

MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Rūnanga o Ngati Manawa Board of Trustees
FROM: Eugene Berryman-Kamp, CEO Tumu Whakarae
DATE: 27 June 2025
SUBJECT: Marae Board Update – June 2025

A. INTRODUCTION:

- The purpose of this update is to provide the board with an update of the key points from the June board meeting, to inform their marae hui.

B. POU NGATI MANAWATANGA - Cultural revitalisation

- Ima is the Pou Manawatanga Kaiwhakahaere alongside digital hub, key points include organisational structure alignment to updated Strategic plan, AI Policy review, Microsoft teams review, Manawa FM now fully operational and the installation of the EV charger at the Rūnanga for the CEO vehicle.
- In addition, she updated on update on the Ariki animation, Reo Rua program and the Manatu Taonga webinar on culture in the digital age.
- Ripeka our Reorua co Ordinator and Turuhia the program coordinator from WDC continue to work on signage and the interviews that will be videoed to provide a background for the orientation of WDC staff.
- On 10 June the CEO met with Manatu Taonga in Te Whanganui a Tara to confirm work on an implementation plan for our protocol with the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, derived from our settlement. The protocol includes a number of things including registering Ngati Manawa as a collector of Taonga Tuturu, providing a list of taonga in their possession, providing for the care of said taonga, supplying history publications and information etc. They are keen to assist us re the preservation of the waka we have stored, and we are organising a staff scoping trip in September to visit the agencies listed below to see what they have that relates to Ngati Manawa. We can then plan whether to bring hard copies back to Murupara, including potentially 3D scan copies of Taonga that we can print. 11.2 of the protocol states that Ngati Manawa may seek the advice of the Ministry to establish a memorial at Kani Rangī Park, under the national monuments, war graves and historical graves section. The board has instructed the CEO to work through this with Manatu Taonga and the whanau.

Manatū Taonga works collectively alongside other agencies (link below):

- Te Tari Taiwhenua, Department of Internal Affairs
- National Library
- Alexander Turnbull Library
- Archives New Zealand
- Pouhere Taonga, Heritage New Zealand
- Te Papa Tongarewa, Museum of New Zealand
- Ngā Taonga Sound and Vision

C. POU TAIAO - Environment

- The team continue to be busy with maintenance, an updated agreed workplan is now in place.
- The tuna heke has finished, we are working through what is required to be well placed for next year.
- Maurice, Terewai and Erena attended a second site visit to the Rangitaiki weir regarding the construction of passive fish passage around the weir.
- The Runanga is finalising a Manawa Energy relationship agreement to confirm our working relationship with them regarding the Whaeo/Flaxy scheme including support for our trap and Transfer program, potential assistance for marae power bills (Pioneer Energy also assist re marae power bills), potential environmental programs and scholarships. We hope to sign the final agreement in August. Tania is the contact regarding marae power bill assistance.
- We have submitted our Cultural Impact Assessment as part of the resource consent process for the Wheao/Flaxy scheme which is due in 2026 and have worked with them on resource consent conditions including active and passive fish passage, environmental monitoring and a kaitiaki reference group.
- We start on the Pioneer Lake Aniwanuiwa power scheme consent and relationship agreement after Manawa Energy, likely commencing August.
- We are working with DOC on our relationship protocol, 2 sites to be returned and the outstanding settlement commitments identified in the Te Haeta portal. DOC are currently restructuring so it may take some time to land these with them as they work through their restructure.
- DOC has provided 2 deeds of funding to assist our taiao mahi with funding of \$5k for freshwater mahi, \$11 k for trap and transfer monitoring.
- We have 7 treaty settlement commitments being worked through with MPI, we have agreed to generate an implementation plan with them for the MPI protocol for consideration in August. A fisheries management plan, iwi regional forum, Right of First Refusal (RFR) over quota IF our rohe is opened up for commercial fishing (tuna), customary fisheries management and research are the key areas for implementation.
- We have 2 treaty settlement commitments with MfE, recognition of tuna habitat and an annual meeting, I met with officials in Wellington 5 June and will be meeting with Gina Rangi Dep Sec Tumatakokiri who is based in Rotorua, to progress.
- Our Environmental manager role applications closed 28 May. Ima, Tania and I are interviewed the final 3 on 26 June, a decision will be made week commencing 30 June.
- The BOPRC and WDC Mana Whakahono a Rohe relationship agreements are progressing but BOPRC are not in a position to sign until late July, WDC are following their lead, so I expect a final version will come to the board late July, for signing in August.
- Maurice, Terewai, Erena and I attended the NOVA solar farm (Napier/Taupo Highway opposite the Rangitaiki Tavern) Kaitiaki Reference Group hui 30 May, as mana tangata we are there to support the water monitoring via an agreement we have with NOVA.
- Terewai and I attended the Rangitaiki River Forum on 6 June.
- We have had meetings with BOPRC re river works and drain management, WDC re the Murupara water treatment station upgrade, both on 18 June, the team also had a TB response meeting 16 June.

D. POU WHANAKETANGA O TE IWI – Iwi Development / POU Manawa - Operations:

- Tania is our pou Kaiwhakahaere for these 2 pou, key points include financial system transition, overall systems review and update, new organizational structure including employment agreements in place, policy review underway.

- Covid support, Ecobulb initiative progress, Kaumatua flats, Painoaiho Oranga Marae update, DIA Oranga Marae applications, Kaingaroa Forest Village updates were provided to the board as well.
- Tania is to be co-opted onto the council to support Kaingaroa Forest Village governance; Murray Patchell is assisting also.

E. POU WHAIHUA – ECONOMIC

- CNI – Mana Whenua – The CEO, Kani, Maurice, Pat, Laurie and Maramena attended the court hearings 3-5 & 9-11 June.
- Housing –the budget announcement of the closure of the Maori housing program is likely to be an issue for us, we now may be applying to a mainstream fund via MHuD. We have resource consent for the Miro drive development of up to 30 homes but am applying to these funds for funding.
- Infrastructure – We have raised with WDC/DOC/BOPRC and KT the potential for our team to undertake infrastructure maintenance in Murupara, this will be an active work item to see what mahi we can secure for our team and our community, in Murupara.

