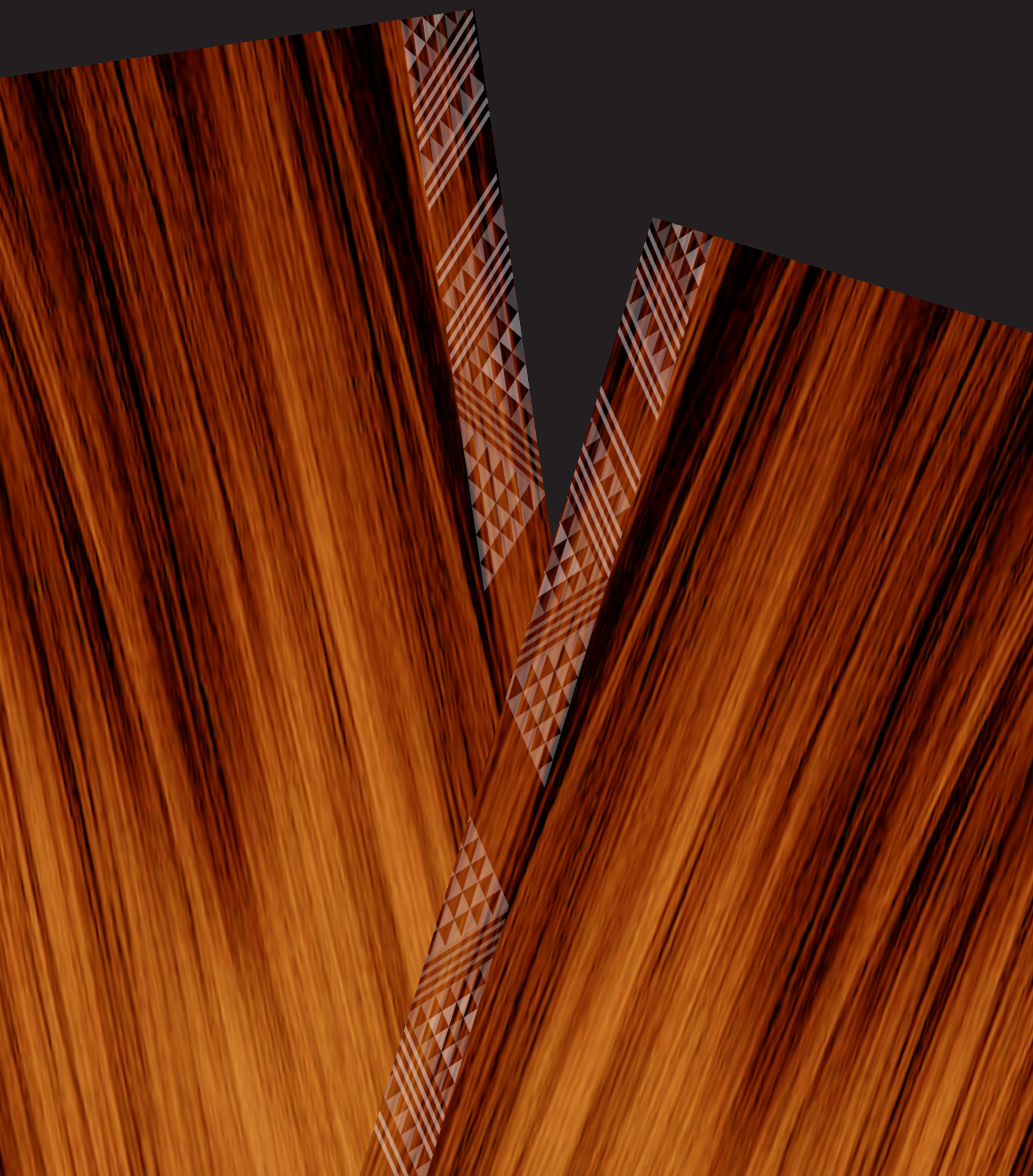


TARANAKI WHĀNUI KI TE UPOKO O TE IKA
ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024





CONTENTS

CHAIR’S REPORT	
Chair’s Report Te Whatanui Winiata	2
TARANAKI WHĀNUI LIMITED CHAIR REPORT TOA POMARE	
Limited Chair Report Toa Pomare	6
FINANCIALS	
Financial Summary	10
OUR TEAM	
Trustees	14
TWL Directors	16
Management	17
STRATEGIC DIRECTION	
Our Strategic Direction	20
OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE	
Our Year At A Glance	22
KEY ACTIVITIES	
Te Ara Tupua and Tupua Horo Nuku infrastructure projects	24
Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi	27
Opau Urupā, Mākara	29
Tono	31
Matai Moana	35
Te Puna Wai	36
Returning Kiwi to the Hills of Te Whanga Nui A Tara	37
A Manawhenua Voice at The Council Table	39
Te Aro	41
Kaupapa Being led by Ahumai	43
Harbour Islands STRATEGY REVIEW	47
Te Rōpū Tiaki	49
Te Ātiawa ki te Upoko o te Ika Māui Pōtiki Trust	51
A Snapshot of Who We Are	53

CHAIR'S REPORT



CHAIR'S REPORT | TE WHATANUI WINIATA

E ngā uri o Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o
te Ika tēnei te whakamānawa atu nei.

Mānawa mai ai te putanga o te ariki.

Mānawa mai ai te putanga o te tauira.

Mānawa mai ai te putanga o te rautaki nei.

He wāhanga ā nuku, he wāhanga ā rangi.

He manawa tīna, he manawa toka.

He manawa kaukau ora, ka uruora.

Ka uruora ki kaununui, ki te kauroroa.

Ka uruora ki ngā tauheke.

Ka uruora ki ngā pakeke.

Ka uruora ki ngā tamariki, mokopuna.

Ka uruora ki ngā uri o Taranaki Whānui ki te
Upoko o te Ika.

I am pleased to present the Annual Report and Financial Statements for Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika for the year ended March 31, 2024. This report reflects not only the financial outcomes of the past year but also the significant strides we have taken as an iwi towards securing our future.

In November 2023, the Board welcomed me as a new Trustee, and shortly thereafter, I was honoured to accept the role of Chair. This followed the appointment of Kara Puketapu-Dentice, our former Chair, as the new CEO of the Trust. Stepping into these responsibilities, I have spent considerable time familiarising myself with the Trust's operations, its journey, and the critical kaupapa that shape our work.

Since 2018, the Trust has embarked on a long and purposeful journey to improve its financial standing. Through prudent, long-term decisions, strategic investments, and valuable partnerships, we have significantly strengthened our position. The mahi that has been undertaken to reach this point is truly commendable. We have successfully cleared the decks of numerous kaupapa, allowing us to progress forward with greater clarity and purpose.

While there remain areas that require our continued attention, we have made substantial progress. This year, we finalised our strategic plan, providing us with a solid foundation on which to build. More importantly, we have stabilised the Trust, positioning ourselves to plan and deliver on our vision. A tangible outcome of this progress is the receipt of a dividend from Taranaki Whānui Limited (TWL) in the 2024/2025 Financial Year with a forecasted receipt of dividends from TWL for the next five years. This dividend will be distributed across various initiatives as outlined in our Strategic Plan and Annual Plan.

The progress we have made over the past year represents a significant milestone—one that has not been reached since the inception of the Trust.

A revitalised Whakapapa Kōmiti has been actively processing membership applications and providing valuable insights into whakapapa matters. This work is essential to maintaining the integrity of our collective identity and sees our membership database reach over 20,000 uri. I would also like to acknowledge our tono team and all those who uphold our tikanga regarding blessings, pohiri, whakatau and other kaupapa which affirm our presence and ahi kā here in our takiwā.

Further, I would like to acknowledge the mahi the entities and marae, which form a part of our collective as Taranaki Whānui, have done over the year. Your mahi advances our shared aspirations and firmly highlights that as a people we are stronger together. I am heartened by our shared dialogue and hopeful that we can continue to chart a positive pathway forward as a collective – as our tupuna imagined it to be.

The sale of Shelly Bay by The Wellington Company to Sir Peter Jackson has allowed us to bring closure to this kaupapa, though we still need to finalise the demolition of the remaining wharves in our ownership, which is currently in the process of being concluded. Additionally, our ongoing commitment to Matiu Island and the review of our Strategic Plan continues, with an updated plan expected by the end of this calendar year.

Our engagements with the Crown regarding the return of Motu-Kairangi are progressing positively, and we are hopeful of sharing some good news on this front soon.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Trustees wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to our uri who represent Taranaki Whānui on various boards, steering groups, and committees. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment ensure that our identity, aspirations, and presence within the city are both protected and advanced. We also express our gratitude to the uri who have entrusted the Board with managing our collective assets on their behalf.

To our small but dedicated management team, your efforts have placed us in a stronger and healthier position as a Trust, and we are deeply appreciative of your mahi.

We wish retiring trustees well in their future endeavours, and those who are standing for the Trust, we wish them luck

Lastly, I want to acknowledge our uri for the leadership you provide in the various places and spaces you occupy on our collective behalf. Your contributions are invaluable, and together, we continue to strengthen the future of Taranaki Whānui.

Ngā mihi nui,
Te Whatanui Winiata
Chair, Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika

TARANAKI WHĀNUI LIMITED CHAIR REPORT | TOA POMARE



LIMITED CHAIR REPORT | TOA POMARE

Tēnā tātou i roto i ngā tini ahuatanga o te wā. This report covers commercial activities during the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

TARANAKI WHĀNUI LIMITED

The Trust established Taranaki Whānui Limited (TWL) as their wholly owned commercial arm in 2015, as per the Trust Deed, to administer the assets and commercial activities of the Trust. The founding Directors alongside myself were Jamie Tuuta, Bryan Jackson and Peter Alport. On the retirement of Peter and Bryan in 2021 and 2022 respectively, Mahina Puketapu joined the Board, providing a connection back to the Mātua Board of the Trust.



Peter Alport

In June 2024 we acknowledged the passing of Peter, Te Āti Awa, who was an experienced professional leader with a 40 year international career which spanned a number of sectors – from industrial design to aviation.

Peter had extensive governance experience and sat on a number of Boards - Taranaki Whānui Limited, Chair for Tourism NZ, Chair for the NZ Commerce Commission, Honorary Consul of Mongolia in New Zealand and Chair of our own Audit & Risk Committee. He was, at the time of his passing, a board member of Te Puia Arts and Cultural Centre Rotorua.

