



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:

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

2026 Ngā Whainga

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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

MOANA RESTORATION- SEWAGE DISPOSAL

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

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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

<p>1) AIRPORT - Crown funds Fencing contract approved drainage & clearance completed</p>	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete seal of main tarmac & apron 	By May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital & Air Barrier management plan during closure 	Apr 17-27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade lighting Fuel storage 	By Nov
Building Upgrade Plans	tba
<p>2) RATES increase 2-3% pa Rates set at 6.7% increase, staff to seek more reductions by June</p>	✗
<p>3) RURAL Road Sealing subsidies for 8 Kohanga Reo & 38 Marae</p>	✗
<p>4) Moana Restoration Taipā Waste Water Treatment Plant - purchase extra land disposal site</p>	✗
<p>5) Ngā Take Tiriti - Equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working partnerships with Iwi housing, health & social services providers Contracts to local contractors & businesses Assistance where needed 	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> ✓ ✓ ✓ </div>

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Everybody pays rates - through rent, water fees, leases, user charges & customer purchase. **Councils can achieve lower rates 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 for project management**
- **Using local roading contractors & suppliers** in the northern and southern areas to have better oversight of roading & to support the economy and businesses in our region
- Finishing capital projects in time and within budget
- **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.
- **Deliberate savings** - Dropping some services , not filling staff vacancies




Challenges :

- **Central Government directives-** to pick up new jobs with no funding ie Northland Waters CCO, & to dismantle Northland Regional Council
- **Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Lebanon, Iran - fuel shortages , high tariffs & political uncertainty**
- **High cost of living** - in an already **struggling economy**
- **Cost savings today can create nightmares next year**

Hui attendance

Sun 15 Mar	Tangi o Valley Taylor, kaumātua o Whangape Tangi o Lindy Waimirirangi Harrison, Roma Marae, Ahipara
Mon 16 Mar	9.30-10 Ngā Tai o Tokerau weekly round of hui for Kaikaunihera Māori to attend
17 Mar	8.35 LGNZ Minister Simon Watts 9.30 Local Waters Done Well Workshop
18 Mar	11am Workshop Reforms
19 Mar	10.30 LGNZ One 11-4pm Nthland Together
20 Mar	10am Te Oneroa a Tohe Board-



<p>Sat 21 Mar</p>	<p>10am - Hura kohatu o Norma Jean and Adrienne Dudley, Manukau</p>
<p>Mon 23Mar</p>	<p>9.30-10 Ngā Tai o Tokerau weekly round of hui for Kaikaunihera Māori to attend. Storm Warnings.</p>
<p>24 Mar</p>	<p>10.00 Karakia mutunga mō Romana Hagger-Edwards Waimanoni Marae 1pm Te Hiku Community Board workshop Illegal Dumping- In Herekino</p>
<p>Wed 25 Mar</p>	<p>10pm Kaitāia received 210mm of rain in 10 hours, Tangi moved from Mahimaru to Waimanoni in the night - due to full drains.</p>
<p>Thu 26 Mar</p>	<p>State of Emergency declared Roads closed, rescue crews deployed in Te Tai Tokerau as ... <small>YouTube · Te Karere TVNZ · 26 Mar 2026</small></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
<p>Fri 27 Mar</p>	<p>10.00 Karakia mutunga mō Iwiwhare Harrison nee Conrad, Waimanoni Marae Intense rain until 8pm , 210mm of rain in 10 hours. 400 night evacuations from 118 homes in Kaitāia, 44 whānau members moved to Kaitaia College Emergency night workers assisting whānau in flooded streets Kaitaia</p>
<p>Sat 28- Sun 29Mar</p>	<p>Clean up mode- Kaitaia Fire Brigade</p> 



Hard working
👍 Mayor,
Deputy
Mayor &
Civil
Emergency
- Marae
-Volunteers



Mayor Moko Tepania is with Kohepū Chicky Rudkin.

29 March at 19:31 · 🌐

Visited our Civil Defence Incident Management Team (IMT) based at the [Kaitaia Volunteer Fire Brigade](#) this morning, appreciate the coordination for Te Hiku thanks to our local team there.

Also had a live cross for [Marae](#), highlighting our response and support available for whānau impacted by the storm. A thank you to everyone who has reached out offering support.

A mihi to [PAKn'SAVE Kaitaia](#) for the pallet of water and [Peekaboo Backyard Eatery](#) for the sweet treat boxes, all were well received and appreciated.

We headed out to North Hokianga this afternoon, visiting Pawarenga, Panguru and Mitimiti. Response teams were on the ground doing assessments and support will follow. Thank you and aroha to whānau at the Te Kupenga Hub supporting the community.

