

Name Kohepu Chicky Rudkin
Ward: Wāri Māori
Date: 10th February 2026



He mihi nui

Meetings Attended

| Date | Meeting Topic | Comment |
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| 9.12.2025 | Civil Defence Emergency Management Induction Briefing | |
| 10.12.2025 | Te Hiku Tour | |
| 11.12.2025 | Council Hui | |
| 11.12.2025 | Lifetime achievement award committee- winner selection | |
| 11.12.2025 | Moerewa Christmas Parade at Simpson Park | Well attended by community |
| 12.12.2025 | Strategic Relationships catch up | |
| 13.12.2025 | Ōkaihau Christmas Parade Far North Christmas in the Sky event - Kaitaia | Well attended by community Well supported by community and Pak n Save Kaitaia |
| 14.12.25 | Tōtara North Christmas event | Huge market event, well supported by many |

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| 15.12.2025 | Nga Tai o Tokerau Kaikohe Library Hui Citizenship Ceremony Office of the Mayor Hui CEO/Mayor/ Deputy Mayor Hui | Weekly check in Update hui with Nicola Smith 37 new Northlanders received citizenship |
| 16.12.2025 | Northland Forward Together Strategic Planning Hui LGNZ Zoom Hui | With Elected Members from other councils Leadership reset |
| 17.12.2025 | LGNZ Zoom Hui | Rates capping consultation with DIA |
| 18.12.2025 19.12.2025 | Office of the Mayor Interviews | |
| 22.12.2025 | Meeting with MP Grant McCallum | FNDC Issues |
| 22.12.2025 | Office of the Mayor catchup | Preparing for holiday and return schedule |
| 23.12.2025 | Lifetime Achievement Award Celebration | |
| 5.01.2025 | Returned to Office | Catch up with Mayor, CEO and staff in Democracy Services |
| 6.01.2025 | Filming for Media release “events coming up in the Far North” | |
| 9.01.2025 | Battle of Ruapekapeka pōwhiri at Kawiti Marae – 180th Commemoration | |
| 12.01.2025 | Meeting with St John’s Operational Manager | Concern about the violence and aggression officers face and how Elected Members may be able to support. |

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| | Informal Catch up with Councillors and Mayor CEO/Mayor Hui | |
| 13.01.2025 | Kaikohe Library and Civic Hub Steering Group Hui Visited Kaikohe Library Local Waters Done Well | Update re project to date from Far North Holdings Promote Summer Reading programme Preparation for Hui coming up |
| 14.01.2025 | Out to visit Rawhiti flood prone area Briefing EOC | Special thanks to staff, all agencies, marae, hapu and iwi that supported whānau in need and to staff who were involved in the EOM severe weather event. |
| 21.01.2025 | Catch up with Northland CDEM and NEMA | |
| 22.01.2025 | Te Pipiwharauroa External Appointment Committee Hui Mayors Taskforce for Job Hui | |
| 23.01.25 | Kailohe St Johns shop closure NZTA/FNDC:FAR rates | Update and hui with local community members and Kaikohe Business Association Discussion around review to seek more assistance for roading |
| 27.01.25 | Simplifying Local Government Interview: Te Huia Chair | |
| 28.01.25 | Senior Leadership Team 100 Day Plan Workshop Reforms and Submissions Workshop | Result of SLT offsite during induction period that including priorities and projects put forward by Elected members Discussion re process for submissions to central Government on reforms and or hearing verbal submissions from our community on FNDC policy and bylaw consultations. |

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| 29.01.25 | Interview Te Huia Chair followed by panel debrief Initial meeting with Far North Holdings Limited | Introductions and overview of FNHL work |
| 1.02.25 – 6.02.25 | Waitangi Week | Including: Pōhiri for all groups, breakfast with the Leader of the Opposition to share our unique rohe and priorities, meeting with Foundation North and partners re Lake Ōmapere, Haruru Falls Road opening, Global Women and Waitangi National Trust dinner to celebrate Māori in the Economy, Navy Beat Retreat, face to face hui with Cabinet Ministers, Dawn Ceremony and so much more. |
| 13.02.25 | Meeting with Far North Resilient Communities Charitable Trust | Old Packhouse Market opportunity update |

Community Matters

This section should be completed for matters arising within the community, which Council need to be aware of. It could be related to ongoing projects, requests, feedback etc.

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| Te Ruapekapeka 180 years commemoration | Acknowledgement and celebration of a nationally significant site in our history. Provided opportunity for reflection, education and remembrance. Such a well organised and attended event. |
| RFS issues over holiday period | Special thanks to staff who worked over the holiday period, answering calls and emails and doing their best to remedy issues that arose. Noting concern regarding RFS's being closed when customers are not satisfied with outcomes. I am confident that this matter is currently being worked on. |
| Māngungu Commemoration | Honouring He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni, a fantastic day well supported by Te Hono staff and Elected members. A call for this stretch of the road to be sealed by next years celebration has been shared. |
| Catholic Community Church service at Tōtara Point | Special thanks for the work of FNDC Staff, the Catholic Parish and community members for ensuring this annual event went so smoothly. Mowing that occurred was so very much appreciated by all in attendance. |

Responsibilities:

Kohepu Deputy Mayor

- Assume Mayoral duties as and when required
 - The recent weather event was new for me. I appreciated the support of staff and other Elected Members. It is pleasing to note that the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund is underway to support whānau.

Te Huia Committee – Deputy Chair

- Appointment process is underway

Portfolio

- Comms and Engagement
- Sister Cities

Council Appointment

- Te Pīpīwharau – external appointments process underway
- A special welcome to our first Office of the Mayor Executive Officer Rachel Smith and Te Hono Senior Leader Aaron Taikato. Nau mai haere mai kourua.

Matters for Discussion

This section should be completed for matters which the elected member wishes to raise with wider Council, Community Boards and/or in relation to delivery.

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Training / Conference Attendance

This section is to be completed when an elected member has attended a professional development opportunity or a conference on behalf of Council. It should outline the learnings from attending the event and value to the organisation.

Name of Event: Te Maruata Māori Ward Councillors Hui

Date of Event: 27 November 2025 - Wellington

Reflection: this hui was a great opportunity to connect, share experiences and contribute to collective Kaupapa that strengthen Māori Leadership in local government. Listening to the trials and tribulations of experienced Te Maruata / Māori Ward Councillors was invaluable. The opportunity to hear from members nominated to fill roles within the rōpū was interesting and provided further perspective for what this rōpū provides.

My focus areas for the next 3 years

1. **Supporting the hopes and aspirations of Hapū** - Lake Ōmāpere restoration, attending hapū, marae hui, supporting and collaborating with staff, NRC and other relevant agencies to make things happen more efficiently.

2. **Supporting rural communities receive essential services** – Kaeo – water, Whangaroa – roading issues, sealing outside Marae and Kohanga Reo and the stretch of road not sealed in Mangungu. Ensuring that Runaruna Road, Hokianga is programmed for sealed works.
3. **Whenua Māori** – learning more about this to enable and support iwi and hapū particularly in the Kaikohe Hokianga region where 58% of land is whenua Māori
4. **Keeping rates as low as possible without foregoing essential services** – balancing affordability for ratepayers with the need to maintain critical infrastructure and services is vital, particularly as we continue to recover and respond to the significant impacts of past and recent weather events on our infrastructure.