



# 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 | FEBRUARY – MARCH 2026

DATE	MEETING TOPIC
13/02/26	Te Āta Haere – Kaikohe Civic Hub & Library Steering Group Meeting
16/02/26	Quarterly Celebration – New Starters Pōwhiri, Love Your Work and Long Service Awards Office of the Mayor Weekly Catchup Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Catchup for Te Huia Committee Radio Wātea Interview Chief Executive (CE) Weekly Catchup Office of the Mayor Executive Officer Check-in
17/02/26	Te Miromiro Committee for Assurance, Risk & Finance Meeting Northland Water Done Well (NWDW) Far North Check-in
18/02/26	Filming for Tuia Candidate NWDW Elected Member Steering Group (EMSG) Meeting, Whangārei
19/02/26	Road Maintenance Contracts Workshop Te Puāwaitanga Workshop NWDW Far North Debrief
20/02/26	LGNZ Zoom with National Council Northland Mayoral Forum (NMF) Agenda Preview Ministerial Visit – Hon Shane Jones Office of the Mayor Introduction with Executive Officer Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ) Fortnightly Catchup State of the Far North Security Check-in
23/02/26	NWDW Far North Check-in with Morrison Low Office of the Mayor Weekly Check-in Council Agenda Check-in CE Weekly Catchup NWDW Far North Check-in with External Advisory Group Chair
24/02/26	Council Agenda Preview Te Koekoeā Committee for Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs) Meeting
25/02/26	Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Podcast Interview for Reo Journeys MTFJ Membership Forum Meeting via Zoom (part attendance) Te Koukou Committee for Transport & Infrastructure, Kerikeri (part attendance) Briefing with First Security Final Dress Rehearsal for State of the Far North
26/02/26	Te Hiku FM Interview State of the Far North Address, Kerikeri
27/02/26	NWDW Far North Check-in NMF Local Government Reform Meeting LGNZ Catchup for Te Huia Committee



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02/03/26	NWDW EMSG Meeting, Whangārei Meeting with GJ Gardner Homes Far North Tuia Candidate Check-in Meeting with Te Hono Group Manager Office of the Mayor Comms Advisor Check-in
03/03/26	Portable X-ray Service Meeting Office of the Mayor Introduction with Comms Advisor Tuia Candidate Confirmation Check-in CE Weekly Catchup
04/03/26	Pronunciation Framework Demo Meeting with Connecting Northland Legal Briefing for Council Meeting
05/03/26	Ordinary Council Meeting MTFJ Community Employment Programme Debrief
06/03/26	Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Meeting, Whangārei NMF Meeting
07/03/26	Cruzn the Bayz Kerikeri
09/03/26	MTFJ Tuia Mentor Training via Teams Comms Update Informal Councillor Catchup CE Weekly Catchup Office of the Mayor Catchup Snapper Bonanza Opening, Waipapakauri
10/03/26	Te Hiku Community Board, Kā Uri Awanui
11/03/26	Office of the Mayor Check-in Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Te Huia Agenda Preview Civil Defence Preparedness Hui
12/03/26	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board, Turner Centre Kerikeri Catchup with CE Annual Plan Workshop Preview Waitangi Commemorations Dinner, RSA Kawakawa
13/03/26	Child Cancer Foundation Street Appeal, Kerikeri Ngāti Hine Pre-Harvest Karakia Northland Waters Briefing via Teams Te Kuaka Agenda Preview Office of the Mayor Debrief
15/03/26	Bream Bay Guardians Anti-Sandmining Protest, Ruakākā Beach
16/03/26	NWDW EMSG Meeting, Whangārei DIA Catchup Wātea News Interview Pre-Tuia Wānanga Catchups



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17/03/26	LGNZ Zoom with Minister of Local Government NWDW Far North Workshop Te Huia Committee Workshop
18/03/26	Te Hiku Media IV Te Kahu o Taonui Check-in CE Check-in Workshops – Local Government Reform, Northland Waters & Annual Plan Meeting with MBIE for Tourism System Changes
19/03/26	Te Koukou Committee Advisor Check-in LGNZ Zone One Meeting Northland Mayoral Forum Check-in Northland Forward Together Workshop Meeting with DIA
20/03/26	Whakaata Māori IV on Wastewater Treatment Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board via Teams SLT Check-in Taupō Bay Steps Discussion
23/03/26	Te Kuaka Prep Hui Office of the Mayor Weekly Check-in Citizenship Ceremony
24/03/26	Annual Plan Workshop Council Agenda Preview
25/03/26	Kāeo Water Update Civil Defence Briefing & Filming Te Maruata Whānui Monthly Wānanga via Zoom
26/03/26	LGNZ Zoom with Minister of Finance & Local Government - National Fuel Plan Civil Defence - Emergency Operations Centre Minister for Emergency Management Visit
27/03/26	Civil Defence - Emergency Operations Centre

### Portfolio Updates:

#### Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

Two Far North representatives have been selected for the Tuia Rangatahi programme for 2026, Noah McBirney-Warnes and Elyse King. They have attended their first wānanga, Tuia i Runga in Ōtorohanga.

Our Community Employment Programme continues, however we have a contract variation and our new target is 24 sustainable employment outcomes (down from 27). The second tranche of funding from the Ministry of Social Development will be \$69,250. The first tranche of funding was \$110,000.

#### Northland Mayoral Forum

Regional Workstreams:

- Local Government Reform
- Resource Management Reform



- Dog Control Collaboration

The Northland Mayoral Forum also held meetings with:

- Rena Hona, the new Regional Commissioner for MSD
- Toa Faneva, the new Public Service Commissioner
- Grant McCallum, MP for Northland
- Vanessa Blakelock, Partnerships Director for DIA

### **Northland Waters**

The Elected Member Steering Group has now met over 17 times for the establishment of a new joint-waters council-controlled organisation for the region to be named Northland Waters – Ngā Wai o Te Tai Tokerau. The EMSG have endorsed the Constitution and Shareholders Agreement for the company which will go to council to endorse in principle. This is the first of two commitment points for the transition, the next will be at the end of April when councils will be asked to sign off documentation and establish the company. There are still many workstreams that need to be completed operationally.

### **Community Trust, Participation & Engagement Portfolio**

This portfolio is yet to meet, membership includes Chairs of Committees and Communities Boards.