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PŪRONGO-Ā-TAU 2025

ANNUAL REPORT

Titiro whakamuri Kia kōkiri whakamua ai

Reflecting on the past in order to
advance forward



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CHAIR REPORT

**Ka tangi te tītī, ka tangi te kākā, ka tangi hoki
ahau, i runga i te tihi o Rangiora otira ki te
tuāpapa o**

**Te Takapū o Tapuika-nui-a-Tia,
tēnei ka mihi ake ki a koutou katoa.**

**Ka rere atu ngā matihere ki a koutou, ki ngā
whānau, ki ngā marae, ki ngā hapū huri noa.
Ka aro atu ki ō tātou tini aituā kua riro atu ki tua
o te ārai, ngā mate haere haere haere atu ra.**

**E te iwi, nei rā tā mātou pūrongo ā tau.
He koanga ngākau te tuku atu ki a koutou.**

**Nō reira, kia kaha, kia maia kia manawanui, ki
ngā mahi kei te haere mai,
Tēnā anō tātou katoa.**



Hori Ahomiro
Tiamana - Chairperson

I am pleased to present our 2025 Annual Report, and to share some of our key achievements with you today. Many of you will be aware of the continuing challenges Tapuika Iwi Authority has faced during the 2024-25 year, which has seen significant changes at both governance and operational levels.

I feel that our Board has now settled into more of a rhythm and that's allowing us to find more clarity and direction in our governance mahi.

While everyone here is well aware of the political winds of change that have impacted Te Ao Māori since the introduction of the coalition government in 2023. I am proud to say your Board has been making your voice heard at a local or even national level, as we stand up for what's important to us - e te whānau - Toitū te Mana, Toitū te Tāngata, Toitū te Tiriti - Mauri ora kia tātou.

We have been working closely with our new Kaiwhakahere Matua, Te Hingatu Marsh and his operations team, who have provided us with the necessary information to make informed decisions thus far. Our Governance team continues to focus on what's most important to us - ensuring the four strategic Pou were given clear intent in the annual plan so the operations team could work towards achieving set goals within it.

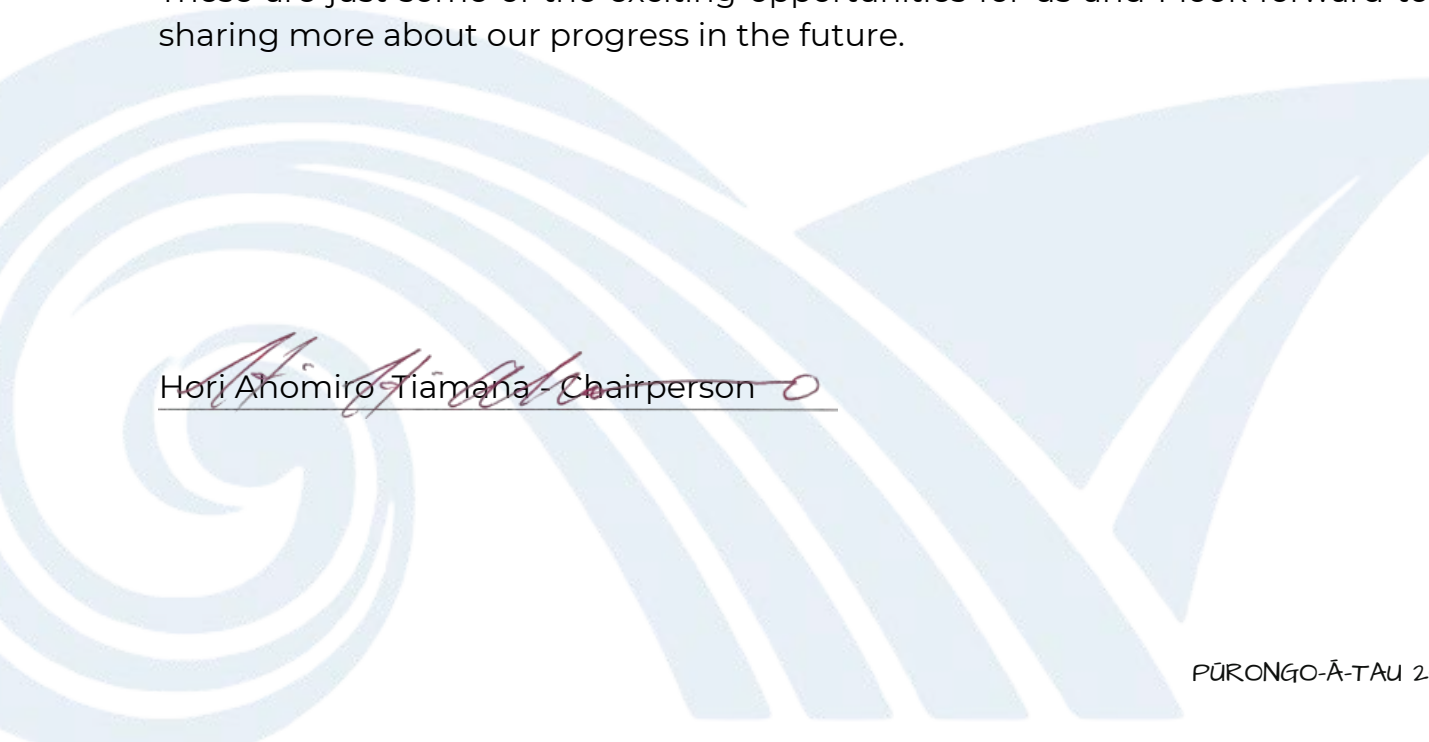
Tapuika Iwi Authority looks to the future with optimism and determination. We're exploring new opportunities that will help grow our people and our economy, always guided by our values of kaitiakitanga and collective wellbeing. With strong partnerships and a shared sense of purpose, we're ready to make the most of what's ahead and keep building a thriving future for Tapuika.

