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Ward: Māori Ward

Date: 29 September 2026

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
03.08	Northland Waters - Shareholders Representative Group (Online)	Discussions included strengthening governance arrangements for the new water entity. Public-session discussions covered the SRG Terms of Reference and Standing Orders, including decision-making authority, meeting procedures, alternate representation, conflicts of interest, conduct, confidentiality and arrangements for effective shareholder oversight.
04.08	Extraordinary Council Meeting	Consider and approve the Head Start Proposal for Northland, enabling its submission to Government by 4.00 pm on 9 August 2026.
05.08	Workshop Transportation Asset Management Plan (AMP) Progress Update and Feedback	Transport discussions focused on network resilience, unsealed roads and ageing bridges. I support collaborative procurement to address end-of-life bridges, sealing roads outside marae and kōhanga reo, and continue advocating for Pukepoto Bridge. I also welcomed staff exploring innovative solutions and opportunities to access flood-resilience funding.
06.08	Tū Rangatahi – Stand Up Young Leaders – Innovation Lab	E Tū Rangatahi Innovation Lab brought together 80 participants, including 48 rangatahi, to develop solutions across environmental, technology, economic development and community issues. Rangatahi pitched innovative ideas, supported by cross-sector partners committed to ongoing collaboration and creating pathways for youth leadership, participation and development across the Far North. Taipā Area School gave the winning speech calling for rangatahi influence in decision making and under the catch call, “Nothing for Uw, Without Us.”

07.08	Te Hiku Media	Summer Travel Fund
11.08	Te Miromiro Committee for Assurance, Risk and Finance	Attended the Te Miromiro C.ommittee for Assurance, Risk and Finance, considering organisational health, safety and wellbeing, Council's policy work programme, financial performance and revenue recovery, valuations and Long-Term Plan progress. Discussion also provided oversight of organisational performance, financial management, risk, internal controls and accountability.
12.08	Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation	Attended the Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation, considering key policy and regulatory matters including the Significance and Engagement Policy review, a new district-wide Strategic Parking Policy, the Vehicle Crossings Bylaw review, and Council's 2024/25 corporate greenhouse gas emissions inventory. The corporate greenhouse gas emissions is an important Kaupapa for me and one I hope we commit to.
12.08	Workshop - Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation	Attended the District Wide Spatial Strategy Workshop, providing feedback on the draft Vision, Principles and Objectives that will guide future spatial planning across the Far North. Discussion drew on community and tangata whenua aspirations alongside evidence on transport, economic development, social wellbeing, infrastructure, growth, planning and future opportunities for our district.
13.08	Monthly Governance and Operational Briefing	Reviewed the June Monthly Operational Briefing Reports, covering Council-wide service delivery, infrastructure, community services and organisational performance. Key areas included progress on the LTP, local government and RMA reform, development contributions, capital and property projects, customer service and RFS performance, workforce capacity, community engagement, and infrastructure delivery. I continue to focus on improving visibility of work programme delivery, responsiveness to constituents, budget and timeframe variances, and the impacts of workforce capacity on services. The reports also

		highlighted strong community use of Council services, including libraries, alongside ongoing work to strengthen organisational accountability, coordination and delivery. June 2026 Operational Briefing. I am following up on the projects that trigger growth and will consequently trigger Development Contributions.
17.08	Youth Education & Leadership Pathway Portfolio	Full update found under <i>Portfolio</i>
18.08	Te Koekoeā Committee for Council Controlled Organisations	Te Koekoeā considered Council's strategic oversight of Council-Controlled Organisations, including performance, accountability and future priorities. Key discussion included proposed greenhouse gas emissions measurement and reduction requirements for Council's CCOs, alongside consideration of associated financial impacts. Te Koekoeā The Committee also received an update on future economic development investment through the 2027–37 Long Term Plan, with a focus on productivity, quality employment, investment attraction, business growth, Māori economic development and long-term prosperity. Te Koekoeā Northland NZ's 2026/27 Statement of Intent was also reviewed, including strengthened transparency, district-level reporting and investment attraction. gas emissions measurement and reduction requirements for Council's CCOs may save rate payer money if the responsibility lies with the CCO.
18.08	Northland Water LGF Loan Guarantees Workshop	Attended the Northland Waters LGFA Loan Guarantees Workshop, discussing shareholder council guarantee arrangements, financial implications, risk allocation and future borrowing requirements.
18.08	Northland Waters Statement of Expectation (SOE)	We considered the revised Statement of Expectations and outstanding matters requiring shareholder direction. Discussion focused on hapū and iwi relationships, district-specific expectations, independent review of the Water Services Strategy, performance measures,

