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**Far North District Councillor**

**Date: 29/09/2023**

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**Meetings Attended**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Comment</b>
28/9/23	JREDC Tour of Innovation and Enterprise Park JREDC Formal Meeting JREDC Workshop Northland Inc Presentations	
27/9/23	Kaikohe Hokianga Community Board Meeting Kaikohe Hokianga Community Board Workshops	
26/9/23	Communications Team In-office Day Discussions	
22/9/23	Cycleway Executive tour of Kawakawa to Opuia and back Loop	See comments below
21/9/23	Council Meeting	
20/9/23	Incorporating Te Tiriti in Local Government	
19/9/23	JREDC Agenda Preview	
18/9/23	Future for local government Workshop Wellington Day 2	See Comment below
17/9/23	Future for local government Workshop Wellington Day 1	See comment below
15/9/23	Meeting William Fuller, Russell, re Cycleway extension	
14/9/23	Business Call	
13/9/23	Long Term Plan Workshop	
12/9/23	Kaikohe Wastewater Treatment Plan Workshop	
11/9/23	Transport Committee Meeting Kaikohe Te Rerenga Strategy progress Northland Inc Meeting (Teams) Transport Committee Workshop	
08/9/23	FNHL Board Member Interviews, Kerikeri (all day)	
07/9/23	Business Call Meeting Executive Review Committee Te Ao Maori Committee Workshop Te Ao Maori Committee Committee	
06/9/23	CE Recruitment	
05/9/23	Cycle Trail Executive Meeting Growth Planning and Placemaking Long Term Plan Workshop	
04/9/23	Interview CE Crown Negotiation & Airport Discussion	

## **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
Future for Local Government attendance, Wellington	<p>On the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of this month the mayor and I, along with representatives from 50 plus councils around New Zealand attended a Future for Local Government event in Wellington organised by LGNZ. This event is the next step following the Future for Local Government, FFLG, panel release of its He Piki Tūranga, He Piki Kōtuku, report.</p> <p>The panel in the detailed report listed 17 recommendations, and gave some potential models for a future government. They didn't recommend any particular local government model: rather, in the spirit of localism, they said "local Government must now own and drive the change to make it fit for the future". That certainly is a challenge, but councils collectively are best placed to drive that change.</p> <p>LGNZ President, Mayor Sam Broughton challenged us with draft vision/imagineering statements to help focus our purpose and direction. "A Better Future; Power and Funding Devolved; Funding and Financing Disparities Resolved; Councils are more attractive places to work; People stand and vote; Vibrant and Resilient Places; Everyone is Proud".</p> <p>Most of the last day we considered the 17 recommendations of the FFLG panel with feedback from everyone being recorded.</p> <p>What was very clear is the strong support for councils to deliver the four wellbeings, for devolution of power and governance to local communities, and the need for different funding models. What has not been discussed yet is the potential future model of local government. This is the greatest challenge and primary purpose the FFLG panel charged Councils with.</p> <p>The change to local government will impact every community in New Zealand and represents the biggest changes to the structure of local government in the last 34 years.</p> <p>In the Far North we are a community of many different communities across a wide geographical area facing many different challenges.</p> <p>It is critical that we find a workable local government model capable of delivering the desired wellbeing outcomes that enhances local decision-making at a governance level.</p>

Cycle Loop from  
Kawakawa to  
Opua and Back

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> the cyclway executive rode from Kawakawa to Taumarere, took the train across Long Bridge to near the tunnel, then rode from there around and over the tunnel to Opua. From



Oramahoe View towards Paihia

Opua we took the alternative route along Oramahoe Road, and then down Whangae Road back to Kawakawa and a welcome coffee and lunch at the Railway Station Café.

We did the ride to see first hand potential issues and challenges along the route. The ride via Oramahoe Road and Whangae Road was easier than expected and very scenic, with great views of native forested area. It is not as easy a ride as on the old railway line but is fully rideable from Opua to Kawakawa. The Trust is very keen to encourage as many riders as possible and are working to improve the cycle surface and route that would encourage riders to return. On the trip we meet with a rider from the UK who planned to ride every great ride route in New Zealand. He started with us in the Far North.

Overall it was a great, easy, half-day ride.



Oramahoe View towards the Bay of Islands