Tapuika Iwi Authority is actively looking into the opportunity to invest into aquamarine farming and in particular and open-ocean mussel farming working with ten other coastal iwi in a collective known as *Te Moana a Toi*. While this is an exciting prospect to be part of, the Board is mindful of the need to be cautious and to undertake the due diligence necessary to ensure a balanced risk-reward profile for the future.

The Rangiuru Business Park and Quayside Holdings relationship continues to be an important one for us. The planting of the wetland, that serves as a storm water pond has been successful in providing financial returns as well as seasonal employment for 12-15 of our whanau. We are also in discussions with Quayside as to what future opportunities may exist as they prepare to start the vertical build of Stage One.

Later in this report you will also hear about the exciting potential for partnering in the green energy sector with a number of other iwi keen to grow more than just pine trees on our whenua.

These are just some of the exciting opportunities for us and I look forward to sharing more about our progress in the future.




Hori Anomiro Tiamana - Chairperson

PŪRONGORONGO

KAIWHAKAHAERE MATUA REPORT

**Tēnā tātou katoa,
E aku iti, e aku rahi, ka mihi ake
ki ngā tini āhuatanga o te wā
e noho nei tātou.**

**Ki ō tātou mate huhua i hinga atu, i
hinga mai i te tau kua pahure ake,
moe mai, okioki rā.
Ki a tātou te hunga ora e tau nei, tēnā
tātou katoa.**

**Anei ngā pitopito kōrero e pā ana ki ā
tātou mahi-a-iwi i te tau kua hipa nei.
Nō reira, tēnā tātou katoa**



**Te Hingatū Marsh
Kaiwhakahaere Matua
General Manager**

It is a privilege to present my second General Managers' report to the shareholders and beneficiaries of Tapuika Iwi Authority (TIA). I am excited to share what our teams' have achieved over the last year.

The 2024/25 year has been a time of rebuilding and renewing confidence in Tapuika Iwi Authority (TIA). After a few challenging years, we are now finding our rhythm again across our financial wellbeing, relationships with our partners, and understanding our collective vision for the future of TIA.

This year shows what we can achieve when we come together with a shared belief in the strength of TIA.

Ka hanga anō – Rebuilding

We're proud to share that Tapuika Iwi Authority is back in the black. Through careful financial management and a focus on what truly matters, we've worked hard to reduce debt and restore some financial stability.

We can now focus on moving forward from a better base with which to grow and support our long-term vision for our iwi, our taiao, our whānau and our mokopuna.

Whanaunga-tūturu – Real Relationships

This year has seen a deliberate effort to rebuild and reset our relationships with central government, local councils and community stakeholders. Our active participation with councils* as well as Te Maru o Kaituna, means that our voice has been present in decisions affecting our awa and our whenua.

While government reforms continue to have a significant impact across everything we do, we haven't let that slow us down. We recognise that these council relationships will be vital especially given the future challenges in advancing our four strategic pou:

- Oranga Taiao (Environment)
- Oranga Tuku iho (Cultural)
- Oranga Tangata (People & Culture) and
- Oranga Rauemi (Prosperity & Resources)

*WBOPDC Western Bay of Plenty District Council, BOPRC Bay of Plenty Regional Council, TCC Tauranga City Council

Whakanui i tō tātou iwi – Celebrating Our People

Our Matariki celebration was, again, a highlight for the year. Over 200 of us gathered on Te-Tihi-o-Rangiuru to observe ngā whetū o Matariki rising from the east, reflect on our journey over the past year, and celebrate the new year. It's a great reminder of the importance of whakapapa, whānau and our collective wellbeing.

We also celebrate our Taiao team and all the work done in pest control, native planting, and ngāhere restoration which contributes to our vision of kaitiakitanga. Our planting crew at the Rangiuru Business Park has done awesome mahi in trying conditions. We thank them all for their hard work.

Our education scholarships and learning initiatives continue to support Tapuika rangatahi in their Māori-medium academic journeys. We've seen inspiring achievements across various fields, and we remain committed to nurturing the next generation of leaders, innovators, and kaitiaki for our iwi.

He hononga whai hua – Partnerships with Purpose

Our relationship with Quayside Holdings and the Rangiuru Business Park team continues to grow, with shared goals around environmental care, employment pathways, and visibility of Tapuika tikanga in development projects. Recently, Quayside Holdings and Tapuika were finalists for the “Best Team” Council Properties Awards held in Kirikiriroa at the end of October. Although we didn’t take out the top prize, it speaks to the significant team dynamics we are building together.

Tapuika and Toi Moana BOPRC are excited to be accepted into the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) awards as a finalist in 2025, held in Australia on 28 October. We are proud to announce that we were named winners of Indigenous relationship with Māori. We believe our relationship with Toi Moana can be a strategic alliance for TIA, especially regarding the kaitiakitanga of our natural resources in the Takapū.

We’ve also begun building a meaningful connection with Comvita, exploring opportunities for collaboration grounded in mātauranga Māori, wellbeing, and sustainability. All these partnerships show what’s possible when trust, respect, and shared values for the basis of the kaupapa and help guide our way forward.

Pūwhenua Forest Holdings Limited, led by Tapuika Directors Geoff Rice and Aroha Beck, is another example of how we are building partnerships with other iwi. Specifically, Ngāti Rangiwewehi and Ngāti Ranginui, along with Contact Energy, who are exploring the proposed wind farm opportunity on Pūwhenua and Taumata forests for our mutual benefit.

Our existing commercial and residential investments continue to provide the revenue needed to ‘keep the lights on’. Our Directors, Dr. Bryce Kihirini, Tanisha McNeill and Ateremu McNeill manage your Fisheries assets and the ACE (Annual Catch Entitlement) with the Iwi Collective Partnership (ICP). They are also actively involved in the decision around the aquamarine farming opportunity. He mihi kau ana ki a rātou, as these ‘business-as-usual’ models are integral in allowing TIA to undertake its duties and mahi for the year.

