

# APAKURA RUUNANGA TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ending 31 December 2023 Financial Year



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## The Chairs report.

He honore, he korooria, he maungaarongo ki te whenua

He whakaaro pai ki ngaa tangata katoa

Ko te Atua taku piringa, ka puta ka ora

He rongopai ki te iwi ki roto I te tuumanako, te whakaponono me te aroha

Me huri whakaaro ki too taatou Kiingi Tuuhetia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII

Tae noa ki te whare kaahui ariiki, Pai marire.

Me huri anoo ki nga mate kua hinga mai nei

Haere, haere, haere atu ki tua o paerau okioki ai

Raatou ki a raatou, taatou ki a taatou

Teena taatou katoa

It is my honour and privilege to present this report as part of a team of trustees that worked together to achieve some wonderful events where Apakura descendants could come together to celebrate, commemorate, and reclaim our cultural spaces. I would like to highlight some of the significant events that occurred this year.

### **Historic Gathering at Saint Paul's Rangiaowhia**

One of the most poignant events was the gathering of members of the Anglican Church Te Haahi Mihingare and Ngaati Apakura at the historic Saint Paul's Rangiaowhia. This gathering was a significant moment to acknowledge their original association in the mid-nineteenth century and to reflect on the events of February 21, 1864, when Anglican Bishop George Augustus Selwyn was unable to protect Ngaati Apakura non-combatants.

In a profound gesture of restorative justice, Te Hui Amorangi ki te Manawa o te Wheke and the Anglican Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki formally transferred the title deed of 4.7 hectares at 61 Rangiaowhia Road to the Ngaati Apakura Runanga Trust. This land transfer symbolizes a step towards hohou te rongoa- reconciliation of healing and recognition of our historical ties.

### **Cultural and Agricultural Initiatives**

Our cultural and agricultural initiatives have also seen great success. We have been able to grow and harvest kumara on our whenua, symbolizing a return to traditional practices and self-sufficiency. The first harvested vegetables were gifted to Kingi Pootatu te tua whitu at Poohara marae, highlighting the value of whenua being able to provide for the people.

### **2023 AGM and Election of New Trustees**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of 2023 was another significant event where we elected eight new trustees. This election is a critical step in ensuring our leadership remains strong and representative of our Iwi, hapu, and whaanau needs and aspirations.

### **Opportunities for Growth**

These events are more than just celebrations; they are opportunities for trustees to utilize in growing Apakura aspirations. The transfer of land, the cultural initiatives, and the election of new trustees all contribute to a stronger, more cohesive community.

With your continued support, we can achieve even greater heights together. Your participation and dedication are vital to our collective success and the realization of our shared vision for the future.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support.

Ma te atua taatou hei manaaki

Ngaa mihi nui

*Orrin Kapua*

Tiamana O Apakura Ruunanga Trust



## Financial report

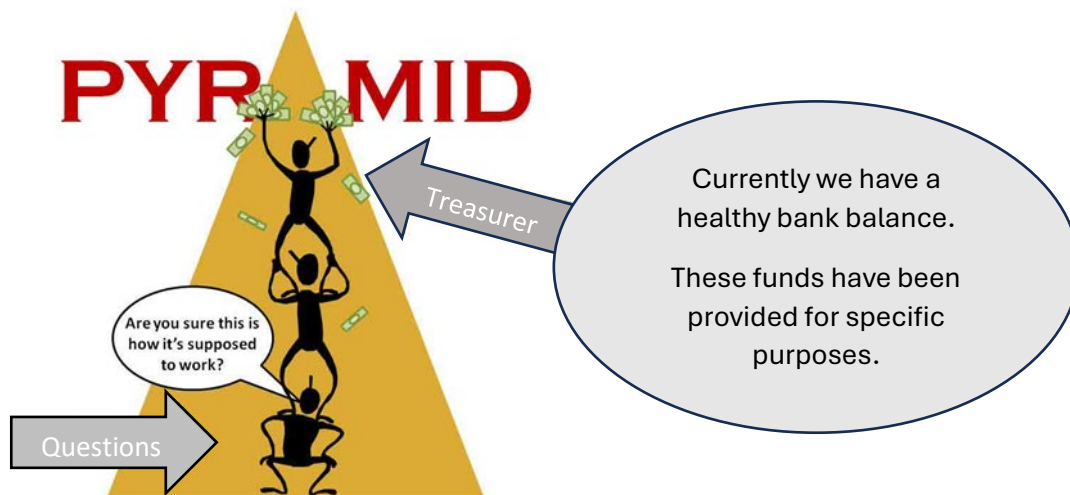
### Apakura Runanga Trust 2023 Financial Summary

Teena taatou katoa,

***"Whaaia te tika, Whaaia te pono, Ka puta nga hua"***

As treasurer, it is my pleasure to summarise the 2023 year.