Peter's commercial guidance and leadership contributed to the stabilising of the Trust's financial position across the 6.5 years he served this Board.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

TWL is pleased to report another successful year of commercial activity which resulted in a profit for the year of \$1.9 million and net assets of \$60.8 million.

Our Management team being Lisle McErlane, Kirsty Tamanui, Willy Makea and Kaleb Rongokea have worked diligently over the last 8 years to ensure the Trust not only performs but solidified income streams and strengthened the relationships and partnerships they had formed. With the Trustee's appointment of Kara Puketapu-Dentice in early 2024, it allows TWL to focus more on building income streams and identifying commercial opportunities for the benefit of the Trusts' members.

I would like to thank the team for their advice and assistance across the many challenging years, and ensuring, alongside Trustees and Directors, we have been able to remain focussed and meeting our targets.

TAI HEKENGĀ

Since 2019 we have participated in Tai Hekenga, which provides the Trust annuity income of \$1.2m through Sale and Leaseback arrangements with Crown. This is currently the Trust's most successful commercial outcome and in June 2023, the consortium acquired the whenua beneath Thorndon School. This acquisition increased Tai Hekenga's total whenua holdings from 13.13 to 13.84 hectares. This also brought Ngati Tama into the consortium as the 11th iwi partner, which is a very pleasing result in a cultural sense.



Thorndon School

RYMAN VILLAGE PETONE

2023/24 saw the first distribution from our Ryman Village arrangement (Bob Scott Retirement Village). The Village is located in Graham Street, Petone and was formerly whenua on which Petone College was located.

This investment was made in 2012, and saw the Trust enter into a long-term lease with Ryman's who paid for the acquisition and upfront build costs. We are pleased to see this investment now providing income to the Trust, and we acknowledge the Trustees at the time who negotiated this deal.



Ryman Village

SHELLY BAY

The Shelly Bay chapter has almost come to a close, with Sir Peter Jackson purchasing the property from The Wellington Company in September 2023, which ends the proposed development of the site. Unfortunately, the wharves were identified as a significant hazard and required immediate removal. TWL decided to mitigate this risk by approving the demolition of these wharves so as to protect the surrounding whenua, moana and community. It must be noted that this removal came at a significant cost to the Trust, and we are thankful for our partners at The Wellington Company who provided the necessary expertise to get the project delivered (which at the time of print will have been completed).

We believe the time and commercial projects TWL has invested in since 2017 has contributed to the enablement of opportunities for all those who whakapapa to Taranaki Whānui and we look forward to building on this success.

FINANCIALS

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR END 31 MARCH 2024

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

SUMMARY

During the financial year ending 31 March 2024, the Trust recorded a net profit after tax of \$1.9m representing an increase of \$4.0m compared to last year's \$2.1m loss.

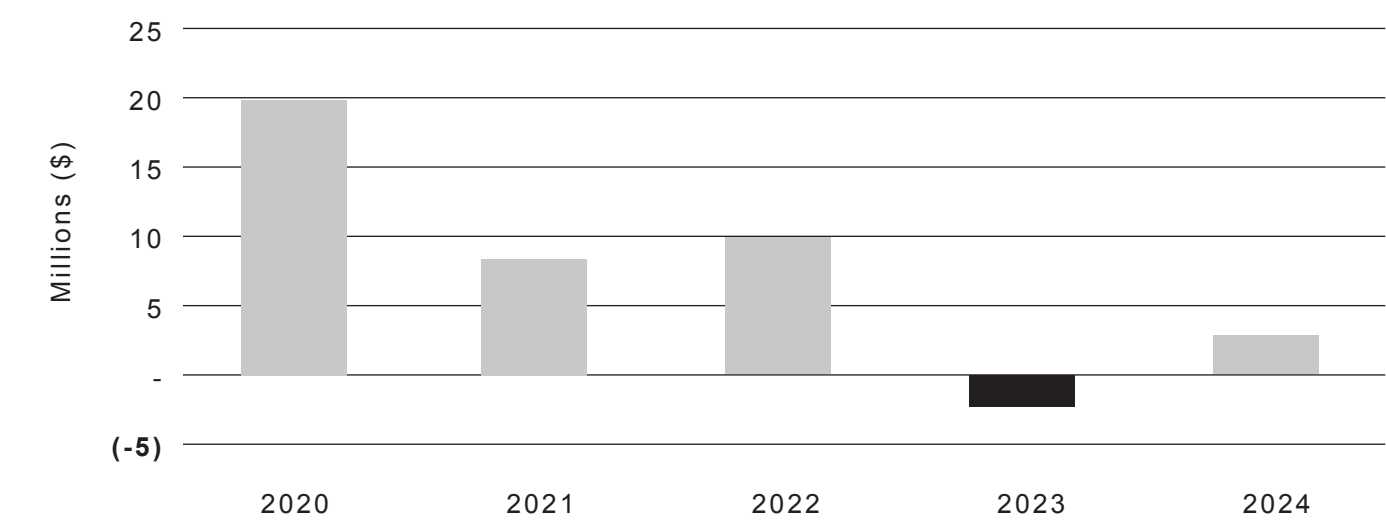
2024 Financial performance at a glance

↑	GROUP REVENUES OF \$2.3M (Up from \$1.9m in 2023).	↑	SHARE OF SURPLUS IN INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATE OF \$2.2M (Up from (\$0.4m) in 2023).
↓	EXPENSES OF \$2.6M (Down from \$3.6m in 2023).	↑	GROUP PROFIT AFTER TAX OF \$1.9M (Up from (\$2.1m) in 2023).

Financial Performance – last 5 years

	2020 (\$m)	2021 (\$m)	2022 (\$m)	2023 (\$m)	2024 (\$m)
Revenue	10.21	14.51	5.69	1.94	2.26
Expenses	2.95	10.99	2.13	3.55	2.61
Share of surplus in investment in associate	12.39	5.31	6.84	(0.45)	2.23
Net profit before tax	19.65	8.83	10.40	(2.06)	1.88
Taxation expense	(0.07)	0.54	0.36	0.05	0.01
Net profit after tax	19.71	8.29	10.04	(2.11)	1.88

Net Profit after tax - last 5 years



FINANCIAL POSITION

SUMMARY

The financial position of the Trust at 31 March 2024 was \$60.8m, representing an increase of \$1.9m compared to last year’s \$58.9m.

This increase was highlighted by:

- Investments (primarily Tai Hekenga) increasing from \$28.5m in 2023 to \$29.5m in 2024
- Reduction in liabilities by \$1m

2023 Financial position at a glance

↑

GROSS ASSETS OF \$64.7M
(Up from \$63.8m in 2023).

↑

NET ASSETS OF \$60.8M
(Up from \$58.9m in 2023).

↓

TOTAL LIABILITIES OF \$3.9M
(Down from \$4.9m in 2023).

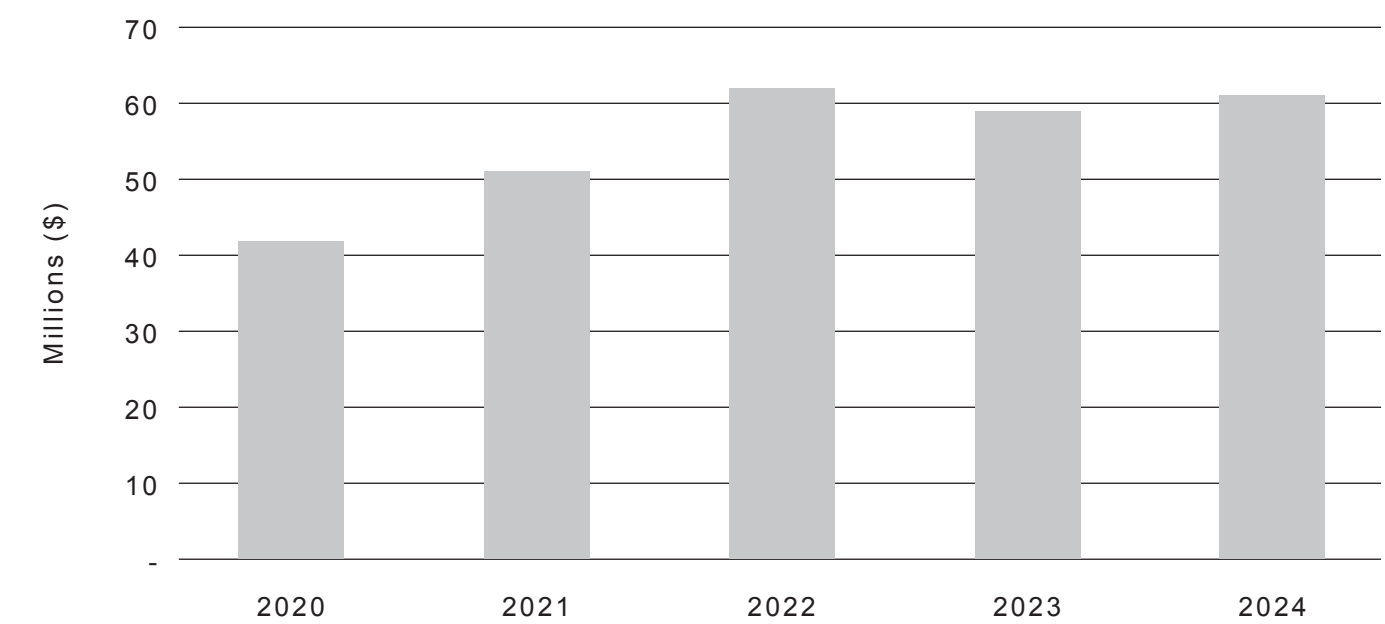
↑

CASH OF \$5.7M
(Up from \$1.5m in 2023).

