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Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa

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Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
01/05	Extraordinary Council Meeting	
	Te Kūkupa Committee	Agenda preview & workshop conversation
04/05	Kerikeri Ring Road hui	Progressing this planning mahi
05/05	Te Papawai - BOI Recreation Centre	Thrive Spaces & Places in stage two of the Aquatic facilities review. Which will form part of decision making for LTP.
05/05	Long Term Plan / Reforms - Elected Member Workshop	
06/05	Housing strategy discussion	Where we are at with the strategy and next steps for Housing Portfolio hui
	ARK Barriers	Learning about how these flood barriers work, the costs and benefits
	Code of Conduct process	Independent investigator interview
07/05	Taumarere River Liaison Working group	
08/05	LGNZ Briefing	DIA and LGNZ on the government Head Start process
11/05	Climate Adaptation Video	Video as chair of Te Tai Tokerau Adaptation Committee promoting an upcoming event
12/05	Local Government Reform Workshop	
13/05	Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation	
13/05	Proposed District Plan Workshop	
14/05	Drop-in Session	Roading professional services contract award

15/05	MoU Te Hononga discussion	
	Emergency Management discussion	
16/05	Kawakawa Housing Development	Site hui with CEs of FNDC, FNHL, Ngati Hine Health Trust and members of the public. Thanks to board member Roddy Hapati-Pihema for organising and facilitating a safe space for good kōrero. Outcomes: I am to lead a working group on Kawakawa housing sites; CEs to get back to community about whether they will consider shelving the proposal, or requesting it be notified so the community can have a say; operations to update community on the required upgrades, what is from IAF and what is from rates.
19/05	Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships	
	Site visit with resident	Concerns with stormwater raised, however it is a body corporate, and they need to go through a process to resolve it between them.
20/05	Extra-ordinary Council hui	
	Housing for the Elderly workshop	A paper coming to council for a decision on funding to address those needing attention in the meantime.
21/05	Monthly Governance and Operational Briefing	
	Community Trust, Participation & Engagement	Good to hear about the Hot Topics page on website, a page that proactively addresses concerns
21/05	Te Huia Committee for Chief Executive Performance Workshop	Workshopping the CE key performance indicators and the style of review for this term
26/05	Annual Plan 26/27 Workshop	
	Proposed District Plan Submissions - Workshop 2.	
	Waitangi Tribunal	Provided evidence in Climate change hearing

27/05	Te Puāwaitanga Board	
28/05	Council Meeting	
29/05	UNESCO and Creative Northland	Creative Northland with support from Whangarei District Council is exploring an application to join the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in the Craft & Folk Art category. This designation recognises and represents the celebration of human creativity, storytelling, tradition and cultural heritage of the people of this place. It is about exploring opportunities, listening to our community, and understanding what could be possible for Whangārei and the wider region.
	Te Kūkupa agenda	Review of Te Kūkupa agenda
	Local Gov reform EMSG	Pre hui in preparation for the regional hui
	Local Government Reform Elected Member Steering Group	With Kaipara, Whangarei and Northland Regional councils.

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.

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Kawakawa housing	Concerns over lack of engagement with community and the potential flood impacts on surrounding properties
Body corporates	Number of stormwater issues from 3 different sites, two in Paihia, one in Kaikohe. Need a procedure developed for operations and governance to handle these queries.
Unmaintained roads	Toots Drive, Lily Pond Lane, Powells Road have council infrastructure located on and need to be maintained. Our policies are limited ability to address this.

Te Kūkupa Kōmiti: Strategy, Policy and Regulatory Committee Chair

- Considered amendments to the Revenue and Financing Policy required ahead of the new Development Contributions Policy coming into effect.

- Reviewed the Psychoactive Substances Policy, with the recommendation that it continue without amendment following its statutory review.
- There was also some robust discussion around information being presented publicly and the importance of correcting misinformation where necessary.

Te Huia: Chief Executive Performance

- Committee working on the new framework and KPIs, and still to provide feedback to CE on previous KPIs

Portfolio Update: Community Trust, Participation and Engagement

- Excellent progress made on website.

Portfolio Update: Creative Communities Funding Assessment Committee

- Please see website for next funding drops closing 4th August 2026 and 3rd November
<https://www.fndc.govt.nz/District/funding/creative-communities>

Portfolio Update: Housing Delivery & Partnerships

- portfolio hui much needed.

Council Appointment: Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee

- Civil Defence work continued to focus on recovery and preparedness following the significant weather events experienced across the Far North in March and April. Recent events have again highlighted the importance of strong local community response networks, clear roles during an emergency, and ensuring our more isolated communities are well prepared.
- Work continues across the Northland CDEM network to strengthen readiness, response and recovery capability.
- There was also a useful development on **4 May**, when the Te Hiku Community Board formally requested tailored Civil Defence training for its members, including clarity around their roles and community-facing responsibilities during response and recovery.

Council Appointment: Pou Herenga Tai – Twin Coast Cycle Trail Trust

- Kawakawa to Opua realignment the key focus. Working towards a public hui with stakeholders and trustees.

Council Appointment: Te Tai Tokerau Joint Climate Change Adaptation

- Current focus is on progressing the regional adaptation work programme, strengthening coordination between Northland's councils and iwi/hapū representatives, and ensuring climate resilience is considered early in significant regional programmes and infrastructure decisions, including Northland Water Done Well.
- The recent severe weather events across Te Tai Tokerau have also reinforced the importance of moving from understanding our climate risks to practical, locally led adaptation and resilience planning.

Council Appointment: Turner Centre

- Continued engagement with the Turner Centre in my Council-appointed role.
- Great to see the appointment of Hana-May Kapa as Kaiārahi Toi Māori, further strengthening the Centre's cultural and artistic kaupapa.

- I continue to advocate for the Turner Centre to be recognised as a strategic asset - it is an important piece of social infrastructure for the wider Far North, bringing people together through arts, performances, exhibitions, school productions and community events

Council Appointment: Kaeo-Whangaroa River Liaison Working Group

- River realignment works have now paused for winter to allow the new channel and banks to settle and establish. Once complete, the approximately 500m realignment is expected to reduce flood depths in Kāeo township by up to 0.5m during a 1-in-100-year flood event.

Council Appointment: Taumarere River Working Group

- May hui focused on progressing flood resilience work across the wider catchment, including further works at Ōtiria, Kawakawa stormwater and floodgate modelling, the deflection bank and overland flow paths. Good to see the work increasingly looking at the catchment as a whole rather than individual flooding issues in isolation.

Council Appointment: Te Puāwaitanga Sports Hub

- inaugural governance hui on 27 May. It was great to finally have the new board around the table and begin putting the governance foundations in place for the next stage of Te Puāwaitanga. Our focus is now on turning the vision for the site into a practical, sustainable regional sports and community hub.