Kia kōkiri whakamua ai – Looking to the Horizon

We’re exploring new opportunities that align with our vision for a sustainable and thriving future. This includes potential renewable energy projects, such as the wind farm and marine farming ventures. The green-lipped mussel farm along with Te Moana nui a Toi (TMaT) a collective made up of eleven other coastal Iwi is another opportunity for growth. These initiatives are about more than just economic gain but about restoring balance, creating work for our people & caring for the taiao that sustains us.

We have also been given an opportunity to purchase a commercial building in Te Puke that sits on one of our sites, and we are currently investigating how we can secure this opportunity and prosper from being the landlord of a successful business in Te Puke.

We see all these opportunities aligning well with the Board's strategic plans and acting as a beacon of hope. Tapuika Iwi Authority can help to shape a brighter future where our people and taiao thrive together.

To our Board members, our Chair, our Kaimahi, thank you all for your support, strong leadership and a willingness to work collaboratively this is already starting to bear fruit in our mahi.

And to all those who have contributed to Tapuika Iwi Authority in 2024/25: **nei rā te mihi aroha, e kare mā.**

This year has reminded us that rebuilding takes time, but with your patience, aroha and unity, we can achieve great things.

"Ka ora te wai, ka ora te whenua, ka ora te iwi."

When the water is healthy, the land will flourish, and the people will thrive.

Ngā manaakitanga o Te Atua ki a tātou

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Hinga Marsh', is positioned over a large, light blue decorative swirl that occupies the lower half of the page.

Te Hingatū Marsh
Kaiwhakahaere Matua - General Manager

HE MAIMAI AROHA

*Ka tanuku, ka tanuku.
Ko ngā tihi o Rangiuru, o Ōtawa, ka tanuku.
Engari ko te keho o te marama ka whati.
Ka whati noa taku manu kōtuku, he huia nō
runga i te waka o Te Arawa,*

Haere rā Te Hira, haere atu rā!

*Kanohi kitea o te iwi, māngai kōrero o ō tūpuna
whare me tō iwi o Tapuika, poutokomanawa o
te karapu o Rangiuru, manawanui ki te tini,
ringa manaaki ki te mano.*

*Ehara tāu nā i te haere mokemoke e koro. Ko ō
huanga kua wehe i te tau ō hoa haere, otirā ko
koutou mā te tētēkura o te waka kua tikoki.*

*Ko Tapuika tēnei te tūmatatenga i tō rironga ki
tua. Kauria atu rā ngā wai kua hoea e ōhou nā
tūpuna. Haere atu rā ki te munga o te tini, ki
Hawaiki nui, ki Hawaiki pāmamao.*

*Kua mahue mai nei ō uri, tō makau me te iwi
whānui e pākatokato nei, e tū tahanga nei. E
moe rā, e okioki e Koro e!*

