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**Ward:** Bay of Islands – Whangaroa

**Date:** 31 January 2025

### **Meetings/Events Attended**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Topic</b>	<b>Comment</b>
2 Dec 2024	Housing Portfolio	Reviewed the Short Stay Accommodation, Rotorua Case Study and the mahi that staff have been doing – meetings with Rotorua and Queenstown councils. Had an overview of the research carried out in our district. Discussed progress of Housing Strategy, housing gap analysis and other studies underway across the country. Briefly went over the Hastings District Council case study “council land for housing outcomes” and will go into this further at next hui. All this information coming to a full council workshop early 2025.
	Citizenship Ceremony	Always beautiful. Especially with a haka tautoko, and a non-Te Reo Māori speaker doing our anthem in Te Reo Māori after doing her affirmation or oath!
3 Dec 2024	Te Taupua, Kōwhai & Kahika	Catchup with our CE over items immediately important. And any updates for the mayoral office.
	Civil Defence Emergency Management Hui	Chairing the CDEM for Northland. Highlights from this hui are in my portfolio report below.
	Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings verbal submission	Hearing of verbal submission on this policy we consulted on - purpose of this policy to reduce public health and safety risks that unsafe buildings could present to our community.
	Council Agenda Preview	Review of agenda for upcoming hui.
4 Dec 2024	Local Waters Done Well	New water service delivery plans have to be developed by 3 Sep 2025. These will detail the proposed future water services delivery arrangements, and an implementation plan. Information will include operational aspects, assets, revenue, expenditure, pricing, and projected capital expenditure and financing arrangements.

	Joint Priorities	Councillor and Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) workshop to discuss priorities over the rest of the triennium.
5 Dec 2024	Business Call Hui	
	Keikeri CBD Road Designation Process	Going over the possible options for shortlisting.
6 Dec 2024	Kerikeri Red Cross 85 year commemoration	Morning tea celebrating all the volunteers and their amazing service over those years. Two lifetime memberships were given out, there were displays of the wonderful archive books history, a lovely dance by their international group, cutting of the anniversary cake. I said a few words on behalf of council acknowledging the work they do helping people to feel welcome in their new community, supporting refugees, meals on wheels, fundraising and being a hub for first aid courses and being about of response during Cyclone Gabrielle.
9 Dec 2024	Kerikeri CBD Road Designation	Meeting of the project steering group, shortlisting options.
10 Dec 2024	Te Pātukurea	
	Annual Plan Workshop	
	Benefits of Fluoridation	Manatū Hauora - Ministry of Health gave a brief presentation on the benefits of community water fluoridation.
11 Dec 2024	Temu Taupua CE catchup	
	Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee	
12 Dec 2024	Council hui	
13 Dec 2024	Kaitaia Airport	Lease signing and commemoration of transfer ownership from the crown.
	Took annual leave	Ended up sick for a few weeks, ripped off!
15 Jan 2025	Resilience against organisation crime	Hui with representatives from this MSD organisation informing us of some initiatives underway in Kaikohe, and hopefully out to other parts of our district later this year.
	Temu Taupua Acting CE catchup	

	10 years of Kerikeri Mens Shed	<p>Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Kerikeri Men's Shed and achieving its charitable status.</p> <p>It was inspiring to hear the story of how the Shed came to life back in 2014, from the first meeting of 40 attendees to forming a steering committee just six days later. I also got to hear their vision for the future, including the aspiration to establish a permanent space on council-owned land next to the new sports grounds at Te Puawaitanga.</p>
16 Jan 2025	Business Call	Concerns raised re no mowing around our town centres before and during the busy summer period. Weeds waist height - looks terrible.
17 Jan 2025	Interviewing for new EA for Mayoral office	
20 Jan 2025	Quarterly pōwhiri new starters	
	Number of briefings from staff	Keeping me apprised of rising issues.
21 Jan 2025	Temu Tapua CE Catchup	
	Interview with Mediaworks	Regarding the dog attack of international Te Araroa Trail runner. I spoke with the mayor of WDC and connected our team with his, to have a collaborative approach as this happened in Whangarei's council jurisdiction, but our boundary is near. The WDC animal management team know the owners of the dogs, they were not actually "wild" as we would term it.
23 Jan 2025	Filming of awareness videos	Promoting councils present during Waitangi Week at Te Tiriti o Waitangi Marae and at the sports ground at Waitangi Trust grounds on Waitangi Day.
	Te Tiriti o Waitangi Marae	Conversation with committee member about getting some trees for the Tiaki Whakapapa tents from 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb on Te Taumata Mohi (this is the actual name of the reserve next to Shippeys, we need to start referring to it as so.
24 Jan 2025	Housing for the Elderly steering group	Expectations, timelines for ongoing steering group mahi. May be requirement for ad hoc hui, to address any concerns that arise ahead of divestment.
28 Jan 2025	Moerewa Stormwater Project	So nice to attend the turning of the sod for this project which will see an actual stormwater network