Financial Performance – last 5 years

	2020 (\$)	2021 (\$)	2022 (\$)	2023 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Assets	45,869,657	55,310,948	65,642,221	63,801,118	64,695,764
Liabilities	3,158,262	4,311,516	4,607,342	4,876,262	3,895,650
Net Assets	42,711,395	50,999,432	61,034,879	58,924,856	60,800,114

Net Assets – last 5 years



OUR TEAM

TRUSTEES



TE WHATANUI WINIATA
Chair



HUIA PUKETAPU
Deputy Chair



MAHINA PUKETAPU



PAORA MEPHAM



TRUSTEES



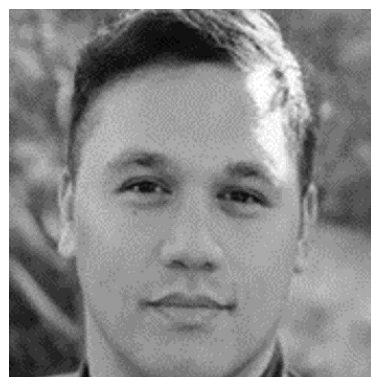
MATIU JENNINGS



WHAREHOKA WANO



DANIEL HARRISON



BENJAMIN ATAREA-
WYNYARD



TWL DIRECTORS



TOA POMARE
Chair



JAMIE TUUTA



MAHINA PUKETAPU



MANAGEMENT



KARA PUKETAPU-
DENTICE
Chief Executive



KIRSTY TAMANUI
General Manager Business
and Operations



LISLE MCERLANE
Commercial Manager



WILLY MAKEA
Finance Manager



KALEB RONGOKEA

STRATEGIC DIRECTION



OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION

TĀ TĀTOU WHAKITENGA / OUR VISION

“We are guided by our Tūpuna towards a mokopuna focused future.”

TĀ TĀTOU WHĀINGA / OUR PURPOSE

“Guided by Tūpuna wisdom, Taranaki Whānui is focused on nurturing all aspects of well-being for our people and taiao, ensuring prosperity for all generations.”

NGĀ KAUPAPA TUKU IHO / OUR PRINCIPLES

Te mouri o te taiao

We protect and enhance our whenua, moana and awa for generations to come.

E kore e piri te uku ki te rino, ka whitingia e te rā ka ngahoro

We are steadfast and unwavering in upholding and expressing our tikanga, kawa and mana motuhake.

Poua ki runga, poua ki raro

Our whakapapa, culture, language and identity connects us all and are celebrated and demonstrated in all that we do.

Te Kahu o te Raukura

We are guided by the philosophies of the raukura, aroha & rongomou.

NGĀ WHĀINGA RAUTAKI A MĀTOU / OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

Ko ō tātou whānau, ko ā tātou mokopuna, me ō tātou uri / our whānau, mokopuna and uri are:

Actively preserving & sustaining our lands & waters, strong & confident in their identity & knowledge, connected & thriving in their culture & language, leaders for whānau health & wellbeing.

NGĀ KAUPAPA MATUA / OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Toitū te taiao

As kaitiaki, whenua, moana and awa are reclaimed, obtained and protected.

Te oranga o te whānau

The health and wellbeing of our people are prioritised, nurtured, and resourced.

Te matauraura me te reo

Reclamation and intergenerational transmission of our knowledge, our reo and our tikanga.

Ngā rawa o te āpōpō

Investment decisions are tupuna guided, mokopuna focused and sustainable.

Te kaha me te āheinga

Taranaki Whānui is capable and collaborative, supporting whānau, mokopuna success.

OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Total registered members 20,634 and
143 newly registered members

STRATEGIC PLAN

Finalised our Strategic Plan 2024 / 2029

TONO

Over 150 tono requests

KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

\$1.9 million profit which is a \$4.0 million
improvement from last year's \$2.1 million
loss. Revenue reached \$60.8 million, up by
\$1.9 million from the previous year's \$58.9
million.

KEY ACTIVITIES

TE ARA TUPUA AND TUPUA HORO NUKU INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Taranaki Whānui representatives on the Mana Whenua Steering Group (Kim Skelton and Lee Hunter) are pleased to provide an update on the two shared pathway projects currently in construction on the west side (Te Ara Tupua) and east side (Tupua Horo Nuku) of Te Whanganui-a-Tara-Wellington harbour.

The projects are delivering benefits and key outputs aligned to the Trust's Strategic priorities:

Toitū te whenua (Protection of taiao)

Tangata Tiaki involved protecting Kororā and educating workers and local community
Taranaki Whānui uri upholding kaitiaki values onsite on a daily basis

Te oranga o te whānau (Health and Wellbeing)

Advocacy and governance with partners Waka Kotahi, Alliance and Hutt City Council
Cultural inductions and engagement hui held at Te Tatau o te Pō Marae

Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika Vision

We are Guided by our Tūpuna towards a Mokopuna Focused Future.

Te matauraura me te reo (Reclamation of traditional knowledge, reo, and tikanga)

Integration of Taranaki Whānui culture and heritage in project design, worker inductions

Ngā rawa o te āpōpō (Future resources)

Procurement of uri owned businesses and capability building for uri employed in project
Reef research scholarship funding opportunity

Waimarino – the new Rowing and Water Ski Club Building at Honiana Te Puni Reserve was opened on 24 February 2024 with a dawn ceremony led by Taranaki Whānui (pictures below). The name Waimarino was gifted by Kura Moeahu with the narrative “Te waimarino o te hau raki” which references the calm waters along the coastline from Ngā Ūranga to Pito-one when the prevailing northerly winds blow. The cultural art installation on the building was designed by Len Hetet.



Ali Houppapa (Te Āti Awa, Te Arawa, Te Whakatōhea, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa) as the Kaitohutohu Ahurea | Cultural Advisor.



Charlie Rudd (Te Āti Awa, Muaupoko, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Raukawa te Au ki te Tonga, Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāti Toa Rangatira) as the Kaiwhakaako Taiao | Environmental Coach (pictured at the back).



Paula Hohaia (Waikato Tainui, Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Te Rangi, Ngāpuhi) as the Kaiwhakahaere Arumoni | Commercial Manager (pictured right), and Levi Rona (Te Āti Awa, Taranaki Whānui) as the former Kairuruku | Iwi Integration Lead (pictured left).



Tahana Okeroa (Taranaki, Te Āti Awa) as Junior Quantity Surveyor.



Hana Puketapu-Deys (Te Āti Awa, Tuhoe, Ngāti Ruapani, Ngāti Kahungunu) as Skilled Labourer and Leading Hand.



Kiiana Okeroa (Taranaki, Te Āti Awa) as Alliance Office Manager and Executive Assistant.



Matariki Puanga hautapu held at Te Ara Tupua in June 2024.



Bodhi White (Te Āti Awa) as the Communications and Project Coordinator.



James Robb (Taranaki Iwi, Te Āti Awa, Taranaki Whānui, Ngāi Tahu) as the Project's Superintendent.



Len Hetet (Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa) as Tohunga Toi | Cultural Design Lead, and his son Wihekopa Hetet (Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Porou) who is working on taonga for the Project.

TE WAI TAKAMORI O TE AWA KAIRANGI

Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi is a transformational programme of work for Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai – Lower Hutt that includes crucial flood protection, Melling transport improvements, as well as urban revitalisation.

Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika is one of five partners along with Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Greater Wellington, Hutt City Council and NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.

As an iwi partner for this programme, and mana whenua for this takiwā, Taranaki Whānui are represented at all levels; at a governance level; as members of the Mana Whenua Steering Group; and as part of an iwi integration team.

In April 2023, the name Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi – The Soothing Waters of Te Awa Kairangi was formally gifted to the programme. It was given by Kura Moeahu and acknowledges the tupua Ngake and how the creation of the pathway of Te Awa Kairangi formed out of the whiplashing of his tail as he broke free from a landlocked lake. It also acknowledges the caring qualities of Hine-wai-tōtā, Hine-kōrako and Hine-wairere to gently heal and soothe the scar Ngake

left on Papatūānuku. The gifted name is a reminder about the importance of caring for our river, the land and the environment.

Through 2023/2024, we have worked with our partners to provide guidance and input to ensure that Mana Whenua values and aspirations are being integrated into the management and delivery of the programme.

These works include:

- Development of the Mana Whenua Values Plan outlining the expectations, objectives and aspirations of Mana Whenua.
- Providing technical input into management plans.
- Implementing a co-design process to incorporate cultural narratives and expressions into physical elements.
- Development and implementation of tikanga appropriate for different stages of work or activities such as site blessings, unmonitored discoveries, and cultural inductions.

The programme is in the design phase and expects to continue in this phase until the end of December 2024. Construction of the Melling intersection is scheduled to begin early in 2025. Advance works such as property removals and demolition, utilities and geotechnical investigations, the construction of a new Avalon Skatepark and the construction of the Mills St stop bank are already underway.



Mana Whenua and programme representatives gather at Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River for a blessing ceremony on 19 September 2019



OPAU URUPĀ, MĀKARA

The urupā, a significant part of the Taranaki Whānui Settlement, is a serene and sacred site nestled between farmlands with a stunning view of Maunga Taranaki, surrounded by native flora and distant wind turbines. This remote and beautiful area is alive with the calls of birds and, more recently, the evening calls of kiwi. We proudly maintain a plastic-free kaupapa here, emphasising our commitment to preserving the natural environment.

A dedicated volunteer committee collaborates with the Wellington City Council (WCC) to steward this land. The first committee members, Holden Hohaia and Hana Buchanan, laid the foundation for this work, later passing the torch to Mary-Anne Crompton and Joe Buchanan. The current committee includes Jane Ratcliffe, Rawiri Walsh, and Mary-Anne Crompton, who continue to drive the development and care of the urupā.

Leo Buchanan was the first to be laid to rest at the urupā, and since then, four uri of Te Ati Awa have found their resting place here. In 2022, a jawbone was discovered on Makara Beach by a member of the public, which was determined by the Police to be of archaeological significance, belonging

to a person of Māori descent. In 2023, a wānanga involving iwi leaders and the Police agreed to inter the kōiwi along the upper fenceline of the urupā. A marker stone from Mākara Beach was placed at the site during our July 2024 planting day, marking this significant moment.

The urupā has faced challenges, particularly with the presence of goats in the area. Despite assistance from WCC hunters, the goat population continued to grow. In August 2023, we installed a solar-powered goat fence and gate in the upper area at a cost of \$16,088.50. This has been highly successful in keeping the goats out, and we are now seeing new plant growth. During our July 2024 planting day, with the help of around 40 volunteers, we planted 500 native plants supplied by the WCC.

