

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara

Annual Report 2023



Kai Horohoro koe
E puke whakamana

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Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara is a post-settlement governance entity established on 1 March 2007. Its purpose was to receive all monies and any other assets due to Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara as an affiliate hapū of Te Pūmāutanga o Te Arawa and to administer those monies and any other assets for the benefit of the members of the hapū.



Our Vision

Like our mountain Te Horohoroinga o ngā ringa o Kahumatamomoe, we stand tall and strong facing the challenges of the time.

Our Mission

We create an environment within which our people flourish.

Our Shared Purpose

We build on our past, plan for tomorrow and lead today.

Our Values

Whanaungatanga

We respect our common whakapapa and keeping our whānau ties strong and enduring. Fostering and maintaining respectful relationships within the iwi and community are important.

Tohungatanga

We will pursue knowledge and ideas that will strengthen, grow and sustain us, and guide us in our planning and decision making.

Kotahitanga

Our sustainability and success requires a collective effort. Our achievements will ultimately be a result of all of us paddling together in the same direction.

Rangatiratanga

Our tupuna were adaptable and did what was right for their people at the time to ensure survival and wellbeing. We must remain open to change and adapt when we need to.

Mana motuhake

We strive to manage our affairs autonomously, reinstating our mana motuhake to fulfill our aspirations for our mokopuna and future descendants.

Te reo Māori

We strive to preserve, protect and grow te reo Māori to ensure our survival as Ngāti Keroa Ngāti Tuara into the future. We commit to supporting our kainga and kōhanga to nurture and nourish te reo, and our marae and kura to promote and teach it.



Our Trustees



Robyn Bargh

- Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara
- Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Charitable Trust
- NKNT Representative, Te Pūmautanga o Te Arawa
- TPT representative on Central North Island Iwi Collective (CNI)



Jenny Kaka- Scott

- Deputy Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara
- NKNT Representative, Te Iwi Māori Partnership Board (IMPB)



Tawhiri Morehu

- Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara
- Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Charitable Trust



Mary Corbett

- Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara
- Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Charitable Trust
- NKNT Representative, Te Arawa River Iwi Trust
- NKNT Representative on Horohoro School Board of Trustees



Raiha Ratapu

- Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara
- NKNT Representative on Horohoro School Board of Trustees



Peri Marks

- Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara
- NKNT Representative, Te Arawa River Iwi Trust



Tracy Narbey

- Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara (Resigned February 2023)



Hone Waudby

- Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara



Eugene Berryman-Kamp

- *Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Charitable Trust*



Mark Milroy

- *Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Charitable Trust*
- *Member, NKNT Investment Committee*



Jo McNaughton

- *Trustee, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Charitable Trust*
- *Member, Education Grants Committee*

Our Team



Aamer Daji

Operations Manager (from Oct 2022 – Sept 2023)



Ngahuia Corbett

Operations Manager (from 18 Sept 2023)



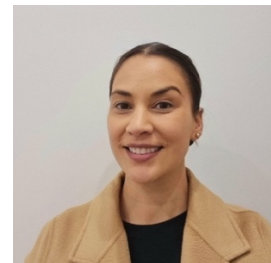
Kataraina George

Environment Manager



Ramona Boyte

Administrator



Sheena Waerea

Social Media Co-ordinator

Strategic Overview: Paerangi 2050

Te Tohu Kaupapa: Reviving our Cultural Heritage



Our vision is to revive our rich cultural heritage.

History wānanga

Four history wānanga were held in 2022, funded by a Pouhere Taonga Mātauranga Māori Grant from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

Whāriki – 2 April 2022

Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara have 14 whāriki, some of which are about 60 years old. The purpose of the wānanga was to study the whāriki and discuss possible future options.

Horoirangi- 29 April 2022

A successful wānanga held at Tarewa Pounamu Marae, a visit to Horoirangi at Te Whare Taonga then a field trip to Tihi-o-Tonga. High interest in this wānanga, about 60 people attended. Attendees were from Auckland, Ngāruawahia, Coromandel, Matatā, Whakatāne, Ōpōtiki and Rotorua.

Pātetere - 17 June

This wānanga covered our history of Pātetere: how the lands to the west of Horohoro were conquered by a Ngāti Kea war party led by Haukapuanui, how Ngāti Kea continued to live in the Patetere area for hundreds of years, and how the lands were lost in the 1880s. Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara are reclaiming the Horohoro CFL which is part of those lands, via the CNI Treaty Settlement process. We visited Waimaruru – a Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara urupā; Omaruapū – an ancient kāinga of Ngāti Kea; and Te Urewera – a fighting pā of Ngāti Kea.

Waikarakia- 1 July 2022

This wananga we travelled to Te Taunga o Kea, the original location of the wharenuī Kearoa, then a hīkoi to Waikarakia, the puna where Kahumatamomoe washed his hands.



Whāriki Wānanga



Horoirangi Wānanga



Pātetere Wānanga



Waikarakia Wānanga



Te Tohu Hāpori: Caring for and Empowering our Iwi

Investing in our future – Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Education Grants 2022

The Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Education Grants are made via an Education Endowment Trust administered by the Charitable Trust. Our aim is to grow this fund to support more of our tamariki and rangatahi through their education. Donations to the Education Endowment Trust from hapū and whānau trusts are welcome.

In 2022 the Trust distributed education grants of \$1,000 to each of six students. They were: Teah Elliot, Maringi James, Jenny Kaka-Scott, Amelia Kingi, Te Katerama Pou, and Sheena Waerea.

