safety of high volume traffic ● Complete Ngākahu/Ngākohu Trust/ Kauri Dam decommissioning - final recommendations from later Des Mahoney & trustees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a) consolidate 4-5 Māori land blocks as one- ○ b) await Māori Land Court order for return of lands to Ngākahu/Ngākohu Trust
<p>Community Take-requests for support</p>	<p>Kaeo Water Supply - Taumata Arowai, the new water regulator, directed the Council to intervene in a private water scheme. The water has resumed but still has to be boiled. Solution - Community to decide if individual water tanks are a cheaper and better option in the long term. Will also require water pumps and connections.</p>



	<p>Kaimaumau Road - 80 years ago, the Crown appropriated this route under the Queen's Chain from the Heka and Cook whanau. The current coastal road is frequently flooded and eroding, and FNDC has not maintained it due to funding constraints. Each summer, dust from the unsealed road contaminates residents' water tanks, made worse by increased traffic from people launching boats at Kaimaumau Road. A legally designated paper road further inland already exists and provides access to Rangaunu Harbour. Solution - FNDC to open, develop, and seal this legal inland road to improve safety, reduce flooding and erosion issues, eliminate dust impacts on homes, and support local boating, fishing, and related economic activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ahipara Takiwā -expresses deep concern over the closure of the east coast CRA1 fishery due to overfishing, which has caused widespread ecosystem
	<p>Rubbish, recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep Herekino refuse station open- too far to travel elsewhere ● Need a bigger bin at Te Kao - too far to travel elsewhere, petrol station sometimes runs out of gas in Pukenui ● Taipā -Transfer station proposed near a waterway without adequate environmental assessment. ● Discourage unruly & illegal dumping. <i>Hoha</i> ■ Solution- Cages for rural rubbish kerbside collection preferred a little off the main road - <i>Corners of Church Rd & SH 10, cnr Pawarenga & Panguru, corner of Otangaroa, Waitemarama , Hīhi</i>
	<p>Te Waipiro Bay- objection to large scale marina at Waipiro Bay -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Solution- keep moored boats in one marina, owners who don't live in the area pay mooring fees, generally overfish, and don't pay rates. Charge a road tax to seal roads. ● Rāwhiti 2km road- unsealed. Community has been asking for several years for 2kms to be sealed. Fatality 2024 due to driving conditions, a key road for the school bus. Also important for emergency health response.Add Rāwhiti to seek subsidy list and charge road tax for visitors
	<p>Local Solutions Kaitaia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 2000 people not on a medical register, due to doctor shortage ■ Kaitaia Hospital has picked up the burden shortfall through emergency A&E departments. ■ Kaitaia Hospital flies in 8-12 specialist doctors every day to Kaitaia Airport <div data-bbox="787 1465 1536 1633" style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;"> <p>Kaitaia Airport upgrade by May 2026, ie tarsealed runway, fuel storage, improved landing services for hospital emergency and rescue services</p> </div> 



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Local Iwi, hapu and Māori organisations (ANT, Whakawhiti Ora Pai) are providing virtual doctor clinics and have reduced the list numbers of people who are not in the care of registered doctors from 3000-2000. ■ Promote and practice healthy lifestyles from school age ■ A local whānau provides respite care in weekends for children with disabilities. ■ Concern Kaitaia- high presence of vape shops - who authorises them? The Health Dept encourages vaping over cigarettes- but popcorn lung disease is becoming prevalent. This is not Council business - but people still ring us about all kinds of issues. Iwi & health education campaigns in schools and to the Health Dept, community pressure to penalise shops selling to underage kids.
	<p>Taipā Wastewater treatment plant delayed since 2019- says Hapu working group (Trudy Allen, Hikitia Hita ,Julia Rickett & Engineer Andreas Kurmann).</p> <p>Ko ngā hiahia -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ for the electrocoagulation unit trial to start officially - Urgent removal of accumulated sludge, for community health and safety as 15% considered a limit for tiko sludge. ■ Strengthen security at the plant, EC shed & main gate due to repeated break-ins. ■ Purchase preferred extra land for wetlands disposal of wastewater to stop spillage in to Parapara River & Taipā estuary by December 2025new timeline... ■ Neighbours to trim their surrounding trees to prevent pond sludge build up ■ Energy company to prevent power lines causing damage to new equipment. ■ Resolve the illegal overflow drain discharging into the Ikateretere River, by reinstating the original resource consent plan. ● Severe land and road erosion from jetty to Taipā bridge, worsened by climate impacts. ■ Solution - fix the issue now before it becomes more expensive , develop a plan with stakeholders to protect the community and its assets.
	<p>Haititai Marangai - Thrill-seekers with big wheels causing significant damage to dunes on the Far North beach in Karikari & Whatuwhiwhi have forced the installation of temporary fences and blockage of access points to urupā and wāhi tapu.</p>





