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**Ngā Take Matua**  
July -August 2024

**KAITAIA AIRPORT 35 YR LEASE**

Co- management lease with Ngai Takoto, & Ngāti Kahu mana whenua . Airport is

- strategic civil defence & emergency rescue site
- daily service for commuters & medical specialists.

To upgrade : runway, lights , fencing, emergency rescue refuel, storage & commercial redress

## Kaitaia Airport - Where are we at? August 2024

The Crown say they will return the land to Ngai Takoto who will hold 50 % on behalf of Ngāti Kahu hapu : Patu Koraha, Ngai Tohianga and Te Pātū, conditional on it remaining an airport. There will be no reparations to the Iwi and hapu. Instead , the Crown will give putea to upgrade the airport infrastructure to maintain Civil Aviation compliances- as it does with other airports.

( Note: Te Arawhiti - is also involved in the return transfer of land “Crown agencies have legal obligations to deliver the **Treaty settlement** commitments they are responsible for under deeds of settlement and settlement legislation “).

A small group including Kahika Moko is working with Te Runanga o Ngai Takoto Council staff , Far North Holdings and Te Arawhiti to conclude a lease as soon as possible..



**Te Hiku Media  
Report : Kaitāia  
Airport's Future  
Balances On  
Scales Of  
Negotiation**  
April 28, 2023 “**Te  
Wāonepū** is a  
historically  
significant site  
located on Quarry  
Rd in Awanui where  
Kaitāia Airport sits.  
It is a piece of



whenua that was taken from local whānau and hapū under the **Public Works Act** in order to build an aerodrome during WWII. Kaitāia Aerodrome was originally built for American long-range bombers that could reach parts of the South Pacific from their base in the Far North. It was detailed that the land should be returned to whānau, hapū and iwi when it was finished, but this never happened.

The lease for the Kaitāia Aerodrome ended in 2016 and so the future of Kaitāia Aerodrome is uncertain as negotiations proceed between:

- Current landholders: Land Information New Zealand
- Traditional land owners: Local whānau and hapū of Ngāi Takoto and Ngāti Kahu who have a joint 50% claim to the whenua each under the Ngāi Takoto Treaty Settlements Claim 2015
- Kaitāia Airport Operator: Far North Holdings Ltd
- Negotiator: Far North District Council on behalf of Far North Holdings Ltd”.

### **Kaitaia Airport Committee**

Kaitaia has a local flying club and a Kaitaia Airport Committee that manages a lounge in their own building for the medical pilots who bring the doctors north. They also have a small plane for flying lessons- where budding pilots can clock up air training hours.

**They have offered to manage the Kaitaia Airport** and to maintain current communication with Kaitaia / Whangarei hospitals re flights for clinician visits , rescue helicopter services and Starship Hospital movements. They are a local committed to keep the Kaitaia Airport open.

They” liaise with Civil Defence to build strong serviceable base for our region and NZ in all manner of emergencies.

They also liaise with navy, Army, Air Force departments for surveillance and manoeuvres for the protection and security of NZ “.



**3 Aug** Kia ora this is the hospital ✈️ that picks up many patients from Kaitaia Hospital 🏥 - to seek urgent treatment in Whangarei or Auckland Hospitals. The air rescue service is lifesaving, alongside doctors, nurses, staff and Hato Hone ambulance 🚑 St John’s ambulance services. The plane has 2 beds on board and a nurse usually accompanies the patient. I voted for NRC to continue funding 💰 the service.





I was flown ✈️ to Auckland Hospital in 2020 for a quadruple bypass ❤️ operation . So I appreciate these services whole ❤️ ❤️ ly . With Hauora resources being stretched- we the people need to recognise the value and keep these services operating



**Kaitaia Airport 5 . 29 August** After dropping my mokopuna off for swim lessons at Te Punawai I called in at the Kaitaia Airport. Jackie from Hato Hone St Johns was there , waiting for Syd Going's mokopuna Corban Alexander to land the Ambulance plane from Whangarei. Jackie picks up the ICU nurse on board and the special bed platform and takes her to Kaitaia Hospital to pick up a patient.