The areas of study were Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Arts, Te Aho Paerewa, Masters of Māori and Indigenous Leadership and Bachelor of Education.

We congratulate all these students and wish them well with their future careers.

In 2022 Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Charitable Trust entered into a partnership with the Māori Education Trust (MET). This relationship means that recipients of Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara grants who are undertaking university study will also receive a scholarship from the MET as well as their Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara education grant. MET also has partnerships with Te Herenga Waka University of Wellington, Massey University and Auckland University of Technology so students at those institutions also receive partnership grants from those institutions.

One of the education grant recipients, Maia Berryman-Kamp, sent this letter of thanks:

*Kia ora rā e te whānau,
Whaitiri ki te rangi, ko Te Arawa ki te whenua.*

I write to thank the Ngāti Kea/Ngāti Tuara Charitable Trust for their continued support of my tertiary education. The hapū has seen me through my Bachelor of Arts, Masters of Indigenous Studies, and now, into my PhD. Across my studies I have focused on Māori education, methodology and theory, cultural identity, and tikanga Te Arawa within Kaupapa Māori research.

The financial assistance the hapū has granted has allowed me to focus on my studies, leading to my receipt of the Te Tini Rehua Award for the highest graded Māori student in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Te Pūtahi o Poutama Grant for continued excellence, and inclusion on the Dean's List for both 2020 and 2021. I achieved straight A+ grades for my Masters and graduated with Distinction. I have progressed onto my PhD after only 3 years of study, and have been able to work in roles which will further my academic career.

Notable to the hapū is my position as a commissioned researcher in the Mana Wāhine Kaupapa Inquiry Claim Wai2700, carrying on the work of wāhine toa and 40+ years of claims.

I am reminded of the privilege of the position I am in. My PhD is under Anthropology, arguably one of the more contested fields of study for Indigenous peoples, and there are no Māori staff in the School. Finding Indigenous anthropologists is a rarity, so I am thankful that I am able to continue with a Te Arawa lens into this field. My research follows trans-Māori and their experiences with tā moko and I intend to bring the research home in 2024, hosting wānanga in the Rotorua area to ensure our peoples' whakaaro is captured.

Ngā mihi atu ki a koutou mō tō koutou tautoko me tō koutou manaaki.

Maia Berryman-Kamp, MIndS.



Photo of planting taking place along a tributary that leads into the Pokaitu Stream, Horohoro.

Kei te mihi atu ki ngā kaitautoko e hāpai ana i tēnei kaupapa. Special thanks to our partners whose ongoing support helps us achieve our vision of cleaning up our hapū awa and puna. Waikato River Authority, Te Arawa River Iwi Trust, Te Wai Māori Trust and BOPRC Environmental Enhancement Fund.

Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara - Te Mana o Te Wai Statement

In May 2022 Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT) received funding from Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) to support Te Arawa iwi/Hapū to develop Te Mana o Te Wai statements. Te Mana o te Wai is the fundamental concept of the Essential Freshwater regulations introduced by the NZ Government in 2020 and the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the underlying foundation of the Crown–iwi/ hapū relationship with regard to freshwater resources.

The concept and framework of Te Mana o Te Wai are derived from Te Ao Māori and reflect the recognition of freshwater as a natural resource whose health is integral to the social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing of communities. It also establishes a set of guiding principles and a hierarchy of obligations, and refers to the essential value of water, and the importance of sustaining the health and wellbeing of water before providing for human health needs, and then to other uses.

Throughout late 2022 – early 2023 Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara was fortunate to receive ongoing support from Te Arawa Lakes Trust to plan, prepare and draft our Te Mana o Te Wai statement. This statement addresses manawhenua values and interests across our rohe, including ongoing involvement of our hapū in the overall management of freshwater to give effect to the Treaty of Waitangi.

Our Te Mana o te Wai statement is a living document, which will continue to evolve in response to new policy, regulation and legislative challenges, and the current version was completed in April 2023. Upon completion we presented our statement in July 2023, alongside other Te Arawa hapū, at a special Te Mana o Te Wai event hosted by Te Arawa Lakes Trust, attended by various councils, government agencies and key stakeholders.

Horohoro Native Tree Nursery

Further development of the Horohoro Native Tree Nursery by the Rūnanga in partnership with Te Paiaka Lands Trust has seen the nursery grow in size, an increase in production of trees and an increase in the range of native trees being grown. It is the goal of the nursery to supply other iwi trusts, councils, governmental agencies and private landowners.

Kei te mihi atu ki ngā kaitautoko e hāpai ana i tēnei kaupapa. Special thanks to te Arawa River Iwi Trust whose ongoing support helps us achieve our vision of cleaning up the Pokaitu Stream and tributaries of the Waikato River.



The Horohoro Native Tree Nursery is funded by Te Paiaka Lands Trust and Te Arawa River Iwi Trust.

Te Tohu Whai Rawa: Growing our Asset Base

Investment strategy

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara strategy to grow our asset base has two strands: financial investments and growing our asset base.

We have funds invested with two fund management companies – Craigs Investment Partners and Advice First. The Rūnanga is also working to growing our asset base by reclaiming our mana whenua to lands within our traditional rohe.

Investment Committee

This year the Rūnanga appointed an Investment Committee to provide advice on the Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara investments and strategy going forward. The team comprises:



Kapua Bargh: Since Kapua graduated with a Masters of Applied Finance from Victoria University in 2004, he has worked in investment companies in London, Sydney and Hong Kong. He has been working as Head of Investment Analytics at Manulife Investment Management in Hong Kong for 10 years. Manulife is a global Insurance and Investment Management Company based in Canada.