	<p>Kenana Road- The road from Kohumaru through to Tipatipa has been maintained by the council, but the access road to Kenana Marae has been neglected since the route to Otangaroa was opened. The council has removed the Kenana road sign, and no maintenance has been carried out despite six homes relying on that road and the marae remaining in regular use. When approached, contractors said they only act on council instructions. Although the council holds right of way, the Kenana Marae community feels overlooked, as the council is planning a bypass through their whenua without first addressing the poor state of the existing access road.</p>
<p>Moana Restoration</p>	<p>The Far North aims to upgrade all 17 wastewater treatment plants, developing wetlands for sustainable sludge reuse and protection of wai . FNDC plans to seek infrastructure funding for improvements and new facilities, working alongside NRC, hapū/iwi, and community groups to co-design long-term solutions. Key goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ending sewage discharge into Tai Tokerau’s waterways, ● finding innovative sludge management methods, ● purchasing additional land for disposal at sites like Ōpononi, Kohukohu, and Taipā, ● stopping other towns from dumping in Hokianga, and ● ensuring new housing developments build their own treatment systems and footpaths.
	<p>Other Significant Projects & Wish Lists</p>
<p>Tidy Up- Prepare to return ring-fenced Māori lands under settlement claims and Māori reserves- to save time</p>	<div style="background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Treaty settlement agreements respected in a coordinated and efficient way across Council planning & operations.</p> </div> <p>Return Māori land reserves by 2028</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FNDC could be proactive in facilitating the return of all Treaty settlement lands as directed by the Waitangi Tribunal 10+ years ago. ● Council to ring fence lands that are being claimed in the upcoming Ngāpuhi hapu and Ngāti Kahu settlements 1,110,000 acres were alienated in these two areas. This will also protect potential land buyers who may be consider buying tagged lands. ● Some lands remain in Council reserves and are leased to community groups, when the Iwi / hapu could be carrying out this role. The Council lease income is \$100 per annum and takes up more staff time than is necessary. ● Processing the return of Māori land is long as Māori Land Court has a two year delay.



	<p>Await PERMANENT CEASEFIRE in GAZA RESOLUTION 2024/47 “That the Far North District Council:</p> <p>a) call for an immediate permanent humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza; b) call on the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs to show their support and call for peace; c) call for immediate international aid to be allowed into Gaza; d) condemn all acts of violence and terror against civilians on both sides of the conflict; e) call for the immediate return of hostages.</p> <p>CARRIED 23 Mei, 2024 Extraordinary Hui-</p>
<p>Mar 2026 ✓</p>	<p>Make Lake Ngātu an Alcohol Free Zone-due to the reckless behaviour of night hoons who smash bottles and leave jagged broken glass in the Lake</p>
<p>Yesterday</p>	<p>Central government funding for more housing, health, dental , mental health services & road sealing to Tai Tokerau</p>
<p>2028 - 2030</p>	<p>Me whiriwhiri He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti i te Ture Tuapapa o Aotearoa. Weave He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti into the Constitution of Aotearoa as per Matike Mai Report led by Moana Jackson, Makere Mutu and rangatahi. Otherwise Māori will always be subject to flip flop government changes. We will need the support of Pasifika, Pākeha and other nationalities to achieve this. Why wait until 2040?.</p>
<p>Non Council Projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statue in recognition of Matiu Rata to be erected in Kaitaia, Waitangi - tbc ● Retention of Northtec tertiary courses in Northland ● Complete drainage at Tangonge Park Kaitaia. ● Support community groups upgrading sporting facilities via other funding agencies. ● Await the outcome of Te Rarawa Runanga Votes
<p>Infra structure Updates</p>	<p>Te Koukou Komiti Roding - if you want to know the progress of roading & wastewater plant updates in the last and the next month - click link and look for Te Koukou Minutes .https://infocouncil.fndc.govt.nz/ This Committee meets every month</p>





