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Tēna koutou, 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.

2026-27 Ngā Whaingā KAITAIA AIRPORT - UPGRADE BY MAY 2027 1 New Airport building, lighting, emergency fuel storage & resilience Rates & Community Resilience Complete set projects, planned maintenance & respond quickly to weather events 2 3 Seal 10 /38 rural roads listed Seek subsidies to seal roads for 8 Kohanga Reo , 38 Marae as important community centres MOANA RESTORATION- TAIAO SAFETY 4 5 Ngā Take Tiriti - equity • Mahi tahi with hapu , Iwi, Māori , community, organisations, staff. • Planned growth, more housing, whānau, • No developments on wāhi tapu H Halkyard-Harawira Aug 2026	WE HAVE SOME CHALLENGES - Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Lebanon, Iran - fuel shortages , high tariffs & political uncertainty - High cost of living - in an already struggling economy 10.8% unemployment rate - Cost savings today can create nightmares next year - Transfer of Council / Community assets to Tai Tokerau 2 Waters- what does that mean. - Political parties who oppose Māori advancement- create unrest IN OUR FAVOUR... WE HAVE COMMUNITIES —leading housing programmes , - running health clinics - organising events, sports , wānanga, fundraisers, initiatives
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Hybrid Hui attendance - many hui are online now to save petrol & travel time.

- ☐ Te Koukou Komiti for Roothing and Infrastructure,
- ☐ Te Kukupā Komiti for Strategy, Policy & Regulation
- ☐ Te Hiku Community Board

Āku Komiti

- ☐ Te Oneroa a Tohe Board
- ☐ Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Komiti
- ☐ Creative Communities Northland
- ☐ Accessibility Komiti

Ngā Kaikaunihera Māori



Tamati Rākena, Kohepu Chicky Rudkin, Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Arohanui Allen

Ahakoā ngā piki me ngā heke , e tautoko mātou i ngā take i ahu mai i Te Tiriti, ngā take taiao , ngā take ōrite, kia tohatoha mahi ki ngā kamupene o te kainga - hei painga mō te hāpori katoa.

We represent the interests of Māori communities, while sharing responsibility with all councillors for decisions affecting the wellbeing of the entire Far North district.

FNDC Māori Ward Councillors

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Aug-31**

Personal leave- Aotearoa & Tai Tokerau Ngāti Rēhia Nanakia representative in World Waka Ama Sprints, Singapore.

26 Aug



Te Kahu o Taonui - Taiao Portal was one of eight projects funded by the Department of Internal Affairs 3 Waters Better Off package in 2022. The purpose of the portal is to provide Iwi, Hapū, and whānau with a secure, centralized website platform to access and manage local environmental and resource consent data. By using a GIS-enabled tool that allows communities to manage their own information securely and retain data sovereignty.

“Improve Iwi - Council Relations Re Resource Consents: Iwi and Hapu input into the RMA Resource Consent process has been problematic over a number of years for a range of



	reasons and hence the Taiao Portal was developed to enable more timely RC input. Te Kahu o Taonui's project was 2 fold: 1. To develop a web-based Taiao Portal in collaboration with FNDC to enable Iwi/Hapu/whānau to have better access to environmental data; and 2. Facilitate engagement with Iwi and Hapu re 3 waters and other environmental matters. The project was complex and frustrating - because : i) access to Council resource consents and mapping data was managed by two different departments that have no integration; ii) the project was not given the priority that it deserved; iii) there were systemic reporting challenges. The RMA Reforms will have a fundamental impact on RC processes and how our Iwi and Hapū are able to participate (if at all). "Piripi Grimshaw, Te Kahu o Taonui Technical Advisor.
Tues 1 Sept	10am Creative Communities - hui to discuss/approve funding local projects
2 Sept	Awanui - Request for a 250-metre footpath in Waimanoni connecting to Waimanoni Marae - for children walking SH1 to the bus stop. Forwarded to Te Hiku Community Board support team.
3-4	Admin Dayze - catch up reading minutes , agendas , emails notes
	7 Sept- Awanui & general queries - re vaping- Community led action against the 4th vape shop within 100m. People were disappointed that the Council had allowed it to happen. • "Specialist Vape Retailers (SVRs): Must be officially approved by the Ministry of Health and operate from an Approved Vaping Premise (AVP). They must prove that at least 70% of total store revenue (or 60% in special cases) comes from vaping products. They are permitted to sell a full range of approved flavours. • General Retailers: Stores like dairies, supermarkets, and petrol stations do not need formal Ministry of Health approval. Instead, they must submit a notification to sell a restricted range of flavours limited strictly to tobacco, menthol, and mint. • Distance Restrictions: Approved specialist stores must be located more than 300 metres from schools and marae, and more than 100 metres from early childhood education centres. • Age Restrictions: All customers must be 18 • A 600-puff vape containing standard 20 mg/ml nicotine strength equals 20 cigarettes (one full





