

Board Key Messages

Here are some of the key messages from our recent Board hui:

Annual plan and budget approval

The Annual Plan and Budget for Financial Year 2027 was tabled for Board approval. As usual, the published version will be shared in the upcoming annual report. The Annual plan directly aligns with the recently approved strategy. We have committed to our ongoing legacy kaupapa:

- \$80k towards scholarships
- \$106,121 to each hapū for annual charitable distribution
- \$3,500 to each hapū for Pataka
- \$2,237 to each hapū bureau support (787 Xero/ 500 Financials/ 950 Audit)
- \$2,237 to each Pā bureau support (787 Xero/ 500 Financials/ 950 Audit)

A significant focus for this year is to ensure we have the systems and processes to successfully deliver larger, multi-year programmes and developments – particularly centred around impact investments and the Toitū Fund. We look forward to sharing more detail at the AGM.

Project Tūkau – Moving our tari into our Ngāruahine rohe

Trustees approved the first stage due diligence into a Manaia location for our tari. Any decision regarding our tari will be measured against the Outcomes framework developed with our iwi. We are yet to confirm a site, but we look forward to providing an update once this is confirmed.

Toitū Fund – Policy approval

In the recent Hapū Road show, Te Korowai Trustees presented a range of principles to guide key policy positions. This includes our criteria regarding the Toitū Fund, specifically designed to support hapū long-term development aspirations in a sustainable way. At this hui, Trustees approved the Toitū Fund policy. Te Aorangi and the team will work on the guidelines and application form to help streamline and assist hapū applications.

Te Kīwai Mauī o Ngāruahine – Quarterly report

We received our quarterly report presentation from Dion Maaka, Chair of Te Kīwai Mauī o Ngāruahine. A priority area that Trustees are particularly interested in monitoring is Ngā Rere Lodge, and this hui mainly focussed on this kaupapa. Trustees are concerned by the ongoing consent delays, and Trustees were informed that Ngā Rere Board has made the decision to escalate the dispute through the MBIE Determination process. This has not been done lightly, and the Ngā Rere Board have exhausted all avenues to address this dispute directly with Stratford District Council, including a letter addressed to the Mayor and all Council members with notification of the imminent MBIE determination application.

Trustees were also notified that Ngā Rere Lodge is advertising for a General Manager. Please see our website for more details.

Mauī will provide a further update at Te Korowai AGM in August.

MOU with Ngā Ruahine Iwi Authority (NIA)/ Ngā Ruahine Health Services

Later in the day Te Korowai Board met with NIA Board for the half-yearly hui. At this hui, both Boards approved the amended Memorandum of Understanding. This document sets the shared expectations on how we work together to better serve Ngāruahine. The hui also included some notable decisions.....which will be shared in due course in a joint key message from the two Chairs.

Te Korowai Board Elections 2026

A reminder that this year we have our triennial elections. Election voting opens on **Wednesday, 15 July 2026**. If you have any question, please get in touch directly with Electionz.

Hui ā tau, AGM 2026

A reminder that this year's AGM is held at Waiokura Pā on **Saturday, 29 August 2026**.

Pai mārire!