		service-level baselines, regulatory alignment, climate resilience and strong shareholder accountability.
19.08	Te Koukou Committee for Transport and Infrastructure	Attended Te Koukou Committee, considering key infrastructure delivery and investment across the district. Matters included Kaitiāia and Whatuwhiwhi wastewater desludging, future use of the current Kaikohe Library building, packaging of the Three Waters programme, Commerce Street stormwater renewals, infrastructure consenting and compliance, and the capital works programme. Updates were also received on water services operations, the Kaikohe and Kawakawa Infrastructure Acceleration Fund projects, Citycare's community facilities maintenance contract, and transport operations and road safety. The Committee's focus remains on monitoring delivery, infrastructure performance, expenditure, resilience and ensuring Council assets meet the current and future needs of our communities.
20.08	Governance Options: Strengthening Assurance and Public Confidence	
20.08	Workshop Housing for the Elderly and Long Term Plan	Attended the Housing for the Elderly Elected Member Workshop, considering the future of Council's elderly housing portfolio and potential divestment pathways. Discussion covered the significant future capital investment required, ongoing operating shortfalls, asset condition, tenant protection and legal constraints affecting several properties.
21.08	Te Kuaka Committee Workshop	Attended the Te Kuaka Committee Workshop, contributing to discussions on the Long Term Plan, Regional Spatial Plan Māori Participation Workstream, and Te Pae o Uta – Te Pae Tawhiti 2040. Members also worked collaboratively to identify priorities and shape Te Kuaka's future work programme reflecting hapū, iwi and community aspirations.
25.08	Long Term Plan Workshop	Attended the LTP 2027–37 Elected Member Workshop, considering the balance between rates affordability and Council's future

		investment programme. Discussion covered rating options, prioritising or deferring capital projects, the implications of the proposed rates cap, and future economic development investment, including local capability, Māori economic development, quality employment, business growth and accountability for outcomes.
27.08	Council Meeting	Brought a NoM regarding Te Kuaka and am happy I was able to work with Council to get this agenda item into the public forum.
28.08	Revised Vision, Principles, and Objectives for the District Wide Spatial Strategy	Attended the District Wide Spatial Strategy workshop, reviewing feedback and refinements to the draft Vision, Principles and Objectives. Changes strengthened recognition of He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti, infrastructure-led growth, affordability, Māori economic development, papakāinga, rural communities, climate resilience and ensuring future investment supports thriving, connected communities across the Far North.
28.08	Te Kūkupa Chairperson Agenda Preview	I am enjoying my new role as Deputy Chair and now being apart of Agenda Previews.
28.08	Kaikohe Golf Academy/Rangatahi Academy Opening	Attended the launch of the Ngā Tai o te Raki Rangatahi Golf Academy, supporting 10 rangatahi through a year-long programme developing golf, leadership and community contribution. I encouraged rangatahi participation in Council and Community Boards, and encouraged the Academy to create a rangatahi seat at its governance table.

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
Taupō Bay Steps	I continue to support, as the Māori Ward Councillor appointed to the Working Group, to reinstate beach access at Taupō Bay. Resource consent is required for the proposed permanent stairs, with building consent requirements still being worked through. In the interim, a temporary

	gangway will be installed at the northern end of the beach while the necessary consenting process progresses.
Local Procurement	Capacity Building Continued advocating for practical support to strengthen local contractor participation in Council procurement. Following the successful Amotai event, I have requested progression of SiteWise capability workshops to help local businesses understand and meet prequalification requirements, remove barriers to accessing Council contracts, and build sustainable local procurement capability.
Ngāpuhi Market Place	I sit on this Governance Group for Ngāpuhi Market Place in Kaikohe as a Māori Ward Councillor. At our August hui we discussed the development of a community-focused marketplace on Ngāpuhi owned land in Kaikohe. The Committee reviewed the workplan, site development, budget, stallholder engagement, governance arrangements and project risks. Priorities included improving site safety and accessibility, progressing capital funding opportunities, developing stallholder systems and strengthening relationships with existing market operators. The Committee also discussed PapaKai, a proposed initiative supporting rangatahi, kai and toi producers into enterprise and compliant trading pathways. I supported development of a Kaupapa Māori evaluation framework to measure participation, whānau access, affordability and outcomes, providing robust evidence for future investment and funding.
Ōkaihau Community Association	Currently supporting the Ōkaihau Community Association to progress a proposed environmental project on land behind the community hall. I am liaising with Council staff to clarify land ownership and appropriate next steps, including consideration of health and safety requirements and a proposed fence to protect tamariki and the wider community.
Rangatahi Needs	During the E Tū Rangatahi Kaupapa we heard loud and clear from rangatahi that they want our community facilities to be used for workshops and programmes that support them. From building a CV to learning basic financial literacy. They also want greater influence on Council Decision making and sent a clear message, 'Nothing about us, without us!'
Housing for the Elderly	This continues to be a hot topic and a complicated topic with many villages having statutory obligations such as First Right of Refusal due to the land being acquired through the Public Works Act.
OOWWTP WasteWater	Continued engagement regarding the wastewater treatment project, with a focus on ensuring technical work and consent requirements progress alongside inclusive tangata whenua engagement. Raised the importance of broad access to information, clear pathways for wider hapū input, and ensuring cultural impacts and future decisions are informed by meaningful opportunities for tangata whenua participation.
Calisthenics Station at Lindvart Park	I am currently supporting a community proposal to install a calisthenics station at Papa Hawaiki/Lindvart Park. Next steps include confirming support for the location, funding arrangements, equipment ownership, and responsibility for its ongoing care and maintenance.