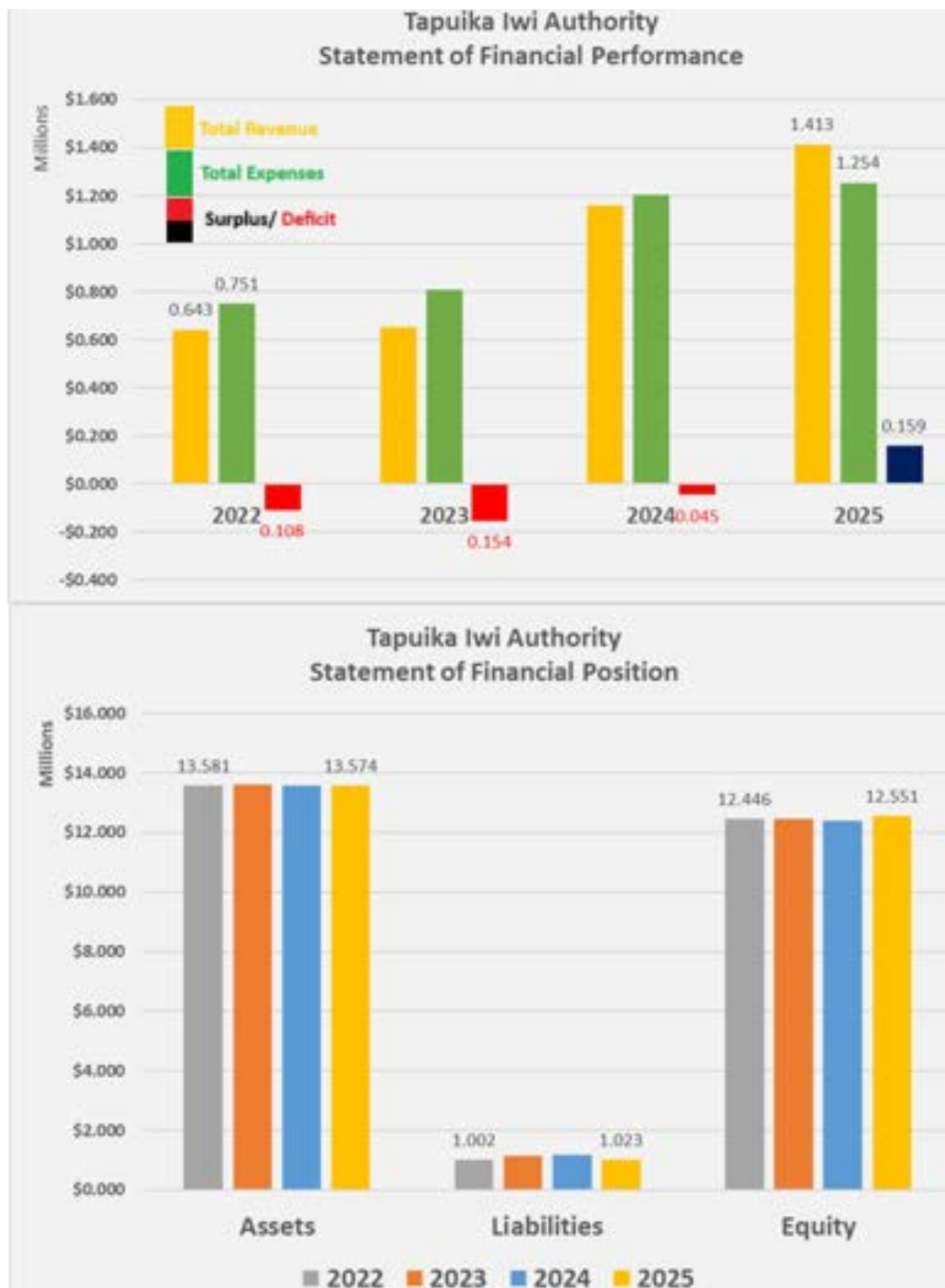


Te Hira Jimmy Roberts

Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust would like to acknowledge the passing of another of our important pakeke, kaumatua and rangatira, who dedicated much of his life to the progress of his Iwi, hapū & whānau. Te Hira served on the Tapuika Iwi Authority and was a man who let his work do the talking, whether that was working tirelessly on the Board or at the many marae he served or to supporting his whānau, tamariki & mokopuna in being all they could be. Rangiuru Sports Club has lost another Poutokomanawa of the club, as a life-long member who gave so much to his jersey with his passing we salute you - **RANGIURU4EVA**. During his later years he served his wider community in his role of supporting whanau and engaging them into *Poutirangiora-a-papa* clinical, non-clinical and whanau-ora services with mana and poise. We will miss his beaming smile, his humility and his hardworking ethic to everything he did - we send all our aroha to Karen, their tamariki and mokopuna of the Roberts whanau.

Nō reira e te Whatukura, moe mai rā.

FINANCES AT A GLANCE



Over the last four years Tapuika has seen strong growth in the Government and Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) contracts especially in the Taiao space. These contracts have seen an increase our **annual turn-over**; but no significant change in **our profitability** (net returns). While our financial position in 2025 is positive we still are stagnating i.e no growth of our asset base over four years. This needs addressing urgently. **How will we diversify and grow to fulfil the strategic aspirations of our Iwi?**



ORANGA TUKU IHO



MATARIKI KI RANGIURU

Matariki ki Rangiuru again was another successful kaupapa, bringing together whānau and hapū to celebrate Matariki in a way that honoured who we are and why we are.

The hautapu was rung in by our team of Tohunga wāhine & tane and our Puoro team both young & old that provided an awesome time for reflection, whakawhanaungatanga, and most importantly, acknowledging our whānau we lost over the past year.

Our kaimahi led my Amiria, Te Wheoro, Rawiri & Richie all ensured we were guided safely to the top of the maunga with glow sticks, cones, and clear pathways. Transport was also available to support those who needed assistance.

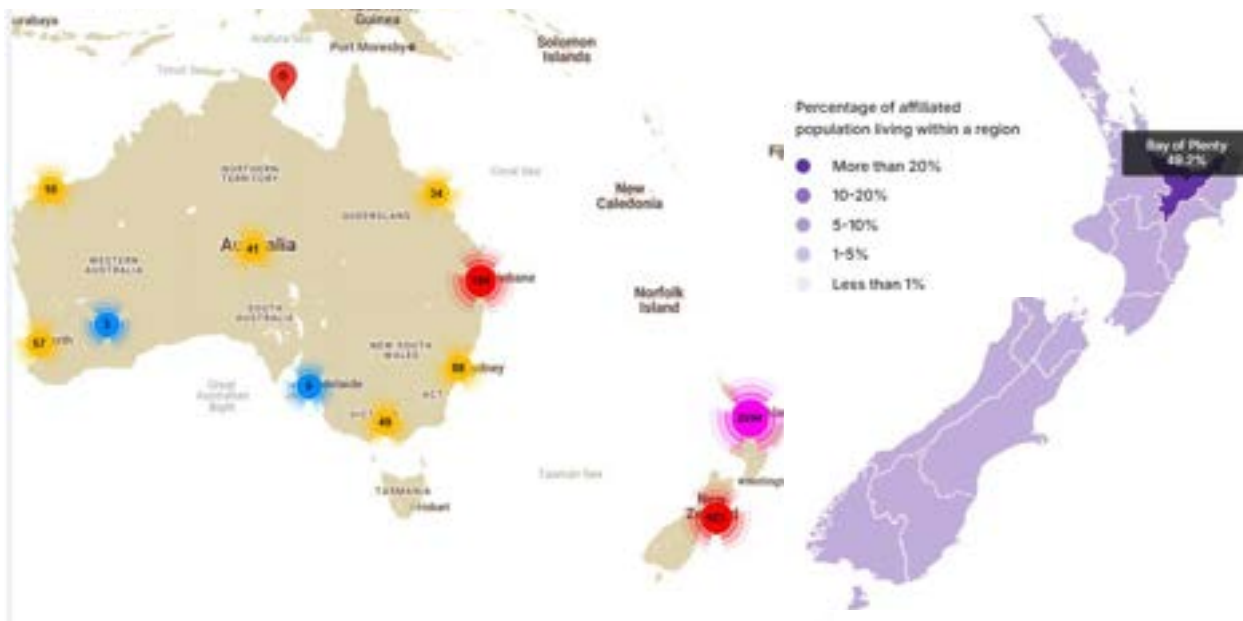
While the sky was a bit cloudy at times - we did get a clear view of Matariki ahead of the hautapu. Afterwards, it was parakuihi, provided by the Moko Marae Committee and supported by whānau.

We are grateful for the support that helped make this event special. Quayside again played a key role in supporting the event. We also received generous koha from Hunting & Fishing who provided clothing and products from Comvita for whānau.



WHERE DO TAPUIKANS LIVE?

