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Ward: Far North District Council

Date: 28/06/24

Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
28/06/26	Matariki	Hope everyone has had a great Matariki break.
27/06/24	Te Kuaka Te Ao Maori Committee Meeting and workshop	Council Chambers
27/06/24	Business Call Meeting	Online
26/06/24	Transfer of Independent Qualified Persons register hearing	Council Chambers
26/06/24	Parking Strategy Workshop	Council Chamber
26/06/24	Extraordinary Council Meeting	Adoption of the LTP. Average rates rise of 4.5%. Well done everyone, the lowest rates rise in NZ
25/06/24	Te Koukou Transport Committee Workshop	Council Chambers
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25/06/24	Powhiri at Kohewhata Marae	Start of Whai Wawata community work project, Kaikohe
24/06/24	Visited Walking Cycling Shared Pathway in Russell	Great locally led initiative. See Community Matters Comments.
22/05/24	Te Miromiro Workshop Top 10 Risks	Council Chambers
22/06/24	Vision Kerikeri AGM	St John Kerikeri
22/06/24	Meet with Hapu at Te Rito Marae, Otiria	Listening to Hapu concerns re Puketiti
21/06/24	Meet Jimmy - Update on Puketiti	Innovation Park
21/06/24	Meet FNHL CEO at FNHL Office	Innovation Park
21/06/24	Kaikohe – Hokianga Community Board Workshop	Council Chambers

21/06/24	Kaikohe Community Meeting	Council Chambers
20/06/24	Meeting Planning Work programme for MSD Project: Kaikohe	
20/06/214	Business Call Meeting	Online
19/05/24	Fornightly Mayor and Councillors Catchup	
19/06/24	Kaikohe Library Community meeting Akau	At Te Kona. Giving opportunity for community input.
18/06/24	Cycleway Exec Meeting	
14/06/24	Pioneer Village meeting with Guy, Reuben and Mike Edmonds the chair	CEO Office
14/06/24	Joint Regional Economic Development Committee meeting	Online – RIF Fund Prioritisation
13/06/24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Kaikohe
11/06/24	Twin Coast Cycleway Board meeting	Pioneer Village
11/06/24	LGNZ Zone 1 Extraordinary Meeting	.Online
07/06/24	Sportsville Board Meeting	Having done 3 terms on the board and completed a major project I stepped down at this meeting.
07/06/24	Joint Regional Economic Development RIF workshop	Online
06/06/24	Extraordinary Council LTP Deliberations	
05/06/24	Fortnightly catchup with Mayor and councillors	
05/06/24	Catchup Mayor and Tanya re RIF	

Community Matters

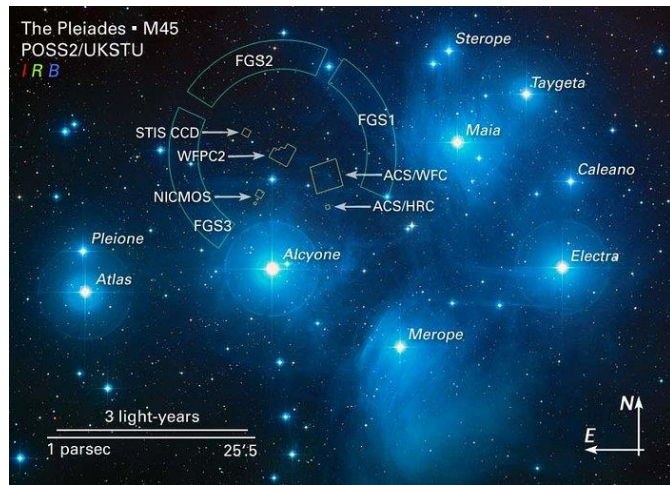
This section should be completed for matters arising within the community, which Council need to be aware of. It could be related to ongoing projects, requests, feedback etc.

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<p>Russell to Okiato cycle lane</p>	<p>On Monday 24th, at the invitation of Russell Fuller, several people visited the progress of the shared walking and cycling lane from Russell to Okiato.</p>  <p>After seeing the progress made so far, it reinforces to me that the cycle lane, while attracting visitors and creating economic benefits, also helps build and weave communities together.</p> <p>Local people, mostly volunteers and championed by William Fuller, have made excellent progress towards completing this cycle lane. What we saw completed demonstrated the Kiwi No.8 wire ingenuity and a community working together. This 8km trail goes through some steep terrain, potentially DOC land, some private land and narrow road corridors, presenting numerous challenges. With local community support and passionate, persistent and creative local people putting in 1000's of hours of</p>  <p>volunteer time, it's now all but completed.</p> <p>Necessary funding was raised through local efforts from private donors and charitable organisations. The Bay of Islands Community Board recently demonstrated its faith in this project by committing \$71,500 to it. Truly a community driven bottom-up approach; if everything goes well we could see this community-constructed cycle lane completed this summer!</p> <p>The Russell community has demonstrated how more can be achieved with less.</p>

Matariki

The Matariki globular cluster is only about 444 light years from earth, making it one of the best globular clusters to view with the naked eye. This annotated image was taken with the Hubble telescope and the 7 sisters, seven bright stars that can be seen with the naked eye, are clearly visible.

It is a beautiful open cluster containing 1000's of stars and is known in a number of cultures by different names.



Pleiades, the official astronomical name, is from Ancient Greek. It is known as Subaru in Japan, in the Marquesas Matai'i or Mata'iki, and in the Tuamotu archipelago as Mata-ariki. In Maori and in the Cook Islands it's Matariki, and has significant meaning in Maori culture.