This has been an amazing journey. As we move through this reconciliation process, we are seeing our people emerge from the embers. This has not been an easy journey. One must pause for a moment and reflect on the determination, mahi of many, who have given of themselves to get us to this point.



The Runanga experienced financial restraints in 2023. Using a shoestring budget and versatility we have adapted to ongoing challenges.

We noted at the last AGM you asked for a more detailed report. Coding ledgers into categories back to 2020 enable us to expand on the Performance Report.

I would like to acknowledge our accountant at Tax link nga mihi nui, you have been invaluable on this journey.

Ma te atua taatou hei Manaaki

*Juls Martin*

Treasurer

Apakura Ruunanga Trust



# Performance Report

Apakura Runanga Trust  
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Prepared by Tax Link Hamilton



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## Compilation Report

### **Apakura Runanga Trust For the year ended 31 December 2023**

Compilation Report to the Directors of Apakura Runanga Trust.

#### **Scope**

On the basis of information provided and in accordance with Service Engagement Standard 2 Compilation of Financial Information, we have compiled the financial statements of Apakura Runanga Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023.

These statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to these financial statements.

#### **Responsibilities**

The Trustees are solely responsible for the information contained in this financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet your needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

The financial statements were prepared exclusively for your benefit. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the financial statements.

#### **No Audit or Review Engagement Undertaken**

Our procedures use accounting expertise to undertake the compilation of the financial statements from information you provided. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review engagement has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

#### **Independence**

We have no involvement with Apakura Runanga Trust other than for the preparation of financial statements and management reports and offering advice based on the financial information provided.

#### **Disclaimer**

We have compiled these financial statements based on information provided which has not been subject to an audit or review engagement. Accordingly, we do not accept any responsibility for the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the compiled financial information contained in the financial statements. Nor do we accept any liability of any kind whatsoever, including liability by reason of negligence, to any person for losses incurred as a result of placing reliance on this financial report.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paulson", is written over a horizontal line.

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## Entity Information

### Apakura Runanga Trust For the year ended 31 December 2023

#### 'Who are we?', 'Why do we exist?'

Apakura Runanga Trust Board are an iwi entity established to promote the education, spiritual, cultural, health and social development of Apakura people.

#### Legal Name of Entity

Apakura Runanga Trust

#### Entity Type and Legal Basis

Apakura Runanga Trust Board is a registered charitable trust. The Trust is governed by elected trustees who participate in the coordination of matters. The Trust currently has one contractor to assist in the administration of affairs.

#### Registration Number

CC51407

#### Entity's Purpose or Mission

The purpose of the Trust is to promote the education, spiritual, cultural, health and social development of Apakura people.

#### Entity Structure

There shall be no less than five and no more than seven elected Trustees. In addition, two further trustees may be appointed, one trustee by the Kingitanga; and one trustee by the Kaumatua Council.

#### Main Sources of Entity's Cash and Resources

The Trust currently relies on external funding and contributions for operations.

#### Contact Details

##### Physical Address

Orrin Kapua, 61 Rangiaowhia Road, Te Awamutu, New Zealand, 3800

##### Postal Address

Orrin Kapua, 61 Rangiaowhia Road, Te Awamutu, New Zealand, 3800



## Approval of Financial Report


**Apakura Runanga Trust**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

The Trustees are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of Apakura Runanga Trust for year ended 31 December 2023.

APPROVED

  
Name: Orrin Kapua  
Position: Chair  
Date: 12 June 2024

  
Name: Julia Martin  
Position: Treasurer  
Date: 12 June 2024



## Statement of Service Performance

**Apakura Runanga Trust**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

'What did we do?', 'When did we do it?'

