

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

**Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa**

**Date: 17 Nov 2023**

**Meetings/Events Attended**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Comment</b>
30 Oct 2023	Te Koukou Komiti hui	Transport committee meeting
	Te Koukou Wananga	Workshop
1 Nov 2023	Te Huia – Executive Review Committee	Regular hui to monitor performance of CE through reporting.
	Kahika & Kaikaunihera catchup	Working through issues
2 Nov 2023	Business Call	Reps from business associations across the district, sharing issues that they have not been able to get progress on, or brewing within their community – or the celebrations.
	Kerikeri resident	Concerns for small businesses, signalling a shift in the community and social construct of business as more absentee ownership
	Trouble in Paradise – Climate Change in the Pacific.	<p>Photographic exhibition officially opened by the British High Commissioner, Her Excellency Iona Thomas, and Ngāti Rēhia.</p> <p>In her speech she shared how the exhibition of poignant images on the impact of climate change across the Pacific came to be &amp; what is at stake if we don't keep to our targets to limit global warming.</p> <p>Following the opening, one of New Zealand's leading climate change scientists, Professor Richard Levy from GNS Science and Victoria University, delivered a presentation on Climate Change and Sea Level Rise in Te Tai Tokerau. The presentation was ably facilitated by Mariaio Hohaia of Ngāti Rēhia. Professor Levy shared very confronting images and data. (Will share that another time).</p> <p>Trouble in Paradise is presented in partnership with the British High Commission, the British Council New Zealand and the Pacific, and made possible by the Bay of Islands Whangaroa Community Board.</p> <p>You can check out the exhibition during Turner Centre opening hours, until 20th December. An</p>

		important reminder of the urgency of tackling climate change.
10 Nov 2023	Matauri Bay Hui	Teams hui furthering the actions on the rating concerns. Kelly to follow up.
11 Nov 2023	Bay of Islands Show	Opened the show
14 Nov 2023	Libraries Presentation	LGNZ presented the findings from the FrankAdvice research. Libraries are increasingly operating as “information intermediaries”, libraries are addressing gaps in digital inequity & civic participation, libraries contribute to community wellbeing (and how this has evolved). Very helpful presentation through the Long Term Planning process, as we look at what spend goes where.
	LTP Workshop	At the pointy end of this process, almost clear what we will consult on, and where cost savings could come from. There is a huge increase in what we plan to spend on roads to address our ongoing under investment. Many have already failed, more are on the brink of catastrophic failure. With 3 waters out, we are looking to direct that budget to roads.
	Health & Safety Risk Workshop	A reminder for elected members of the risk we hold under the Health & Safety in Workplace Act. No liability individually, but our decisions and conduct can have an impact on staff wellbeing and end up costing lives, or ratepayer funds.
	Ngā Kuri Hui	Community led solutions, Moerewa. Good first hui, came up with some community led actions, and another hui planned.
15 Nov 2023	Dept of Internal Affairs Affordable Waters Transition wananga	A look at what our proposed Asset Management Plan with Entity A will look like, and what projects are planned. Transition team is made up of our staff and entity A with support from DIA. We have to feed back on this.
	CE/Mayoral weekly catchup	Keeping abreast of items top of mind for staff and elected members
16 Nov 2023	Council hui	Teamsed in for this, as had a sick child.
	Housing Action Plan wananga	We have an options paper coming to December council hui, for a decision on whether we will do a housing strategy. The report will include a snapshot of data collected thus far, and a status

		of where the Far North is at with regard to housing.
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## **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 Slip	Slip at back of businesses, private landlord addressing but hindered by the bad weather. Has meant the Mayflower Takeaways closure for some time. Awaiting response from staff on an update on this matter. 12/5 still have not had a staff response on this. 17/11 And the shop is still closed, and still has water coming from the rear of the building through the shop and to the front door and down the stormwater drain – I expect this does not help keep those drains from getting blocked. <b>It is alleged that this stormwater issue is impacting on the statehighway.</b>
Dog issues	Issues of ownership, communities want to work with council to address. Concerns have been raised about the welfare of dogs in our care, the wellbeing of officers and the lack of education in this space.