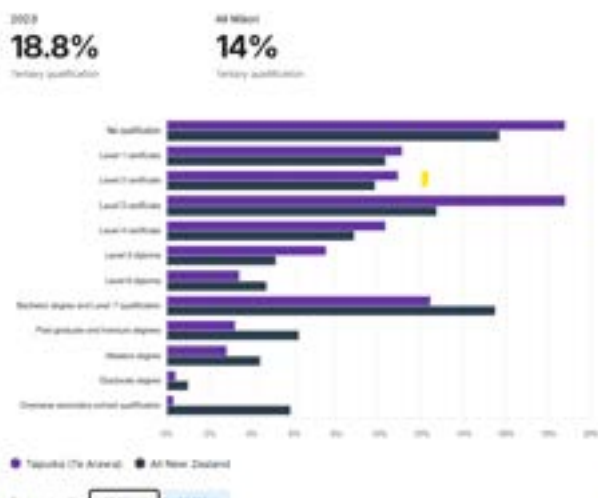
- 58 % Live in the North Island,
- 15 % Live in South Island with almost
- 25 % Living else where?



Highest qualification

18.8% of Tapuika (Te Arawa) had Level 3 certificate as their highest qualification in 2023

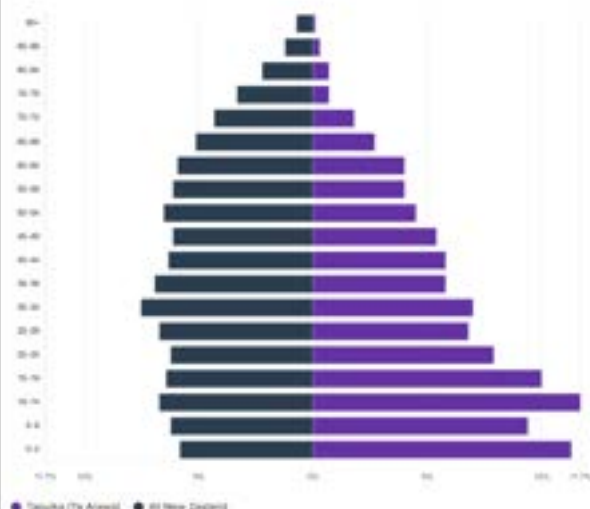
18.8% held a tertiary qualification (Bachelor's (Level 7) or higher)



Age distribution

57.1% of Tapuika (Te Arawa) were under the age of 30 years in 2023

36.5% of Tapuika (Te Arawa) were 30-64 years in 2023



ORANGA TAIAO



We have made a concerted effort to strongly advocate Tapuika's taiao beliefs over the past year. After many consultation hui, and in response to legislative and policy changes, we have been actively engaging with local and central government to protect our environment. For example, Tapuika, Ngāti Whakaue and Waitaha jointly made submissions to the Tauranga City and Western Bay District Councils emphasising that iwi participation at the decision-making level was a must when a new Council Controlled Water Organisation is formed. We also voiced our support of Tauranga Moana iwi and hapū position on potential Council partners. Active collaboration with other iwi is necessary in an environment of funding cuts and the progressive removal of Treaty recognition.

Internally, we moved to better align and coordinate Tapuika's activities across key environmental arenas such as Te Maru o Kaituna, Ngā Kaitiaki o te Waiari and the Tangata Whenua Collective forum. Our clear intention is to be active kaitiaki, to better exercise our mana Motuhake in order to preserve and protect the taiao for future generations.

Key challenges we faced have included changes to the Resource Management Act 1991 and Fast-Track Approvals that directly impact our wellbeing, the mauri of our wai and our mana motuhake.

TAHEKE 8C HYRO DEVELOPMENT

Taheke 8C proposed a hydro electric scheme on about a 3km stretch of the upper Kaituna River downstream of the Trout Pool Falls. Their proposal involved diverting water via a weir into a canal, regulating pond, through pipes/turbines and returning the water to the awa. The generation capacity has potential to power 12,500 homes.

Taheke 8C applied for referral under the fast-track process in May 2024.

However, the project did not meet the criteria for inclusion on the "Project List" for fast tracking under the legislation and was returned to them in May 2025 with an invitation to re-apply at a later date.

One of the main issues cited was a lack of adequate stakeholder consultation (including riveriwi, river users and community) and the sensitivity of the river recreation environment. Iwi, Whitewater NZ and Te Maru o Kaituna raised major concerns about the impacts to the awa.

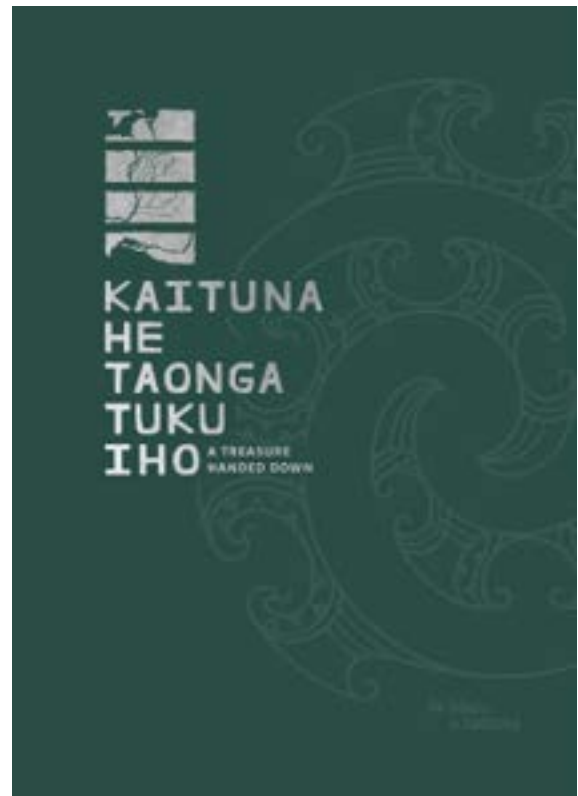
Kia mataara, e te whānau.

TE MARU O KAITUNA

Waitaha and Tapuika have met to resolve the long-standing matter of the shared Tapuika/Waitaha seat on Te Maru o Kaituna. We are pleased to advise that the vacancy has now been filled, with John Rapana appointed as the primary representative for Waitaha, and Helen Biel as the alternate representative for Tapuika.

