

**Name:** Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

**Ward:** Bay of Islands - Whangaroa

**Date:** end of August 2023

**Meetings or Event Attended**

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
7 Aug 2023	Rates increases inquiry Meeting of office of the Mayor	
8 Aug 2023	Meeting with Te Miromiro Chair	
	MHUD Cyclone Gabrielle	Relocatables for emergency housing
	Te Huia Executive Review Committee	
	Te Kuaka wananga	
	Te Kuaka Māori Standing Committee	
9 Aug 2023	Te Miromiro – Assurance, risk & finance	
10 Aug 2023	RMA Making Good Decisions recertification	
11 Aug 2023	Waiau Native Collective	Appreciate Cr Kapa, Cr Rākena and Staff member Lawrence attending this hui with me in Matauri Bay. Since the hui I have shared the concerns with management and the hapū are looking to go to the ombudsman of the lack of their mana whenua status not considered, lack of acknowledgement and communication.
14 Aug 2023	Wai Tamaki ki te Hiku and hapū of Waitangi	Building relationship with Jon Lamonte, at the beginning of this Paihia Water Treatment plant upgrade.
	Extraordinary Council Hui	
15 Aug 2023	Meeting with Kawakawa Moerewa Community Board	Offering background information and support. Working through some of the local issues.
	Bay of Islands Recreation Centre Advisory Committee meeting	Concerns around whether the maintenance grant is a sustainable funding model – was it ever envisioned to fund ongoing maintenance and repairs? Or was that meant to come out of the swimming pools contract? A Northland

		Aquatics Plan being developed via Sport Northland. The swimming pools contract should be up for review soon.
	Resource Consent issue	Highly productive land and resource consent hurdles.
	Rating concerns	Meeting with resident getting into financial stress
16 Aug 2023	Chambers refresh	Refresh of Council chambers technology and it's impact on the world map
	Kahika, Kōwhai agenda preview	
	Ohaeawai Stormwater and flooding	See in issues below
17 Aug 2023	Financial state of the Far North	Presented by Infometrics. Heading to more people than jobs available, & possibly 5.5% unemployment in the Far North. 25,000 migrated to the North to work, 10,000 didn't want a job. We have an aging population, leaving the workforce. Net internal (NZ) migration, is what is driving growth. Far North ahead of national average for GDP. The reduced milk dividend is taking 30 – 40M out of the economy. Expect interest decrease in Nov, and house prices likely to rise over the next 10 years.
	Rangitane Hui	Hapū and community working together
18 Aug 2023	Extreme Weather Fund proposal	Matihetihe Marae resilience project
	Waste to Energy Meeting with Auckland and Northland Mayors	
21 Aug 2023	Blessing for 2 Clark Road Kerikeri	Ngāti Rēhia conducted a site blessing as works are starting, then presented on how the name "Te Tira" came about, and the engagement that was carried out. Te Tira is short for Te Tira Tukuiho, Hei Oranga Taiao. And means – our community is climate smart, secure and respectful.
	Interviews for CE position	
22 Aug 2023	Far North Holdings & Council workshop	
	1 Wharo Way & Pohutukawa	Resolution needs tidying. Will come to next council hui.

23 Aug 2023	Taumarere Counselling Service Advisory Board AGM	
24 Aug 2023	Northland Resilience Plan	Meeting with the team working on the resilience plan, in preparation for the next couple hui.
	Council Hui	
25 Aug 2023	Kawakawa Community Plan	Hui to finalise the plan, pull all the details together.
	Kiwirail – Waka Kotahi SH1 Stakeholder hui	An understanding has been reached which clears up the responsibilities around the road and rail through the main street of Kawakawa. Unfortunately, only repairs and maintenance until the 2024/2025 season to strip back and reseal completely.
	Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Governance Group	Update on the recovery work programme, and funding opportunities. The recovery document has been nominated for an award. Also had a presentation of the resilience plan narrative which will be finalised for the Minister. It captures what is required in our isolated communities to be resilient through extremes of weather and comms or power outages, and brings together a troupe of plans within councils, agencies and more.
26 Aug 2023	Cyclone Recovery Northland	Hui with Minister Davis, NRC staff and consultants on the Northland Resilience Plan
	Office of Auditor General	Discussed many topics, including Cyclone Recovery – impact to our communities and the roads, climate change and the LTP lite.
28 Aug 2023	Interview panel for EA	
29 Aug 2023	Alcohol Harm Hui – Te Hiku Iwi Development Trust and council staff	Comprehensive approach to reducing alcohol harm. Te Hiku Social Accord was formed by Te Tiriti settlement. And it provides Access to Crown agencies to address social harm. And meet social and health outcomes for Te Hiku. They have a programme of work called Whiria Te Muka – the goal is to reduce and prevent whānau harm in Te Hiku whilst striving towards Mana Tangata. They want to support council in the following - Alcohol control bylaw needs to be reviewed by November. And they wish to resurrect the Local Alcohol Policy. Now that the legislation preventing big box supermarkets from objecting, has been passed. We will work together in preparation for the next steps.