Charles Kaka: Charles has 17 years CEO experience across both the commercial and not for profit sectors. This has involved roles in NZ, Australia, and the Pacific Islands. Originally from a trades background, Charles has completed the following tertiary qualifications:

- Diploma in Management
- Master Business Administration
- Certificate in Directorship.



Mark Milroy: Mark has been a member of the NKNT Investment Committee since its inception. He is a qualified lawyer engaged in practise since 1985. He has been a sole practitioner in his own firm since 2000 and subsequently a partner in another firm since 2004.



Bayley Waudby: Bailey is a Business Management Studies graduate from the University of Waikato majoring in accounting. He worked as a financial auditor at PWC for three years from 2018-2021 before subsequently moving into his current position at ANZ as a commercial banker.

Financial Investments – Craigs Investment Partners

Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Trust Fund

Opening value 1/04/2022	\$1,303,317
Tax & Fees	\$14,169 (tax = \$8,107 & fees = \$6,062)
Total gain* (before fees/tax)	-\$797
Closing value 31/03/2023	\$1,288,350
<i>(* Changes to portfolio include interest, dividends, realised and unrealised gains/losses)</i>	

Total return for the 12 month period to 31/03/2023	-0.06%
Annualised return since inception	8.67% p.a

Performance since Balance Date, as at 17/10/2023	
Return from 1/04/2023 – 17/10/2023	1.61%
Total return for the 12 month period to 17/10/2023	4.36%
Annualised return since inception	8.41% p.a
Value as at 17/10/2023	\$2,301,079

Strategy and performance

The portfolio is invested with a “balanced income” risk tolerance, with a target of 50% invested in growth assets and 50% invested in fixed interest assets. At the end of March 2023, the portfolio had 49% invested in growth assets so the portfolio was operating very close to its intended positioning.

In August 2022 we repositioned the portfolio to reduce Australasian stocks that we believed would be most impacted by the rising inflationary environment and reinvested into more defensive assets. This helped to protect the portfolio at a time of elevated risks and uncertainty while ensuring it was structured in line with your risk profile. This resulted in your portfolio’s 12 month return to the end of March 23 being a 0.06% fall, which compares to the NZX Gross Index falling 1.9% for the same period and the Australian All Ords Index having a 1.7% fall. Your annualised return of over 8% p.a from inception remains strong for your “balanced income” portfolio.

Markets have continued to be volatile and generally weak over 2023, largely driven by persistently strong inflation and the resulting pressure of higher interest rates. One positive of higher interest rates are that long dated bonds have become much more attractive. Over the last three months we have purchased a diverse range of bonds to ladder out the fixed interest maturity profile of your portfolio. We believe that, over time, interest rates will fall due to the slowing economy and this will result in the value of your existing bonds rising. The more recent performance of your portfolio has been positive, with your return from the 1st of April being 1.61% and over the last 12 months being 4.36%.

In August this year you deposited another \$1,000,000 which is being held on call with the expected time period of 6 months. These funds are currently earning 5.65% p.a but while these funds are held on call, your overall portfolio’s asset allocation is much more conservative than its long term intended position as only 27% of your portfolio is now invested in growth assets. We expect your portfolio to revert to its long term asset allocation once these funds are withdrawn from the portfolio.

Strategy and summary looking forward

With enduring inflation pressure leading to tighter monetary policy and heightened geopolitical tensions, we still expect returns for the upcoming 12 months to be modest, with volatility higher. Despite these challenges, we believe by adopting a cautious approach and focussing on quality businesses and attractive long dated bonds, your portfolio should remain well positioned for the future.

Tom Davies
Craigs Investment Partners

Financial Investments – Advice First

Advice First manages two funds: a general fund for the Rūnanga and the Education Grants Fund administered by the Charitable Trust.

Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Trust Fund

Opening value 1/4/22	\$704,510
Tax and Fees	\$8,924 (tax \$927 & fees \$7,997)
Net gain/loss (after Tax and fees)	-\$21,545
Closing value 31/03/23	\$682,695
Total return for 12 months ending 31/03/23	-3.06

Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Education Grants Fund

Opening value 1/04/22	\$218,238
Tax and Fees	Tax 0, fees \$3,054
Net gain/loss (after tax and fees)	-\$3,769
Total return for 12 months ending 31/03/23	-1.73%

Notes

For 2023 YTD the NKNT Trust fund has returned 5.05% (net of tax and fees) and has a value as 20/10/23 of \$683,473. This Trust has had an annual average return since inception in August 2016 of 4.9% (net of tax and fees)

For 2023 YTD the NKNT Education Grants Fund has returned .68% (net of tax and fees) and has had an annual average return of 2.7% since inception in Sept 2017. This Fund has a value as at 20/10/23 of \$213,585.

Market Comments

The year ending 31 March 2023 represented a very volatile period for Global and Australasian Equity and Bond markets. The period started with a Global economic slowdown triggered by an expectation of interest rate rises to fight the high levels of inflation caused by the monetary stimulus during the Covid era. This along with the Geopolitical tensions around Ukraine and the fact that China was still in lockdown weighed heavily on Global growth expectations.

There were also tensions between the market cycle and the economic cycle. Unemployment worldwide was very low with the corresponding wage and demand pressure and company earnings were still steady, however the markets had strong expectations for interest rate rises in the year ahead and this was negatively affecting the values of both equities and bonds. The main theme for the first part of the period was the rate of the expected interest rate rises and the pending recession it would lead to with the hope being that there would be a soft landing.

