

TE RŪNANGANUI O NGĀTI HIKAIRO

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



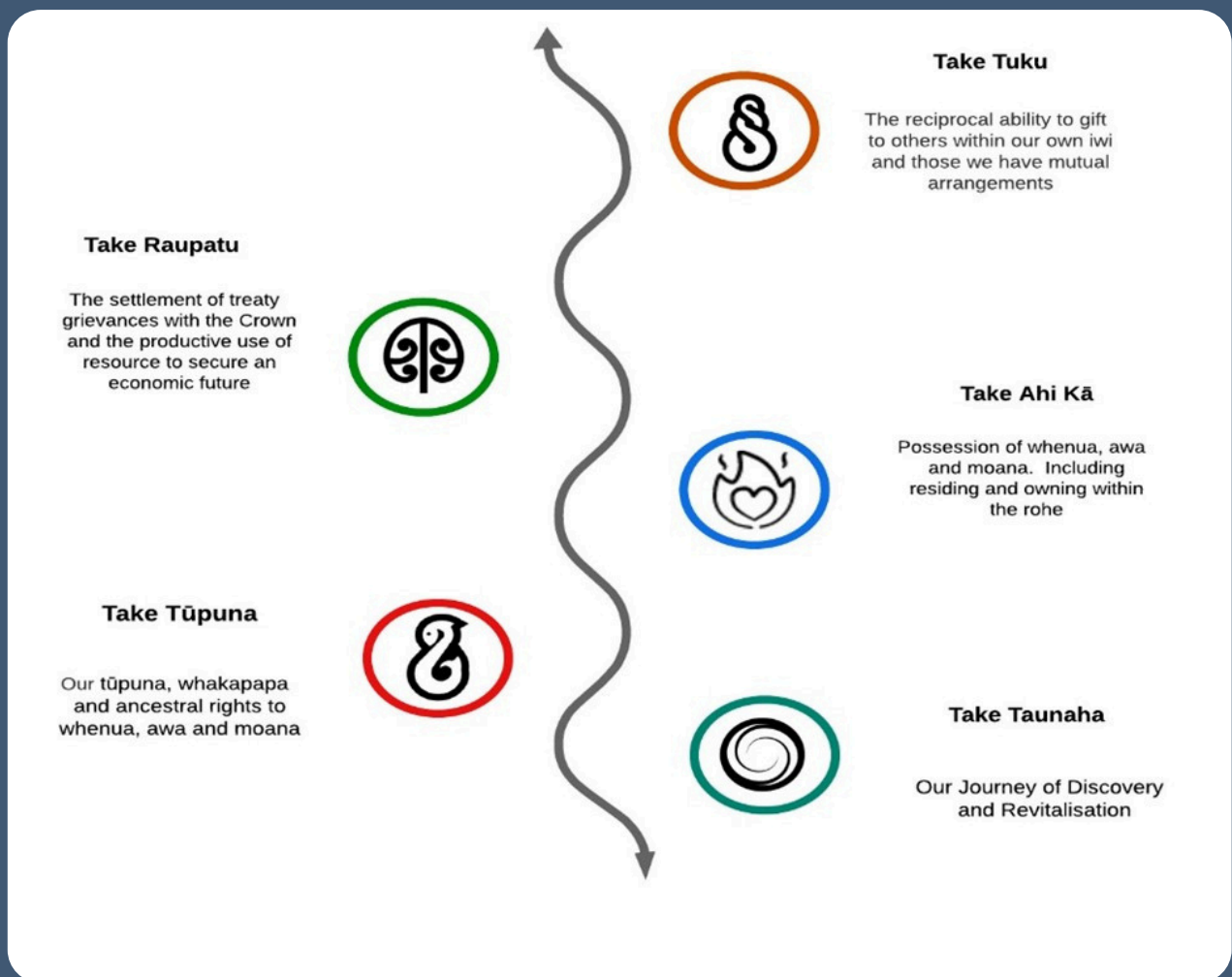
OUR VISION

Whānau living their best lives

OUR MISSION

Our iwi sustains a prosperous socio-economic future for all of Ngāti Hikairo.