Confirm timeline to seal roads for 8 Kohanga Reo & 37 Marae in FNDC.

List 1 8 Kohanga Reo/ Marae Combination Roads in the Far North

1	Whangapē Kohanga Reo , Kotahitanga Marae	Herekino Rd, Whangapē
2	Pā Arapeta , Ngāti Manawa Marae, Panguru	340 West Coast Road
3	Whakamaharatanga Kohanga Reo, Whakamaharatanga Marae , Waimamaku	14 Waimamaku Beach Rd, Waiotemarama
4	Taurangi Kōhanga Reo, Waimate North	140 Whakataha Road
5	Maungataniwhā Kohanga Reo,Ngāpuhi Marae	9 Iwitaua Rd, Mangamuka
6	Motatau Kohanga Reo,	103 Henare Rd,Motatau
7	Matawaia Kohanga Reo, Matawaia Marae Kawakawa	Pokapu Rd, RD1, Kawakawa.
8	Wharepunga Kohanga Reo, Pukerata Marae ,	613 Wharepunga Rd, Otatau

List 2 MARAE LOCATED ON UNSEALED ROADS in FNDC area.

1	Haititaimarangai Marae –Karikari	176 Whatuwhiwhi Road,
2	Wainui Marae – Ahipara	17 Wainui Road , 0481
3	Rangikohu Marae – Herekino Kaitaia	7 Settlement Way, 0481
4	King Hori Marae Owhata	Owhata, Herekino
5	Morehu Marae – Pawarenga	10 –12 Te Riha Roadway0496
6	Waiparera Marae –Kohukohu	384 Rangi Point Road 0492
7	Motuti (Tamatea) Marae – Kohukohu	325 Motuti Rd RD2 0492
8	Matihetihe (Mitimiti) Marae –	3733 Hohaia Road Mitimiti.
9	Te Arohanui Marae – Mangataipa	203 Mangataipa Road, Mangamuka Bridge 0476
10	Ngāi Tupoto Marae – Motukaraka	201 Motukaraka Point, 0491



11	Pateoro (Te Karae) Marae – Kohukohu	414 Kohukohu Road ,0491
12	Pikipāria Marae – Kohukohu	53 Smith Deviation Road,0491
13	Piki Te Aroha Marae – Rāhiri	46 Harris Road Rāhiri 0475
14	Motukiore Marae – Hōreke	651 Motukiore Road, 0475
15	Puketawa Marae – Utakura	1400 Hōreke Road , 0475
16	Rangatahi Marae – Hōreke	1560 Hōreke Road Maraeroa , 0475
17	Otātara Marae – Waimā	36 Otātara Marae Rd, 0473
18	Moehau – Waimā	2 Mission Oak Road 0473
19	Mahuri Marae – Taheke, Kaikohe	154 Ramsay Road,
20	Kaingahoa (Mataraua) Marae – Kaikohe	945 Mataraua Road 0474
21	Ngai Tawake Marae – Mataraua	1235 Mataraua Road, 0474
22	Te Huehue Marae – Ōtaua	31 Stewart Road,
23	Mokonuiārangi Marae – Maraeroa	1627 Hōreke Road , 0475
24	Ōkorihi Marae –Te Iringa	34 Te Iringa West Road, 0473
25	Te Patunga Marae – Kāeo	585c Pupuke Mangapa Road 0479
26	Tahaawai Marae –Pupuke	231 Weber Road Pupuke 0479
27	Pupuke (Te Huia) Marae – Otangaroa	11 Te Huia Marae Road, Pupuke ,0479
28	Waimahana Marae –Turn left at 227 Taupo Bay Road, drive for 8km (keep left) to Waimahana Bay. Drive along beachfront track to marae (300 m up creek)	Waimahana Bay- Ngāti Kahu
29	Akerama Marae – Towai	19 Haile Rd,Hukerenui,0182
30	Mohinui Marae – Kawakawa 0281	234 Waiomio Road , 0281
31	Kaikou Marae – Matawaia	3923 Pipiwai Road 0281
32	Kaimaumau Marae , Waiharara	Kaimaumau, 0627
33	Taemaro,	HIHI, 0295



