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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 2 Complete set projects, planned maintenance & respond quickly to weather events 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 Hapu & community working groups to oversee & report safety of sewage disposal in 16 wastewater treatment plants Ngā Take Tiriti - equity 5 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 Oneroa a Tohe Board
- ☐ Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Komiti,
- ☐ Te Koukou Komiti for Roothing and Infrastructure,
- ☐ Te Kukupā Komiti for Strategy, Policy & Regulation
- ☐ Te Hiku Community Board
- ☐ Creative Communities Northland
- ☐ Accessibility Komiti

Āku Komiti

15 July	Te Koukou - Infrastructure Komiti Submitted July Elected Member Report
16	1100 Extraordinary Hui- Head Start
20	8.30 Tangi o Joe Tua, Whangaroa, former employee of FNFC 17 years.

20 The National Government announced it will scrap existing and proposed **Mana Whakahono ā Rohe** (Iwi-local government partnership) agreements as part of its replacement legislation for the Resource Management Act.

FNDC signed a MWaRohe with Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngāpuhi July 31, 2025.

NRC has established MWAR partnerships with several local Hapū and Īwi groups:

- **Patuharakeke:** Signed in December 2020
- **Ngāti Rēhia:** Signed in December 2020
- **Te Parawhau ki Tai:** Signed in April 2024
- **Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine:** signed December 12, 2024

12, 2024 Mana Whakahaere a Rohe is a legacy of the National Government. Pouri rawa.



Tai Tokerau Māori Ward
Councillors support
Mana Whakahono
ā Rohe

Mana Whakahono ā Rohe

are statutory agreements between Councils and Iwi / Hapu.

The aim is to engage early in the planning process;

sets out : Treaty obligations, how parties communicate, mutual goals, timeframes, & problem resolution.

MWāR are a practical tool to save duplication, legal costs & protect environmental interests for the whole community

hhh 6.8.2026

21	10.30 LGNZ Zone Hui
22	10 Hui Kaunihera- see Infocouncil FNDC for minutes 7pm Maruata



23 	Accessibility Komiti – Suggested Improvements for Awanui Town Centre that could also be considered across other communities throughout Te Hiku. Issues Identified Wheelchair access in Awanui Town Centre - Mobility vehicles require either side-door or rear-door access. - Planter boxes and high kerbs without ramps restrict wheelchair users from safely accessing the footpath. Limited access to public playgrounds - Barriers prevent wheelchair users and people with mobility impairments from accessing free public playgrounds. Lack of a pedestrian crossing in Awanui - There is no safe crossing point for people with disabilities, children, older people, or families to move between both sides of the main street. Inadequate accessible public toilet facilities - Public toilets lack suitable changing facilities for people with high support needs. - Carers are often forced to change adults on the floor due to the absence of appropriate equipment. Traffic safety at the Awanui intersection - There is ongoing community concern regarding the Awanui–Mangonui–Cape Reinga intersection. Lack of respite care services in Kaitia - There are no local respite care facilities for whānau of children with disabilities. This concern was also raised at a Kaitia community hui two years ago and remains unresolved. Awanui Town Centre - Create designated mobility parking spaces on both sides of the main street. - Relocate one planter box to improve wheelchair access. - Install kerb ramps on both sides of the road to provide safe access between the roadway and footpaths. - Design and install a pedestrian crossing within the next 12 months. Public Facilities generally - Remove barriers preventing wheelchair access to public playgrounds. - Upgrade accessible public toilets by: - Improving wheelchair accessibility. - Installing an adult-sized, height-adjustable changing table.
24	10 Te Oneroa a Tohe- The Secretariat role has transitioned from Northern Regional Council to Far North District Council . Thank Auriole Ruka, Meloney Tupou, Kim Peita & Sheila Taylor & Technical Staff for all their hard work. 1pm - Hui with Trustees of Ngākahu/Ngākohu Trust re outstanding matters since the decommission of the Kauri Dam & return of lands taken by Public Works Act to the Trust. a) consolidate 4-5 Māori landlocked blocks as one contiguous rateable block b) Māori Land Court formal return of lands to Ngākahu/Ngākohu Trust. c) Plant trees for wetland
28 July	Zoe Hobbs won gold medal 100m sprints at the Commonwealth Games



29- 1 Aug	Helicoptered with my daughter from Kaitaia Hospital to Whāngarei Hospital. Very appreciative of hospital staff and emergency services. Acknowledge medical staff are working overtime.
Mon 3 Aug	0815 Karakia at Lake Ngātū - for alcohol ban -for years recreational users have put up with night visitors who leave behind broken glass and other rubbish. This is a great outcome for a dune lake that is well used by the whole community. 0930-pōhiri Te Rangi Āniwaniwa, opening of new Wānanga entrance. 1100-2pm Te Hiku Community Board- Coopers Beach Bowling Club - Board members following up on local matters. Ngai Takoto are interested in a joint arrangement in taking over the pensioner flats in Awanui - instead of them being bulldozed. Silver Ferns win gold medal coached by the famous Ngāpuhi woman- Noeline Taurua
4 Aug	1pm Extraordinary Hui re Headstart- I support 2 Unitary Councils as per consultation process and would have supported 3 with Kaipara. • There is no guarantee that 1 Tai Tokerau Unitary Council will be more cost effective or better than the current model. • I accept the transition model from 4 Councils to 1 will operationally take place in the next triennium - and thereafter.
5 Aug	10am - Transport Workshop - with NZTA and Roading Team



6 Aug Why I support greater capacity for the Office of the Mayor.

Before the 2025 Council elections, several elected members had already recognised the need for **greater administrative support in the Mayor's Office**, having seen **the workload and burnout** experienced by both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor's role now involves an exceptionally high volume of responsibilities: responding to emails and media, engaging with central government, attending up to **8–10 hui a day**, preparing for meetings, communicating Council positions and advocating for the district. Effective administrative support—scheduling, run sheets, briefing notes, draft media scripts, meeting records and follow-up actions—allows the Mayor to concentrate on **governance, leadership and advocacy rather than administration**.