pack) in total nicotine delivery.

- Your lungs might not recover 100% from heavy or long-term vaping, but stopping now helps them heal as much as possible.” Google

9 Wed

10am Te Kukupā- Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation Meeting, chaired by Cr Stratford, the hui recommended :

- approval of Draft Local Alcohol Policy for public consultation;
- adoption of He Kāinga Mana Housing Strategy; Council will remove barriers and be an enabler of extra housing;
- receipt of the Sport Northland Report a strategic FNDC partner

1pm Kāhui Ture Taiao- Waitangi. I missed the morning speakers of Resource Management Practitioner: Mike Smith, Tina Porou & Kiritapu Allan. But I did hear a group discussing RMA reforms and a political debate panel with candidates: Willow Jean Prime, Huhana Lyndon, Grant McCallum & Shane Jones.



In **Smith v Fonterra & Ors**, Mike Smith, Ngāpuhi and Ngāti Kahu kaumātua & climate change spokesperson for Iwi Chairs Forum, brought proceedings against 7 major New Zealand greenhouse-gas emitters Fonterra, Dairy Holdings, Genesis Energy, NZ Steel, Z Energy, Channel Infrastructure & BT Mining. He argued that their emissions contribute to climate change and threaten his whenua, customary interests and tikanga-based responsibilities. In 2024, the Supreme Court unanimously allowed his case to proceed, holding that his climate-related tort claims—including a proposed new tort involving substantial climate harm—should not have been struck out before trial. Importantly, the Court **did not decide that the companies were liable**; it decided that the issues deserved to be tested through a full trial, including questions about causation, responsibility and the relevance of tikanga Māori. The case is significant because it leaves open the possibility that major emitters may face private-law responsibility for their contribution to climate harm alongside government climate regulation. However, in May 2026, the Government announced a law change which would prevent the case going ahead.”Wikipedia et al”

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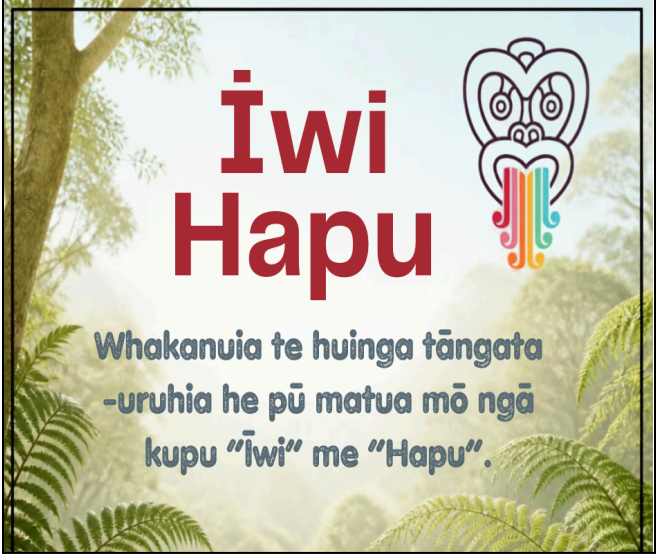
10am Governance Hui- councillors discussed [a positive plan of action](#) to ensure accurate communications were delivered to ratepayers and the general public.