Last night there were 3 separate helicopter pick ups from Kaitaia Hospital.

Today they are waiting for the small planes to bring up the medical specialists to see patients in Kaitaia Hospital Outpatients.

We not only need the airport, the lease signed to our new landlords, we also need fuel storage, car park security (my husband's truck was stolen 2 years ago from the airport) and the wheel chair access to the tarmac is an uneven drop. Just saying- let's sort it out.





**13 August [Kaitaia Airport 4](#)**- The land was taken by the Public Works Act during the war for emergency airport purposes. 2024 it is poised to be returned to Mana Whenua: Ngai Takoto and local Ngāti Kahu hapu: Patu Koraha, Ngai Tohianga and Te Pātu as part of a delayed settlement.

A lease renewal is being worked out by Council and our new landlords. Businesses change ownership every day eg Telecom became One NZ so we all moved on and changed the payee name in our banking.

We are fortunate to have 2 airport runways- the second one needs maintenance and some things need upgrading. Currently we have the longest air runway in Tai Tokerau with a capacity to land Hercules planes .

We want to ensure that our current services continue and that mana whenua are also able to conduct business that enhance airport services and operations for the wellbeing of the whole community.



**13 August [KAITAIA Airport 3](#)** -  
I was at the airport for 40 minutes max.  
In that time:

- 2 small planes had landed bringing in 8 specialist doctors.
- The Air Ambulance arrived to pick up 2 patients for Whangarei Hospital.
- Air Barrier commuter flight arrived and departed.

Before lunch we had 5 pilots, 8 doctors , 2xICU nurses & 2 St John's Ambulance members arrive to carry out specialist work.

Maybe 15 years ago Mary Jane Ardley did a big refresh of the airport- it's due again. The early morning staff member Rachel donates the magazines, Cherie sends texts when checking is imminent and you havnt arrived and Darren keeps an eye out for security issues. But hey the most important thing is we keep our airport.





**KAITAIA Airport 2**- Behind the scenes. Our daily emergency medical services has alot of coordination between rescue, ambulance and medical staff. This is typical of what goes into a regular trip by the Air Ambulance Service based in Whangarei. Pilots get an hour notice to do pick ups. Two pilots and two ICU nurses are on board today to transfer 2 patients from Kaitaia Hospital to Whangarei Hospital.

Both pilots Corbin Alexander (on the right from Going whānau, Ngāti Rangi & Ngāti Hine in Waimate North & Maromaku) & Damon Barakat (Ngāti Whakaue & Te Roto o Te Rangi) are married to doctors The experienced ICU nurses Kirsta Lee from Tāheke, Otaua and Nico are on board and are also critical support.

The wellbeing of Tai Tokerau patients are at the forefront of their lives. The pilots assisted during Cyclone Gabrielle , dropping off doctors and supplies to Napier and have the capability to help .

Both pilots would like to see the storage of fuel onsite - to cope with extra emergencies. Tomorrow the Air Ambulance has a retrieval from Wellington . They can pick up northern patients from other hospitals to bring them to care closer to home in Tai Tokerau.

The pilots would like to see a service once a week of transporting 7-8 patients for non critical care to specialists in Whangarei. Their service is owned by KiwiSaver so people can invest in them. Whānau we need to pay attention to NRC pānui- when they asked residents should our emergency rescue services be funded from rates? He pātai pai. I voted yes to \$10 or so a year. If they don't fund it- who will???





**Kaitaia Airport 1** - these two Piper Aztec 6 seater planes bring up doctors and



specialists every week day from Whangarei Hospital . They do consults at KAITAIA Hospital Outpatients clinics. 8 doctors came in today. That's why we need our airport . Thanks to our 2 pilots. See the background-we even have a flying school.





1 o Akuhata	9.30-12.30 Te Huia- Hui with Acting CEO Ruben Garcia
6 o Akuhata	9am Tangi o Winiata Brown- Te Kao 2.30 ECo residential respite care for people with disabilities in Kaitaia

### 5 August Oranga Tamariki Section 7AA

Te Runanga o Ngāpuhi and Ngāpuhi Iwi Social Services address Parliamentary Select Committee re Section 7AA in Oranga Tamariki Act- which removes a Tiriti o Waitangi provision to place children with extended whānau and or hapu members.