OUR APPROACH



Chair Report

Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo has made significant progress with a range of initiatives in the current year on behalf of Ngāti Hikairo. Despite Executive Committee Members living throughout Aotearoa and undertaking this work on a voluntary basis, as well as having virtually no putea, we have achieved much.

The Rūnanga has carried out extensive work with the Ōtorohanga District Council, Waipā District Council and Waka Kotahi. This has involved attending mana whenua hui, consultation on District Plans, involvement in local decisions affecting our rohe and providing cultural advice. Thank you to Pipi Barton, Frank Thorne, and Kurutia Seymour for the enormous work undertaken with these critical relationships and work.

WAI 30 and Remaining Claims continues to take time and resolving the complexities with the Crown and other iwi. We have commenced further discussions with Waikato Tainui and hapū to consider alternative options that allows a more devolved and regional approach to treaty negotiations. We have made significant progress with Takutai Moana, where the historians report is close to completion. I extend my appreciation to Lees Seymour who has led this work for the Rūnanga.

We have established a tikanga sub committee to tackle complex tikanga, and cultural issues. This sub committee is led by Hamua Gilmore and Gareth Seymour and where appropriate other whānau who have expertise have been brought into the committee to provide expert advice. We thank Hamua and Gareth for their commitment to undertake this work and extend our appreciation.

Thomas Tai has been working hard to establish a Kaunihera. The Rūnanga supports this work so that we have within our iwi kaumatua leadership in hikairotanga and to guide us to develop our cultural capability. While this group is independent of the Rūnanga, it is critical to our future. We thank Thomas for leading this work to establish the Kaunihera.

Tirianna Anderson and Mahinaarangi Manuel were coopted onto the Rūnanga due to the workload of existing members. We have appreciated the input by Tiriana and Mahinaarangi and their time.

Chair Report

The Rūnanga have also expanded two further projects:

- We have also established strong relationships with Ngāti Mahuta and Whaingaroa iwi and in partnership with Toi Ora and Kawhia Medical Centre to deliver a more comprehensive health service in Kawhia. We hope that in doing this, whānau in our community will have better access to healthcare. We are also working on future developments in healthcare delivery that will deliver a health service that encompasses the region reaching Raglan, Taharoa, and Marakopa which will create employment opportunities.
- Commenced scoping economic opportunities for our iwi. This work has just commenced but we intend to reach out with more definite information.

Health, economic and our cultural development will be key priorities in the next 12 months as well as maintaining our general activities that we already undertake.

Finally, I wish to thank our Executive Committee Members for their willingness to be on our Rūnanga. Thank you to Kurutia Seymour, Duncan Robin, Burt Cunningham, Lees Seymour, Pipi Barton, Gareth Seymour, Thomas Tai, Queenie Te Hae, Hamua Gilmore, Tiriana Anderson and Mahinaarangi Manuel.

Our Rūnanga has been chipping away at the impediments that are blocks to our mana motuhake and rangatiratanga. I leave you with the words of our tūpuna, whakatau-ā-kī coined by our important tupuna, Tiriwa, at the great battle of Hingakākā,

“Māku te tītī, māku te whewhera” (I will be the wedge, and I will make my own gap).

This has been our drive to make our own way to achieve our vision and aspirations as an iwi.

Susan Turner
Chair

Resource Management

This last year we have continued to be as busy as usual. While we want to continue to increase our visibility to ensure our partner agencies consult with us, ultimately this leads to the Runanga being consulted by more agencies than we have in the recent past. This is where we have relied on our whānau for their support. We would like to acknowledge Frank Thorne, Hano Ormsby, Malcolm Ormsby, Jack Cunningham, Lees Seymour, and Susan Turner.

Ōtorohanga District Council

Kāwhia Water Pipes Replacement Project

This project was completed successfully, with only one incident when some bones were unearthed. Our processes were followed, only to find out that the bones were the remains of a pork chop! 😊 It was good to see our processes were followed. Thank you, Hano, for your kaitiakitanga during this project.