On 15 July 2024, we formalised our partnership with the WCC by signing an Opau Urupā MOU, outlining our collaboration for the next five years.

Looking ahead, our next priorities include installing a water tank, creating a picking garden (in line with our plastic-free policy), and seeking advice on managing subsidence and slips.



We encourage everyone to keep an eye on the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Facebook page for pānui about upcoming working bees. Your support is crucial in caring for and maintaining our urupā. For information on burials, please contact Mary-Anne Crompton at maryannecrompton@icloud.com.

Opau Urupā Kōmiti
(Mary-Anne Crompton, Jane Ratcliffe, Rawiri Walsh)





TONO

“Ko taku raukura he manawanui ki te ao”

Tēnā koutou e te matua iwi nei o Taranaki Whānui ki Te Ūpoko-o-te-Ika. This could be the first update in a while, or could be the first time to share what is happening in our cultural services space, more commonly known as the tono space!

As a part of the commercial arm of the Port Nicholson Trust, we provide cultural services to an array of different clients within our rohe that approach us to have mana whenua support and or representation in a range of different kaupapa such as: pōwhiri, mihi whakatau, dawn ceremonies, opening of new buildings, unveiling of new artworks, turning of soil for new construction projects, award evenings, even when a death occurs within our rohe.

This is led and administrated by ahi kā Ali Houpapa, known by many in the region as ‘aunty’ or ‘cuz’ who is an experienced kaikaranga and poi manu who has been under the tutelage of many mātanga over the years since the times of Poi Manu rōpū such as Haruru ki Te Tonga. She has also played a big part in Pūhā Rikiriki and now with Ngā Uki o Te Mouna teaching poi and karanga to the next generation of kaikaranga and poi manu coming through the ranks.

One of our whanaunga Nate Rowe of Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāit Tama and Ngāti Maruwharanui has been playing a role as kaikorero and kairuruku with aunty to help service our communities who is also a member of Pūhā Rikiriki and under the tutelage of Aunty Ali, Kura Moeahu and Alishia Moeahu. Nate has also had



mentoring from different mātanga over the years and is one of our local kaiwhatu or weavers within Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

“We service a lot of many different organisations from non-profit to government agencies to private businesses, all of which has been very humbling. One thing that aunty and I are big on is to uphold the Raukura, upholding its values, principles and mana when we are representing our iwi and hapū here in Te Pane o Te Ika, as well as our own kōrero tuku iho that pertains to our rohe here in Te Ūpoko-o-te-Ika-a-Māui and our different hapū and their Marae, it helps us to keep grounded and guides us in the many different kaupapa that we deliver and when we engage with different communities within the rohe that also helps us to uphold our tikanga”.

Some of the tono that have been quite special has been The Citizenship Ceremonies that are run with Wellington City Council and The Mayor’s Office. Mana whenua are the first to open these ceremonies, making our point as first nation peoples here and that this has been home to our ancestors since the ancient times of Te Kāhui Māui and Te Kāhui Mouna, and that we now welcome them to our homelands.

Recently we opened Aho Hononga Art Exhibition at Toi Pōneke that represented Mana Whenua ringatoi from Taranaki Whānui and Ngāti Toa Rangatira where we were able to exercise our customs that opened the exhibition that supported our ringatoi whānau.



AHO HONONGA



Another special tono included us holding a dawn ceremony to open Pukehīnau Kai Hub and their new Pā Harakeke, Te Ngaehe o Rau Hīnau which is a joint venture between Kaicycle, Toi Mahana and Pukehīnau Flats Residents. This Kai Hub is the new mara kai for local residents who are some of our whānau that are needing that extra support, these mara kai will help them in having fresh kai from the gardens whilst also creating a sense of whanaungatanga within their community amongst residents.

Our tono also go further into the realm of our taiao, such as doing mahi with Greater Wellington Regional Council whereby we helped them to open the new Te Ngaengae (Naenae) station with the new artwork and designs by our whanaunga Len Hetet and his kāhui and also with Capital Kiwi, where we helped them to release kiwi within Makara.

There are many other kaupapa that have enabled our iwi and whānau to connect through this mahi, Aunty and others within The Trust are excited to invite other uri to take part in this area as way of upholding our presence as mana whenua but more so to build capability and experience for those who are interested and keen to partake in this mahi.

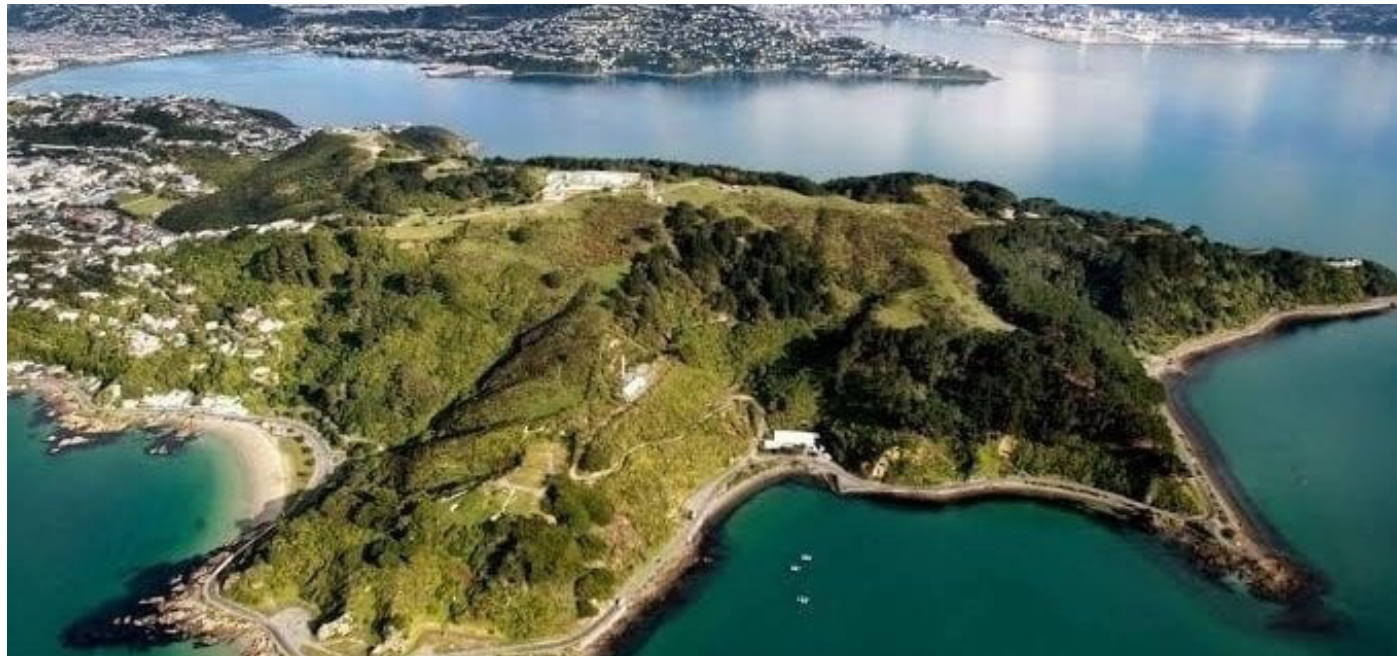
Nō reira e te iwi, nau mai piki mai ki tō tātou mahi pai ki a tātou katoa.

Mai tērā tohu o Te Kahu o Te Rakura e wharikitia nei, tēnēi te mihi aroha ki a tātou.



MATAI MOANA

Mātaimoana is a place of cultural significance to uri. The trust is absolutely hands on with this kaupapa. The hui with Land Information New Zealand and the Department of Conservation regarding Mātaimoana have been mostly positive. We have formalised the intent, purpose and strategic goal through our values. We hope to share more news soon as we continue these important discussions with the Crown. Whatungarongaro te tangata. Toitū te whenua.



TE PUNA WAI



Te Puna Wai is an important kaupapa and can make an important contribution to the quality of life for our uri. Trustees and management have established a uri working group for Te Puna Wai. The working group consists of Te Whatanui Winiata, Mahina Puketapu, Benjamin Wynyard-Terry, Ihaia Puketapu, Moewaka Coffey, Te Awa Puketapu and representatives from our management team. The Trustees have agreed to progress with the development of 9 homes on the basis of shared equity. TWL is currently undertaking the relevant due diligence so that we have a well thought out plan. We will be organising a hui in the coming months for this kaupapa. Watch this space. Ko te whānau te pūtake o te kaupapa.





RETURNING KIWI TO THE HILLS OF TE WHANGA NUI A TARA

It has been a real privilege to represent Taranaki Whānui over the past 6 years as we've worked with Capital Kiwi, Predator Free Pōneke and participating iwi, to bring the kiwi back to our rohe. Whānau have been closely involved, especially over the past two years, to welcome our taonga from Ngati Korokī Kahukura and Ngāti Tūpaia in Taranaki to their new kāinga. We now have some 140 kiwi roaming the hills under the wind turbines in Mākara. They've even been visiting peoples' backyards as far afield as Broadmeadows. That's 10km from the original release site! And rumour has it that many of the birds have started to pair and mate. Nau mai ngā pīpī kiwi o Taranaki Whānui!