However towards the end of 2022 and the start of 2023 the data started to look a lot more promising. The Central banks rate rises around the world were starting to take effect and inflation started showing signs of easing. This was accompanied by a recovery in China and corporate earnings in the US remaining stable, even though unemployment remained low wage pressure was starting to ease. Alongside the expectation that interest rates should start to ease in 2024, global equity markets have had solid performance so far this year and there is a positive outlook for 2024.

Shane Downey
Advice First

Mana Whenua

An important part of growing our asset base is reclaiming the mana whenua over our lands and resources. The Rūnanga has been working through a number of these projects.

Karamu Takina



Karamu Takina Spring, Tihi-o-Tonga

The Rotorua Lakes Council agreed to the return of the lands surrounding the Karamu Takina Spring and iwi joint management of the Spring in September 2022. The Karamu Takina Trust has now been set up. Robyn Bargh and Mary Corbett represent the Rūnanga; Bill Young and John Vercoe represent the Paiaaka Lands Trust. Paul White, a groundwater scientist, and Greg Carlyon, a regional planner, and Jason Pou (lawyer) have been engaged to provide advice to us (paid for by RLC).

The Rotorua Lakes Council and the Karamu Takina Working Group are now meeting monthly to progress the joint Karamu Takina Resource Consent process. The Karamu Takina Resource Consent application is a major capital project for RLC and our role as joint partner is a significant one.

We are holding a series of three hui-a-iwi to inform Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara about the Karamu Takina Spring and the surrounding environment, and to collect iwi ideas on the most important issues affecting our role as kaitiaki of the Spring and the Utuhina Stream.

That information will then inform our view on the resource consent. We will be making a joint application for a joint resource consent, probably about July 2024.

Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Māori Reservations – Aggregation Proposal



Pōhueroa – Flax and Water Reserve, Horohoro

In response to several encroachment issues occurring across Māori Reservations within our rohe, and many reservation trustees being deceased, the Rūnanga worked with the incumbent trustees throughout late 2022 - early 2023 to consider how these issues could be managed and resolved. Following two strategic planning hui, and one consultation hui with reservation owners and hapū members, it was agreed that a special general meeting (SGM) be called to propose:

- 1) An aggregated reservation trust be established across 17 current Māori reservations within Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara takiwā, including puna, urupā and marae;
- 2) That trustees be nominated and elected to the newly established reservation trust; and
- 3) New trustees/trust be engaged to oversee activities across reservations, including development opportunities and management of ongoing encroachments.

An SGM was convened on Saturday 1 July 2023, at Kearoa Marae, which was notified via the Rotorua Daily Post, the Rūnanga Iwi database and website, as well as social media. While the meeting was well attended by hapū members and whānau, the number of current owners/shareholders in attendance was relatively low (12) in comparison to the 5000+ owners listed in Māori Land Court (MLC) records.

However, those owners in attendance were unanimous in their support of the aggregated reservations trust, and 8 new trustees were elected: Maria Bargh, Alana Collins, Ngahuia Corbett, Brook George, Kataraina George, Danielle Marks, Antony Pene and Hone Waudby, to join existing trustees Ngarahu Katene and Reina Hapi.

Following the SGM an application was lodged with the Rotorua MLC seeking the establishment of an aggregated Māori reservations trust and formal appointment of the elected trustees. A formal hearing date is expected to be set down in late 2023 – early 2024, owners, shareholders, hapū members and whānau will be notified once a date is confirmed.

Te Tari: Developing a Sustainable Infrastructure

Staffing

Aamer Daji started on 10 October 2022 as Operations Manager. Aamer was able to provide valuable support for the staff, improve many of our systems and strengthen our relationships with external stakeholders. Unfortunately, Aamer resigned on 4 September 2023 but fortunately, Ngahuia Corbett was available and started as Operations Manager on 18 September 2023.

Ramona Boyte continues to provide a solid support base for the office, Kataraina is managing the environmental projects and Sheena continues to strengthen our communications via different channels. We are very fortunate to have such capable and committed staff.

Whakapapa Committee

All members of Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara must apply for registration on our hapū database. These applications are verified by a Whakapapa Committee.

Your Iwi – Register Now

The Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara iwi database is incorporated into an electronic database called *Your Iwi*. *Your Iwi* and this is our main form of communication with the hapū; all pānui for registered members of Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara are now emailed directly to members via *Your Iwi*. Every registered member of Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara is encouraged to join. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact the Rūnanga office.

Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara website refresh

The Rūnanga is working on a major refresh of the Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara website. Much has changed since the website was first set up and we need to be able to keep hapū members, funders and other stakeholders as well as the general public better informed with hapū activities and developments.

Representative and Affiliated Entities

Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa (TPT)

Robyn Bargh is the Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara representative on TPT.
Clark Pirika is the Chair of TPT, and Merehira Savage is the Deputy Chair.

Te Arawa Group Holdings (TAGH)

Te Arawa Group Holdings is the commercial arm of TPT. TAGH receive the forest rentals from CNI and invests these funds in forestry, kiwifruit, property, and tourism ventures. As at 30 June 2022 TAGH net assets were worth about \$145million. Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara, as an affiliate of TPT, receive regular dividends from TAGH.

In December 2021 Ngāti Tahu Whaoa resigned as a Class B shareholder of TAGH and repurchased their shares in the group. Following this decision the other 10 class B shareholders agreed to remain in TAGH for 10 years and were paid \$10 million (\$1 million to each shareholder).

Central North Island Iwi Collective (CNI)

Robyn is a director of CNI representing TPT.