### **Description of Entity's Outcomes**

The trust board is continuing to work through the reconciliation process with the Crown and Ngāti Apakura. The Trust has almost completed the entity development phase and expects to start negotiations in the 2024 year.



## Statement of Financial Position

### Apakura Runanga Trust As at 31 December 2023

'What the entity owns?' and 'What the entity owes?'

	NOTES	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank accounts and cash	3	120,389	64,499
Debtors and prepayments	3	-	5,681
Other Current Assets	3	263	32
GST		9,910	7,443
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>130,562</b>	<b>77,655</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	2,564	996
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>2,564</b>	<b>996</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>133,126</b>	<b>78,650</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Other current liabilities	4	49,924	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>49,924</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Other non-current liabilities	4	74,648	70,297
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>74,648</b>	<b>70,297</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>124,571</b>	<b>70,297</b>
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b>		<b>8,555</b>	<b>8,353</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	6	8,555	8,353
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>		<b>8,555</b>	<b>8,353</b>

This statement has been prepared without conducting an audit or review engagement, and should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.



## Statement of Cash Flows

### Apakura Runanga Trust For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	2,198	291
Cash receipts from other operating activities	249,740	268,441
GST	(1,253)	(15,539)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(122,732)	(215,888)
<b>Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>127,954</b>	<b>37,304</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>		
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	-	(2,952)
Cash flows from other investing and financing activities	(72,063)	(2,596)
<b>Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>	<b>(72,063)</b>	<b>(5,548)</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>55,890</b>	<b>31,756</b>
<b>Bank Accounts and Cash</b>		
Opening cash	64,499	32,743
Net change in cash for period	55,890	31,756
Closing cash	120,389	64,499

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## Statement of Accounting Policies

### Apakura Runanga Trust For the year ended 31 December 2023

'How did we do our accounting?'

#### Basis of Preparation

The entity has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

#### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

#### Income Tax

Apakura Runanga Trust is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

#### Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

#### Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.



# Notes to the Performance Report

## Apakura Runanga Trust For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
<b>1. Analysis of Revenue</b>		
<b>Revenue from providing goods or services</b>		
Administration Income	660	-
Event Revenue	249	3,952
Funding	91,842	156,071
Koha Income	20,120	6,070
Lease Revenue	2,739	2,435
<b>Total Revenue from providing goods or services</b>	<b>115,610</b>	<b>168,528</b>
<b>Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</b>		
Interest Income	2,198	291
<b>Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</b>	<b>2,198</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>Other revenue</b>		
Other Revenue	42,529	4,930
<b>Total Other revenue</b>	<b>42,529</b>	<b>4,930</b>
	2023	2022
<b>2. Analysis of Expenses</b>		
<b>Volunteer and employee related costs</b>		
Subcontracting - Cultural Monitoring	1,680	-
Travel - National	-	3,541
<b>Total Volunteer and employee related costs</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>3,541</b>
<b>Costs related to providing goods or services</b>		
Bank Fees	120	225
BAP website	275	-
Catering Expenses	5,495	4,298
Consultancy Expense	60,681	29,308
Purchases	-	25,328
Council Expenses	-	1,438
Entertainment	5,588	-
Event Expenses	1,841	15,706
General Expenses	5,179	1,444
Governance Fees	-	5,844
Hireage	2,843	-
Insurance	1,880	988
Koha	3,340	-
Koha - Charitable Purposes	-	2,000
Low Value Assets	636	-
Member Hui Costs	-	3,245
Rates WDC	1,454	-
Rent	-	461



	2023	2022
Repairs and Maintenance	-	16,300
Subcontractors	42,881	59,960
Subscriptions	333	-
Tiki os registration and whakapapa	4,156	-
Valuation Expenses	3,075	-
Website	231	4,676
<b>Total Costs related to providing goods or services</b>	<b>140,009</b>	<b>171,221</b>
<b>Other expenses</b>		
Advertising	451	-
Depreciation	1,383	490
Legal expenses	12,228	16,314
Light, Power, Heating	90	-
<b>Total Other expenses</b>	<b>14,153</b>	<b>16,804</b>