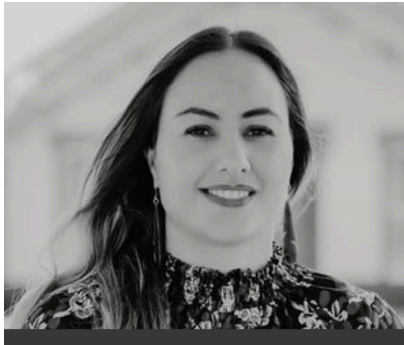
Hoki mai  
ngā  
mokopuna  
o Ngāpuhi





## Rally in Kaikohe- return all Ngāpuhi mokopuna

### 7 o Akuhata



### Extraordinary vote in Kaipara re Māori ward

- **Kaipara District Councillors voted 6-3** in favour of dis-establishing the Te Moananui o Kaipara Māori ward with one abstention. Instead, councillors voted for a \$25,000 representation review. In 2020, the former Kaipara Council had voted in favour of establishing a Māori ward to ensure there was greater diversity around the decision making table.
- **Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua filed judicial review** proceedings against the council's potential canning of the ward. Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua trustee Deb Nathan said court proceedings had been filed because there was inadequate time for consultation with mana whenua. The High Court case is due to take place Sept 11.
- **Councillor Paniora** (Te Roroa, Te Kuihi, Te Uri o Hau) **Te Moananui o Kaipara Māori ward** said she felt pourī (sad) the mayor could not see the value te iwi Māori brought. "Our people share the same vision of prosperity," she said. Our tupuna Tiopira and Te Rore donated land for (Dargaville's) roads, Parore for the hospital, the church, the water plant that feeds the town, the racecourse, Kai Iwi lakes – the list goes on. "The council has not spoken to our people, our marae, our iwi or our hapū. It hasn't even spoken to the community on whether or not they want to keep it. How is that democratic?" Paniora said.
- Jepson said he did not believe in Māori wards.

8.8.24

Hui Kaunihera- Kaikohe (see minutes)

9.8.24

Toitū Te Reo Hui ki Kahungunu **X** e kore e taea te haere- I haere a Elite Reti kē





## Māori Ward Councillor Report hhh 31.8.24





10 .8.24	Hui me Te Runanga o Ngāpuhi- Kaikohe
11.8.24	Huritau 50 o Hone Puriri Harawira- Tamaki
12.8.24	10am Pōhiri mō Te toihau Hōu a Tipene Kapa Kingi ki Te Kao 4pm North Hokianga Road Working Group - Panguru
13 o Akuhata	<b>Omanaia Hapu discord re Top Energy</b> , notification to MACA claimants re an application for resource consent to place a cable under the Omanaia River within the coastal marine area seeking views re the application.
14.8.24	<b>Kaitaia Airport</b> - catch up with Ambulance Rescue Plane



14.8.24	<p><b>Hui with Kanak Campaigner</b> &amp; Protestant Minister Billy Werewerea Hui visited the Far North seeking help and support from Māori rights campaigners as the native <b>New Caledonian people's long term fight for independence from France</b>. <b>Kanaks</b> boycotted an independence vote in 2022, mainly because they were still mourning their Covid dead.</p> <p>New Caledonia has been rocked by riots after the French Government proposed new constitutional rules that would give voting rights to many non-resident French nationals.</p> <p>While schools were closed, Minister Billy and Mums were running classes with Kanak children, who were traumatised by French tanks in their villages and nearby fires during the riots. With the closure of supermarkets and businesses - Kanaks are reliant on staple foods like fish and garden produce from their villages.</p> 
16	<p><b>Emailed Crown Ministers re Kaitaia Airport</b> and seeking their support to return whenua to Ngāi Takoto Patu Koraha, Ngai Tohianga me Te Pātu - allow for a 30 year lease re airport.</p> <p>9.30 - Zoom Interview from Kaeo for <b>National Hui with Māori Nurses-</b></p>
16-23 Aug	<p><b>International Va'a Sprints Hilo, Hawaii</b> - watching online results <b>4 gold medals, 7 silvers, 4 bronzes to Tai Tokerau teams</b></p>
17 Aug	<p><b>Kia Mataara -Tai Tokerau</b> - Concern re Deletion of Treaty Principles hui - Kaitaia</p>