In 2009, 176,000 hectares of Crown Forest lands were transferred to the CNI. CNI receive the rentals from those forests till 2044. In the meantime, CNI is tasked with the job of allocating the lands to iwi with manawhenua. A major issue facing CNI in 2021 was a High Court action taken by Ngāti Manawa regarding some of the decisions regarding the allocation of CNI lands. The judge's decision was received in August 2022. This was appealed by Ngāti Manawa, the appeal was heard in the High Court in August 2023 and we are awaiting a final decision.

Te Pukenga Koeke o Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa

Robyn is the Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara representative on Te Pūkenga Koeke o Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa. Te Pukenga Koeke provide advice to management of the Rotorua Museum. In the last few years, the focus has been on planning for the restoration of the Museum building. The intention is that the new Museum display the taonga of Te Arawa in ways that represent the stories and views of the hapū and whānau represented.

Our tupuna Horoirangi is one of the most important taonga in the museum collection.

Te Papa Atawhai - Department of Conservation (DOC)

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara has a partnership agreement with the Department of Conservation, signed in 2014. The significant areas included in the partnership protocols are:

- Horohoro Mountain Reserve
- Matahana Ecological Reserve
- Pukerimu Ecological Reserve
- Mokaihaha Ecological Reserve.

The Whakamaru o Horohoro project involves our team eradicating predators on the western side of the Horohoro maunga, which is conservation land. The DOC staff have been very impressed with the work being done on the maunga.

Recently we have been having meetings with DOC regarding a review of the partnership agreement.

Te Arawa River Iwi Trust (TARIT)

Mana Tangata

Mana Taiao

Mana Matauranga

Tena koutou katoa e te whānau o Ngati Kearoa Ngati Tuara
Greetings and welcome to this yearly hui where we report on the accomplishments of Te Arawa River Iwi Trust for 2023.

It has been a pleasure to represent the hapū and to ensure we have a voice in the ongoing protection and maintenance of the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River.

Yearly review

Crown relationship

This year the Ministerial Forum hui with the Prime Minister, Ministers (7) and officials took place on 17 July. The PM couldn't attend but discussions included ongoing impacts of reforms which became time and resource consuming. Reforms included the Resource Management Act, and Te Mana o Te Wai. TARIT also presented their 3 year plan of how the Crown Agencies and TARIT will work together as well as the Relativity Clause. The Crown has also paid \$7 million as full payment of the Waikato River Settlement. The last payment was due in 2029 but payment was brought forward to 2023. This money will be transferred to TARIT Holdings for investment.

Relativity Clause

As part of an ongoing dispute with the Crown there has been discussion by TARIT to pursue discussion with Crown to honour the Relativity Clause of our settlement. If the clause is honoured TARIT would receive the same settlement package as Waikato/Tainui.

Resource Management Act

The management team have been working with the Ministry for the Environment to understand the new laws and regulations that will affect the RMA, they include the Spatial Planning Act and the Natural and Built Environment Act which came into effect 24 August 2023. This work is ongoing as reforms continue with an expectation that it will take years before things are settled.

Accords

TARIT has Joint Management Agreements with Waikato Regional Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, Taupo District Council and South Waikato District Council. Accords with Ministry for the Environment, Ministry of Primary Industries, Ministry for Business Innovation and Enterprise, Ministry of Culture and Heritage, Department of Conservation, Te Puni Kokiri and Land Information New Zealand.

Te Mana o te Wai

TARIT has been working with affiliates to build their capacity and capability in the environment. Wananga and training has been held with affiliate members to increase their ability and knowledge of the environment.

The first wananga was held in May looking at:

- Matauranga tools
- What Te Mana o Te Wai means to them
- Environmental indicators

Feedback was positive and a further 13 wananga will be held over the next 2 years.

The next wananga will be 28 October from 8.30am to 2pm at Te Awa o Whirinaki. The focus will be a practical field day to learn water monitoring, macro invertebrates and macrophytes.

Ko te wai te mauri ora o nga mea katoa
Water is the life force of all things.



TE TAURA ORA
O WAIARIKI

He kōrero te kai, he hauora te tai¹

The dust is still settling after the October 2023 election as this report goes to print, and we are still to learn who the coalition government will be, who the new Ministers for Health will be, and what decisions they will make about the direction of this sector. However, we can make some assumptions from the pre-election kōrero, that Māori health is in for more change in direction.

A year ago, the health sector underwent a huge transformation. There were admirable goals;

- meet the complex demands of a growing (and ageing) population
- address the *persistent inequalities* experienced by Māori
- ensure greater access, experience and outcomes for those traditionally not well served by the system – Māori, Pacific and disabled people
- utilise modern technology and develop new, innovative ways of working
- focus on keeping people, their whānau and their communities well and out of hospitals – not just caring for them when they get sick.

To achieve these goals, several new **entities were created**: Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) and Te Aka Whai Ora (Māori Health Authority). These two organisations work with Te Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) and a new Public Health Agency. Whaikaha (the Ministry of Disabled People) was also established.

Iwi-Māori partnership boards (IMPBs) are also an essential feature of the new reforms, with decision-making roles at a local level, and jointly agreed local priorities and delivery with Te Whatu Ora. Fifteen, iwi-Māori partnership boards have been formally recognised under the **Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022**, ours is called **Te Taura Ora o Waiariki (the Te Arawa Iwi Māori Partnership Board)**.