34	Matai Aronui, Whirinaki	Wikaira Rd, Whirinaki 0473
35	Te Piiti Marae, Omanaia	28 Omanaia Road, 0473
36	Tākou Marae	Tākou, 0295
37	Wainui Marae, Whangaroa	66 Wainui Valley Road, Kaeo 0478
38	And any other marae omitted on this list	



WHAKANUIA 2026

- **Te Warihi Hetaraka** NZ Order of Merit for services to art and Māori
- **Waihoroi Paraone Hoterene**, NZ Order of Merit for Māori language education.
- **Hori Te Moanaroa Parata**, NZ Order of Merit for conservation and Māori.
- **Rāhera Shortland**, National Iwi Chairs Te Whare Pukenga Award for Te Reo.
- **Kevin Prime**, National Iwi Chairs Te Whare Pukenga Award for environmental & health services.

Kaupapa Hāpori	Nā koutou i tangi, nā tātou i tangi
<p style="color: blue; margin: 0;">Kua wheturangitia</p>  <p style="color: blue; margin: 0;"><i>Arohanui ki a rātou i mahue mai i tēnei pānui</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev Jesse Jackson: civil rights leader inspired millions with his speech “I am to be respected, I am to be protected, I am somebody”. He advocated for equality for black , poor and working-class people ● Nālani Kanaka’ole- te tamaahine o Edith Kanaka’ole, kaiako hula o Te Hālau o Kekuhi. Kaha a ia te tautoko i ngā mahi waka Te Hokulea me Te Aurere. He kaitiaki hoki o Mauna Kea. ● Tim Shadbolt- author of “Hey you, have you got 3 minutes for Bastion Point “, “Bullshit & Jellybeans” anti war protester and Mayor for Invercargill for 30 years. Told us to buy working cars, not flash cars. ● Roger Fowler -community activist from Ponsonby & Mangere- part of food coops, helping whānau to visit prison inmates, food coops and began Kia ora Gaza- flotilla taking food and medicines to Gaza. ● Waitai Petera- he kaumātua nō Te Aupouri, Ngāti Kuri , negotiator of Te Aupouri settlements in 2012. ● Moses Puru-he toa o te riki me te pā whutupaoro, nō Tonga me Utakura Marae. Haere mai te tini me te mano hei poroporoaki ki a ia. ● Dilworth Karaka- nō Tainui, he muso from Boot Hill, member of Papa,i mua i a Herbs. Rongonui mō ngā waiata reggae o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa-French Letter, Nuclear Waste, Long Ago me ēra atu. ● Waimirangi Lindy Harrison, he wahine ngāwari, humarie nō Te Rarawa, kua haere ki tōna hoa a Sam Te Pā. ● Valley Taylor- he kaumātua o Ngāti Haua . nō Tānga Rākau papa kainga i Whangapē, me Ngākahu ki Kaitaia. ● Colin Kenna- nō te marae o Waikaretu, Pouto. Pāpā o Paraire, Hine, Hone, Moko ratou ko Awarau. He kai tito o “People of Aotearoa”.



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