	Tumu Taupua, Kōwhai & Kahika Catchup	
	District Plan Hearing catchup	District plan staff need an idea from us councillors that are interested in being on hearings panel, how much can we commit to.
30 Aug 2023	Meet and greet applicant for EA role	
	Te Maruata Whānui Wānanga	Presentation from Te Whatu Ora on Localities. Localities is about people; the health funding follows the persons not the practice. We as local authorities may be engaged with by the localities, and they will likely seek our endorsement of the area boundaries they have settled on.
31 Aug 2023	Mahi Haumarua Aotearoa	Worksafe NZ kōrero at Kawiti Marae. We take our whole selves to work. Challenge is how do we make a difference Worksafe wise. People thriving, wellbeing succeeding is the mantra of many of our hapū and iwi. Which aligns with the Worksafe Goal: Everyone goes to work and goes home happy and safe.
	Frank Aldridge	Planning the next steps from offsite, and development of KPIs
1 Sep 2023	Northland Mayoral Forum	KDC are seeking councils to have a collective voice on the waste to energy Kaupapa. Chair of Wai Tamaki ki te Hiku attended and is going to follow up on some concerns raised. FNDC need a paper on the C4LD to determine whether we are still part of that group. NTA s17a review – I stressed that some Ems outside of urban centres should be included in review. Presentation from Te Whatu Ora on localities. Working on an incoming briefing paper to government Ministers to be presented post-election.

## **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.*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Kerikeri CBD Road closure	Applicant was advised I oppose the application to close Kerikeri CBD for events. I explained I am one voice around the table, and when it comes to the table, I will vote having considered the information presented.

Stormwater issue	Marreine Place - Far North Waters Alliance is currently working with the Department of Conservation on a preferred engineering solution and hopefully this is resolved within the next three months. The target is to have engineering works completed during this summer period when ground conditions will be optimal for such works.
Stormwater issue	Neumann Street, Kawakawa happening as I type, smiling faces all round. Moerewa Stormwater project – <b>need an update from project manager to elected members.</b>
Ōhaeawai	<p>This community has been putting up with the stormwater issue exacerbated by our footpath and lack of maintenance for decades.</p> <p><b>They are dealing with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• having to take children aged 3 – 15 yrs. out in the middle of the night to the public toilet, from Tennyson Street. As their toilets wont flush. For a couple properties it is after only a day's rain.</li> <li>• There is a school and a playcentre in this town. Each morning, the children go for a run, and they are running along streets that have been flooded with stormwater mixed with sewerage.</li> <li>• There is also a swale/drain which when full is two metres deep. There is no barricade to prevent children from running or falling into this dangerous hazard.</li> <li>• Council have made no attempts to remedy.</li> <li>• One family have done work to upgrade their onsite septic, but it has made no difference.</li> <li>• This is said to have well-draining soil, but the infrastructure is blocked. It is the fact that the stormwater gets stuck, doesn't have a path to flow away because our footpath is in the way, and because the drains are blocked.</li> <li>• Wastewater infiltrated by stormwater.</li> </ul> <p><b>What they need urgently:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear the blockages.</li> <li>• Renew/remedy the footpath. Features an engineering failure, which is contributing to the cause.</li> <li>• Culverts</li> <li>• An arrangement for portaloos in the meantime (ideally we put 3 into the town until the blocked drains are cleared and the footpath is remedied). And they will be supported to develop a community response plan, so their hazards are identified, and their vulnerable and they have a clear path to support moving forward.</li> </ul> <p><b>What they need in the long-term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am arranging a meeting with Northland Regional Council flooding and rivers team to discuss the Pekapeka River and catchment as there is also the risk to the community when logs come down the river and block it, which floods the state highway.</li> <li>• I am raising the unmaintained drainage along the state highway with Waka Kotahi, to ensure they are doing their part towards flood mitigation on their stormwater infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p>These issues have going on for too long and the community are prepared to work with council to address. They have already done some scoping, and if we would like them to deliver good value for money, they could make a bit of money go a long way to address on a larger scale.</p>
Mayflower Takeaways	This business was in the Ford Building in main street Kawakawa which has been impacted by a massive slip behind. Landlord appears to once again be evading doing the remedial work, and Mayflower are keen to get up and running again. They are considering another location in Kawakawa.

	<p>And as was offered by staff last year, working with the business on due diligence on a new location (Fire, Code of Compliance and Food Control Plan). In lieu of a lease, a site visit to advise is not able to occur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Monitoring and enforcement need to manage that slip work before the entire building becomes a health &amp; safety risk. <i>Further – concerns were raised at a stakeholder’s hui regarding the potential threat that slip poses, should it give way completely and cause the building to collapse and block state highway 1</i></u></li> </ul>
Puketiti	Still waiting on Heritage status of the site.
Cycle trail at Beaufort Street	Some signs and fencing appear to be going up. Landowner has been interrupting cyclists. People are concerned about behaviour. The trust is aware and managing.
Matauri Bay	Rating of whenua Māori – hui still to be arranged.
Hihitahi Rise	Residents appreciate the temporary repairs, they have made a huge difference. Organising an emergency response meeting, so to ensure resilience should worst case scenario occur.
Waitangi Occupation	No update on court orders

### **Portfolio Update: (Housing)**

- Blessing of Te Tira Housing development, Kerikeri

### **Matters for Discussion**

*This section should be completed for matters which the elected member wishes to raise with wider Council, Community Boards and/or in relation to delivery.*

### **Training / Conference Attendance**

Name of Event: RMA Making Good Decisions recertification

Date of Event: Thursday 10 August 2023

Learnings: changes in legislation, new case law

Value for the organisation: good understanding of the plan making and resource consents process.