Update today:

👍 EOC & Response Teams

Our [Far North District Council](#) Emergency Operations Centre is still active. The EOC is coordinating relief with [Civil Defence Northland](#) across the Far North.

Our EOC is supported by an IMT in Kaitāia and another IMT will be set up in Whirinaki to coordinate the response required there. Sending aroha to our whānau in the Valley who have been significantly impacted. Kia kaha tonu.

Response teams are ongoing with building assessments, welfare check ins and relief drop offs. If you require support please call 0800 920 029.

👍 Ōmanaia & Rāwene Water

Council is asking residents to limit use to allow reservoirs to recharge after the water treatment plant was shut down to clear an obstruction.

👍 Mayoral Relief Fund

Support is available. Grateful for the generous support from donors. Keep receipts and photos of damage. Please apply if in need and we'll be able to help. Application on the FNDC website or call 0800 920 029.

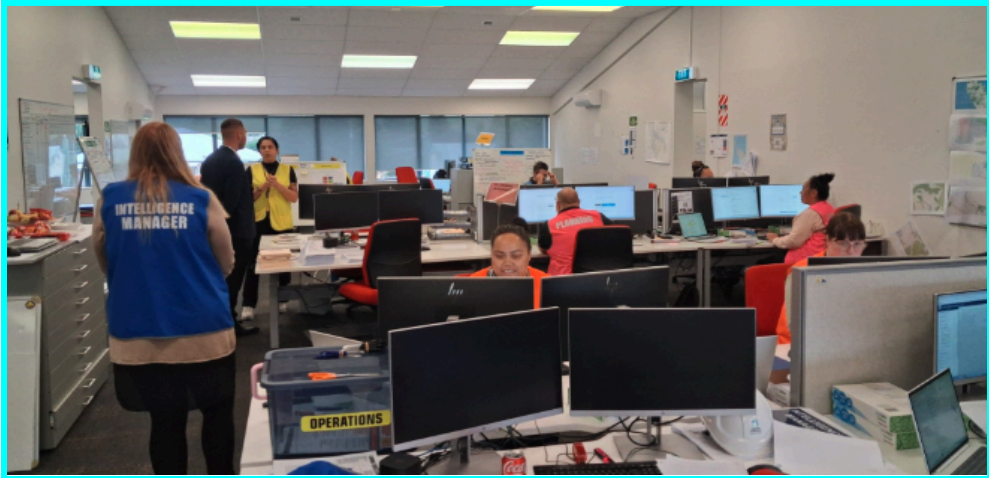

👍 Weather

More wet weather coming at us, none at warning levels however the ground is still saturated and slips may still have movement. Please take care when travelling.


Keep safe whānau 🗨️





<p>1 Apr</p>	<p>Hui Kaunihera- Kaikohe - 25 matters to deal with Rate increase set at 6.7% with a proviso for staff to look at further reductions FNDC -Emergency Centre- taken 1st April by J McVeagh</p> 
<p>2 Apr</p>	<p>12.30 Visit to Kōhūhū St, exposed drains dangerous in area of 53 houses Kohūhū St - yellow stickered houses 1.30 Kaitaia Airport hui- drainage completed, fencing contract awarded Te Runanga Nui o Ngai Takoto indicate interest in Awanui Pensioner Homes</p>
<p>3 -5 Apr</p>	<p>Easter - public holiday</p>
<p>6 Apr</p>	<p>Civil Defence Emergency Management & <i>Tai Tokerau Kaitiaki Response</i>- assisting in recovery work & planning for Cyclone Vaiani- availability marae hubs.</p> 
<p>7 Apr</p>	<p>10-2 Te Hiku Community Board Hui</p>



