



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

Name Kohepu – Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin
Ward: Ngā tai o Tokerau Wāri Māori Councillor
Date: April/May 2026

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic
22.04.26	Informal Councillor Catch-up Maruata Zoom LGNZ Catch-up Northland Waters Elected Members Select Group briefing LGNZ Zoom: Informetrics” on Fuel Crisis
23.04.26	Quotable Value Triannual Revaluation Results Workshop
24.04.26	Cancer Society Meeting regarding new Lodge being built in Whangarei Mayoral Relief Fund Catch-up
25.04.26	Attended ANZAC Dawn Service in Panguru
28.04.26	Ngā Tai o Tokerau weekly Catch-up Catch-up re Council Order paper Northland Waters Debrief and next steps CEO Weekly Check-in
29.04.26	Council Hui
30.04.26	Combined Community Board Workshop until 11am Meeting with local resident re RFS matter Meeting with Ngāpuhi Asset Holding Company Director
1.05.26	Bisset Road Development Visit Extraordinary Council Hui
4.05.26	Far North Business Association Stakeholders Hui
5.05.26	Northland Waters Done Well Elected Member Workshop Long Term Plan/Reforms – Elected Member Workshop
6.05.26	Meeting with Dennis Duke from Mayors Taskforce for Jobs re pending employment Support Māori Ward Councillors catch up with GM Te Hono Meeting with Chinese Delegation in Omapere
7.05.26	Meeting with Chinese Delegation in Omapere
8.05.26	Visit to the Nursery at Ngawha Corrections Facility LGNZ Briefing online regarding the Governments new Head Start process Pōwhiri at Te Raupo, Rawene Water Treatment Plan



9.05.26	Attended blessing of Electrocoagulation Plant at Te Raupo with Te Mauri o te Wai
11.05.26	Ngā Tai o Tokerau weekly catch up Q and A – Northland Waters Done Well Office of the Mayors catch up CE, Mayor, Deputy Mayor catch up
12.05.26	Te Miromiro Committee for Assurance, Risk and Finance Meeting Local Government Reform Workshop
13.05.26	Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation District Plan Workshop
14.05.26 and 15.05.26	Rural and Provincial Sector Meeting in Wellington <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Z Energy on Fuel Crisis • Panel – Fonterra, Transit 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)
18.05.26	Quarterly Celebration and New Starters pōwhiri Ngā Tai o Tokerau catch up LGNZ Briefing: how do unitary councils work? Q and A Drop in – Northland Waters Done Well Informal Councillor catch up
19.05.26	Chairs Agenda Preview CE Weekly Catchup
20.05.26	Extraordinary Council Meeting Housing for the Elderly Workshop
21.05.26	Te Huia Chairperson's catch up with Te Huia External Advisor Governance & Operations Briefing Community Trust, Participation & Engagement Portfolio Te Huia Committee for CE Performance Workshop
22.05.26	Ngā Tiahotanga o Rahiri – enabling communities

Community Matters

Topic	Comment
Old Kaikohe Library Building consultation	Community Consultation regarding next steps for the Old Kaikohe Library are well underway. Consultation includes many facets and groups of our community so be sure to engage if you wish to.
Northland Waters	FNDC has recently resolved to connect with Northland Waters Limited. Mayor Moko and Cr Vujcich will be the Far North's representatives on the new Shareholders representative Group.



Portfolio Updates:

Te Huia Committee – Chairperson

- Preparation and confirmation of the process for the CE Review committee and dates for future hui have been confirmed.
- Meetings and workshops have commenced.
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Council Appointment

- Te Pīpīwharauoa – external appointments processes completed
- Lake Ōmāpere Trust – great to see the planting being undertaken alongside the lake recently.

Community Trust, Participation & Engagement Portfolio

- Communications planning is underway to better support elected members
- The website now includes tools that make social media sharing easier
- New microphones for the Chambers have been ordered and are expected next month, these should improve sound for livestreaming
- A trial “hot topics” feature is being prepared for the website
- AI is now being used to help monitor and analyse social media activity