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Ward: Māori Ward
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Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
11/12/25	Council Meeting	Rangatahi Portfolio - Kōkako was ratified. Big thank you to the staff who worked hard to get our Terms of Reference drafted. Good to see the discussions on the tarsealing of roads outside of marae and kōhanga are still being had, with options being explored.
11/12/25	Taumārere Pō Tuku Taonga	I had the privilege of handing out awards at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Taumārere Prize Giving. I was also honoured to speak to ākongā and their whānau on the Rangatahi Portfolio.
15/12/25	Te Hiku Media Interview	Regular interview slot with Joel Bristowe to discuss ngā take o te wā.
16/12/25	Northland I Forward Together Strategic Planning Workshop (hosted NRC)	This meeting provided us the opportunity to hear from Northland Inc. and the role they play in regional development. There was an emphasis on councils presenting a unified voice to government as well as a call for Northland Inc. to explore economic development opportunities in our rural locations.
16/12/25	LGNZ Zoom	The National Council briefed members on reforms including rates capping, local government structure and resource management.
17/12/25	BoI-Whangaroa Community Board Meeting	Monthly Community Board meeting. Here we heard from many great community organisations doing amazing things, in particular Legal Aide in Kerikeri and Te Ruapekapeka 180 Commemorations.
17/12/25	LGNZ Zoom on Rates Capping	Continued briefing on Rates Capping.
19/12/25	MTFJ Catchup	Mayors Taskforce for Jobs. The team is continuing their awesome mahi in finding employment for our rangatahi. A training, employer, and mentor roadshow is currently in development.
19/12/25	Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Meeting	At this meeting we were able to provide funding to Te Kaupare Pro-Rehabilitation Family Day. I became the appointed member to Ōkaihau Community Hall.
19/12/25	Community Papa Tākaro Initiatives Hui	I organised a community hui in chambers with community members and organisations who are part of papa tākaro, maara hūpura, community wellbeing initiatives.

		The meeting was well attended by community, Council staff and Community Board members with many professional connections made.
23/12/25	Lifetime Achievement Award Celebration	This is a very special and important event, where we get to celebrate those in our community who are doing amazing things. Special mention to Mangatangaroa (Mungzy) for receiving our most prestigious award.
23/12/25	Moerewa Laundromat Septic	Hui with hapū and hapori members to hear their concerns with regard to the health and safety of their hapori and wai. This is ongoing and Council will continue to monitor the situation.
9/01/26	180th Commemorations of the Battles of Te Ruapekapeka - Te Tai Tokerau Pōhiri	The Bay of Islands - Whangaroa Community Board contributed funding to these commemorations, as well as the Council providing marquees. Not only is it right that we commemorate and remember these significant events, but the benefit to our district is wide ranging and far reaching.
13/01/26	Kaikohe Library & Civic Hub Steering Group	Update on progress on the Kaikohe Civic Hub. Though there have been some hold ups, the hub is on track.
28/01/2026	SLT 100 Day Plan Workshop	I am absolutely over the moon to see some of the priorities I advocated for in the 100 Day Plan. I look forward to tracking these through to delivery and completion.
28/01/2026	Reforms & Submissions Workshop	In-depth look at the reforms and what we should include in our submissions. This workshop was born out of a need for a process for Elected Members and Community Board Chairs to feed into submissions before they are made. It worked really well.
29/01/2026	FNHL / FNDC - 2026 Introduction Hui	What a fabulous opportunity to meet with the FNHL Board, their collective skillset is enormous and I am completely perplexed as to why we don't work closer together more. Our Housing for the Elderly portfolio definitely needs us to collaborate more to see innovative solutions.
30/01/2026	Te Hiku Media Interview	Regular interview slot with Joel Bristowe to discuss up-coming Waitangi Week.
WAITANGI WEEK		
2/02/2026	Iwi Chairs Pōhiri	Held at Te Tii Marae to welcome Iwi Chairs from around the country.
2/02/2026	Iwi Chairs Forum	The National Iwi Chairs Forum is a collective of iwi leaders from across Aotearoa who meet regularly to discuss matters of national significance, coordinate iwi perspectives, and engage with the Crown on policy, rights, and Treaty-related issues. It

		provides a unified platform for strategic collaboration and advocacy on behalf of iwi.
2/02/2026	Te Tiriti Podcast Interview	Recorded a podcast on Te Tiriti Education with Delia Nicholas, Kaitakawaenga for Tāmaki Maurau and Te Tai Tokerau for Presbyterian Support Northern.
2/02/2026	LGNZ Function	It was lovely to find time to sit and discuss the changing landscape of local government with members of Te Maruata and other Council and Regional Council heads.
3/02/2026	Kawemate & Pōhiri o te Motu	Power prices and infrastructure resilience were hot topics with practical solutions through greater collaboration being discussed.
3/02/2026	Prep for Ministerial meeting	I really enjoy being part of a team where your thoughts are valued so long as you bring solutions to the table.
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3/02/2026	Pōhiri Cindy Kiro and NZ Navy Chief	It was lovely to hear the Navy recount their ancestors' role in taking Te Tiriti o Waitangi around to be signed, and some of the challenges hapū faced in signing Te Tiriti because of the colonial design of consultation. The speaker noted this is a whakamā many of them still carry, but they are making gains.
3/02/2026	Indigenous Pōhiri	It's beautiful to continue our history and uphold our value of manaaki tangata. This pōhiri, reconnecting with iwi taketake from whenua kē, was beautiful.
4/02/2026	Haruru Falls Road Re-Opening	The official opening with Ministers, Community Leaders, Elected Members, contractors and Council staff present. The tarsealing of this road is testament to the benefit of local and central government working together.
4/02/2026	Judiciary, Diplomatic Copra & LGNZ Pōhiri	It's beautiful to continue our history and uphold our value of manaaki tangata.
4/02/2026	Kīngitanga Pōhiri	I'm heartened by the return of Kīngitanga to Waitangi and continuing to build relationships.
4/02/2026	LGNZ Pōhiri	LGNZ came on to Te Tiriti o Waitangi at Te Tii Marae.
5/02/2026	Pōhiri for Ngai Tahu	Ngai Tahu coming to Waitangi is a beautiful event to celebrate. It takes me back to the words of He Whakaputanga and gives me hope that the spirit of Te Tiriti can be realised.
5/02/2026	Parliamentarians Pōhiri	As you can see by this report, moments don't equal the total sum of Waitangi.