	2023	2022
<b>3. Analysis of Assets</b>		
<b>Bank accounts and cash</b>		
Operating Account	120,370	64,484
Te Waha a Tuarā Account	20	15
<b>Total Bank accounts and cash</b>	<b>120,389</b>	<b>64,499</b>
<b>Debtors and prepayments</b>		
Accounts Receivable	-	5,681
<b>Total Debtors and prepayments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,681</b>
<b>Other current assets</b>		
Income Tax	94	32
Withholding tax paid	169	-
<b>Total Other current assets</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>32</b>

	2023	2022
<b>4. Analysis of Liabilities</b>		
<b>Other current liabilities</b>		
Accrued Expenses	49,924	-
<b>Total Other current liabilities</b>	<b>49,924</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other non-current liabilities</b>		
Funds Carried Forward	74,648	70,297
<b>Total Other non-current liabilities</b>	<b>74,648</b>	<b>70,297</b>

Included in funds carried forward is an amount of \$25,171.67 (GST Inclusive) for funds received relating to the entity development phase. This is for governance fees which have not been paid out as at 31/12/2023. Governance fees will be paid out once the balance owed by the Crown is paid.





	2023	2022
<b>5. Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>		
Vehicles owned	2,952	-
Accumulated depreciation - vehicles owned	(886)	-
<b>Total Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other Fixed Assets</b>		
Owned fixed assets	1,486	1,486
Accumulated depreciation - fixed assets owned	(988)	(490)
<b>Total Other Fixed Assets</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>996</b>
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>996</b>
	2023	2022

<b>6. Accumulated Funds</b>		
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Opening Balance	8,353	21,875
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	202	(13,522)
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>8,555</b>	<b>8,353</b>
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>8,555</b>	<b>8,353</b>

## 7. Commitments

There are no commitments as at 31 December 2023 (Last year - nil).

## 8. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at 31 December 2023 Last year - nil).

## 9. Related Parties

Due to the nature of the Trust being small along with trustees often holding management type roles, a number of related party transactions occur throughout the year - namely as trustees operate as contractors for the Trust within the cultural monitoring space. All transactions were held at arms length.

## 10. Events After the Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report (Last year - nil).

## 11. Ability to Continue Operating

The entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

# Profit and Loss

## Apakura Runanga Trust For the 4 years ended 31 December 2023

	APAKURA RUNANGA	CULTURAL ADVISE AND MONITORING	DOC WAIKATO RIVER AUTHORITY	MACA	WPDC - PUKERIMU	TA INITIAL ENGAGEMENT PHASE	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>Trading Income</b>								
Event Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,200	4,200
Funding	10,688	-	2,540	67,202	-	49,530	204,054	334,015
Interest Income	2,416	-	-	-	-	-	84	2,500
Lease Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,174	5,174
Other Revenue	78	43,420	-	-	30,000	-	8,373	81,872
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>13,182</b>	<b>43,420</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>67,202</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>49,530</b>	<b>221,887</b>	<b>427,761</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>								
Purchases	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,328	25,328
Subcontractors	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	101,841	102,841
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,169</b>	<b>128,169</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>13,182</b>	<b>43,420</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>67,202</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>49,530</b>	<b>94,718</b>	<b>299,592</b>
<b>Other Income</b>								
Administration Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	660	660
Koha Income	420	-	-	-	-	-	25,770	26,190
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,430</b>	<b>26,850</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>								
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	760	451	1,211
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	495	495
BAP website	-	-	-	-	-	-	275	275
Catering Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	11,146	18,558	29,704

## Highlights

### Jobs 4 Nature

The Jobs for Nature programme supports communities by creating nature-based employment and stimulating the economy post-COVID-19. The Department of Conservation (DOC) funds project partners to generate jobs on private and public conservation land, focusing on predator and weed control, wetland restoration, regenerative planting, and enhancing tracks, huts, and other recreational assets. The programme prioritizes the involvement of iwi, hapū, and whānau.

### Key Activities and Funding Allocation

The programme involves:

- Predator control
- Wetland restoration
- Regenerative planting
- Improving tracks, huts, and recreational assets

### **Year 2 of the project**

The Apakura Ruunanga project, part of the Maungatautari to Pirongia Ecological Corridor, to create an ecological corridor along the Mangapiko Stream and its tributaries through biodiversity plantings, and animal and weed pest control. This work will enhance habitat for native species, transform iwi connections to the awa, and ultimately improve water quality.

