

Board Key Messages

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

Reviewing Group Governance Fees

Trustees have reviewed the Group governance fees. The review is focused on ensuring that the fee structuring is reflective of the workload and skill sets associated with roles on subcommittees and entities. There is no net change in Trustee fees and a resolution will be tabled at the upcoming AGM.

Making Local Government Simple

We hosted Mayor Phil Nixon (South Taranaki District Council) and Mayor Neil Volske (Stratford District Council) to our Board hui to discuss the Government's local government reform and intended amalgamation. Proposals are due in at the beginning of August and the two Council's have proposed amalgamation. We shared our views that our priority is ensuring rangatiratanga, kaitiakitanga, and that our general Ngāruahine Tiriti rights and interests are upheld. The amalgamation of the two Councils will lessen the administrative burden facing Te Korowai and Ngāruahine Hapū that engage with both Councils, however, our support is not unconditional. We communicated the need to actively involve Te Korowai in the next development phase.

We also discussed the engagement approach by Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) and a bias towards actively developing a solution with New Plymouth District Council. We also understand that they sought a resolution from iwi standing committee appointees and attendees at a recent workshop regarding the matter – this is deeply concerning. Te Korowai is of the view that TRC should remove themselves from backing horses and stick to their lane.

Ngāti Tamaahuroa – Titahi Toitū Fund Approval

The Board approved a \$140k tono from Ngāti Tamaahuroa - Titahi towards acquiring whenua. The whenua adjoins to Old Te Kiri School which was acquired by the Hapū through the Deferred Selection Property (DSP) process. The Hapū intends to renovate the dwelling to support hapū housing. This tono was approved under the Toitū Fund, which acts as a distribution in advance facility to encourage hapū whenua reacquisition and development. We wish Ngāti Tamaahuroa - Titahi all the best in this project.

Te Korowai Board Elections 2026

A reminder that this year we have our triennial elections. Election voting is open and closes at 5pm on the **29th of August 2026**. If you have any questions, please get in touch directly with Electionz.

Hui ā tau, AGM 2026

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

Pai mārire!