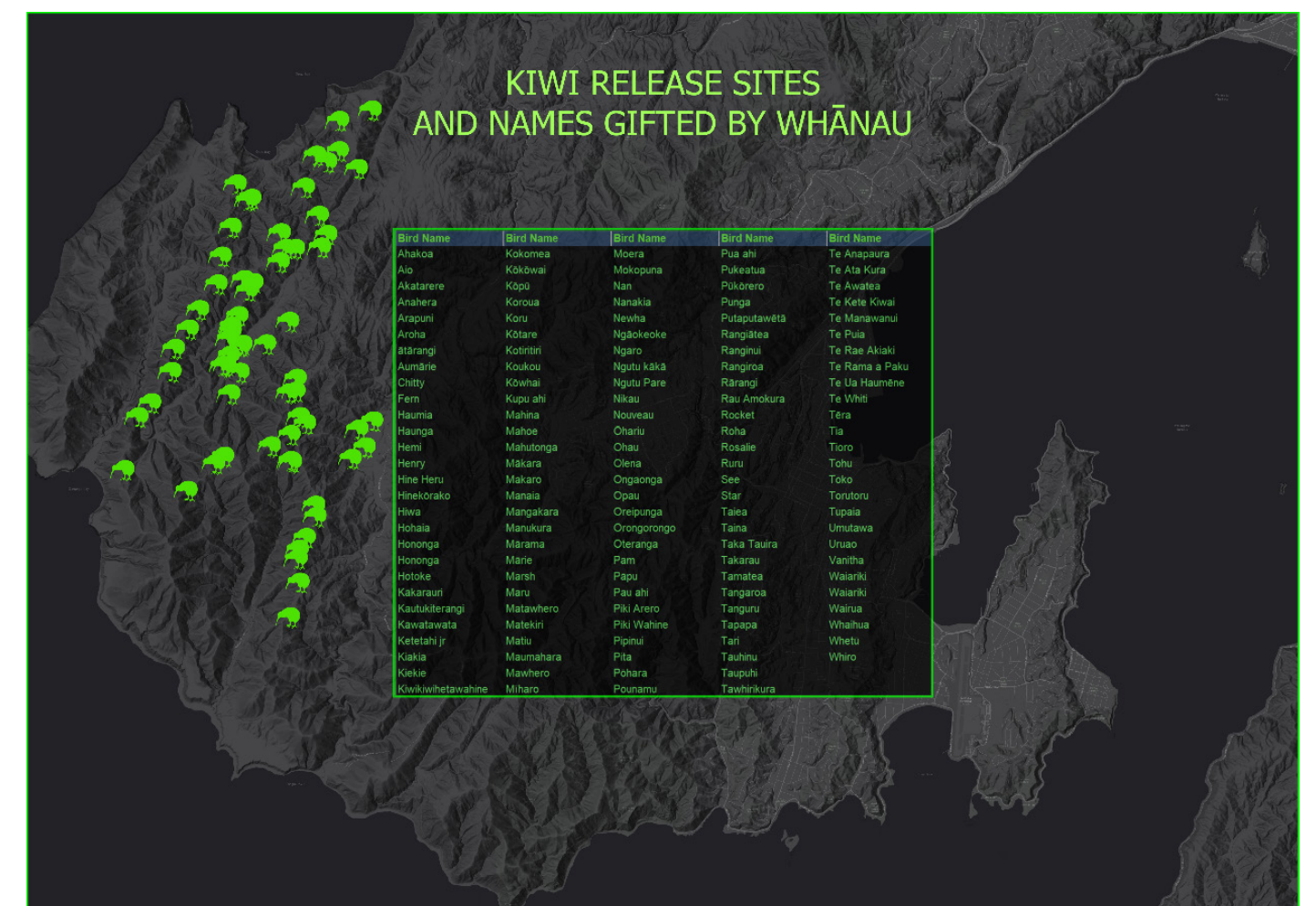
Thank you to all the whānau who attended the many pōwhiri for the birds, and for all the suggested names. I've attached a map showing almost all the release sites and the released birds' gifted names. We had more names gifted from whānau than birds, so apologies if you can't see your name on the map. But don't worry there'll be more kiwi coming in over the years as we boost the population.

Nā Holden Hohaia



Rawiri Walsh (Taranaki Whānui, Ngā Rauru) a qualified kiwi handler and committed kaitiaki taiao, prepares to release one of the 140 founder population birds into the wild in Mākara

Piata Hohaia (Taranaki Whānui, Ngāti Maru, Ngā Rauru) a Te Māra a Tāne Kaitiaki Ranger transferring a kiwi into its new burrow under the watchful eye of whanaunga Rāwiri and Capital Kiwi handlers.



A MANAWHENUA VOICE AT THE COUNCIL TABLE

It has also been a huge privilege to represent your interests as your “pouiwi” alongside whanaunga Liz Kelly (Ngati Toa, Ngāti Tama) at the City Council table. I’d be lying if I said it wasn’t a challenging role with intense scrutiny and criticism from both ratepayers and local media. However, I want to especially acknowledge our whanaunga, mayor Tory Whānau (Pakakohi, Tāngāhoe), Deputy Mayor Laurie Foon and Councillors Rebecca Mathews and Teri O’Neill, all of whom I have found to be unwavering advocates of our iwi interests here in the city.

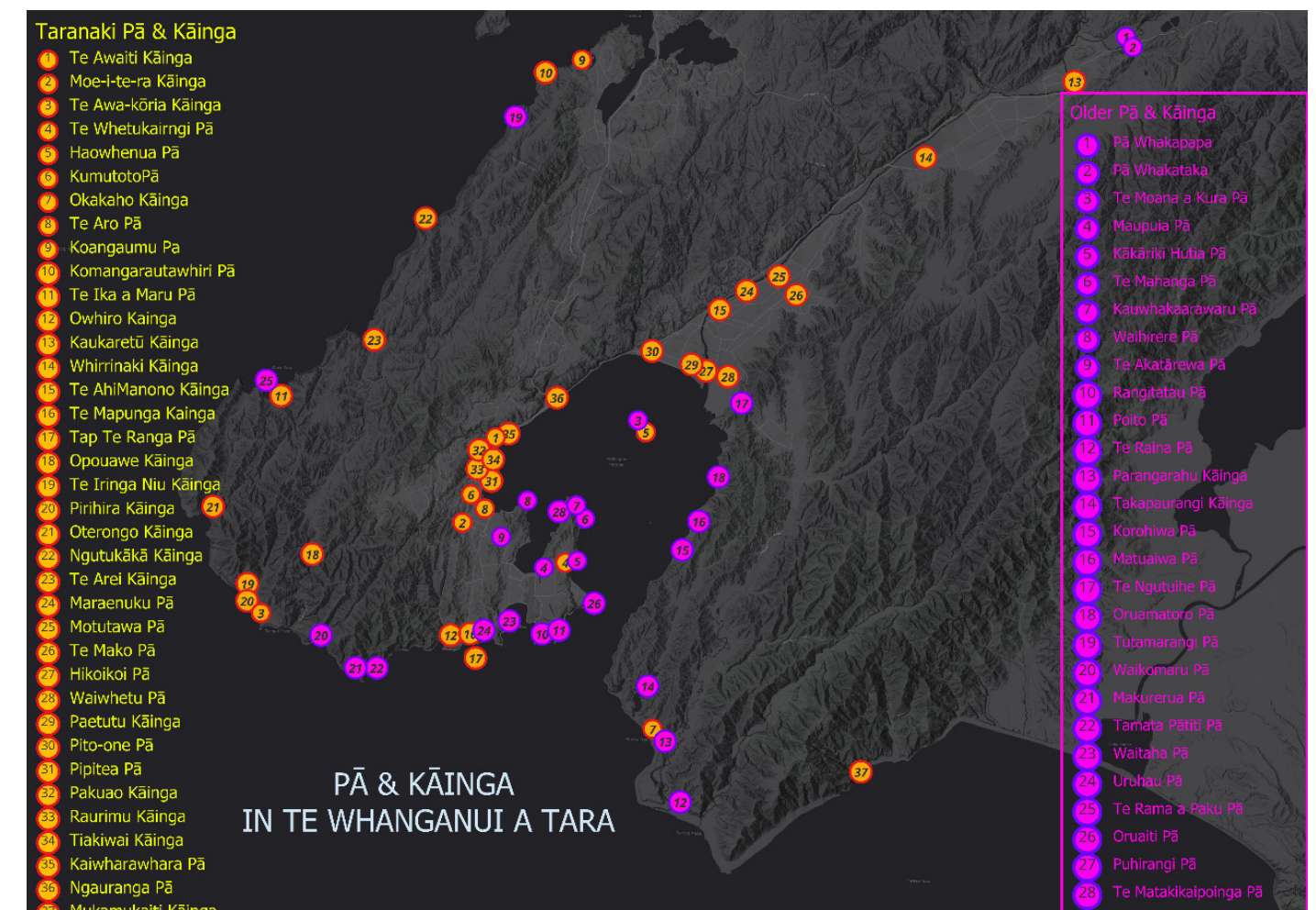


We recently approved our Long Term Plan which sets the strategic direction for the city over the next ten years. The plan, which was supported by the above plus Councillors Apanowicz, Brown, Pannett, Free and Rogers, will see us invest more money to fix our ageing water infrastructure and overhaul our waste management processes. We will also sell our 34% share in the airport and use the proceeds to set up a perpetual investment fund for the city. This will spread our investment risk in the event of a natural disaster as well as establish a much needed fund to help insure our city’s assets (the city is currently very under-insured, given our risk profile and likelihood of an earthquake for example).

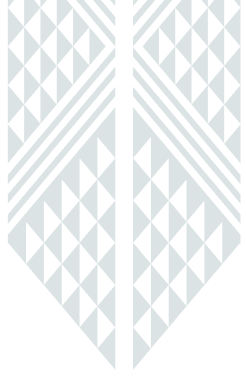
Nā Holden Hohaia

MAPPING OUR CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

Finally, here’s a map I made recently which highlights our many pā and kāinga and an offer to run a workshop for any of the whānau interested to learn how to make maps like this. Email me on holden.hohaia@xtra.co.nz if you’d like to know more.