When the project was started in December 2021, the then-chair Bill Harris also saw the potential for this project to build relationships and to create a performance record for ART that could be leveraged for future aspirations.

The project receives \$250,000 from Department of Conservation and additionally leverages support from Waikato Regional Council, Waipā District Council, Pūkireki Marae, and from Fonterra. The project is a little sister to Taiea te Taiao, working in the same area, running alongside for a shorter time with a smaller budget.

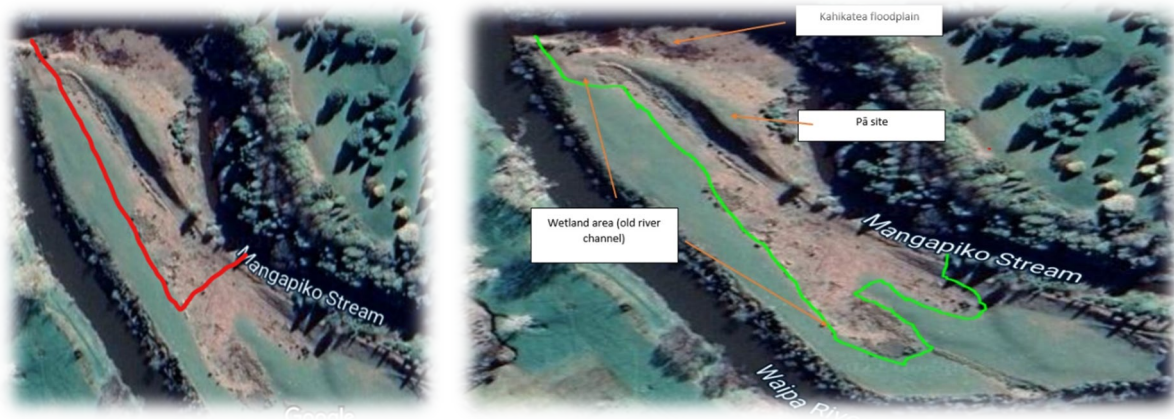
### **The commitment over the entire project**

Between 1/1/22 and 31/12/24, ART J4N will deliver the following outcomes:

- 25 ha possum control
- 25 ha rat & mustelid control
- 3,000m new fencing
- 10ha riparian ecosystem planting (consider related pest control)
- 25,000 riparian trees planted
- 1 historic/cultural asset maintained (Mātakitaki Pā)

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, the project had achieved 37 ha of possum, rat and mustelid control, 1,513m of new fencing, 3.81 ha of new planting and 10,276 trees have been planted. In addition, about 600 trees were potted up at the Matariki celebration at Kihikihi Domain in 2023, and a total of 9,700 plants have been grown on for the 2024 winter planting season.

The project has faced some challenges including a very wet first winter, and erosion at Mātakitaki but these have been worked through and we are now on track to meet the contractual commitments by project end on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. We are hoping to have a celebration of some sort in November, so watch this space



### AGM election of new Trustees

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 28 April 2023 provided a platform for the Iwi or shareholders to receive comprehensive updates on the organisation's performance over the past year. During the AGM, attendees reviewed financial statements, discussed key achievements and challenges, and outlined future plans. Member votes played a crucial role

in making significant decisions, such as the election of board members or key officers. This forum also allowed members to address any questions or concerns, ensuring transparency and accountability in the organisation's governance.

During this period, Apakura Runanga Trust, supported by members of Te Waha a Tuara, voted to endorse a new Trust Deed. This endorsement paved the way for the formation of a new Entity, tasked with negotiating the Rangiaowhia Reconciliation Package with the Crown agency, Te Arawhiti. Fresh elections were conducted, with 11 nominations received and 7 candidates elected as trustees, alongside 1 kaumaatua representative. The election process required substantial preparatory work, including updates to the tribal register, development of voting software, creation of candidate profiles, and communication efforts directed towards the Iwi. Congratulations are extended to all the successful trustees.