The value of good staff support was demonstrated at the recent inter-council hui in Kaikohe, where a clear presentation of the combined **Head Start survey data** helped all four councils understand the evidence and make better-informed decisions.

The FNDC workload has been particularly demanding over the past 10 months

- **Severe flooding**
- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi commemorations week,**
- **The Tai Tokerau Two Waters CCO,**
- **Mayoral Fora,**
- **the 3 month deadline for Head Start/local government reorganisation proposal,**
- **completion of the Proposed District Plan after a decade of submissions,**
- **the 2026/27 Annual Plan and proposed 6.7% rates increase,**
- **and fast-track reforms every week**

Additional support for the Mayor's Office ensures the Mayor has the organisational capacity, reliable information and preparation needed to lead effectively during an unusually demanding period for Council and the Far North.



10 August 2026 Summary – Kaitaia Airport Upgrade & Resilience Partnership Hui, The Mana Whenua / FNDC partnership team confirmed that the **Kaitaia Airport resilience programme is progressing well, with the main runway works substantially complete and attention now moving toward the **new terminal, fuel depot and remaining resilience works**.**

- **Crown Funding is already provided for:** The terminal upgrade is covered by existing Long-Term Plan funding carried forward for the airport. The programme includes funding lines for the **terminal, runway and other resilience works**, so the terminal does not need to go through a new process to be inserted into the plan.

- **Runway largely completed:** Runway substructure and drainage works are complete, apart from minor snagging and clean-up. Lighting is installed but requires final testing. Additional **strobe lighting at the runway ends** is planned to improve visibility, particularly for air ambulance operations.
- **Fuel depot:** Construction was expected to begin on **24 August**, with completion targeted for **early November 2026**, subject to concrete curing/testing and compliance requirements.
- **New terminal:** The partnership has approved the **concept design** and the project is moving into developed design. Construction itself is estimated at approximately **six months**, excluding design and consenting.
- **Local contractors:** There was clear support for **prioritising local contractors and subcontractors**. Local subcontractors may be nominated within tender documentation, subject to capability and compliance requirements.
- **Community involvement:** Local schools are being involved in the airport project. Ideas supported for the terminal include a **world map and local history/educational displays**, helping tamariki understand the significance of the airport and their connection with the whenua.
- **Accessibility:** A request for **seating under the outside shelter for people waiting for transport** was accepted for inclusion in developed design.
- **Sustainability:** Provision for future **solar panels and battery storage** is to be added to the architectural brief, although this is not presently budgeted.
- **Manager/security accommodation-** pending budget
- **Project Manager** to obtain the **Certificate of Practical Completion**, provide an **updated budget report**, update the terminal brief for solar/battery provision, and consider the world map/local-history features. Further school engagement is also planned.



11 Aug	10am Te Miromiro - Komiti - an overview of expenditure & income.
13 Aug  	My feedback to Monthly Ops GOOD NEWS -The Mobile Ballot Box Tour - FNDC was entered Local Government Award category -The incredible savings by the water infrastructure team (from Miromiro Hui) -Development Contributions Policy passed - long overdue -Alcohol bans extended to other areas- where community support teams have had to patrol to reduce humbug - Kaeo water tanks installed - Lake Ohia Hall completion of renovation. - Simpson Park planting fruit trees -by Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Taumārere. - NZTA March 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 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. - Kerikeri- Bypass- will it be completed in a year within budget? - Kerikeri- Waipapa - KFO proposal- queries from a number of groups
16-31	On personal leave
Kia tūtuki commitment s 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 Hihī, 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

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/Iwi, 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 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 - Support improved health services in Tai Tokerau

	WHAKANUIA 2026 <i>FNDC Achievement Awards</i> 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>	• Ana No'ovao- he toa netipaoro nō Avaiki Nui. • Te Kepa Stirling-he kaiako rongonui i te rohe o Māngere nō Te Tai Rāwhiti. • Kyla Te Wano Greensill, he taiohi tonu 22 ngā tau , he toa o te poirewa i mate ohore i te meningococcal • Brian Wiki, he kaumātua , he Āpotoro , he kaiako , he kauhoe, he nanakia nō Te Aupouri , hoa pūmau o Mere Wiki. • Lynette Kaaka he kuia i mārena i a Roimata Kaaka nō Te Aupouri. • Helena Kuvarji , kua pouri tōna whānau me ngā mokopuna i tana wehenga • Isey Bristowe - he mareikura rongonui nō Whirinaki, Te Hikutū o Hokianga. • Elsie Paparoa - He Karani Māmā pai te tiaki mokopuna nō Karepōnia.



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

- 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
 - Kaingahoa Marae – Mataraua
 - Ngāi Tawake Marae – Mataraua
- 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

*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*



- Placemaking – Members continue to support the completion of the Russell Placemaking project and initiation of the new Simson Park Placemaking project. The Simson Park project officially began with a rangatahi-led (Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Taumarere) fruit tree plant on the 29th of June. The tree planting was celebrated with a haka hosted by the kura. The BWCB will hold Public Hearings on the proposed Simson Park Domain Reserve Management Plan at their August ordinary meeting (6th of August).



Photo credit: Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Taumarere