



Te Tari o te Kahika o Te Hiku o te Ika Office of the Mayor of the Far North

PŪRONGO Ā-MEMA | MEMBER'S REPORT

MAYOR MOKO TEPANIA | APRIL - MAY 2026

DATE	MEETING TOPIC
22/04/26	<p>Informal Councillor Catchup</p> <p>Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure</p> <p>Te Puāwaitanga Workshop (part)</p> <p>Northland Waters – Far North Prebrief</p> <p>Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Zoom with Infometrics on Fuel Crisis</p> <p>LGNZ Te Maruata Monthly Wānanga</p>
23/04/26	<p>Call with Minister Watts on Local Water Done Well</p> <p>Local Government Fuel Crisis Teams with Minister of Finance & Minister of Local Govt.</p> <p>Northland Waters Elected Member Steering Group (EMSG), Whangārei</p> <p>Local Government Reform EMSG</p>
24/04/26	<p>Joint Regional Economic Development Committee (part)</p> <p>Q&A Session – Community Engagement for Old Library in Kaikohe</p> <p>Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund Catchup</p> <p>Meeting with Cancer Society Northland on new Accommodation Lodge in Whangārei</p> <p>Rugby for Life Catchup – Rumble in Russell</p> <p>Hokianga Housing Project Catchup</p> <p>Northland Waters – Legal Opinion Catchup</p>
25/04/26	Anzac Day – Dawn Service Kaikohe & Civic Service Kerikeri
28/04/26	<p>Council Order Paper Prebrief</p> <p>Northland Waters Debrief</p> <p>Chief Executive (CE) Weekly Catchup</p> <p>Far North Holdings Limited (FNHL) CE Catchup</p>
29/04/26	Ordinary Council Meeting
30/04/26	<p>Combined Community Boards Workshop (part)</p> <p>Meeting with Ngāpuhi Asset Holdings Company CE</p> <p>Briefing with Legal on Processes</p> <p>Tuia Wānanga Debrief</p>
01/05/26	<p>Te Hau Ora o Ngāpuhi Bisset Rd Development & Te Ara ki te Atua Development Visits</p> <p>Extraordinary Council Meeting</p> <p>He Tai, He Tokerau Dinner, Waitangi</p>
04/05/26	<p>Far North Business Association Chairs' Forum</p> <p>Office of the Mayor Catchup</p> <p>Informal Councillor Catchup</p> <p>CE Weekly Catchup</p>



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05/05/26	Northland Waters Workshop Long Term Plan & Reforms Workshop Te Huia External Advisor Check-in Northland Mayoral Forum Check-in
06/05/26	NZTA Director Regional Relationships Catchup Tuia Catchup Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Hui
08/05/26	LGNZ Briefing on Head Start Programme with DIA
11/05/26	Office of the Mayor Catchup Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hokianga Class Teams CE Weekly Catchup
12/05/26	Te Miromiro Committee for Assurance, Risk & Finance (part) Local Government Fuel Crisis Teams with Minister of Finance & Minister of Local Govt. Local Government Reform Workshop
13/05/26	Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy & Regulation Proposed District Plan Workshop
14/05/26	MTFJ Core Group, Wellington <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Social Development on Community Employment Contracts 26/27 • Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment on Social Procurement • Trade Me Jobs LGNZ Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Z Energy on Fuel Crisis • Panel – Fonterra, Tranzit Group & Foodstuffs on Fuel Planning • Department of Internal Affairs on Head Start • Local Govt. Reform Panel • Jeremy Lightfoot, new CE of Ministry of Cities, Environment, Regions & Transport (MCERT)
15/05/26	LGNZ Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of Resource Management Reform, Hon Chris Bishop • Opposition Spokesperson for Local Govt & Transport, Tangi Utikere MP DIA Partnerships Director Catchup with Northland Regional Council
19/05/26	Chairs Agenda Preview CE Weekly Catchup
20/05/26	Extraordinary Council Meeting Housing for the Elderly Workshop Northland Mayoral Forum Check-in
21/05/26	Far North Business & Agency Monthly Hui Governance & Operations Briefing Community Trust, Participation & Engagement Portfolio Te Huia Committee for CE Performance Workshop Tuia Wānanga Prebrief



Portfolio Updates:

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

Nationally, councils a part of the MTFJ Community Employment Programme have achieved 1,072 employment outcomes, more than the MSD contracted goal of 900 for the 2025/26 year. MSD have confirmed a further \$8 million contract for the 2026/27 year.

MTFJ have Outward Bound scholarships available, with travel costs being the only portion unfunded. Will explore these scholarships for Far North rangatahi.

Northland Mayoral Forum

Informal check-ins have focussed on Head Start and Northland Waters.

Northland Waters

Council has now resolved to join Northland Waters Ltd. Myself and Cr Vujcich will be the Far North's representatives on the new Shareholders Representative Group.

Community Trust, Participation & Engagement Portfolio

- Comms plans in development for elected members
- Website has new social media share features
- Chambers microphones ordered and due to arrive in next month
- Website to trial a new hot topics section
- AI being actively used as a tool for social media analysing