This resolution marks an important step forward for both iwi. With this matter now settled, we move ahead with renewed vigour and unity - particularly in light of the legislative changes being introduced by the Coalition Government to the Resource Management Act 1991 and related environmental laws.

“We acknowledge the robust discussions between Tapuika and Waitaha that has led to this outcome. As we face a changing political landscape, unity and preparedness will be key to protecting the mana of our iwi and the integrity of Te Maru o Kaituna.”



ORANGA TAIAO ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

- Our kaimahi who have been working diligently in Te Wao nui o Tapuika - Te Matai Forest caring for our taiao and taonga o te ngahere, receive a special Award. Our Taiao team along with Waitaha Taiao team and Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust were awarded the Te Taiao Community Award recognising the dedication of our kaitiaki who care for our whenua and wai. Their mahi reflects the deep aroha Tapuika has for the taiao and inspires others to follow in their footsteps. Special mihi to our Taiao Team Paora McCallister, Richard Emery, Rawiri Faulkner, Kataraina Mclean-Williams and Raponi Wilson for their dedication and commitment to the kaupapa.
- Our Taiao team at Rangiuru Business Park have been very busy this year planting out over 50,000 plants to the end of June in the storm water pond wetland. Our team led by Graeme Tiopira (Tūhoe) and Te Wheoro Dinsdale have done an amazing job in some challenging conditions. This is the second year of planting and forms part of STAGE-1B with approximately 200,000 plants expected to be in-ground by November.
- 3 Iwi monitors undertook 14 cultural monitoring jobs across the Takapū
- 7 Archaeological & cultural inductions
- 12 site visits
- 15 resource consents
- 7 iwi submissions to central & local govt
- 3 water wānanga
- 7 hapū taiao updates
- Completed Making Good Decisions Programme (Certification for RMA Decision makers)



Helen Biel and Haami Te Aute
Representing Tapuika at the
Property Industry Awards 2025



Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust - winners of the Sustainable Future Award

ORANGA TANGATA

Education Strategy Overview

The Tapuika Education Framework, finalised in June 2023, remains the foundation for our ongoing strategic direction. It provides a clear pathway to ensure all education initiatives reflect the aspirations of Tapuika and contribute to the long-term success and development of our people. Copies of the Tapuika Education Framework and Strategy can be accessed on our website.



Lake Rotorua - Amazing Race Challenge



Ara Mai Rā Celebration Day - Makahae



Promoting reo Māori at TPI

PROJECTS 2024-25

Ara Mai Rā Rangatahi Māori Leadership Programme

Ara Mai Rā was a three-wānanga programme (Terms 2–4) designed to develop Māori leadership skills among rangatahi from Te Puke Intermediate and Te Puke High School. The kaupapa aimed to grow confident young Māori leaders grounded in their identity and capable of leading in both te ao Māori and te ao Pākehā.

Between wānanga, participants completed team projects addressing Māori wellbeing through reo Māori, hauora, and kaitiakitanga. Highlights included:

- **Te Reo Māori Merchandise:**

Rangatahi designed and sold reo Māori products during Māori Language Week, raising funds for Taawakepito Marae.

- **Reo Māori Radio Campaign:** Daily games and broadcasts promoting reo use and normalising Māori language at school.

- **Traditional Māori Games:** Junior and Senior students from TPHS taught and led Ki-o-Rahi and other traditional games across TPHS, Te Puke Primary (Ngākau Māhaki) and Fairhaven Primary School (Toitoi Manawa), strengthening inter-school collaboration and cultural pride.

The programme concluded with a “Dragons Den” style showcase at Makahae Marae, testing their public speaking skills and celebrating the creativity and leadership of all participants.

Tapuika Taiao Wānanga

This full day wānanga brought together Tapuika uri aged 12 years and over to learn about significant Tapuika sites including Te Kaharoa o Ruangutu, Te Rerenga Wairua o Kahukura (TECT Park), and Rangiuru Maunga. Led by Raponi Wilson and Maika Te Amo, participants engaged in hikoī, kōrero tuku iho, and hands-on learning to deepen their connection to te taiao and kaitiakitanga.

The wānanga also supported Tapuika Education Scholarship recipients, strengthening their grounding in local histories and mātauranga for future teaching and leadership. A highlight was the kōkako dawn chorus at Ōnaia — a reminder of our responsibility as kaitiaki of the natural world.



Wānanga at Rangiuru Maunga



At Ōnaia following the Dawn Chorus

Tapuika School Holiday Programme – Pilot

Held in April 2025, the Tapuika Holiday Programme provided a fun, safe, and kaupapa-based experience for tamariki. Daily karakia, whakawhanaungatanga, kōrero about Tapuika history, and team challenges promoted Kotahitanga, aroha and confidence, and connection. It was a blast getting to know everyone's tamariki.

Supported by dedicated youth volunteers and adult leaders, including Bella Rapana, Rangi Walker, and Tapuika scholarship recipients Horton Tamihana, Dinesty Patuawa and Ahumairangi Te Pere, the programme created strong intergenerational links.

Challenges included limited adult availability, resourcing constraints, and meeting health and safety ratios. These highlighted the need for sustainable funding, a trained facilitator pool, and careful scheduling to ensure future delivery.



Te Rerenga Trail

Rangatahi Māori Mentoring Support – TPHS

With Māori students making up around 45% of its roll, Te Puke High School remains a key focus for Tapuika Iwi Authority. The goal is to build strong cultural connections and mentoring relationships that inspire rangatahi Māori to attend school consistently, feel valued as Māori, and take pride in contributing to kaupapa within TPHS. Support was provided through the Kia Tū Rangatira Ai Mō Āpōpō leadership group via mentoring, project guidance, and participation in community events such as Matariki and the Tapuika Holiday Programme.

Student-led initiatives included a Matariki hāngi fundraiser, Cultural Week events, and Te Wiki o te Reo Māori activities. These projects strengthened Māori leadership, identity, and engagement within the kura.