## AGM AGENDA

Date: 28 April 2023  
Time: 9.30am  
Venue: 61 Rangiaowhia Road, Te Awamutu  
Parking: Paddock north of property

### Agenda

9.30am	Karakia Timatanga
	Candidate Korero
	Chairperson Report
	Treasurer's Report
11.00am	Kai -Voting support on hand during Kai
	MACA Update /Research Release
	General Business
1.00pm	Election Results

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 28 April 2023  
Time: 9.30am  
Venue: 61 Rangiaowhia Road, Te Awamutu  
Parking: Paddock North of Property

Hui Pack

- Election Candidates
- Chairperson's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- FY2022 Financial Report
- FY2022 Profit and Loss
- MACA Research Report

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## Waikato Regional Authority application to help purchase 161 Banks Road Property, Wairoto

The project aims to reconnect Ngaati Apakura and Ngaati Hinetu with Wairoto and enable mana whenua to lead the restoration of the lake. The lake system, known as Ngaaroto or Wairoto to the iwi, is severely degraded. Restoring the health and well-being of Wairoto

begins with mana whenua restoring their physical, cultural, and spiritual connection with the lake.

Funding from the Waikato River Authority (WRA) would enable Apakura Rūnanga Trust to purchase and retire wetland at 164 Bank Road, located at the southern inflow end of the lake. This acquisition will complement the Waipā District Council-owned land, creating a contiguous and extensive protected area. Retiring this land from farming is the first step in the longer-term restoration of the wetland system. This initiative will improve access, education, and opportunities to build skills and capacity.

By establishing a base at the lake, the Apakura Ruunanga Trust will be well-positioned to collaborate with partners in the Waipā Peat Lakes & Wetlands Accord on holistic, long-term ecological and cultural restoration projects.

This project will be supported under a co-funded arrangement with Waipa District Council, Department of Conservation and Fonterra. We are very pleased to advise that the application to Waikato Regional Council was successful and \$400, 000 has been allocated to this project. We will work with our partners to try and get this project across the line.



## 160 years Hauhake celebration

The hauhake celebration of harvesting kumara event highlights the significant cultural and agricultural restoration efforts in Rangiaowhia, a location with historical importance for its flourishing orchards and fields before the Paahuatanga on February 21, 1864. The initiative, spearheaded by the descendants of the survivors, and supported by Te ahi Tapara Ltd director and whaanau Lorinda Pereira and John Pereira began back in Dec 2022 and previous Chair Bill Harris in the planting of Kumara tupu. The aim was to revive the traditional horticulture



and agriculture practices, including the planting of kūmara, peruperu, and peach heritage seedlings. This restoration not only honors the past but also seeks to sustain the land's productivity and cultural heritage for future generations.

### **December 6, 2022:**

- The first tupu was sown by Bill Harris, Chair of the Apakura Rūnanga Trust, symbolizing the beginning of the land restoration efforts at Rangiaowhia.



### **June 10, 2023:**

- **Location:** 61 Rangiaowhia Rd, Te Awamutu
- **Agenda:**
  - 10:30 am: Assembly outside the Large Round Shed
  - Karakia by Robin Whaanga & Pa Cruz Karauti
  - Mihi by Orrin Kapua, Deputy Chair
  - Attendance: Trustees (Orrin & Kahu), several whanau members, and friends
  - Whakawhanaungatanga (building relationships)
  - Hauhake demonstration workshop & Paataka Kai presentation by Lorinda & John
  - Communal meal (kai o te ranui) prepared by Lorinda & John, featuring various traditional foods
  - Hauhake vegetables were laid out to dry on tables covered with a polythene sheet and bracken fern, drying in the sun for four days.



**June 14 & 16, 2023:**

- **Activities:**
  - Drying and sorting of kumara and peruperu
  - Weaving kono (traditional baskets) for storage



**Presentation to the whare o Tuheitia Potatau Te Wherowhero te Tuawhitu at Pohara Poukai:**

**Participants:**

- Kahu & Manaia led the presentation, supported by Kaumatua Jack Te Papi Cunningham, Orrin Kaupua (deputy chair), Hazel & moko's, Pa & Manaia, Shelby, Tia, Tihau, Mere Roberts, Osborne girls, and Mahe Winikerei.





The series of events from the sowing of the first tupu to the various activities in June 2023 demonstrate a dedicated effort to restore and celebrate the agricultural heritage of Rangiaowhia. This initiative not only brings back traditional crops and practices but also fosters community spirit and cultural pride among the descendants of those who once thrived on this land. The restoration of the whenua and the re-establishment of traditional horticulture are central to preserving the legacy and resilience of the ancestors of Rangiaowhia.