Te Taura Ora o Waiariki has worked diligently in a challenging environment to establish a strong and viable entity. The early work of an establishment board focuses on things that are barely discernible to the community, like shorter wait times and more appropriate services closer to home. Our job was to make sure our new whare is built on strong foundations. To this end, Te Taura Ora o Waiariki has made good progress on;

- creating an authentic vision and strategies for addressing our shared concerns and solutions;
- creating strategies that will enable iwi, hapū, and whānau to exercise rangatiratanga in their rohe, ensuring tangata whenua voices are heard and local health services reflect those who need and use them;
- helping build a stronger Māori workforce, supporting the growth in capability and capacity of Hauora partners, and encouraging more innovation to deliver better outcomes for Māori;
- the recruitment of an experienced and highly capable operations team to activate the board's plans and goals.

Te Taura Ora o Waiariki is contracted until 2026 to provide Māori governance and ensure health services are organised better for the geographic communities we serve.

¹ nā Julian Wilcox on The Hui.

Te Taura Ora will keep advancing its work programme while we await announcements from the new government about the future of the hauora system. There are important questions that remain unanswered: will the year-old sector transformation be enabled to continue or will it be restructured again? Will all the entities that impact whānau hauora finally work closer together, or will they remain separate silos? Will Te Tiriti o Waitangi be important, or will it be undermined? What of the new Māori Health Authority and the place of Iwi Māori Partnership Boards?



Who next will play critical and influential roles in improving hauora outcomes for Māori? Whānau, hapū, and iwi have been very clear that we are part of the solution and *not* the problem.

Nāku iti nei, nā, Jenny Kaka-Scott

Horohoro School



Tēnā koutou e Ngāti Kea, Ngāti Tuara. Ko tēnei te pūrongo o Te Kura o Horohoro 2023.

Chairperson:	Hemi Waerea
Tumuaki:	Pirihira Brown
Staff Representative:	Rachel Wheeler
Board members:	Emma Action, Reina Hapi
Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara representative:	Raiha Ratapu

School roll in January 2023:	51 tamariki
Current roll for term 4:	54 tamariki
Staff:	3

At the end of term 3, the students started learning and participating in our nursery. The school has made progress in this area and they will continue in 2024.

The Board of Trustees along with the school whānau, are developing a Marau-ā-Kura (Localised Curriculum) that will focus on our Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara tikanga, kawa and local history. Staff and whānau attended our hapū hikoī to Waikarakia to learn the history of our ngāhere and awa to further their knowledge and teach the students. This was a great experience for them, making solid relationships with our hapū.

Taimona, the carved whareniui that stands at the kura, donated many years ago by the hapū, has a new roof and repairs to the inside and outside walls will take place when the builders start repairs on the classrooms. The carpet in Taimona will also be replaced.

All staff of the kura, are now involved in a te reo Māori professional learning development. This is run throughout the year and meets the new curriculum requirement which a level of te reo Māori me ōna tikanga is a must. The hapū will need to have their say on what should be in the new localised curriculum which should be before the end of 2023 or the start of 2024.

The kura relationship with Te Kōhanga Reo o Horohoro had not been good but this was improved when the kura gifted their old van to the kōhanga reo.

On 14 October 2023, election day, a polling booth was opened at the School. This was a very successful day and many thanks to the kura for opening its doors. We did have one hiccup, no wifi which made us go back to the old school ways. Using a pen and paper to document our results and handing them in at HQ. Also, it was great to have an all Māori staff and two of us were from our hapū and we were all speakers of Māori.

Although I have only been the hapū representative on the kura Board for a short while, I am pleased to be able to support our kura. All staff are working for the benefit of our tamariki and are now looking forward to ending 2023 and bringing on the new year.

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou e huihui mai nei. Nō reira tēnā koutou katoa.

Nā Raiha Ratapu

“Ehara taku toa, i te toa takitahi
Engari takimano, nō āku tupuna!”



Horohoro School students arriving to help with riparian planting.

Annual General Meeting

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara

4 November 2023

Agenda

- Chair's Report
- Minutes of AGM 15 October 2022
- Financial Report
- Appointment of Auditor for Rūnanga
- Election of Trustees

Report from the Chair



E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā rangatira, tēnā koutou. Tēnā koutou e noho mai nei i ngā marae, i ngā kāinga, otirā, i ngā whānau whānui o te motu, tēnā koutou.

Kei te mihi atu ki a koutou kua tae mai ki tēnei hui-a-tau o Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara. Piki mai, kake mai ki runga i tō tātou marae e takoto nei, kia titiro atu ki a Horohoro he puke whakamana nā ō tātou tupuna. Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

I am pleased to present this Annual Report 2023 on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara.

As you can see we have had another very busy year, we have continued to forge ahead with Paerangi 2050, our strategic plan, and have made progress in all areas.

We held a successful series of wānanga and many hapū members took the opportunity to visit some of our significant sites. Our environmental projects continue to grow; our pest control programme is particularly strong and we are reaping the rewards – seeing and hearing increased numbers of birds on our Horohoro maunga.

The Karamu Takina Trust has been set up and we are now actively involved in the co-management of the Spring which provides about 90% of water for the city of Rotorua.

Succession is an important issue and we are encouraging more young people to become involved in hapū activities. This year we have appointed three new members to our Investment Committee and we have eight new nominees for the renewed Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara Reserves Committee.

The Rūnanga is in a strong financial position, a surplus for the year and \$2.7m in accumulated funds, important to ensure our sustainability and ongoing viability.

I'd like to thank the many people who have contributed to the work of the Rūnanga over the last year, including the many volunteers who have given of their time and energy to support the hapū.

