

Name Kohepu – Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin
Ward: Ngā tai o Tokerau Wāri Māori Councillor
Date: February to March 2026

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
13.02.26	Te Āta Haere – Kaikohe Civic Hub & Library Steering Group Meeting	Update on progress from staff and Far North Holdings. All on track for October-November completion
16.02.26	Quarterly Celebration - Pōwhiri for new staff. He Whakapau Kaha, Love your work and Long Service Recognition	31 new staff welcomed and 10 staff recognised for effort and mahi
	Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mayor and Deputy Mayor Weekly Catchup	
	Office of the Mayor Weekly Catchup	
17.02.26	Te Miromiro Committee for Assurance, Risk & Finance Meeting	
	Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mayor and Deputy Mayor Weekly Catchup	
19.02.26	Road Maintenance Contracts and Elected Member Workshop	Update on Road maintenance programme of works and contracts
	Te Puāwaitanga Elected Member Workshop	
20.02.26	LGNZ Zoom with National Council	Local Government New Zealand
	Meeting with newly appointed Executive Officer	Introduction
	Ministerial Visit - Meeting with Hon Shane Jones	Sharing priorities of the region. I mentioned Runaruna Road as a priority road connecting North Hokianga residents with Kaitaia, pricing to be provided to Minister Jones. I'd appreciate this programme of works to be included into Te Koukou Committee along with the Wainui Valley Road and Otaua bridge both always under

		considerable strain during weather events.
23.02.26	Ngā Tai o Tokerau Weekly Catchup	Maori Ward Councillors hui with Democracy Services
	Council Agenda preview hui	
	Office of the Mayor Weekly Catchup	
24.02.26	Council Agenda preview hui	
25.02.26	Attended Pōwhiri for Matthew Mudford	Newly appointed Chief Executive for Ngāpuhi Asset Holding Company Limited
	Te Koukou Committee for Transport & Infrastructure Hui in Kerikeri	Patial attendance
	Dress Rehearsal for State of the Far North	Preparation for the presentation at The Turner Centre
26.02.26	Hui with Aaron Taikato	Newly appointed GM for Te Hono team at FNDC
	State of the Far North Address led by Kahika Moko Tepania at The Turner Centre	State of the Far North presentation to community members – “Shifting Gears – The Road Ahead” Available online – FNDC website
27.02.25	Northland Waters Done Well Briefing	Check in
	Meeting re Te Huia Committee	With LGNZ and Kahika Moko Tepania
2.03.25	Welcome to Myjanne Jensen	Newly appointed Communications Advisor
	Nga Tai o Tokerau Maori Ward Councillors Catch up	Weekly catch up with Democracy Services
	Office of the Mayors Catch up	Planning for the week ahead

	Hui with GJ Gardner Homes Far North Iwi Housing	A sneak peak at what is happening soon in the Far North around housing – this company builds on site. Currently growing opportunities in Iwi space.
	Hui with Group Manager Te Hono	
3.03.26	Office of the Mayor Weekly Catchup	First hui as a complete Office of the Mayor
	Te Huia Hui	Meeting with Manager Democracy Services, planning first Workshop
4.02.26	Legal Briefing	In preparation for Council Hui
5.03.26	Ordinary Council Hui	Compelling deputation regarding addressing roaming and dangerous dogs in Ahipara. Speed limit changes at schools approved Voted on Greenhouse Gas Emissions (lowering pollution that causes climate change) reduction options
6.03.26	Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Hui in Whāngarei	JREDC is the joint committee representing all Northland Councils, they set expectations, monitors performance and aligns councils behind shared economic goals. Presentation by Northland Inc - implements and delivers economic development activity eg: Manea Footprints and Ngāwha Springs Great presentation by Dr Marise Stewart re Ōmāpere Lake aspirations
	Northland Mayoral Forum Hui	The Northland Mayoral Forum brings mayors, deputy mayors, and chief executives together to discuss regional priorities and ongoing collaborative work across Northland. Deputies are invited due to their direct involvement in many

