

# Member's Report

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Far North District Council Community Outcomes are as follows:

Outcome 1	Outcome 2	Outcome 3	Outcome 4	Outcome 5
Communities that are healthy, safe, connected and sustainable	Connected and engaged communities prepared for the unexpected	Proud, vibrant communities	Prosperous communities supported by a sustainable economy	A wisely-managed and treasured environment that recognises the special role of tangata whenua as kaitiaki

## Meetings Attended

Date	Priority	Meeting	Comments
23 Jan 24	#3,5	Attended official Ruapekapeka Road opening and MoU with Doc for management.	Awesome occasion.
1 Feb 24	#3,4,5	Teams Meeting with Jason Cauvain & Anna Wolterbeek to discuss ToR	Getting input on ToR for Governance group.
4-6 Feb	#3,4,5	Attended various hui and kōrero around Waitangi event	Catching up with people
9 Feb 24	#3,4,5	Kick off meeting for Governance Working Group, Russell Kororāreka Placemaking	Initial project meeting to get the group together.
13 Feb 24	#3,4,5	Teams with Anna Wolterbeek and Kim Hammond to debrief on Placemaking meeting	Click or tap here to enter text.
14 Feb 24	#3,4,5	Meeting with Chris Galbraith, Myjanne Jensen and Kiley Vujcich to review various projects in Ōpua & Kororāreka	Regular catch up.
15 Feb 24	#1,2,3,4,5	Community Board meeting	The Turner Centre
20 Feb 24	#1,2	Resilient Russell monthly meeting. Update on Community Services contract timeline	Concern that local contractors will miss out.
22 Feb 24	#3,4,5	Teams meeting with Jaye Michalick, Tammy Wooster, Anna Wolterbeek and Kim Hammond.	Review Placemaking project for Russell Kororāreka.
26 Feb 24	#3,5	Teams meeting to review Waitangi Day	Council engagement in day
26 Feb 24	#1,3	Russell Town Hall meeting. New appliances in kitchen, still waiting for FNDC maintenance.	Maintenance work to be done in April finally.

28 Feb 24	<b>#1,4</b>	Teams Brynderwyns update from Northland Inc and NZTA Waka Kotahi	Reivew of plans to mitigate road upgrades.
26 Jan to 27 Feb	<b>#1,2,3, 4,5</b>	Created 19 posts for the BOI-Whangaroa Community Board page. Reach 20,685 ↑ 114%   Visits 1499 ↑ 293.4%   Page Followers 1,016 (↑982)   New Likes 27 ↑	Most popular posts were Vert Jam (6.8K) Hapū environmental funding (5.6K) Waitangi events schedule (5.5K) Waikare Road works (4.8K) Ōpua to Paihia walkway closures... again (4.6K)

### My top projects

<b>1</b>	<b>Russell Kororāreka Placemaking initiative</b> <b>#3, 4, 5</b>	First meeting has been held with the various community organisations as part of the Governance Working Group. Second meeting to be held in March with Council staff presenting Placemaking Guidelines. Secured location for Pop-up for community engagement, thanks Ray White.
<b>2</b>	<b>Community Emergency Response in Kororāreka Hapori Whanau Russell</b> <b>#1, 3</b>	This needs to be picked up again after the New Year and progressed. In particular, outlying areas on the back road need to be contacted again.
<b>3</b>	<b>Russell-Ōpua to Paihia walkway /cycleway</b> <b>#3, 4</b>	Ensuring community is kept updated with the various closures and supporting progress on the shared walkway-cycleway from Russell.
<b>4</b>	<b>Derrick Landing Te Tauranga Waka</b> <b>#3, 5</b>	Site of significance to local Hapū, particularly for Kaupapa waka. Roddy and I are working together on this one. Need to pick this one up again now we are in the new year.

### Other Community Issues

Issue name	Comment
Parking in Russell over summer <b>#3,4</b>	This is another perennial problem, exacerbated by trailers using the boat ramp. Again this is a short term issue and needs some creative thinking for a temporary solution rather than significant ratepayer funded infrastructure.
Maromaku Toilet <b>#1, 3</b>	Community will apply for funding of 50% of the installation costs to the Community Board under the Placemaking fund. Have contacted project lead a couple of times but no response. Will keep chasing.
Russell Urupā (Cemetery) <b>#1, 3, 5</b>	This has been delayed until June so will miss the ANZAC window unfortunately.
Russell Boat ramp carpark <b>#3, 4, 5</b>	This is now scheduled to start in April.
Russell Drainage <b>#1, 2</b>	Council staff that the area by the boat ramp car park needs to be done prior to the FNHL boat ramp project. District Engineer has resigned unfortunately.

Maromaku and Matawai Roding <b>#1, 2, 3</b>	Roddy and I would like an assessment of the overall area with a plan to carry out work in an orderly and systematic fashion that the community can understand.
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### Requests for Service (RFS)

RFS number	Date	Comment
(4125516) 4139501	(1/9/2022) 16/12/22	Matauwhi Bay Road drainage with stormwater drainage due to tree roots lifting pavement and drain resulting in blockages and damage to footpath. <b>MORE SILT REMOVAL. NEEDS TO GO IN LTP.</b>
<del>4139843</del>	<del>20/12/2022</del>	<del>Reinstate the yellow lines on Long Beach Road to prevent parking at turning circle and by fig tree (road narrows). Yellow lines continue to be refreshed but nothing here. <b>STILL WAITING.</b></del>
4150811	17/03/2023	Causeway to Russell Boat Club on Matauwhi Road (paper road section) needs repairs for safety reason. Will need legal, roading and engineers involved. <b>ENGINEERING DESIGN COMPLETED, NOW WHAT?</b>
4174834	11/04/2023	Boat hull on reserve on Te Hue. Encroachment officer waiting to arrange a site visit. <b>THIS IS ON HOLD FOR SOME REASON.</b>
4127193, 4111164, 4118337	01/04/2022	Stormwater and drainage issues at Okiato. Ongoing for over a year now with Council stormwater from road flowing down over property. <b>ENGINEERING DESIGN COMPLETED, NOW WHAT?</b>
4175408	15/09/2023	Stormwater and drainage issues from Long Beach Road onto Duffus Estate land, longstanding and not resolved.
4178870	16/10/2023	Drainage problems leading down to Walls Bay Reserve. Flume needs to be replaced and kerbing and road drainage needs to be fixed. Awaiting site visit
4179412	20/10/2023	Subsidence and slip on Towai Road. Have had no update on this and it doesn't appear on any reports to the Te Kou Kou Committee.
<del>4189665</del>	<del>22/01/2024</del>	<del>Flax plants on bend at Long Beach Road obstructing the road making the corner very dangerous for traffic, particularly with large vehicles.</del>
4190086	24/01/2024	<del>Moth plant growing by Council public toilets on Long Beach. One of many outbreaks of moth plant on road reserves.</del>

### Other issues

Still issues with lack of communication to CB members about activities which directly affect their communities, i.e. repairs to the Ōpua to Paihia track – only found out about it through a media post on the FNDC website, nothing from the department. Unsurprisingly, people were still trying to use the path.

A mobile license (MOBILE-1) was issued to a food vendor to sell food on the Wharf in Paihia and Russell and the Strand. This is right opposite two restaurants, and round the corner from two others. I received a number of complaints from the restaurant owners. Council should not have issued a Mobile license within 400 metres of other businesses selling similar goods or services, and curiously they do not have jurisdiction over the wharf (FNHL and the Wharf Trust). I would like to know how this happened. Have not heard back, still need to follow up.