Nā Holden Hohaia

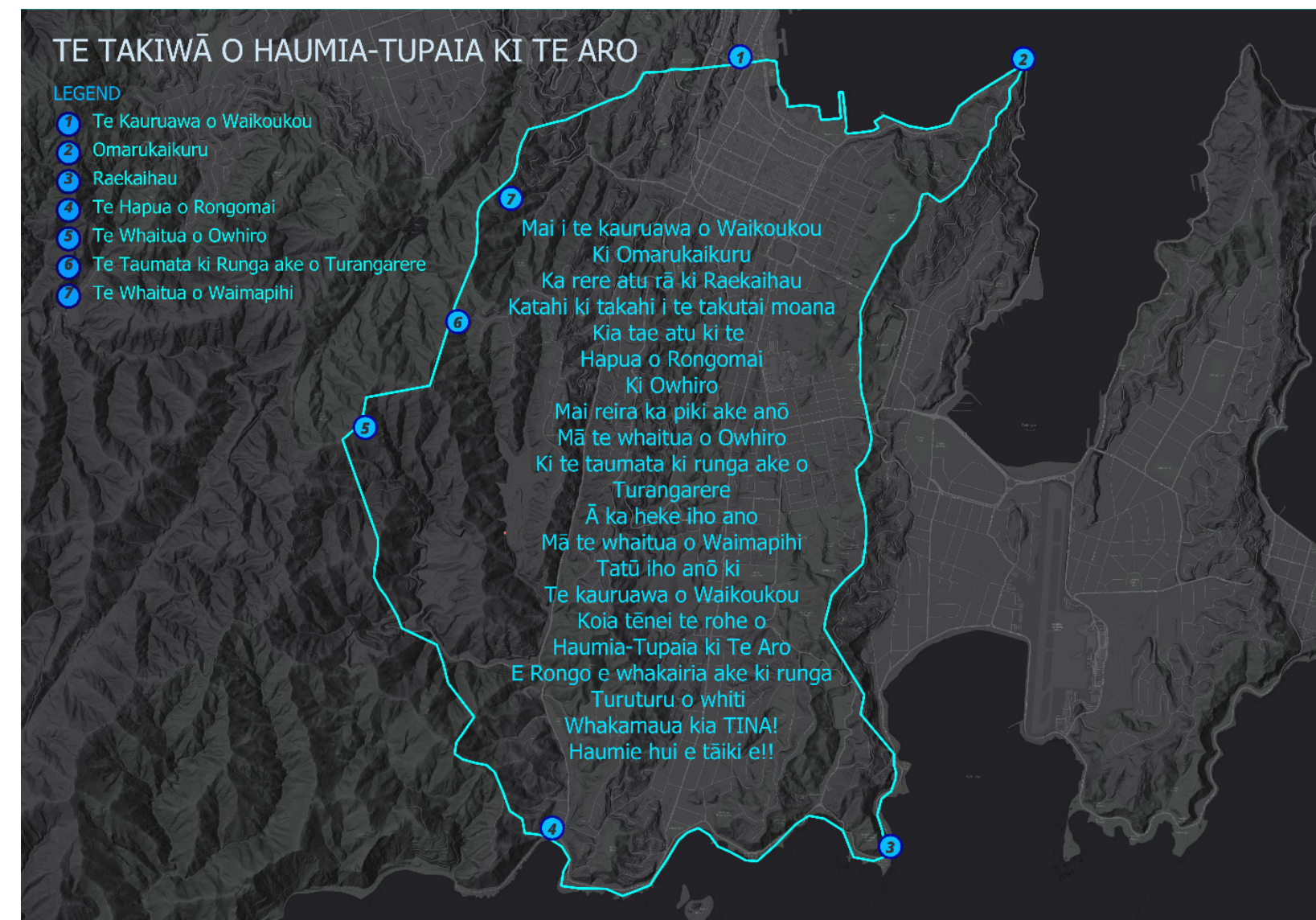


TE ARO REKINDLING THE ANCESTRAL FIRES OF OCCUPATION

As you can see from the previous map, we had dozens of pā and kāinga throughout the region. The largest in its heyday (based on the 1848 census) was Te Aro. This pā was widely recognised as predominantly occupied by two hapū: Ngati Haumia of Taranaki iwi and Ngati Tupaia of Ruanui iwi. These two hapū held the ahi kā – the ancestral fires of occupation - in this part of the rohe, and this was recognised in the Waitangi Tribunal Report: Te Whanga Nui a Tara me ōna Takiwā.

Today a small group of Haumia & Tupaia descendants of Te Aro are looking to rekindle that ahi-kā. We are doing this in close collaboration with our PSGE entity Taranaki Whānui because, while we are proud of our Te Aro roots, we are equally proud to be descendants of our broader collective of Te Atiawa-Taranaki Whānui. But what does this mean to rekindle the ancestral fires of hapū based occupation? Well to be honest we're learning that in transit on this journey. But one step we have taken is to define our traditional rohe based on kōrero tuku iho and some preliminary historical research. If you'd like to know more about this kaupapa please feel free to email me on holden.hohaia@xtra.co.nz

Nā Holden Hohaia



KAUPAPA BEING LED BY AHUMAI

IREX

As we know, was proposed to build two new ferries and terminals in Kaiwharawhara and Waitohi and was shut down by the National Government in March this year. It was a bittersweet time to realise the long-held moemoea of our people to tell our stories in our way, was no longer to happen as part of this project. Heoi, when the decision was made to wind down the iReX project, Lee and Māia-te-oho stayed on to complete the process and secure our Taranaki Whānui information for future use.

Through iReX many moemoea were discussed and explored. It was clear that our people still wanted to progress many initiatives from the project and in order to understand, we created Te Hekenga Kāhikuhiku. A Taranaki Whānui uri led wānanga that focused on whakapapa, pā, kāinga, wāhi tapū and us as whanaunga. Te Hekenga Kāhikuhiku also saw some of our primary partners join us to update uri on current and proposed mahi.

TE HEKENG KĀHIKUHIKU

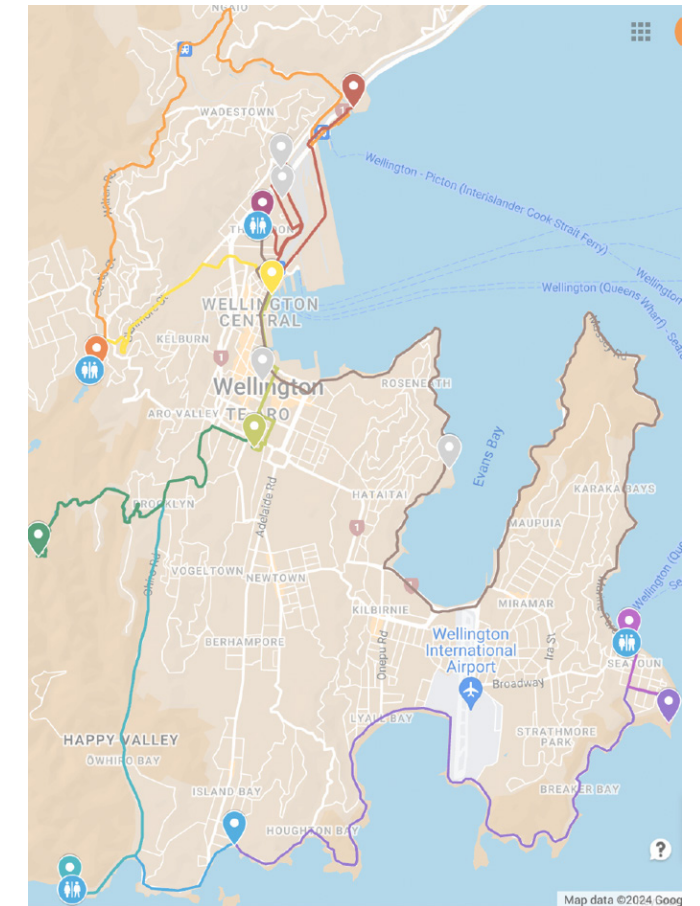
Māori ancestral landscapes are a vital part of the fabric of Te Ao Māori. Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika understand the importance of retention and transmission of kōrero tuku iho associated with ngā tapuwae o ngā tūpuna, wāhi tapū and wāhi tūpuna. Te Hekenga Kāhikuhiku saw over 50 uri and partners travel across Te Whanganui a Tara to understand and discuss kaupapa being undertaken on behalf of our iwi. It was able to respond to the 'empty void' now left by the iReX project and consider how kaupapa could continue from agreements made in 2022/2023 across three well-attended Taranaki Whānui led wānanga. Three main kaupapa drove Te Hekenga Kāhikuhiku; **Taiao, Takiwā and Tāngata** and this became our fourth wānanga in the series. Funding for Te Hekenga Kāhikuhiku was provided by Te Pouhere Taonga - Heritage NZ. Partners from BECA, CentrePort, Wellington City Council, Mountains to Sea Wellington, Victoria University, Te Māra a Tāne, NIWA and Love Rimurimu attended Te Hekenga Kāhikuhiku and provided sponsorship along with KiwiRail who were unable to attend. Our hekenga concluded at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Mokopuna with a delicious afternoon tea and a kōrero from our Deputy Chair; Huia Puketapu.

TAIAO OBJECTIVES:

1. Building on agreements to develop a Taranaki Whānui led cultural health monitoring programme for the Kaiwharawhara awa. The whānau confirmed this is still a priority and we have now started pulling together our collective whakaaro from the four wānanga. We expect to hold a wānanga in October to update whānau on progress.
2. Taranaki Whānui are involved in a number of kaupapa across the rohe and partners were able to share what we're doing together and what will be achieved. Such as the work being undertaken with Love Rimurimu in growing macrocystis for harbour restoration, and kina research with NIWA and Victoria University to consider remediation for kina barrens.

TAKIWĀ OBJECTIVES

1. Tohunga and kaikōrero o Taranaki provided information throughout the day on places of significance to us, our hapū connections to Ngāti Tupaia and other hapū in our collective.
2. Information where we are working alongside partners such as the Wellington City Council on the Coastal Reserves Management plan and Te Kopahau redevelopment.
3. Connecting and understanding historical place names and events – using old and new maps to understand the makeup of our takiwā.



4. Understanding Te Ātiawa Fisheries Trust through Trustees – update on our MACA claim.

TĀNGATA OBJECTIVES:

1. Acknowledging and paying tribute to our tūpuna, and Pou Kuia June Jackson.
2. Revitalisation of our connection to each other; whakapapa, kōrero and takiwā.
3. Building on karakia and waiata used in previous wānanga, along with old and contemporary Taranaki waiata.
4. Ensuring our Tamariki have a place to stand knowing who they are.
5. Hoping to make this the first in a series of wānanga to come.

Feedback from uri and partners was extremely positive, and we agreed that having these on a more regular basis would be a win for everyone. Our biggest thanks to our uri for your passion and continuing support, and we acknowledge those that were unable to make it or missed out. Our thanks to the small whānau team that helped us to drive this kaupapa. And finally, our thanks to our partners who helped to make this event possible and filled our goody bags and hearts with kōrero and aroha. To access the full report, email taiao.taranakiwhanui@outlook.com. Following on from Te Hekenga Kāhikuhiku we changed our previous iReX Facebook page to Taranaki Whānui – Taiao Kaupapa. Send us an email if you can't find the page as it is a private and can be hard to find. We're also in the process of setting up two wānanga to provide and receive feedback on some of our mahi. We intend to hold wānanga ki uta in October and wānanga ki tai in December. Again, please contact us if you want to know more or want to participate.