We still have one outstanding request for a Cultural Impact Assessment for the Kāwhia Township Stormwater Management. We have submitted a proposal and are still waiting to hear back from ODC regarding this.

Otorohanga District Council Concept Plan

Susan Turner, Kurutia Seymour and I have been engaged with the Council to provide iwi feedback on the District Concept plan. Furthermore strengthening our relationship with the Mayor and the Chief Executive of the Council.

Te Papa o Kārewa and Tangi te Korowhiti

Our Tupuna Rakau have kept the team busy over the last year.

Te Papa O Kārewa

- **Trim:** Firstly, with requests from neighbours to trim some of the branches of Te Papa o Kārewa as they were hanging low over the public road. After consultation with an arborist, our kaitiaki Hano Ormsby and Malcolm Ormsby arranged to have a few of the larger branches trimmed.
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Resource Management

- **Pou:** The pou that are currently propping up Te Papa o Kārewa have been reviewed by an arborist. He advised that the props were doing a good job of keeping the tree in place, but they needed to move further along the main branch to continue to be effective. Plans are currently underway to replace the current props. We intend the new props will be carved and are in the process of engaging a carver and seeking putea to support this initiative. In the meantime, whānau, please remember when visiting Te Papa O Kārewa, not to park your cars under it.
- **Resource Consent:** There is currently a Resource Consent being processed through Ōtorohanga District Council for the development of a property very close to Te Papa o Kārewa. We have concerns about the proposed development. We have responded to the RC and advised that due to the proximity of the proposed development to Te Papa o Kārewa and the tree's current fragility, we are concerned that the heavy vehicles that will be required to access the property will have a damaging effect on the tree. Therefore, we have opposed the development unless they are able to find another access into the property and have measures in place to avoid any undue stress on Te Papa o Kārewa. Because of the tree's national significance, the Resource Consent is currently going through Heritage New Zealand. We will keep you posted.
- **Replanting:** Te Taiao o Kāwhia Moana Trust has submitted plans to Ōtorohanga District Council to replant the banks under and around Te Papa o Kārewa and Tangi Te Korowhiti with native plants. The Runanga has supported the proposal.

Tangi te Korowhiti

A couple of months ago, a large branch broke away from the tree and fell onto the beach. Thank you to Hano Ormsby, Malcolm Ormsby, and Ross Dockery for cutting and clearing the branch, and also to Kaumatua who carried out the karakia. Thank you also to Tainui Kāwhia Forest, who currently have the pieces drying in one of their yards.

Resource Management

The process established by Kaumātua Meto Hopa when branches have previously fallen from our Tupuna Rakau is if any branches are salvageable for carving, then these will be sent to Hopuhopu to be assigned by the King (formerly the Queen). All remaining pieces of the rakau will be buried at the ancient urupa Te Pahi up in the sand dunes.

Waka Kotahi/ Transport NZ.

Waka Kotahi is currently seeking Resource Consent to redo the culverts at Puti. We are in the process of negotiating a Cultural Impact Report. This is due to the proximity of Tokitoki Urupa and also other areas of significance to Ngāti Hikairo.

Department of Conservation

We have been using our principles process developed by Kurutia Seymour to respond to requests for consultation regarding any work on the whenua, ngahere, manu and ngangara etc.

Freshwater Testing: DOC has requested access to a couple of streams around Priongia Maunga for testing of water quality.

Mistletoe: DOC has recently reintroduced native mistletoe to Pironga Maunga, as it had become extinct. This mistletoe has significance for the birds and had previously been abundant on the Maunga but had become extinct.

Te Kauri- Waikūkū Forest Reserve: DOC is seeking consultation with Tangata Whenua (i.e., us and Ngāti Maniapoto) regarding the long-term management of the forest. DOC is proposing to remove itself from management, but the forest is too much of a mess to be left to us to tidy up, especially without the resources to maintain it. We believe it needs a co-governance structure. Discussions are still pending.