5/02/2026	Te Tiriti o Waitangi Activation	Stunning activation of unity and tōpūtanga. Māori, non-Māori, Tangata Tiriti, Tangata Moana working together toward an Aotearoa promised to us.
6/02/2026	Dawn Ceremony & Karakia	I really enjoyed the final karakia of the morning by our indigenous whanaunga.
6/02/2026	LGNZ Breakfast for the public	We handed out a delicious breakfast to those who attended the Dawn Ceremony and Karakia up at the top marae. It was wonderful to be of service to all those who attended.
6/02/2026	Waka Parade	I was honoured to stand in the line with my tuakana and karanga our waka. It is a very spiritual experience watching our whānau continue to carry out the practices of our forefathers.
6/02/2026	Rangatahi Forum	My takeaway from Waitangi 2026, fill my 2027 calendar with Rangatahi events. The rangatahi I listened to posed solutions and ways forward. They had zero ego and were dedicated to an Aotearoa where everyone belonged.
7/02/2026	Ōkaihau Fire Brigade Honours Evening	I was honoured to speak at the Ōkaihau Fire Brigade Honours evening. It was a beautiful atmosphere and you got a real sense of family being a strong part of their culture. I learnt that Fire fighters are usually the first responders on scene and they attend all kinds of call outs. Their call out numbers tripled last year, putting a lot of pressure on a fleet of volunteers. I came away with a new found respect for them and the important work they do. They are the backbone of rural Aotearoa.
9/02/2026	Taiāmai ki te Marangai Takiwā Hui	RMA reforms were a hot topic of conversation at this hui that was well attended. Concern was raised around the lack of protection of our sites of cultural significance and the liability carried by Council. I used the kōrero gathered here to inform my submission in opposition of the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill as they currently stand.
10/02/2026	Extraordinary Council Meeting	At this meeting we were able to move the submissions that we contributed to at our Reforms & Submissions Workshop held on 28 Jan. It would be a more effective use of our time if Elected Members gave critically to the discussions taking place during the workshop, rather than waiting to table an extraordinary number of motions at our Council meetings.
11/02/2026	Youth Education & Leadership Pathway Portfolio	We had our first Kōkako - Rangatahi Portfolio hui to set our priorities.

		We look forward to building a portfolio that not only identifies rangatahi leadership, but invests in them. A portfolio that bridges the gap between rangatahi and employment.
11/02/2026	Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Meeting	I really value my role on the Community Boards as it reduces the distance between me and the community and provides me with opportunities to connect and stay grounded.
12/02/2026	Commemoration of Signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi ki Māngūngū	I was honoured to join the karanga line with my whanaunga of Hokianga to welcome all to Māngūngū. It's important for our communities to see that while we are Elected Members we are whanaunga.
13/02/2026	Climate adaptation video for SotFN	Kelly and I met Nicola and Harley to film our piece on Climate Adaptation for the State of the Far North. I learnt a lot walking around Freese Park in Ōmāpere.
13/02/2026	Kaikohe Steering Group & Civic Hub meeting	As the Civic Centre comes to life our attention broadens to the current library and what its future purpose will be. This will be steered by the Steering Group in which our Community Board is represented by myself and Jessie. Consultation will also take place with voice already being captured through the Community Board.
13/02/2026	Training & Skills Proposal	I along with Janie Little, Programme Coordinator - MTFJ, met with Trace Dalton, Trail Manager, Blue Newport, Trust Chairman and Walten Davis, Māori Ceramist, to discuss a proposal that not only identifies skills shortages in the services industry, but bridges the gaps between rangatahi and employment through partnership with training providers, mentors and employers.
13/02/2026	Te Ruapekapeka 180 Commemorations Dinner	It was my pleasure to represent the Far North District Council and the Bay of Islands - Whangaroa Community Board at the Te Ruapekapeka 180 Commemorations Dinner.

Portfolio Update: Kōkako - Rangatahi Portfolio

- Terms of Reference completed
- Kōkako moved and ratified at Council meeting.

Matters for Discussion

- Housing for the Elderly portfolio and collaborating more with Far North Holdings Ltd to come up with innovative solutions.
- What is the process to have small, local contractors on our preferred contractors list. For the smaller road maintenance contracts.
- Rangatahi training and employment opportunities. Setting up a roadshow to engage and connect with Employers, Trainers and Mentors.