

Board Key Messages

Tērā a Puanga, ka rewa i te pae

As we enter a new year, we reflect on the year and plan for the year ahead. Here are some of the key messages from our recent Board hui:

FY2026 annual plan and budget

As mentioned in the last key messages from the Board, this is a no-frills, return to basics year until we finish our performance framework and strategy refresh. However, you can still expect:

- Hapū annual distribution allocation which is now sitting at \$104k per hapū
- Hapū pataka and bureau services
- Our scholarships and grants allocation totalling \$80k

Trans-Tasman Resources (TTR) – Fast Track Act Application

TTR, seabed mining is a long-running ngarara in our moana. Resistance to TTR has been spearheaded by Ngā Rauru and Ngāti Ruanui through multiple appeal processes – e rere ana ngā mihi ki a koutou kua kawea te kaupapa nei!

More recently, under the Fast Track Act, we have seen another unified resistance to TTR. It's important to acknowledge our Hapū who have lodged the Waitangi Tribunal claim, and our uri who have coordinated and attended hui and events to show their opposition.

Te Korowai is currently focussed on the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) process. We also see value in raising awareness of the Fast Track Act and its application to the TTR project, and at this hui the Board also formally supported the WAI3475 claim by Hapū. The Board also encouraged kaimahi to explore other legal mechanisms at our disposal under our Tiriti claims policy.

Business continuity plan endorsement

Last year, our Pouwhakarae, Poutuarua and committee chairs attended a Chairing the Board course, this highlighted the need for a Business continuity Plan. As Te Korowai grows, so do our fail points in a significant disruption. While it's impossible to predict disasters or disruptions, it is our responsibility to have a clear plan and mitigations in place to ensure we can continue to serve Ngāruahine.

Joint half-yearly hui with Ngāruahine Iwi Authority (NIA)

Every six months, Te Korowai and NIA meet as part of our kawenata. Although we are two very separate legal entities, with distinct responsibilities – we both exist to serve Ngāruahine. These hui are an opportunity to ensure we are complementing and not duplicating mahi.

Currently, we are seeking applications for Ngāruahine representation on Te Pūnanga Ora, the Iwi Māori Partnership Board for Taranaki. For more information, please click [here](#)
Applications close 3 July 4pm

E rere ana ngā mihi o tēnei wāhanga o te tau– kia haumarū ai te noho Puanga mā Mataariki!