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Rangitoto Reserve Draft Reserve Management Plan is out for consultation. The plan was developed in partnership with a local hapū working group, including representatives from Ngāti Ruaiti and Te Matarahuru. It sets out a long-term vision



	for protecting and managing the reserve's cultural, historical and environmental values. The draft plan also includes proposed management areas that would see native vegetation established across large parts of the reserve.
Rāhina 14 Sept 	Te Rā o Te Reo Māori 1972 - 54th anniversary of Te Reo Māori petition Te Rā o Te Hīkoi Whenua Māori 1975 11-1.30 Attended Te Kupenga Reo, Okorīhi Marae Kaikohe My tono for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - recommend capital letters for the words Hapu and Īwi as large collectives of people.  11am Accessibility Hui Te Ahu. I gave apologies as I was attending Māori Language Day event in Kaikohe. Bill Subritsky attended as Te Hiku Community Board chair to awahi using Awanui township as a template for small towns to improve accessibility for wheelchair bound whānau - ie disability parking space, access to park 
15 o Hepete ma/ Māhuru	10am - Te Kuaka Hui Komiti Kaikohe, chaired by Cr Rākena, attended by Hapu & Iwi delegates received the following reports : • Whenua Māori - Freehold Land Rating Debt Update • Development of a Local Alcohol Policy in readiness for community consultation. • District Wide Spatial Strategy Update: Vision, Principles and Objectives and Kaupapa Steering Rōpū • Ngā Kaupapa Māori Report - Te Hono • Te Pae o Uta Te Ao Māori Framework Update Ko ngā mema : Tāmati Rākena - Heamana • Mane Tahere - Heamana Tuarua - Te Kahu o Taonui • Moko Tepania – Kahika-Mayor • Chicky Rudkin – Kohepu-Deputy Mayor • Cr Arohanui Allen • Cr Kelly Stratford • Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira • Wallace Rivers - Te Kahu o Taonui • Nyze Manuel - Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa 



	• Kipa Munro - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia • Mike Te Wake - Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa • Hohipere Williams - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine • Rukuwai Allen - Te Whiu Hapū • Thomas Hohaia - Te Roroa
16	10am Hui - Te Koukou- infrastructure hui Kaikohe-led by Deputy Chair Cr Baucke • Possible Options for the Future Use of the Old Kaikohe Library Building- left to lie on the table pending more information. 63% of public feedback recommended that the building be leased to a community or commercial venture. • Proposed Russell Speed Limit Changes • Illegal dumping Surveillance Camera programme • Kaikohe Infrastructure Accelerated Fund Projects- approved contract variation • July Community Facilities Maintenance Services Contract, Citycare Property Limited • Solid Waste Services Contract • Infrastructure Compliance • Water Services Operations Monthly Report . • Transportation - Operations and Road Safety & Capital Works Update • Russell Placemaking - Endorsement of Final Design for Cass Street and The Strand • Transportation - Dust Mitigation Programme 2026/27 • Public Excluded Section • Kerikeri CBD Ring Road Designation • Council Sites for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure .
16	A status update was requested for Arnold Rae Park
17 RāPare	10am Hui - Long Term Plan Workshop - online
18	Admin Day
20	Omāpere-Opononi Waste Water Treatment Plant (OOWWTP) Email concern re former deputation warnings to Council by Dr. Judy Reinken a retired epidemiologist OOWWTP Community Liaison Group. Data shows that around 200 cubic metres of volume of wastewater is being lost from the plant rather than being discharged via the pipe as required by the resource consent. Two urgent actions need to take place in the Waiarohia Stream - 1) stop the pond leaks and 2) notify public warnings.
22	10am Long Term Plan Workshop - online 4.30 pm Hui with Kohanga Trust, Māori landowners in Ahipara, re conditions for approving any traction improvements
23	5.45 am Opening of Blomfield School, Awanui - behind Awanui Primary School. Kaiwhakahaere - Tinaka Pawa.
23 Sept	My feedback to Monthly Ops GOOD NEWS - "The libraries across the district had a combined door count of 41,767 during July, this