However, challenges remain in sustaining Māori leadership initiatives due to limited staff capacity, competing priorities, and minimal funding. Continued partnership between TIA and TPHS will be vital to embed strong Māori leadership and success at every level.



Danny Ngawhika, Jackson Mahara and Rawiri Faulkner teaching the secrets to a good hāngi

Te Tiriti o Waitangi Workshops – TPHS

In 2025, TIA offered Te Tiriti o Waitangi workshops to strengthen understanding of its history, intent, and relevance for Tapuika and the wider community. While uptake from mainstream staff and students was limited, approximately 30 students from the Te Ara Poutama Rūmaki Unit and Kia Tū Rangatira Ai Mō Āpōpō leadership group participated.

The sessions aimed to probe critical thinking and reflection, and highlighted the affects of colonisation for Tapuika and Māori nationally - making links to recent law changes and protests. It provided a strong foundation for future understanding of Māori challenges for those that took part. The limited engagement from mainstream classes and staff reinforced the need for a strategic, whole-school approach to embedding Te Tiriti o Waitangi learning and cultural responsiveness, supported by ongoing collaboration with TIA.



TPHS Rangatahi Leaders - Learning to prepare their own hāngi

Tapuika Children's Activity Book

The first iteration of a Tapuika Children's Activity Book has been created so that our tamariki, wherever they live, can access and enjoy some of our Tapuika knowledge and stories. It provides a way for whānau who live outside the rohe to stay connected, while also offering others in the wider community a chance to learn about Tapuika in an open and positive way.

The content shares aspects of Tapuika history, taiao, and marae in a fun, light-hearted form that protects deeper or sensitive knowledge. It's designed to spark curiosity, encourage pride in identity, and invite both Tapuika and the community to learn together. By making this knowledge accessible through simple activities and illustrations, the book helps to strengthen understanding and connection to Tapuika.



'He Kōrero Tuku Iho' Resource Pack

The 'He Kōrero Tuku Iho' resource pack draws on Tapuika, Te Arawa and Te Ao Māori whakataukī to help build inner strength and resilience among those who use it. Each card encourages reflection on our values, actions, and ways of being, creating space for personal growth and meaningful kōrero within homes, kura, and workplaces.

This resource will support the everyday use of Māori wisdom in practical, relatable ways — reminding us that the lessons of our tūpuna are still relevant and powerful today. It will be a useful tool for whānau, kaiako, and community leaders to inspire confidence, build resilience and identity, and connection to Tapuika kaupapa



MANA WHENUA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Mana Whenua Scholarships programme continues to nurture and empower trainee kaiako enrolled in Māori-medium teacher education. This kaupapa supports the growth of a new generation of skilled educators committed to the revitalisation of te reo Māori, tikanga, and kaupapa Māori education.

In 2024, eight recipients were supported through this fund. We extend our warm congratulations to Nikki O'Callahan, Sarah Haika, and Aryahn Clarke, who successfully completed their studies and have since begun their teaching careers.

For 2025, this marks the final year that the Mana Whenua Scholarship funding will be available. To ensure fairness and equity, all applications were assessed using the following criteria:

- Whether the applicant had received financial support from other sources
- Their level of engagement and presence within Tapuika
- Any previous funding received from Tapuika Iwi Authority
- Alignment with the scholarship's core requirement of studying within a Māori-medium programme.

A small number of 2025 recipients have chosen to defer their studies for personal reasons, and we wish them every success as they refocus on their future goals.

Below is the final list of 2025 Mana Whenua Scholarship Recipients:

Ahumairangi Te Pere	\$8,500	Bachelor of Education - Primary	Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi
Nero Panapa	\$3,000	Bachelor of Teaching and Learning	The University of Canterbury
Roimata Brown	\$2,500	Bachelor of Teaching and Learning	Massey University
Dinesty Patuawa	\$3,500	Bachelor of Teaching - Primary	The University of Waikato
Horton Tamihana	\$3,500	Bachelor of Teaching - Primary	The University of Waikato
Rayven Skudder	\$3,500	Post Graduate Diploma in Secondary Teaching	The University of Waikato

CELEBRATING OUR PEOPLE

Ko Rayven Skudder ahau
Ko Tia te marae
Nō te whānau Skudder ahau



I am yet to meet anybody who would honestly say that studying is a breeze and I am not going to be the first. I am one of the people who has to start the assignment weeks in advance just to be able to get it in on time. For the majority of my time studying, I have been fortunate enough to not have to work (bless my hardworking husband) and I could not have done it otherwise. In my postgraduate study, I have had the privilege of being a student teacher at Te Kauwhata College and it has helped me to feel that the things I am doing are worth it. For these students, it is worth the stress of assignments to instill in these tamariki the confidence to be able to read and understand what they are reading. They are learning to critically think about the media they are consuming, something a lot of fully grown, educated adults struggle to do. I don't want to fight with narrow minded people about the future of our country, I need to prepare myself to guide the next generation to be better than the last.

Ko Dinesty Patuawa ahau
Ko Tia te marae
Nō te whānau Malcolm ahau



Studying has been a journey filled with both challenges and highlights. Balancing mā mā le, personal life, and study life has definitely tested my resilience and time management skills. There were times when it felt overwhelming trying to meet deadlines while also being present for my tamariki, but the support from my whānau and class cohort has made all the difference. Their encouragement reminded me why I started this journey. One of the biggest challenges for me was time management. At times, I struggled to stay organised and balance competing priorities, but over time I learned to plan, set small achievable goals, and be kind to myself when things didn't go perfectly. The highlight of my study journey has been seeing my growth, not just academically, but personally and professionally. I've become more confident, reflective, and passionate about my role as a future kaiako. As I reach this final stage, it truly feels like the last big push. I would recommend future students focus on developing strong time management and self-care habits early on, as these are key to success when juggling multiple responsibilities.