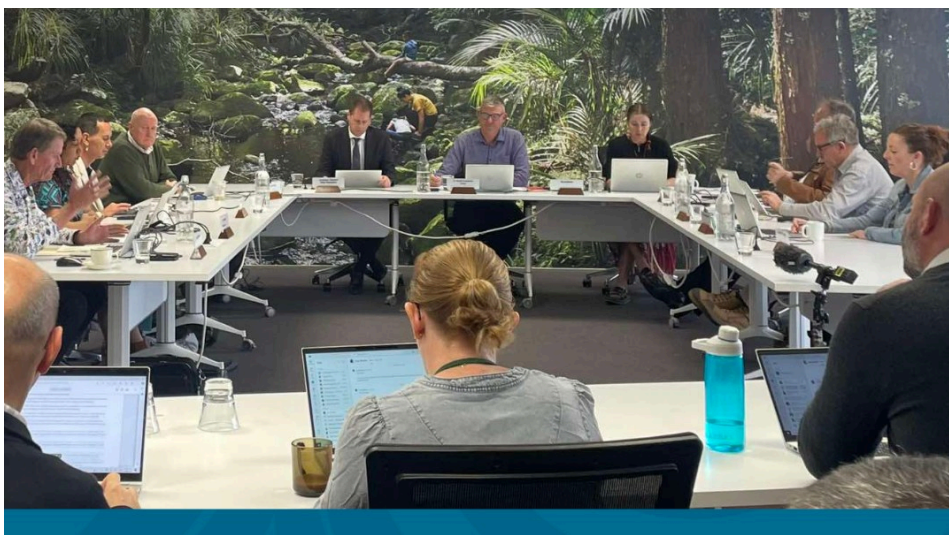




19 Aug	Admin Day
	 <p>Ngāpuhi at Paris Olympics</p>
19-23	Whilst Mayor Moko, Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford and Cr Babe away at LGNZ Hui There were Kaitaia Projects to pursue
21 August	<p><b>King Tuheitia</b> - ka kōrero a Kingi Tūheitia mo te tau 160 o Te Kingitanga - he kaupapa mana motuhake . Ka kōrero a ia mo te kotahitanga o Te Kingitanga. King Tuheitia gives his annual speech during the 160th anniversary of the Koroneihana  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7zgal5hmB4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7zgal5hmB4</a></p>  <p>Tuheitia's father is from Te Aupouri</p>



27 August



### **Northland Regional Council votes to retain Māori ward-**

Council Chair Geoff Crawford said” today’s decision was a demonstration of council’s continuing commitment to providing for Māori representation in council.” **Tuesday, 27 August.**

The decision – means the council must now hold a binding poll with the 2025 regional council elections and the outcome will be effective for the 2028 and 2031 elections and will incur no further budget.

A majority of councillors at yesterday’s meeting also agreed to an additional request by Cr Amy Macdonald for the council’s CEO Jonathan Gibbard to explore the legal implications if the council were to not to hold a binding poll

28.8.24

9-10.15 Old Warehouse workshop  
1pm Kaitia Airport - update on progress  
7.30 Hui Oranga o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa- Nuclear Free & Independent Pacific Conference - Organising Team

29 Aug

9-12 Te Koukou Transport & Infrastructure Kaikohe  
1.30 Staff hui ( left at 2pm- drove home listening to the hui on my car radio)

30 August

**Kua mate a King Tuheitia Potatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhitu**

31 August

**Hui Reanga Rangatahi**





## Ngā Rori o Te Kainga

### Te Hiku Unsealed Marae Roads-

**Ngāti Kahu** :Kenana, Te Ahua, Kauhanga,  
Taemaro, Haititai Marangai,

**Ngai Takoto** : Wharemaru, Waimanoni,

**Te Rarawa**: Wainui, Rangikohu, King Hori, Te Kotahitanga, Taiao, Te Ohaki, Morehu, Ngāti  
Manawa, Waiparera, Motutī, Waihou, Mātihetihe