✓ ✓	is the highest number in over 12 months. The community need for free options for children during the holiday period was evident and successful programming and resources are seeing our sites performing well. - Online facebook engagement recorded 790,187 during July. Sharing of new collection items and old photographs has been extremely popular and gained significant engagement from the community. Specifically, a photograph of Dame Whina Cooper sitting outside her store and post office in Panguru generated 103 shares and 2000 reactions alone - Customer Services achieved 86% closure rate for July, raising 936 and closing 586 requests for service. This is another improvement on June's increase and a positive step maintaining above the 80% baseline. - Walk-ins recorded for July totalled 2,177, a significant increase driven by the reduced-rate dog registration period, which runs from 1 July to 31 August, and increased enquiries at the start of the new rates rebate period" - NZTA March roading subsidy application being revised from Te Miromiro hui 11 Aug- - Kaikohe Library will be finished by Nov 9 - Kaikohe Memorial Hall has a timeline for renovation - Council has approved the enabling of Māori housing program
?	PROJECTS I QUERIED - TO BE REPORTED ON - Housing for the Elderly - We have an Iwi in the Far North who would like to take over pensioner housing in Awanui- as Council is unable to fund the renovations & maintenance. Several units closed already & face possible demolition - Old Kaitaia Warehouse- make a call- demolish , sell or lease. - Rawene campus status - were run down buildings to start with , the local education & training centre is needed by the Hokianga community for many education courses. - Kerikeri- Bypass- will it be completed in a year within budget? - Kerikeri- Waipapa - KFO proposal- queries from a number of groups - Opononi- Omapere Waste Water Treatment Plant- urgent update on contamination - Road seal for 7 Kohanga Reo & 38 Marae
Kia tūtuki commitments Hauora Wellbeing	Roading • Find & confirm subsidies to seal roads - 7 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 Allen Bell • SH1 roundabouts in Kaikohe & Awanui - safety of high volume traffic • Upgrade 2 bridges: Pukemiro in Okaihau & Donald Rd bridge- flood risk • Kaimaumau Rd, restore 1 private flood prone coastal road used by public and seal 1 paper road for public access • Seal 2kms Rawhiti Road • Lower speed limit in Hīhī, Quarry Rd Awanui , Te Hāpua Other Take • Illegal dumping of rubbish manage comms education - lifestyle changes- • Limit vape shops & alcohol outlets in Tai Tokerau • Central government funding for more housing, health, dental , mental health services & road sealing to Tai Tokerau



Moana/ Awa Restoration- Whānau we have to all be aware of our tūtae disposal. How do we manage it, possibly reuse it?

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/Īwi, and community groups to co-design long-term solutions. Key goals include:

- ending sewage discharge into Tai Tokerau waterways,
- finding innovative sludge management methods,
- purchasing extra land disposal sites at Ōpononi & Omāpere
- stopping other towns from dumping sewage in Hokianga, and
- Ensure housing developments build their own treatment systems & paths.
- **Speed limits to preserve kaimoana beds & wāhi tapu on twin coasts**
- **Taipā** resolve the illegal overflow drain discharging into Ikateretere River,
- **Taipā bridge** climate impacts to jetty severe land and road erosion
- **Te Waipiro Bay**- keep moored boats in one marina, beware overfishing
- Consistency in cyclical waste water solutions
 - Desludging, plant trees for wetland, upgrade aging wastewater pipes

Tai Tokerau 2 Waters

Await outcome of joint CCO- 4

Council Controlled Organisation to manage rain and waste water operations.