ORANGA RAUEMI

PŪWHENUA FORESTRY HOLDINGS LP REPORT

BACKGROUND

The Mamaku Plateau was once covered by many types of indigenous forest. Most of the original forest at lower altitude were destroyed by successive fires, however the higher survived owing to rainfall and a cooler climate. A Mill was established at Omanawa in 1911 with logs extracted by tramway. Gamman's Tramways constructed from the 1920s extended east to Puwhenua, the Mangorewa and Mangapapa rivers northwards to Omanawa road. The tramway existed until 1969 and became Galaxy Road North. During the 1970s land use rapidly changed with large scale clearing of indigenous forest. From 1968 the crown started leasing State Forests growing Tawa and conversions of Radiata pine plantations. The lease over Puwhenua commenced in 1975.

PUWHENUA FORESTRY HOLDINGS LIMITED (PFHL)

The PFHL was established on the 28 June 2013 by the Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust, Te Tahuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust and Ngati Ranginui S/M Trust. On 24 December 2013 the Crown confirmed in writing to those three entities that the PFHL is mandated and appropriate to receive Puwhenua Forest as redress. This will occur on the date of the Ngati Ranginui settlement which took place earlier this year some 12 years later.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Puwhenua Forest is located below Mount Puwhenua, 26 km from both Rotorua and Tauranga. It has a total area of 733.7 hectares of which 638.5 ha is planted in pine. The rest of the property is made up of roads, clearings and some native forest. The whenua is mostly flat and sits at 520 to 600 metres above sea level. The main access is off Ngawaro Road off Pyes Pa Road. The property is subject to a 99-year lease held by OTTP and managed by Manulife Forest management NZ.

Puwhenua is surrounded by native forest to the north, southeast and southwest. This is administered by the Department of Conservation (DOC). There is farmland to the east and west and Pine to the northwest. Puwhenua is in the WBOPDC rating region.

EASEMENTS

As part of the Ngati Ranginui Settlement which has finally been settled. We have had to ensure and check that all the Easements we negotiated at settlement are accurately in place. We have been working with Helen (Our Lawyer from Morrison Kent) and meeting with Crown Forestry to complete these easements (CF to pay all costs incurred).

Also, we have added easements that will provide more benefits in communication Electrical supply, online internet systems, assorted infrastructure, and access ways to State Highway 5 and Pyes Pa Road as options for the future if we need to employ those options. A massive mahi surveying some areas and involving all our neighbors and interested parties.

NOTE: From the transfer date PFHL will have responsibility for all risk and insurance obligations for the whenua.

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WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT

Wind farm proposal with Contact Energy. In collaboration with Mangorewa Te Taumata Trust and Ngati Rangiwewehi. The landowners at some point will consider forming a business entity partnership. The Due Diligence currently being undertaken is working through the establishment process. Estimated period to fully assess between 2 and 5 years.

Roads will be built to facilitate and maintain the equipment involved. These same roads will enable MANULIFE to cut, remove and allow loggers to transport logs to their destination, so the new roading will provide a dual purpose of benefit to all.

We, the three whenua partners, have negotiated payments, royalties, an equity asset option and assorted terms. All legal costs and other charges to be paid by Contact Energy. This is a Billion-dollar project. Three 99-year Forestry block leases that now have the potential to earn serious putea on that lease journey, to complement the 99-year lease term and the one off 30-year payment stumpage earn between rotations when the forest is cut.

- The first stage is to apply for consent to erect wind monitors to gauge wind capacity is available and adequate.
- Tripartite agreements / negotiation between all concerned.
- Investigations and consenting to obtain resource consent to enable construction.
- Construction.
- Operation.

1. Commercial

Contact will pay a one-off payment of \$75k plus GST (\$25k each) for entry into this term's agreement.

2. Should the next stage occur

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3. During construction

Compensation to the landowners for any disruption to their operations during construction.

4. Royalty and Equity

A wind Farm royalty plus an equity share option.

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Ongoing revision for the Board of Directors:

Shareholders agreement – Constitution and Companies Act. Revised, but always a work in progress.

Windfarm development update: An onsite visit to the Kaharoa in May 2025 by the Chair (G.R), Paul from Roaring 40's for Contact Energy and two technicians to check the Masts and evaluate the Wind potential took place. Requires more time to monitor. Monitoring work in progress.

A MIHI WHAKATAU TO WELCOME CONTACT ENERGY AND OTHERS: was held at NGATI RANGIWEWEHI, TARIMANO MARAE, AWAHOU, on Wednesday 30TH July 2025 10m. An invitation was sent to the TAPUIKA G.M, the chair and the board. Lani Girl attended. Due to bad weather conditions some roads were closed. I caught up with our guests the next day and a successful occasion was had by all.

Investment opportunities. In Confidence: Two successful investment opportunities operating close to home are currently in the early stages of investigation. Early stages of Due Diligence are being worked through for discussion by the Puwhenua BOD at our next Hui or when the information is available.

Investigating the purchase of the Third Crop Rotation across all of our Forestry blocks.

Stumpage Dividend Payout to PFHL: A direct stumpage payment will be paid from the Crown to Puwhenua in due course. Total..... \$ 53,736.95

ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING (AML'S): We asked TIA to provide this information to Westpac. A year later the AML process was finally completed and fully updated. Crucial these AMLs were put in place as a priority to allow us to move on with growing and establishing Puwhenua and the Tapuika Forestry Blocks as an important ingredient in the TIA IWI economy.

Financials

Period 01 April to 24 July 2025.

Net profit \$45,000 – 00.

Assets trading account \$69,270 – 00 Tax receivable \$4,782 – 00.

T D's \$1.050,000 – 00 Less GST \$4,391 - 00 - Total Equity \$1.119,161-00.

Distributions paid to the Shareholders: \$50,000.00. Remaining \$50,000.00 to be paid in late November.

Te Tahuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust... Director.....Vinnie Brown
Ngati Ranginui Settlement Trust.... Director..... Brett Keno
Tapuika Iwi Authority (TIA) PSGE.... Director.....Aroha Beck & Geoff Rice

Geoff Rice
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