## RANGIAOWHIA

### 160 Years Hauhake Celebration

**SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2023**  
**10AM - 2PM**

<b>10AM</b>	Karakia -Kaumatua Present Waahi Mihimihi   Acknowledgements Waahi Kapu Tii   Whanaungatanga
<b>11AM</b>	Hauhake Demonstration Workshop <b>Presenters:</b> John & Lorinda Hauhake (Te Katoa I Taea)
<b>12.30PM</b>	Kai Nui Paataka Hapaki Overview
<b>2PM</b>	Packup (Te Katoa I Taea)

## RANGIAOWHIA

### 160 YEARS HAUHAKE CELEBRATION

DATE: Saturday 10 June 2023

TIME: 10am – 2pm

VENUE: 61 Rangiaowhia Road,  
Te Awamutu

#### AGENDA

10am Karakia (kaumatua present)

10.05am Waahi Mihimihi/Acknowledgements

10.30am Waahi Kapu Tii/Whakawhanaungatanga

11am Hauhake Demonstration Workshop (Lorinda & John)

11.30am Hauhake (Te Katoa I Taea)

12.30pm Kai nui

1.30pm Paataka Hapaki Overview Presentation (Lorinda/John)

2pm Packup (Te Katoa I Taea)

### Oceans Before Me- First Single release

On August 12th, the first single from the album "Songs of Rangiaowhia" was released along with a music video called "Apakura." The Oceans Before collective is dedicated to supporting indigenous narratives through music and education. The narrative of Oceans Before Me begins in Aotearoa and is based on Te Tiriti, with a responsibility to uphold the customs of Tangata Whenua. The music video was released at the Regent Theatre in Te Awamutu and was well attended by whānau. Over the past year, Oceans Before Me has actively collaborated with Apakura Kaumatua to create an album of waiata and share the story of Apakura. As a result of this enriching journey, the Oceans Before Me team developed and produced a music event.







## Rangiaowhia Reconciliation Package

Discussions are continuing with Te Arawhiti on a reconciliation package whereby the Crown will acknowledge the wrong committed through its pāhuatanga at Rangiaowhia. It is wonderful to advise that we have received confirmed support from both Waikato-Tainui and Maniapoto. No significant discussion has yet been held about the scope of any reconciliation package, but it will be focused on reconciliation in relation to the events at Rangiaowhia and will not be a settlement of historical Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi claims. It is separate from, and will not undermine, any settlements. Instead, this initiative acknowledges the pāhuatanga at Rangiaowhia and the impacts of Crown actions, and seeks to provide appropriate reconciliation to help heal the relationship between the Crown and iwi. Te Arawhiti wants to work with iwi to develop a process which includes Crown reconciliation with all groups affected by the pāhuatanga. We see the following five stages as key to determining the reconciliation process:

1. research into the events at Rangiaowhia and who was involved;

2. engagement with groups who were affected to determine whether they wish to be part of the reconciliation and how;
3. development of an agreed process to develop a package;
4. discussions around the contents of the package; and
5. final agreement and implementation.

We have completed the first two of these stages. In 2020-2021, we commissioned

Dr Robert Joseph to assess who was present at Rangiaowhia at the time of the Crown attack and to assess how they were affected. The report was finalised this year. The research also summarised which groups were directly affected by the aftermath of the attack. A copy of the report is enclosed. It is also available to download at <https://ngatiapakura.co.nz/media-releases>.

In 2021, Ngāti Apakura called a series of hui to connect with groups whom we knew had been affected. Our understanding from that engagement is that those groups contacted broadly support the development of a package to be led by Ngāti Apakura, with involvement from other groups. In December a letter was developed and sent out to those other identified Iwi who were impacted from the paahuatanga and we look forward to hearing from there response. We have begun work on step 3 development of an agreed process to develop a package. Moving forward this has been an exciting space and look forward to continue with the challenges on the development of a package and a strong team will need to be assembled to help us navigate this space.