ACTIVE KAUPAPA IN TE WHANGANUI A TARA

There are a number of kaupapa being led by a small team of uri under Ahumai, a small consultancy run by Lee Rauhina-August including;

- Cultural Health Monitoring plan for Kaiwharawhara – Mountains to Sea Wellington
- Kina research; 13 uri and Māori interviews undertaken – NIWA / Plant and Food
- Supporting Kina and kelp research with Victoria University
- Review: Coastal Reserves Management plan, Te Kopahau reserve plan and Ōruaiti – WCC
- Understanding the effects of anchors on our harbour – NIWA
- Growing macrocystis and natural fibres research – Love Rimurimu
- Hei Kupenga Aramoana – co-developing a strategy for the restoration of Te Whanganui a Tara

A number of these projects include us working with our Ngāti Toa relations.

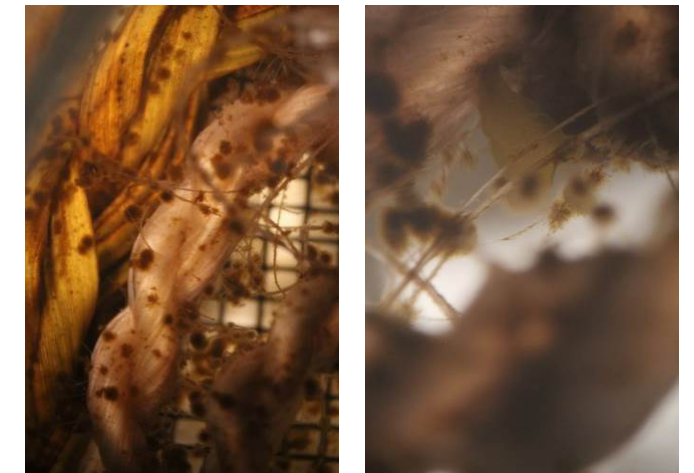


LOVE RIMURIMU

Taranaki Whānui have been partners in the Love Rimurimu kaupapa since 2022 where Māia-te-oHo Holman-Wharehoka has been working as kaimānga mō Taranaki Whānui within the project since April 2023. Māia-te-oHo has been involved in all aspects of the project, learning the process of growing rimukakauoa (giant kelp) from collecting spores in the moana - processing and growing spores at NIWA - to the plant-outs in the moana. Working with TKKM o Ngā Mokopuna on the education side, leading raranga workshops with the kura as well as helping with the kura kelper freediving training and monitoring. Amongst each of these things, the kaupapa within this project that Māia-te-oHo is leading on behalf of Taranaki Whānui is the natural fibres research that investigates the feasibility of our natural fibres (harakeke, muka, pīngao, etc.) to be used as a substrate to grow rimu kakauoa from.

Māia-te-oHo has been working closely with scientists at NIWA to conduct this research, and has reached the stage of finding that both muka and pīngao ropes are viable materials. Māia-te-oHo will continue testing more fibres such as tī kouka and kiekie but will simultaneously be progressing the muka rope trials through moving ropes from NIWA to the moana towards the end of the year when the seaweeds themselves are big enough to plant. The photos below are microscopic photos of rimu kakauoa gametophytes (fluffy spider looking things) settled on the muka and pīngao rope. You can also see a sporophyte (established seaweed blade) beginning to grow from the muka rope in the second photos. Once these sporophytes are more established and have

filled up the rope nicely, the ropes will be planted at Mahanga Bay where Māia-te-oHo will monitor their growth regularly.



Mouriora ki a tātou
Lee Rauhina-August me Māia-te-oHo
Holman-Wharehoka



HARBOUR ISLANDS STRATEGY REVIEW

Building on from the 2012-2017 Kaitiaki Plan and as we move towards the next 10 years, the time has come for a new net to be cast where new hopes and aspirations are seeded, realised and fulfilled for the futures of Matiu, Mākaro and Mokopuna. We currently face some of our greatest environmental threats, risks and challenges at present and as kaitiaki of these islands, we must consider these aspects as we plan for the future. We must also consider how we are growing and nurturing the next generation to continue this important work of kaitiakitanga on the islands, ensuring that we pass on our lived experiences, lessons and share ideas and anecdotal stories to inspire the next generation of kaitiaki.

A prominent theme that resonated throughout the process of developing this strategy was the vision for mokopuna (grandchildren) of future generations to bear witness to the sanctuary, beauty and vitality of the islands. This can only be achieved if good decisions are made for the islands' futures now and if we continue to connect, revitalise, preserve and protect all that is special about these islands.

The Kaitiaki Board is proud to set the pathway forward for the future through this strategy to guide all people working towards the ongoing protection and care

of the motu for the next 10 years. This is a short overview of the process to date for the Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika Annual General Meeting, September 2024.

ENGAGEMENTS

In March 2024, the Kaitiaki Board supported by Dr Acushla Sciascia of Māpuna Consultants, agreed to undertake a series of engagements across Pōneke to speak with uri and communities about their aspirations for Matiu, Mākaro and Mokopuna islands. The following hui were held;

1. 3 March, Matiu Island (25 attendees)
2. 13 March, Stakeholders (33 attendees)
3. 17 March, Hīkoikoi (21 attendees)
4. 19 March, online afternoon (0 attended)
5. 19 March, online evening (4 attended)

We also invited Taranaki uri to submit their aspirations and ideas via a survey which received 14 submissions from uri. The survey was opened from 5 March to 1 April, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were an important part of our approach to ensure whānau were well informed, with ample time to participate in hui. We utilised the Te Āti Awa Whānui Facebook page and the Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika Facebook page to disseminate social media tiles and registration links to register for each engagement activity. This enabled us to keep track of interactions via social media as well as promptly respond to questions if and when they emerged by whānau. We also utilised Te Kawekaweā mailing list, our own networks of the board and community volunteer groups were provided by Kaitiaki Board members. By having a registration form, we were able to record contact details for each attendee (and survey respondents) providing us with a list of engaged uri/community members for ongoing communication and updates on the strategy progress. We have utilised this list multiple times to share updates, share a first draft of the strategy and invite uri and community feedback on first drafts. Māpuna Consultants also undertook a desktop review of key documents recommended by the Kaitiaki Board.

PROGRESS TO DATE

As at 18 August 2024 Māpuna Consultants have;

- Completed all engagements
- Completed a desktop review of all documentation
- Transcribed and analysed all data
- Completed a first draft of the strategy which has been circulated to uri/ community and the Kaitiaki Board for feedback
- Completed a second draft of the strategy and circulated to the Kaitiaki Board for feedback
- Began finalising the strategy (including the one-pager) and aim to submit the final documents to the Kaitiaki Board by 28 August 2024.

EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION

The Harbour Islands Kaitiaki Board strategy is due to the Kaitiaki Board by 28 August 2024 and will be launched officially on 16 November 2024 on Matiu Island at the reopening of the islands.

Harbour Islands Kaitiaki Board (Te Whatanui Winiata – Chair, Ihaia Puketapu, Ani Parata)

TE RŌPŪ TIAKI PARANGARAHU LAKES AREA

KOHANGAPIRIPIRI – KOHANGATERA – KOHANGA ORA – NESTS NURTURING LIFE AND WELLBEING.

It has been a privilege to represent Taranaki Whānui over the last 5 years, following on from the enormous mahi set up by the founding members in 2012, continuing to work closely with our partners at Greater Wellington Regional Council in Co-Managing our precious lakes and surrounding rohe.

We have continued with Annual Planting Days for our uri each winter, along with other special opportunities to engage with our whenua, including visits which have helped us foster further strong relationships with special organisations such as Zealandia, Te Mara a Tane, MIRO and DOC supported tirelessly by our working team Hem of Remutaka.

Following on from the successful translocation of freshwater Kākahi, we again worked closely with Zealandia staff in a further translocation of Toitoi which are also prevalent in Kohangatera and Kohangapiripiri, as their life cycles are co-dependant with Kākahi. Here is a photo of the crew involved in April this year, along with some of the Zealandia team with one of the Whakaweku used, a traditional Māori catching method made from bundles of rārahu/bracken fern, which was successfully trialled as one of the collection methods.



We have recently been involved in getting PNBST and GWRC involved in high level discussions around implementing a 500 year vision which will look to include enabling us to set and assess our own cultural monitoring indicators of the wellbeing of our Parangarahu Lakes whenua. Could we look forward to having Kiwi free roaming our whenua in years to come?

Vince Roberston, Megan Somerville and Lee Hunter



Credit Terese McLeod

TE ĀTIAWA KI TE UPOKO O TE IKA MĀUI PŌTIKI TRUST

MISSION | VISION | VALUES

TE KAUPAPA | MISSION

Kia tipu te oranga o Te Ātiawa ki te Upoko o te Ika.

Creating prosperity for the uri of Te Ātiawa ki te Upoko o te Ika.

TE HUAPAE | VISION

Mēnā kei te ora ngā moana, ngā awa, ngā roto me te whenua, ka pērā anō tō tātou iwi.

If the oceans, the rivers, the lakes and the land are healthy, so too will our people be.

NGĀ MĀTĀPONO | VALUES

Toitū te moana

We actively protect and are committed to sustainable fisheries.

He ngākau pono

We act with humility, integrity, and honesty.

Kaitiaki taonga

We are stewards of our assets.

He ringa atawhai

We support our people.

BACKGROUND

Te Ātiawa ki te Upoko o te Ika a Māui Pōtiki Trust is proud to represent the interests of Te Ātiawa uri in Te Whanganui a Tara (Wellington).

Te Ātiawa ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui Pōtiki Trust was established as a Mandated Iwi Organisation (MIO) for Te Ātiawa Wellington in 2006 to represent Te Ātiawa interests in commercial fisheries and to receive commercial fisheries quota and other settlement assets including cash and shares all in relation to a coastal takiwā arguably extending from Pipinui Point on the southern west coast of Te Upoko o Te Ika around the west and south coast around through Te Whanganui a Tara- Wellington Harbour and around Turakirae to Mukamukaiti (Windy Point) in Palliser Bay.