Complete decommissioning Ngākahu/Ngākohu Trust/ Kauri Dam - final restoration by late Des Mahoney , trustees & Council Working Group

- 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

Return Treaty settlement land reserves in Council by 2027.

Treaty settlement agreements
respected in a coordinated and efficient way across Council planning & operations.

- *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.*
- Council to ring fence lands that are being claimed in the upcoming Ngāpuhi hapu and Ngāti Kahu Wai 45 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 to lease to the community .
Await PERMANENT CEASEFIRE in GAZA RESOLUTION 2024/47 “That the Far North District Council: 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. CARRIED 23 Mei, 2024 Extraordinary Hui-	
2028 2030	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.
Non Council Projects	- Statue in recognition of Matiu Rata to be erected in Kaitiaia, Waitangi - tbc - Retention of Northtec tertiary courses in Northland - Complete drainage & outdoor basketball court at Tangonge Park Kaitiaia. - Support groups upgrading sporting facilities via other funding agencies - Support improved health services in Tai Tokerau

	WHAKANUIA 2026 FNDC Achievement Awards Rod Brown- WINNER transformed the habitat in the Wairoa Stream Project Russell Landcare Trust -set predator traps & maintain native plant nursery John Paitai- educator committed to positive community outcomes. Patsy Albert- Mid-north Māori warden extraordinaire since 1968. Minty Grondin- kaitiaki of Herekino Cemetery for 28 years. Maureen Perry-developed gymnastics facility Hemi Eruera - dedicated waka builder - student of Hekenukumai Busby Arlen Clement Armstrong-trusted funeral director of Kaikohe Annika Dickey-driving force in community led change in Kerikeri Anne Te Wake-outstanding contribution to resilience of Matihetihe Marae. Annette Hall - a 29 years trusted voice of Far North Radio for boaties FNDC”
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	• Tai Tokerau General Awards .. • Noeline Taurua- outstanding Coach of the NZ Silver Ferns. • Dr Lorraine Brooking -Distinguished Fellowship from Royal NZ College of General Practitioners. • Mike Smith, leading a public health case against 6 major polluters • All whānau fighting pī- kia kaha it's hard • Manuera Rīwai- Muriwhenua Basketball- for service to developing youth • Heeni Shortland- Reuben Taipari - designed Maramataka Māori calendar • Āniwaniwa Kohanga Reo 40 tau - dedication teaching reo to tamariki • Rāhera Shortland, MNZM, for services to Māori language education • Morris Pita for services to Māori, business, and governance • Ronelle Baker for services to children and people living with disabilities • Professor Sharon Brownie for services to health & nursing education • Bruce McLachlan for services to education • Karleen Everitt for services to Māori and business • Freddie Ah Kuoi for services to rugby league and the community • Russell Smith & Joy Te Wiata for services to sexual violence prevention • Stephen Westgate, JP, KSM for services to the community • 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.
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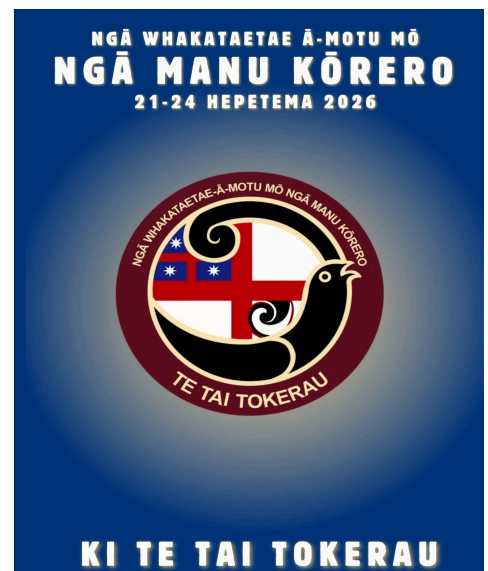
Kaupapa Hāpori	Nā koutou i tangi, nā tātou i tangi
Aue Aue Kua wheturangitia  <i>Arohanui ki a rātou i mahue mai i tēnei pānui</i>	• Chris Radich he toa hākinakina, rongohia nei “the Mayor of Awanui” i mate ohore. He tangata kaha ki te akiaki mō te hāpori. Ka aroha. • Eddie Murray-he uri nō Ngāti Haua ki Whangapē , te tama o Jimmy rāua ko Gina Murray. • Hone Bristowe , i whai haere i ngā tapuwae o tōna Māmā a Whaea Isey , he uri nō Ngāti Manu me Te Hikutū. • Kent Robson- he uri nō Pukepoto , i mate ohore, i hoki ki tana ūkaipō ki te taha o ngā tūpuna. • Te Awaroa Jackson, te tamaiti a Syd Jackson rāua ko Deidre Nehua, kua hoki atu a ia ki te rohe o Ngāti Kahungunu ki te poho o Syd. • Jim Peters, he tumuaki o Northland College, he mema paremata, he Vice Chancellor hoki o Te Wānanga o Tamaki, he tuakana ki a Winston, he uri o Ngāti Wai.