### Manawatia a Matariki 2023 ki Kihikihi Domain

The Manawatia a Matariki 2023 event at Kihikihi Domain was a remarkable celebration that brought together our Iwi, community, and visitors to mark the beginning of the Maaori New Year. This whaanau-friendly event was a testament to our collective effort and commitment to fostering kotahitanga and inclusivity within our community. Here's a detailed overview:

#### Event Highlights:

- **Celebration of the Maaori New Year – Te Matahi o Te Tau:**
  - Recognized the start of the new year with traditional customs and rituals.
- **Focus on the Aspirations of Mana Whenua Apakura:**

- **Building Relationships - Reconciliation:**
  - Encouraged healing and reconciliation within the community.
- **Celebrating Community kotahitanga:**
  - Emphasized the importance of coming together as one.
- **Celebrating the Return of Diaspora:**
  - Another opportunity for whaanau who were affected by the diaspora to connect again to the culture and whenua.
- **Manaakitanga:**
  - Highlighted hospitality and the act of caring for others.
- **Acknowledging Our Tuupuna:**
  - Paid homage to our ancestors and their legacy.
- **Caring for Papatuaanuku – Restoration of the Indigenous Landscape:**
  - Engaged in Rakau planting at Rangiaowhia to restore and manaaki the whenua.
- **Music and Waiata:**
  - Featured traditional and contemporary musical performances.
- **Kapahaka from whaanau at Kahotea Marae and Te Ha ona Kaha from Puurekireki Marae:**
  - Showcased cultural performances that celebrated our heritage.
- **Setting Dreams for the Future – Hiwa i te Rangi:**
  - Inspired attendees to envision and set aspirations for the future.

#### Activities and Engagement:

- **Musical Performances:**
  - Provided entertainment that reflected our cultural heritage and contemporary talents.
- **Traditional Hangi Sales:**
  - Offered traditional Maaori kai, fostering a sense of community and shared experience.
- **Activities for Tamariki:**
  - Organized engaging and fun activities for children to participate in.
- **Distribution of Free Kai for whaanau:**

- Ensured that all families could enjoy the event without barriers, reinforcing the value of manaakitanga.

#### Impact and Significance:

- **Highlighting the Significance of Matariki:**
  - Demonstrated the cultural importance of Matariki and its values through the event's activities and focus areas.
- **Community Inclusivity and Support:**
  - The success of the event showcased the power of collective effort, underlining how essential community support and participation are for fostering a sense of unity and belonging.

This celebration was a significant milestone for our community, reflecting our dedication to preserving and promoting our cultural heritage, building strong relationships, and setting a positive path for the future. In-valuable support and participation were crucial to the event's success and we should acknowledge Oceans before me, Fonterra, Waipa District Council, Te Awamutu community board, Puniu river care and Taarewanga Marae for their sponsorship and together, we have shown what can be achieved when we come together with a shared vision and purpose.



#### MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI

DATE: Saturday 15 July 2023

APAKURA HAUTAPU: 5.30 am

VENUE: 61 Rangiaowhia Road,  
Te Awamutu

MATARIK MUSIC FESTIVAL: 9.30am – 3pm

VENUE: Kihikihi Domain  
13 Oliver Street  
Kihikihi











## Reconciling the whenua at 61 Rangiaowhia Road 4 September 2023

On the fourth of September, members of the Anglican Church Te Haahi Mihingare and Ngaati Apakura, gathered in historic Saint Paul's Rangiaowhia to acknowledge the return of a piece of land at Rangiaowhia to Ngaati Apakura and Ngaati Hinetu. It has been met with profound joy and optimism for the future for the Iwi as this occasion was marked by tears of joyful reconnection rather than painful separation, highlighting the emotional significance of this event for the Iwi.

The Anglican Church, in collaboration with Ngati Hinetu and Ngati Apakura, had been striving to secure the land adjacent to St Paul's Church. Despite being outbid at auction, a fortuitous opportunity arose when the successful bidder agreed to on-sell the land, leading to a successful acquisition. Archbishop Philip Richardson of the Anglican Church described the outcome as a positive step forward, though he emphasized that it is just the beginning of a longer journey. He acknowledged the ongoing need for discussions between the church and mana whenua regarding the history of Rangiaowhia.

This landmark event marked the land's return with a gathering at 61 Rangiaowhia Road, where they celebrated with a shared meal and discussed future plans. This moment, filled with emotional and cultural significance is a step closer in the right direction towards reconciliation healing and a hopeful future for the Iwi, hapu and whanaau whaanui.