- **Roadway slips** : Panguru, Motutī, Herekino, Broadwood, Runaruna **in process**  
- Whangape, Pawarenga, Wainui Rd.
- Parapara Hill road seal
- **Coastal erosion/ flooding** : Ahipara, Rangikohu , Owkata, Whangapē, Pawarenga,  
Mitimiti, Motutī, Motukaraka, clear culverts, divert water runoff & lift roads where needed.
- **Relocate Mitimiti Marae** - tidal threat
- Roundabout at Awanui junction now SH1- traffic volume increased- since closure  
Mangamuka
- **Te Oneroa a Tohe**- 60km speed limit to protect kaimoana beds. 30km limit around high  
pedestrian activity - Ahipara, Waipapakauri.

### Ngā Kohanga Reo unsealed roads

:Rangaunu, Whangape, Pā Arapatea,

### Hokianga/ Kaikohe Marae

### Unsealed Roads

Ngāpuhi, Te Arohanui, Ngai Tūpoto,  
Tauteihiihi, PāTeOro, Pikipāria, Mātai

Aranui , Pakanae fooding repairs, Whakamaharatanga, Piki Te Aroha, Motukiore, Puketawa, Te  
Rangatahi, Mokonuiarangi, Kawiti, Mohinui, Kaikou, Motatau, Matawaia, Tauwhara, Otaatara,  
Moehau, Māhuri, Otaua, Kaingahoa, Ngaitawake.

- **Roundabouts 3 Kaikohe** traffic delays in key roads
- Marae & Kohanga Reo Roding included above





## Whaingaroa - Peowhairangi

### Roading Priorities

- **Wainui Rd** needs most attention, 2 major breaches where half of the concealed road has slipped- signage & cones. Kura & College bus use this road every day.

- **5 roads to be sealed** : Porters

Access, Otangaroa Rd, Pupuke Rd, Weber, Waihapā Rd, Matangirau Old School Rd.

- Drop speed in front of Karangahape Marae , Urupā, Kohanga Reo and Kaumatua flats .
- Marae access a priority- our roads only get maintained when its forestry harvesting time.
- Rawhiti Rd, to be sealed for school bus (2022 deputation)
- Pedestrian areas around schools, mobility pathway for senior resident Kerikeri (2024)
- Waitangi Bridge- 2 lanes

### Whangaroa Peowhairangi -Marae Unsealed roads

Wainui, Te Ngaere, Taupo, Patunga ,Te Huia, Tuhiwai, Tahawai, Waimahana, Tākou , Te Tii, Rāwhiti Marae repairs, Te Kainga Hoa repairs, Waikare, Waiomio Rd, Maromaku-Motatau

### Other Significant Projects & Wish Lists

2024

## CEASEFIRE in GAZA

**RESOLUTION 2024/47** "That the Far North District Council:

- a) call for an immediate permanent humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza;
- b) call on the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs to show their support and call for peace;
- c) call for immediate international aid to be allowed into Gaza;
- d) condemn all acts of violence and terror against civilians on both sides of the conflict; e) call for the immediate return of hostages.

**CARRIED 23 Mei, 2024 Extraordinary Hui-**

**CEASE  
FIRE  
NOW**

## Upgrade all 17 WWTPs in Far North.

**Purchase extension land disposal site Hokianga** -to remedy spoilage of Hokianga harbour. Opononi, Rawene, Kohukohu, Kaikohe.

Stop other local towns dumping their waste in Hokianga.

No thanks we dont want sludge from other areas in Kaitia either.



### Upgrade all WWTPs in Far North.

Seek infrastructure grants to systematically improve the wwtps in Far North.

NRC to work in tandem with FNDC to improve wwtps, otherwise we get a reactive solution rather than a long term solution.

New housing to incorporate wwtp systems.