- **Rihari Dargaville**, he aitua. He hoia o Vietnam ,Malaya, he tangata whawhai mō Te Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti , he uri nō Whangaroa me Ngāti Manawa.
- **Yvonne Erstich**, i mate te kuia o Toro Puriri, he wahine pukumahi nō Patu Koraha, Karepōnia.
- **Joey Parker**, he wahine humarie nō Ngāti Haua Whangapē, te tuahine o Murray Parker, Māmā ki a Krystal.
- **Sara Bacica-Hutchison**- he kaiako o mua o Abundant Life , he Māma, nō te whānau Harrison o Karepōnia Patu Koraha , Ngāi Takoto hoki.



**Tokerau
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7 KŌHANGA REO / MARAE

- Whangapē Kōhanga Reo – Kotahitanga Marae
- Whakamaharatanga Kōhanga Reo & Marae, Waimamaku
- Taurangi Kōhanga Reo – Waimate North
- Maungataniwhā Kōhanga Reo – Ngāpuhi Marae
- Motatau Kōhanga Reo – Motatau
- Matawaia Kōhanga Reo – Matawaia Marae
- Wharepunga Kōhanga Reo – Pukerata Marae

Marae on Unsealed Roads

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haititaimarangai Marae – Karikari • Wainui Marae – Ahipara • Rangikohu Marae – Herekino • King Hori Marae – Ōwhata • Morehu Marae – Pawarenga • Waiparera Marae – Kohukohu • Motuti (Tamatea) Marae – Kohukohu • Matihetihe Marae – Mitimiti • Te Arohanui Marae – Mangataipa • Ngāi Tupoto Marae – Motukaraka • Pateoro (Te Karae) Marae – Kohukohu • Pikipāria Marae – Kohukohu • Piki Te Aroha Marae – Rāhiri • Motukiore Marae – Hōreke • Puketawa Marae – Utakura • Rangatahi Marae – Hōreke • Ōtātara Marae – Waimā • Moehau Marae – Waimā • Mahuri Marae – Taheke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaingahoa Marae – Mataraua • Ngāi Tawake Marae – Mataraua | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mokonuiārangi Marae – Maraeroa • Ōkorihi Marae – Te Iringa • Te Patunga Marae – Kāeo • Tahaawai Marae – Pupuke • Pupuke (Te Huia) Marae – Otangaroa • Waimahana Marae – Taupo Bay • Akerama Marae – Towai • Mohinui Marae – Kawakawa • Kaikou Marae – Matawaia • Kaimaumau Marae – Waiharara • Taemaro Marae • Matai Aronui Marae – Whirinaki • Te Piiti Marae – Omanaia • Takou Marae • Wainui Marae – Whangaroa • Hiruharama Marae & any other marae not listed |
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*In the last triennium
4 Marae & 2 Kohanga Reo
roads were sealed
hhh 1.6.26*

*FNDC awaiting roading
subsidies- to seal rural
roads for education &
community resilience
sites*