Resource Management

Waipā District Council

Lots going on in Waipā

Te Tahī Road

- Resource Consent: Resource consent has come our way for a large subdivision. The subdivision was for lifestyle blocks that crossed over a large former pa site and included a urupa. Thank you to Frank Thorne for his advice and direction regarding this RC. The developers are currently reviewing their plans to ensure that any development stays 100 meters away from the pa and urupa. We have also requested that they fence off the urupa.

Waipā District Council Town Water Reservoir

- Many of our parents and grandparents were around when the large lake up on Te Tahī Road was taken from us under the Public Works Act for the Te Awamutu Town water supply. Recently, Waipā District Council has developed a water supply closer to town, and there were questions about the future of the Reservoir on Te Tahī Rd. The Council has since decided to keep the Reservoir as a back-up source for the town supply. We are keeping an eye on this.

Mātakitaki Pa Erosion

- Waipā and DOC have consulted regarding some restoration work following a slip at the pa site. Thanks to Frank Thorne for his work on this.

Consultation Regarding Dual Naming

- Waipā District Council is in the process of restoring the original Māori names to many places within their boundaries. Ngāti Hikairo and Ngāti Apakura are currently involved in working through this for areas within our rohe. Thanks to Lees Seymour for his work on this.
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Resource Management

Lake Mangakāware

- Following the development of the Mangakāware Cultural Impact Report, the council is working through some of the recommendations, particularly around the restoration of the lake's surrounding environment. Recent archaeological material found in the area is also being reviewed by Heritage NZ.

Finally, I would like to thank Kurutia Seymour for his amazing mahi over the last year, couldn't have done it without you.

Pipi Barton

Chair

Resource Management Committee



Treaty Claims

**Maku te tītī, Maku te whewhera !
Nā Tiriwa**

Introduction

E ngā mate huhua o Ngāti Hikairo kua wehe atu ki te pō, okioki ai, okioki ai, oki oki ai. Ngā mihi ki tō tātou Kīngi Tūheitia Pōtatatu Te Whereowhero te Tuāwhitu, me te Whare Kāhui Ariki, rirerire hau paimarire

E ngā hunāga o Ngāti Hikairo kua whakarauika mai ki te tautoko ngā kaupapa e whārikihia , tēnā tātou, tēnā tātou, tēnā tātou katoa.

It is my pleasure to present this report to the 2024 Annual General Meeting of Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo

WAI 30 and Remaining Claims

This process is very complex, and we still have a lot of work to do before a satisfactory position for Ngāti Hikairo can be achieved. The Deed of Mandate (DOM) does not allow for Ngāti Hikairo to represent itself or to negotiate its Treaty Claims as part of the Wai 30 process. The deed of mandate establishes a moana (harbour) by moana approach with Waikato-Tainui as the lead negotiator. Each moana has selected representatives to represent the harbour at the negotiating table, however the process for the selection of the representatives and the work that is being undertaken is unclear.

Whilst Ngāti Hikairo has not signed up to the deed of mandate we are endeavouring in the spirit of Kotāhitanga to find a way in which our interests can be represented and heard. We have been in discussions with other hapū and the negotiation team as we work to find a way forward.

Treaty Claims

Our claimants have given the mandate to settle our claims to Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo, and many previous hui-a-tau have confirmed this mandate. For the record we confirm that TRONH has the mandate to settle our claims and will continue working hard to get the best outcome for ngā uri katoa o Ngāti Hikairo.

Marine and Coastal Area Act (MACA - Takutai Moana)

Good progress has been made over the year, despite many difficulties having been experienced with Te Arawhiti. We have received a draft report from our historian, and we have provided feedback, we are now awaiting the final version before we review and sign off. The report is very comprehensive and well written, and we thank all have contributed, especially Frank Thorne.

Alongside this we are finalising our draft Iwi report which is based on 10 individual interviews provided by Iwi members, again, this information is very helpful and clearly lays out our connection with the harbour going back to the early 1820's, how we lived and utilised the harbour and most importantly how we exercised mana moana.