Litter in our Communities	Supported in a comms piece on where you should and should not dump your rubbish.
Kaikohe Memorial Park Reserve Management Plan	Staying abreast of work on the Kaikohe Memorial Park Reserve Management Plan, it is now at the stage where the required recreation reserve classification will now come before the Community Board. Classification is necessary before the draft management plan can proceed to public consultation. Engagement with Te Uri o Hua continues alongside progression of the statutory process.

Portfolio Update: (Name of Portfolio)

Rangatahi – Youth Education & Leadership Pathway Portfolio

Work continues across the Youth Education & Leadership Pathway Portfolio to strengthen meaningful rangatahi participation and influence in Council decision-making, improve coordination across youth initiatives, and create clearer pathways into leadership, education and employment.

Rangatahi Action Council

Recruitment for the Rangatahi Action Council progressed, with 14 applications received at the time of the portfolio meeting. Twelve applications were from Te Hiku, prompting additional communications across Kaikohe-Hokianga and Bay of Islands-Whangaroa to encourage stronger district-wide representation. The Action Council is being aligned with the Long Term Plan cycle to support sustainable resourcing and embed rangatahi participation within Council processes.

Youth Participation Strategy

Implementation planning for the Youth Participation Strategy is underway. I have emphasised the importance of Council aligning with existing youth organisations and community initiatives, supporting rather than leading where others are already doing effective work. The Strategy will include measurable objectives and reporting mechanisms, while work continues to identify youth organisations and opportunities for improved coordination across the district.

E Tū Rangatahi Innovation Lab

E Tū Rangatahi Innovation Lab, held at Ngāwhā Innovation Park, brought together 80 participants, including 48 rangatahi from across the district. Rangatahi developed and pitched solutions addressing environmental issues, science and technology, economic development, wellbeing, housing and independence, civic participation and community challenges. Twenty percent of the total event cost was socially procured. 20261608 YELPP Meeting Notes_Fr...

The kaupapa was supported by partners including the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education Commission, Healthy Families Far North, ĀKAU, Te Hiku Iwi Development and Moko Foundation, with partners committing to continued collaboration around development pathways for rangatahi. 20261608 YELPP Meeting Notes_Fr...

The winning pitch from Te Kura Takiwā o Taipa – Taipa Area School focused on strengthening rangatahi voice in local decision-making. Other rangatahi-led solutions addressed vaping, youth participation in elections, employment and opportunity, independent living and homelessness,

prevention of drug use and pathways into violence, rangatahi wellbeing, and marine ecosystem restoration.

Rangatahi Employment & Pathways

The portfolio continues to maintain a focus on rangatahi employment and workforce development. The Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme is undergoing an operational shift, with future contract arrangements being considered alongside opportunities for social procurement and collaboration with councils nationally. Rangatahi employment targets have also been identified as part of broader workforce development planning.

Safe and Meaningful Participation

Mana Mokopuna – Office of the Children’s Commissioner Safe and Ethical Practice training is planned for Council kaimahi and incoming Youth Councillors. This will help ensure rangatahi engagement is supported by appropriate practices as their participation in Council processes grows. 20261608 YELPP Meeting Notes_Fr...

Overall, the portfolio is moving from individual youth initiatives toward a more connected approach: creating genuine pathways for rangatahi voice, leadership, civic participation, employment and development, while strengthening coordination between Council, community organisations and partners already working alongside rangatahi across the Far North.