		drain away water in the direction of into the Waiharakeke, under the railway line.
	Te Pātukurea Spatial Plan	Workshop on the draft options before the staff do up the draft for consultation. Will come back to us in another workshop to go over before a decision comes to council pre consultation.
	Kawakawa concerns	Query regarding Settlement Road Kawakawa why was this stopped back in 2016. Can council upgrade that driveway to the roping club and build a walking track through to the other side, and get rid of those gum trees. What is happening with the mowing that has stopped next to the Kawakawa Bowling Club.
30 Jan 2025	Business Call	Good updates from MSD, ACC and some of the business associations across our district. Rising concerns of burglaries. Shared the korero about the speed reversals on state highways.
	Housing Portfolio	<p>Rotorua DC have invested a significant amount of resource investigating short term rentals, we had a look at their data &amp; insights. Approx. 100k if we were to do this work, warranted if we were looking to support their rating tool  <a href="https://www.rotoruanz.com/en-nz/do-business/insights/tourism-sector-data-and-research/rotorua-visitor-short-term-rental-dashboard">https://www.rotoruanz.com/en-nz/do-business/insights/tourism-sector-data-and-research/rotorua-visitor-short-term-rental-dashboard</a></p> <p>Also went over the NRC presentation and the infometrics dashboard which is a source of date showing guest nights etc  <a href="https://gem.infometrics.co.nz/far-north-district">https://gem.infometrics.co.nz/far-north-district</a></p> <p>Policy workshop coming up 5<sup>th</sup> March could go over these tools.</p> <p>Housing strategy working group stakeholders have been confirmed. And comms with them will start soon. Interim action plan, actions whilst strategy is getting developed will be coming as a briefing to update council.</p> <p>Great presentation on the myths vs realities around the building legislation. Would be good to workshop this with practitioners.</p>
	Northland Forward Together	Northland Forward Together workshop. Northland Inc connected us with the Ocean Flyer project and Cr Benney connected us with Michael Connett (US

		<p>Lawyer) who spoke about fluoridation of water supplies.</p> <p>Michael’s presentation traversed the science behind fluoride’s potential harm - referring to toxicology risks for those that have existing health complications. And he also talked about the varying rate of toxicity per individual.</p> <p>He shared how their legal battle progressed. What he had to say really challenged my thinking around water fluoridation.</p> <p>Further details of Mr Connett’s tour around NZ can be found here <a href="https://fluoridefree.org.nz/michael-connett/">https://fluoridefree.org.nz/michael-connett/</a></p> <p>We also had an update from Mayor Jepson of Kaipara on the Mangawhai event, and the recovery. He and Cr Lambert giving us some insight into the trauma the residents have been through. And the next steps into recovery.</p>
31 Jan 2025	Office of the Mayor briefing	Staff briefing on issues on the horizon
	Waitangi Briefing	Final briefing ahead of Waitangi Week commemorations. Parking, traffic management, reserves and mowing and final logistics.

## Community Matters

Topic	Comment
Russell WWTP	Public works act inquiry – progressing, need to check if the resident has been updated.
Hihitahi Rise	Investigations for Te Haumi Slip Options assessment were due to finish 27 <sup>th</sup> September, with 12 month monitoring to start in September. Hihitahi resident advocating for this mahi, contact at council has been sorted. Need to ensure funding is sought to deliver this resilience work.
Ohaeawai stormwater	Need staff to front up to the community on this issue. <b><i>They did an LTP submission, and I was assured it was in hand by staff, otherwise I would have fought for it in deliberations.</i></b>
Laundromat	Moerewa has no wastewater treatment plant. Community and hapū are concerned that a consent may be granted for discharge into the river for the new laundromat. A consent was erroneously granted. And then cancelled. Currently no consent in place. Applicant working on a new one.

Kohukohu Town Hall	Concerns regarding the unsuccessful funding application. What next, for this high-profile historic hall please, ensuring it stays open, and is not degrading.
Rangitane Maritime	<b>Consent declined.</b>

**Portfolio Update: (Housing)**

- There is a good lot of information coming through for housing strategy early next year – housing vs tourism accommodation; rating AirBnB, how to collate data of short term accommodation and enable rating, so we have a fair approach to user pays. Staff have been working with Rotorua and Hastings and other councils, accessing information to support our progress.
- Homelessness is an ongoing issue

**Portfolio Update: (Emergency Management)**

- Section 17a review of the service level agreement between the four councils underway.
- Multi agency coordination centre final agreements coming to councils for approval.
- Await confirmation of on staff local controller.
- Have requested a hui as portfolio holder, to discuss internal CDEM policies and procedures.
- We need to work with iwi to see if they have any CIMs trained staff and could become part of our pool of controllers in a significant event.