Both the historian's report and the Iwi report will be very good documents to share with all of Ngāti Hikairo once they are completed.

The difficulties with Te Arawhiti are primarily the slowness of the work they undertake, especially the very long delays in paying invoices which causes delays with the work our historian is undertaking.

More recently things have gotten worse under the new Government which has a policy of not paying outstanding invoices or invoices for work that has been committed to, and secondly refused to offer any additional funding for future work. Both of these issues are currently being challenged and we are hopeful that this will be resolved.

Treaty Claims

The other concerning matter is the new Government's policy to not have any further hearings apart from the ones that are already scheduled (effectively excluding us as well as many others), this is again being challenged and we are hopeful of a positive outcome.

Summary

Regardless of the difficulties that we are facing we continue to work hard to gather the information and make the case that clearly states the history, the importance, and the place of Ngāti Hikairo in Kāwhia, Aotearoa and the world !

Mauri ora

Lees Seymour
Project Manager



Financials

Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo
2023-24 Financial Statements

Prepared by Duncan Robin, Treasurer,
Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo

Financials

Notes to the financial statements

1. The financial statements have been prepared by Duncan Robin, Treasurer, Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo.
 2. The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis.
 3. The financial year under consideration is 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
 4. The \$32,215 Waiari prepayment has been repaid to Waikato-Tainui.
 5. The investigation into the unexplained expenditure from the 2019/20 financial year has been completed. The assessment is the expenditure was likely used for its proper purpose.
 6. The financial statements have not been audited. This is optional. We have not pursued this due to the cost and our small size.
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Income Statement

as at 30 June 2024

	2024
Income	
Contracts	
Grants and other funding	\$49,846.01
Interest income and RWT refund	\$73.15
Total income	\$49,919.16
Expenses	
Operating expenses	(\$46,362.01)
Admin expenses	(\$2,573.59)
Koha (tangi)	(\$200)
RWT	(\$1.84)
Total expenses	(\$49,137.44)
Net income	\$781.72

Operating and administrative expenses explained

as at 30 June 2024

	2024
Operating expenses	
• MACA	(\$43,966.41)
• Tangi Te Korowhiti and Mātakitaki	(\$2,395.60)
Total	(\$46,362.01)
Administrative expenses	
• AGM	(\$2,396.24)
• Website	(\$126.24)
• Charities fee	(\$51.11)
Total	(\$2,573.59)

Grants and other funding explained

as at 30 June 2024

	2024
Grants and other funding	
• MACA	\$44,175.10
• COGS	\$5,000
• Council expense reimbursement	\$670.91
Total	\$49,846.01

Balance Sheet

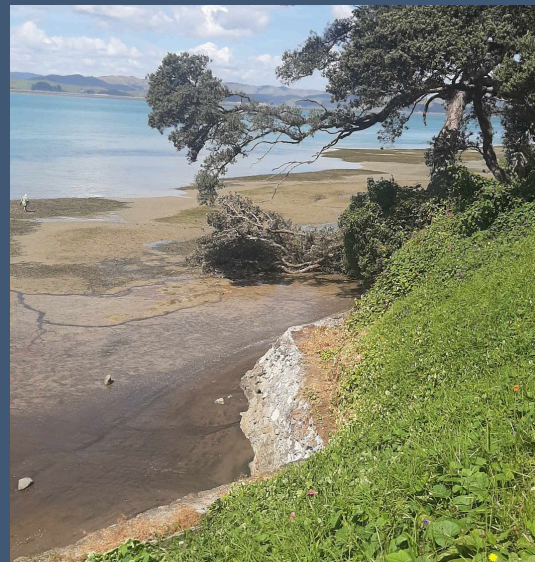
as of 30 June 2024

	2024
Assets	
Cash	\$16,858.42
Kai-Ewe Marae land	\$59,500
Total assets	\$76,358.42
Equity	
Total equity	\$76,358.42



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te whewhera”**

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