		of the key discussion areas outlined for the forum.
7.03.26	Cruzn the Bays in Kerikeri	A very well supported community event
8.03.26	North Hokianga Roothing Committee Hui in Panguru	The meeting focused on updates and issues across key North Hokianga roading projects — including slip repairs, maintenance programmes, contractor performance, and upcoming changes to the maintenance contract — while reaffirming the group’s commitment to improving roading outcomes through stronger council–community collaboration
9.03.26	Nga Tai o Tokerau Catch up	
	Informal Council Hui	Opportunity for Councillors to discuss what’s on top, collaborate and share ideas
	CEO, Mayor, Deputy Mayor Weekly Hui	
11.03.26	Office of the Mayor Weekly Catchup	
	Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Hui	On-line partial attendance
	Te Huia – CEO Review Committee Hui	Planning for first Te Huia Committee workshop
	Civil Defence Preparedness Hui	Reflection, assessment of recent weather event and adjustments and considerations
12.03.26	Annual Plan Workshop Preview	
	CEO, Mayor, Deputy Mayor Weekly Hui	

	Waitangi Commemorations programme hākari – mihi mihi at Kawakawa RSA	Waitangi Commemorations Committee gathering to acknowledge the dedication, hard work, and collaboration, that FNDC/Council contribute to ensuring our Waitangi kaupapa is meaningful and successful
13.03.26	Child Cancer Foundation Street appeal in Kerikeri	Mayoral challenge to help collect funds to contribute to the Child Cancer Foundation
	Ngāti Hine Pre-harvest karakia for the Kiwifruit season	FNDC attended Ngāti Hine Forestry Trusts invitation to a pre-harvest karakia at their Kerikeri kiwifruit orchards. This special occasion acknowledges the coming harvest and honours the whenua, the mahi of those who care for it, and the shared aspirations of our people. It is a time to come together in gratitude, reflection, and hope for a safe and abundant season ahead.
	Office of the Mayor Debrief	
16.03.26	Nga Tai o Tokerau Catch up	
17.03.26	LGNZ Zoom	Zoom with Local Government Minister Simon Watts.
	Northland Waters Done Well Workshop	
	Te Huia Committee Hui for Chief Executive Performance Workshop	
18.03.26	Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation	The Te Kūkupa Committee meeting focused on approving its 2026 Work Programme and receiving key updates on spatial planning and climate adaptation initiatives, ensuring alignment with its strategic and regulatory oversight responsibilities.
	Workshop on Local Government Reforms,	

	Northland Waters and Annual Plan	
19.03.26	Te Koukou Committee Advisor Check in Hui	
	Local Government NZ Zone One Meeting	The meeting brings together Zone One councils to discuss shared regional priorities and updates, with FNDC hosting to provide venue, coordination, and support for collaborative local government kaupapa.
	Northland Forward Together Workshop	Strategic Planning workshop with Kaipara and Whāngarei Councils
20.03.26	Office of the Mayor Debrief	Close out, reflections, planning
21.03.26	Paparore School Gala Day	A fantastic community event that raised additional funds for the school
23.03.26	Nga Tai o Tokerau	Hui with Maori Ward Councillors
	Office of the Mayor Weekly Check in	Hui – the week ahead
	Citizenship Ceremony	Held in Council Chambers – formal swearing in of new citizens who have chosen Tai Tokerau as their new home.
24.03.26	Annual Plan Workshop	
	Council Hui Preview	
	Hui with Te Hono General Manager	Matters pertaining particularly to Maori Ward Councillor mahi

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.

Topic	Comment
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Dog Safety Concerns	This issue is high priority for Te Tai Tokerau. We are working collaboratively to improve current legislation, staff and systems to make our communities safer.
Te Āta Haere – Kaikohe Library & Civic Hub	Last week the steering group were honoured to visit the new building currently under construction. A standout for me was the number of local community members that were either part of the steering group, contractors or onsite workers. The project is progressing beautifully with so many facets and areas that are stunning. Can't wait for completion date around October-November.

Responsibilities:

Kohepu Deputy Mayor

- Assume Mayoral duties as and when require

Te Huia Committee – Chairperson

- Initial Workshop has been completed
- New Te Huia Committee Advisor has been appointed

Portfolio

- Comms and Engagement
- Sister Cities

Council Appointment

- Te Pīpīwharau – external appointments process almost completed
- A special welcome to our Comms Advisor for the Office of the Mayor – Myjanne Jensen. Nau mai haere mai.
- Lake Ōmāpere Trust – Elected Member appointee

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.

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.