<p>8 Apr</p>	<p>Contacted MPs to set up office space for WINZ staff in Kaitaia as local branch closed due to flooding - “Kia Ora, we are currently providing phone appointments only, ring our contact centre on 0800559009 or community workers can email me xxxand I can arrange a call back. Forms can be taken to Te Hiku Connect at 12 Puckey Ave between 9am and 4pm that will be scanned to us.”</p>
<p>Kia tūtukis commitments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirm subsidies to seal roads - 8 Kohanga Reo & 38 Marae ● Upgrade the Mangamuka Toilets for many travellers as per Mangamuka Community Akau Plan, endorsed by Hokianga -Kaikohe Community Board ● Achieve traffic calming in Okaihau, Allen Bell ● SH1 roundabouts in Kaikohe & Awanui - safety of high volume traffic ● Complete decommissioning Ngākahu/Ngākohu Trust/ Kauri Dam - final restoration by late Des Mahoney , trustees & Council Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a) consolidate 4-5 Māori land blocks as one rateable block ○ b) Māori Land Court formal return of lands to Ngākahu/Ngākohu Trust ○ c) Plant trees for wetland ● Kaeo water supply- water tanks pea? ● Taipā resolve the illegal overflow drain discharging into Ikateretere River, ● Taipā bridge climate impacts to jetty severe land and road erosion ● Kaimaumau Rd, restore 1 private flood prone coastal road used by public and seal 1 paper road for public access ● Illegal dumping of rubbish manage comms education - lifestyle changes- 100k pa in Herekino alone ● Limit vape shops & alcohol outlets in Tai Tokerau ● Te Waipiro Bay- keep moored boats in one marina, beware overfishing ● Seal 2kms Rawhiti Road ● Central government funding for more housing, health, dental , mental health services & road sealing to Tai Tokerau
	<p>He Mihi Nui ki a Shirley Hakaraia- he wahine toa nō Patukeha me Ngāti Kuta i tino akiaki mō ngā utu kaimahi i roto i Ngā Kohanga Reo me ngā Kura Takiwā- (Area Schools). He wahine pukumahi mō tana hapu, a, ki te whai niho mō ngā kawenata He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti o Waitangi hei tūtuki i ngā kereme o ōna hapū.</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 .</p> <p>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,



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● finding innovative sludge management methods, ● purchasing extra land disposal sites at Ōpononi and Taipā, ● stopping other towns from dumping sewage in Hokianga, and ● Ensure housing developments build their own treatment systems & paths. ● Speed limits to preserve kaimoana beds on twin coasts
<p>Other Significant Projects & Wish Lists</p>	
<p>Return ring-fenced Māori lands under settlement claims and Māori reserves</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="440 575 1040 716" style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;"> <p>Treaty settlement agreements respected in a coordinated and efficient way across Council planning & operations.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1068 562 1386 653" style="text-align: right;"> <p>Return Māori land reserves by 2028</p> </div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>FNDC could facilitate the return of all Treaty settlement lands as directed by the Waitangi Tribunal 10+ years ago as Māori Land Court has a two year delay.</i> ● 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 consider buying tagged lands. ● Some lands remain in Council reserves and are leased to community groups, when the Council could divest this role to Iwi / hapu owners.
<p>Await PERMANENT CEASEFIRE in GAZA</p> <p>RESOLUTION 2024/47 “That the Far North District Council:</p> <p>a) call for an immediate permanent humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza;</p> <p>b) call on the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs to show their support and call for peace;</p> <p>c) call for immediate international aid to be allowed into Gaza;</p> <p>d) condemn all acts of violence and terror against civilians on both sides of the conflict; e) call for the immediate return of hostages. CARRIED 23 Mei, 2024 Extraordinary Hui-</p> <div data-bbox="1240 1171 1474 1390" style="float: right; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>CEASE FIRE NOW</p> </div>	
<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.</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 groups upgrading sporting facilities via other funding agencies.



**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, Otaua

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 – Uakura	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 –	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,	Hihl, 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

- Shirley Hakaraia**, NZEI Special Negotiator for pay equity for Kura Reo Māori staff
- 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"> Shirley Hakaraia, nō Patukeha me Ngāti Kuta nō Rāwhiti, i tino akiaki mō ngā utu orite mō kaimahi i ngā kura takiwā me ngā Kohanga Reo. Lindy Waimirangi Harrison, he wahine humarie nō Ahipara, hoa pūmau o Sam Te Paa. Romana Hagger Edwards, i mate aitua, i hoki mai i Piripani ki te urupā o Matarau i Awanui. Iwiwhare Harrison nee Conrad, he mareikura , i nehu i Matarau i Awanui.

WHANGAROA

KIA RITE - KIA Ū - KIA MATAARA

KIA TŪPATO

Our water tables are still at capacity, and our land is fragile, requiring time to recover and heal.

Therefore, please exercise caution regarding potential tree falls due to the winds and the occasional rain showers forecasted for today.

Let's take care of each other and remain vigilant
Kia kaha tātou katoa.

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WEATHER WARNING

EVACUATION

TE KURA TAUMATA O PANGURU

In case of evacuation, Te Kura Taumata o Panguru will be open

With severe weather expected this weekend, if you are in a flood-prone or high-risk area, please be prepared to evacuate if needed. Here's what to bring:

WHAT TO BRING:

- Kai & Drinking Water
- Warm clothing & bedding
- Medications
- Important documents (ID, passports, medical info)
- Baby/tamariki essentials

⚠️ **Decide to leave while it's still daylight.**
DO NOT wait until conditions worsen or roads become unsafe.

TE KUPENGA RAURORA