Dec 2024	<p><b>- Kia rāhui te Roto o Ngātū hei wāhi waipiro kore..</b> Ka hohā nga tamariki me ngā mātua waka ama i te rāpihi me ngā pounamu pakaru i mahue i te roto i waenga i ngā marama o te raumati. Horekau ēnei tāngata he whakaaro mō ngā tamariki e mau ana ki te hohipera .</p>
Dec 2024	<p><b>Whakapai Ngā Wharepaku o Mangamuka</b></p> <p>He pai kia whakapai i mua te tūwheratanga ano o te Gorge .</p> <p>I mea mai ngā kaimahi, horekau he putea. Kia marama te hāpori o Mangamuka mena e hiahia ana te hāpori he heketua , he wharepaku rere wai raini.</p> 
2028	<p><b>Me whiriwhiri He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti i te Ture Tuapapa o Aotearoa.</b></p> <p>Ki a au kaua e tatari tae noa ki te tau 2040. Engari i kite te āhua o te referendum i Ahitereira . Ko te mea nui, kia toa tātou o Aotearoa.</p> <p><b>Weave He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti into the Constitution of Aotearoa as per Matike Mai Report led by Moana Jackson, Makere Mutu and rangatahi.</b></p> <p>Otherwise Māori will always be subject to flip flop government changes.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ngā Kaumātua me Ngā Kuia o Tai Tokerau</b></li> <li>• <b>Akinihi Smith</b>, nā Kingi Tiare i tohungia mō āna mahi i te Hāhi Mihinare me te Iwi o Ngāi Takoto.</li> <li>• <b>Mike Smith</b>, he tūtei mō te taiao.</li> <li>• <b>ArchBishop Kitto Pikaahu</b>, Pou tautoko mō te tūwheratanga ano o Tipene 2025</li> <li>• <b>Lake Omāpere Trust</b>- 30 tau kua werohia kia Māori anō te wai o te Rotoo Omāpere</li> <li>• <b>He Korowai Aroha Trust</b>, - kainga hāpori te tūwheratanga o ngā whare 24 me te whakanui tonu i te rangatira a Riki Houghton nō Te Pātū.</li> <li>• <b>Te Mauri o Te Wai</b> - he rōpu kaha e akiaki ana kia whakahoki te mauri o te wai ki nga awa me te Moana o Hokianga.</li> <li>• <b>Ngā Kura kaupapa Māori i haere ki Whakatū, Nelson</b> mō te whakatatae kapa haka. Te Rāwhitiroa, Kaikohekohe me Te Rangi Āniwaniwa</li> <li>• Kua tūwhera <b>Papa Hawaiki, Te Hiku Sports Hub, Te Kahu o Te Ao</b></li> <li>• <b>Te Runanga o Whaingaroa</b>-ngā mahi toi o te piriti o Kaeo- Kaeo bridge artwork</li> <li>• <b>Tia Ashby mā, Te Hauora o Ngāpuhi</b> kainga hāpori</li> <li>• <b>Te Papa Hawaiki</b> - te tūwheratanga o te whare hākinakina opening in Kaikohe.</li> <li>• <b>Kahika Moko</b> - Masters degree 1st class honours in Māori Education.</li> <li>• <b>Dame Naida Glavish</b> Lifetime Achievement for Te Reo Māori</li> </ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pera Paniora- Kiwibank</b> NZ Community of the Year Award</li> <li>● <b>Ngā Ropū Kapa Haka o Tai Tokerau e haere ana ki Te Matatini 2025 :</b> Muriwhenua, Hātea, Te Uri o Manumanu me Pūao</li> </ul>
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Kaupapa Hāpori	Nā koutou i tangi, nā tātou i tangi
<p><b>Kua wheturangitia</b> <i>Nā koutou i tangi,</i></p>  <p><i>nā mātou i tangi</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ko Manemane Henare, he kaumātua nō Ngāti Haua o Whangapē</li> <li>● Ko Winiata Brown, he kaumātua nō Te Aupouri,</li> <li>● Ko Dave Ruru, nō Uawa , Te Tai Rāwhiti he mema o Ngā Tamatoa.</li> <li>● Kingi Tuheitia Potatau Te Wherowhero te tuawhitu- he Kingi pai mō te katoa.</li> </ul>