Many thanks to the Rūnanga trustees for their dedication and leadership. Special thanks to our two retiring trustees, Peri and Tawhiri, I am thrilled that Tawhiri has agreed to continue in the role of pukenga koeke. Finally, I'd like to thank our staff for the relentless energy and commitment that they bring to their work.

Ka nui ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa.

Robyn Bargh
Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara

Financial Highlights

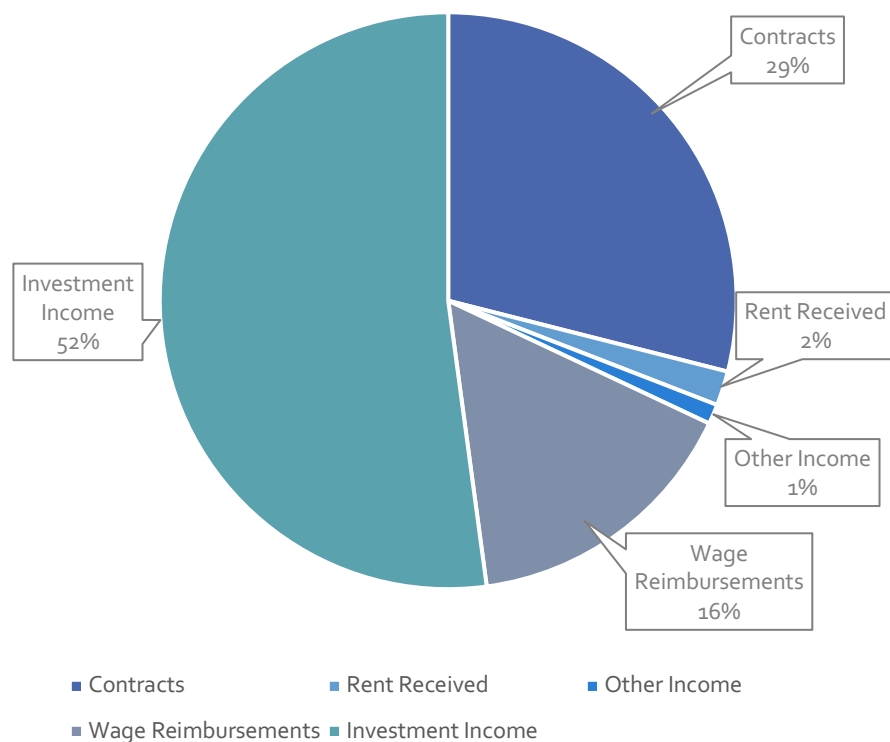
Performance Summary

	2023	2022
Total Income	893,700	398,700
Total Expenses	(680,400)	(378,800)
Net Profit/(Loss) Before Taxation and Adjustments	213,300	19,900
Koha and non-deductible expenses	(7,750)	(1,700)
Revaluation gains/(losses)	(6,900)	26,700
Net Profit/(Loss) before tax for the year	198,650	44,900

Notes:

- Total income has increased this year. Te Arawa River Group distribution for 2022 and 2023 recorded. Contract receipts decreased by \$44,500. Wages reimbursed offset increase in wages
- Total expenses increased by \$301,600. Increases in wages, subcontractors and plant purchases