The achievement of establishing a mandated iwi organisation under the Maori Fisheries Act 2004 (the Act) was completed efficiently and effectively by 31 March 2006. The Trust started operation after the first part of the fisheries allocation at the end of March 2006. The Trust sought and received IRD approval to have a balance date of 30 September each year. This approval meant



that the operational year of the Trust and the Asset Holding Company runs from 1 October to 30 September of the next year which in effect aligns with the 'fishing year'.

An important component to become a MIO is to administer a Member Register. The Trust draws its member base from its three recognised constituent (or primary) marae: Pipitea, Te Tatau o te Pō and Waiwhetū; to which tribal members must affiliate to for the purposes of being a member on the Trust's member register.

The Trust's role as the Mandated Iwi Organisation under the Maori Fisheries Act 2004, and the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004, is to serve and administer the fisheries settlement on behalf of Te Ātiawa ki te Upoko o Te Ika and represent under Resource Management Act 1991, the interests of uri in relation to mana moana

that impact fisheries in both the freshwater and ocean environments of marine, coastal and waterways including the lakes, rivers and streams of the Trust's rohe. A rohe that replicates that of Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika (Port Nicholson Block Settlement) Trust.

Anaru Adams – Chair, Matthew Reweti – Deputy Chair, Ihaia Puketapu, Anania Randall, Mark Fenwick, Peter Reweti

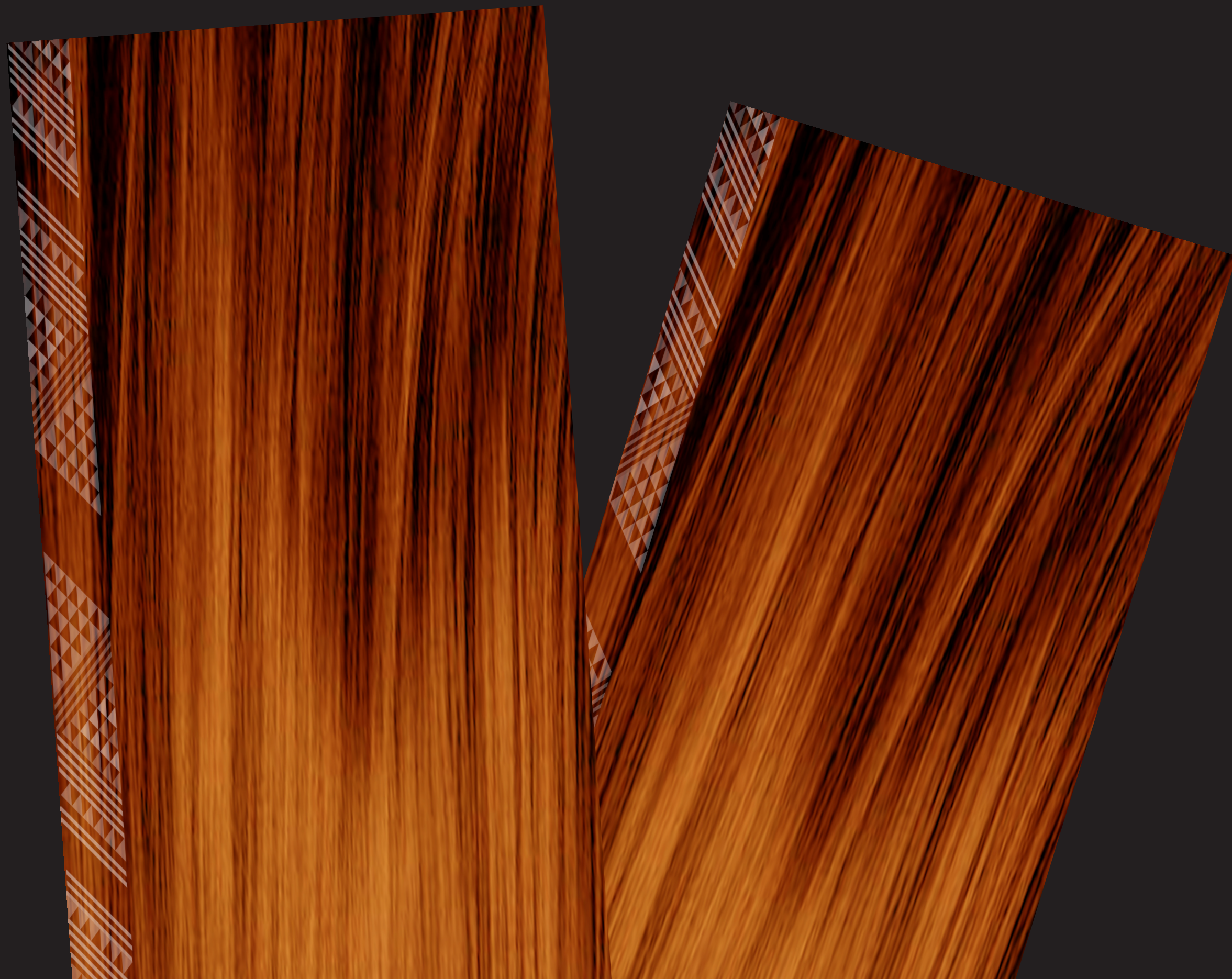


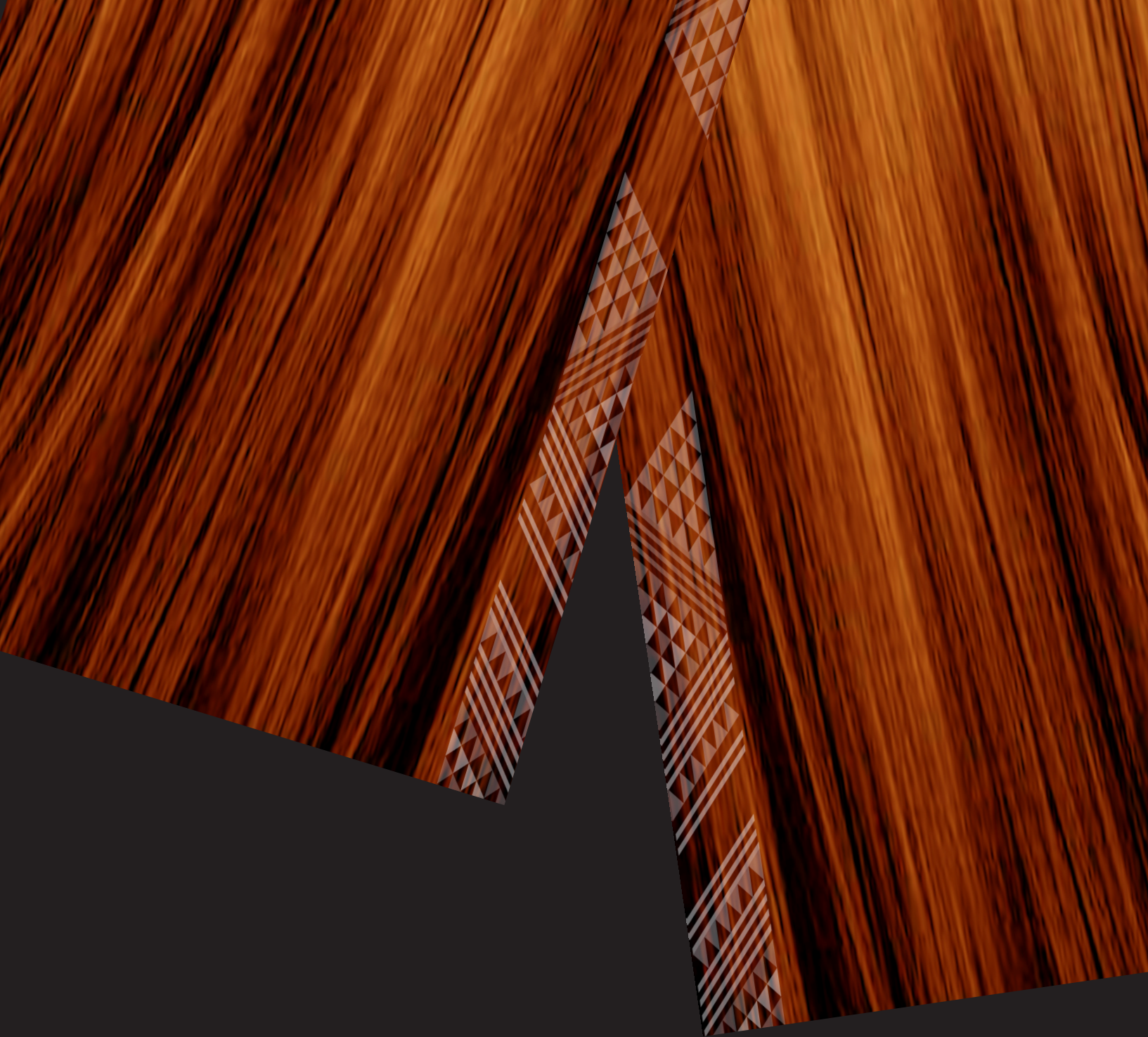


A SNAPSHOT OF WHO WE ARE

Age	Members	%
0-9	223	1%
10-19	1,156	6%
20-29	4,072	20%
30-39	4,063	20%
40-49	2,211	11%
50-59	2,406	12%
60-69	2,127	11%
70-79	1,447	7%
80-89	762	4%
90-99	289	1%
100+	74	0%
Unknown	1,187	6%
Total	20,013	100%

Location	Members	%
Auckland	2,029	10%
Overseas	1,192	6%
Bay of Plenty	1,550	8%
Canterbury	626	3%
Central Plateau	2	0%
Chatham Islands	0	0%
Coromandel	1	0%
East Coast	7	0%
Gisborne	165	1%
Hawkes Bay	742	4%
Horowhenua	15	0%
Manawatu-Whanganui	494	2%
Marlborough	315	2%
Nelson	154	1%
Northland	490	2%
Otago	117	1%
Southland	155	1%
Taranaki	2,941	15%
Tasman	79	0%
Waikato	1,124	6%
Wairarapa	3	0%
Wellington	4,301	21%
West Coast	6	0%
Unknown Area	88	0%
No Known Address	3,417	17%
	20,013	100%





TARANAKI WHĀNUI KI TE UPOKO O TE IKA