Income Sources for year ended 31 March 2023



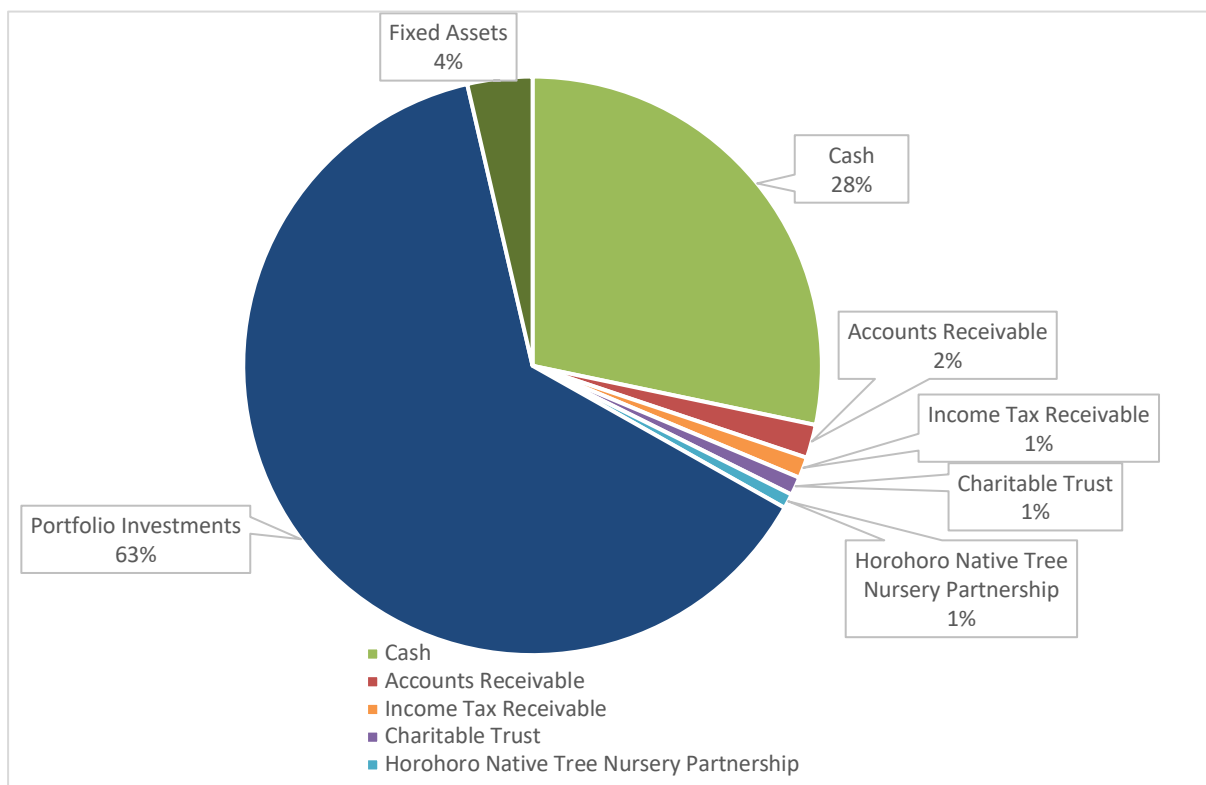
Financial Position as at 31 March 2023

	2023	Change this year	2022
Total Assets	2,876,000	170,000	2,706,000
Total Liabilities	90,000	70,050	19,950
Total Trust Funds	2,786,000	99,950	2,686,050

Note:

- Total assets percentage increase is 6.28%. Last year was .15%
- Total liabilities percentage increase is 351%. Last year was decrease of 37.24%
- Liabilities increase in accounts payable and employee wages/holiday pay

Total Asset makeup for year ended 31 March 2023



Election of Trustees

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Trust Deed requires up to eight trustees to be elected by registered members of Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara. Each year two or three trustees are up for rotation and nominations are called for more trustees. The trustees are usually appointed for a three year term and retiring trustees may stand for re-election. All trustees nominated must be registered members of the hapū.

We currently have seven trustees. This year Tawhiri Morehu and Peri Marks are due for rotation. Peri has decided to not stand for re-election. Tawhiri has chosen to stand down as a trustee but has offered his services as koeke to the Rūnanga which has been gratefully accepted.

A call for nominations was advertised in the media and on *Your iwi*. The closing date for nominations was 20 October 2022.

Annual General Meeting

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Charitable Trust

4 November 2023

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Report from the Chair



He uri o Hinengawari, tēnā koutou katoa.

It gives me great pleasure as Chairperson of the Charitable Trust to present to you this year's report. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge my fellow trustees Robyn Bargh, Tawhiri Morehu, Mary Corbett and Mark Milroy, for their sound guidance and support over the year. As you will see throughout this AGM report pack the Charitable Trust has progressed across a range of education and environmental workstreams.

In terms of Education grants we provided \$6000 in grants this year however the significant achievement was the entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Māori Education Trust, that resulted in the trust providing \$500 for every \$1000 we provided, to pay out in grants. In addition, our relationship with the Māori Education Trust, along with our move to *Your Iwi*, means that we will be able to make available to registered iwi members more education grant opportunities from the other funds that the Māori Education Trust administer. Finally, we have arrangements with Victoria University and Massey University to match our education grants to their institutions, so this leveraging of our pūtea through strategic partnerships, will ultimately mean more support is available to our learners.

Our education projects this year, headed up by Hemi Waerea, included direct support of whānau via the Ministry of Education Whānau Engagement fund, and also our mārā kai and Matariki Hautapu events, supported by Te Puni Kōkiri's Te Pū Harakeke fund. In particular I want to draw attention to our hautapu event, iwi lead, on our maunga, a truly wonderful experience for the many who braved the bracing Horohoro winters morning. The pre-dawn ceremony and watching dawn break that day on our maunga, stand out for me as special. Special thanks to Ahenata May Courtney who guided us through the process.

Our environmental projects are presented in Kataraina's report and on behalf of the Trust I give our sincere thanks to Kataraina, whose dedication to this kaupapa, and our iwi, have resulted in significant environmental projects and gains, that include the nursery, the micro hydro unit and the extension of the Te Whakamaru o Horohoro project into a million-dollar project employing multiple staff. There are few iwi, especially of our size, that can say they have such a comprehensive environmental portfolio.

Finally, we as a Trust are in a strong financial position, with a clean audit report, a \$108k surplus for the year and \$312k in accumulated funds, important to ensure our sustainability and ongoing viability.

We know the last couple of years have been hard for many as a result of the pandemic and resulting economic downturn, however we have been able to continue to support our uri in terms of education, cultural activities and environmental action. I look forward to contributing further to these aspirations in the future.

Mauriora,

Eugene Berryman-Kamp
Chairperson, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Charitable Trust

Financial Highlights

- ◆ Total Revenue \$466,700
- ◆ Total Expenses \$235,500
- ◆ Net Surplus for the year \$231,200, compared to \$108,700 last year
- ◆ Assets total \$633,700 (Last Year: \$349,000)
- ◆ Liabilities total \$89,800 (Last Year: \$36,000)
- ◆ Total Trust Accumulated Funds \$543,900 (Last Year: \$313,000)
- ◆ Main sources of revenue are Contracts, Investments, Donations and Grants
- ◆ Education grants for the year \$8,000 (Last Year: \$5,000)
- ◆ Portfolio Investments total \$213,100 (Last Year: \$215,700)

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara Directory

Legal Name:	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara
Registered Office:	28 Tarewa Rd, Tarewa Rotorua 3040
Nature of Business:	Post-Settlement Governance Entity
Lawyer:	Morrison Kent Cnr Fenton and Pukaki Sts Rotorua 3010
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Auditor:	Silks Audit Chartered Accountants Ltd 156 Guyton St Whanganui 4500
Banker:	Bank of New Zealand 1176 Amohau St Pukeroa Oruawhata House Rotorua 3010

