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Pānui Update

Kaipara Moana Remediation

Hōngongoi July 2021

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to this update from the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme – working together to restore the health and mauri of Kaipara Moana.



Kia hora tonu te wāhanga ki āia ki te wāhi ngaro te mātāpuna o te taonga o te manaaki ki runga ki a tātou ki te ira tangata. Ka mihi ake ki a papahoronuku me te tangi ake mō te hunga kua okioki – rātou ki a rātou ā ko tātou te hunga kua mahue mai ki muri kia whai tonu ki ngā hononga e puta ai te kotahitanga mō te ira tanga mō te ao tūroa iāianei puta atu ki ngā reanga o āmuri ake nei.

– Tame Te Rangi (Chair, Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee)

Te huarahi mai i te tīmatanga o te kaupapa What's happened since the programme started

It has now been nine months since the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee was formed in October 2020, and four months since the Deed of Funding was finalised and Crown funding of \$9.6 million for Year One was released.

The last six months have been a hive of energy developing the systems, processes and structures needed for the programme, while also seeing practical wins on the ground.

Some of the key mahi has been:

- Developing the work plan and budgets for 2021/22
- Developing strategies to support the programme around communications, nursery capacity, and workforce and procurement
- Assessing the capacity of nurseries and the workforce needed to carry out fencing and planting
- Developing a hapū and community partnerships scheme
- Developing the landowner grants scheme
- Holding public Joint Committee meetings at seven marae around the Kaipara
- Setting up the operational body for the programme, Kaipara Maurikura.
- Progressing over \$1,000,000 in assistance to on-farm remediation work.

It's been a hugely busy period laying strong foundations for this decade-long, \$300 million programme, and we know that restoring Kaipara Moana will take the commitment and action of everyone who lives and works in the catchment.



What's planned for the coming year



Remediation work is set to grow across the Kaipara catchment in the coming year, following the adoption of the programme's \$17 million budget and work plan for 2021/22.

The focus for this year will be providing funding support to landowners for riparian and wetland fencing and planting.

Along with landowner grants through sediment reduction plans (see below for more detail), we are working with Fonterra to develop a scheme where dairy farmers can access Kaipara Moana support through their Sustainable Dairy Advisor.

Opportunities for hapū, marae and community groups will also be provided, so they can work with landowners on remediation projects.

Other priorities for the year include developing digital tools to help map sediment hot spots and wetlands, and a soil conservation strategy to identify the best ways to stabilise highly erodible land through tree planting in future years of the programme.

Several projects already underway will continue, including working with two community groups which are supporting landowners to undertake fencing and planting.

For more detail on the work plan for 2021/22, see [May's joint committee meeting agenda](#).

Te tahua aki whenua Landowner grants scheme



Landowner grants under Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme are expected to be available this September. In the meantime, here is an overview of how the scheme will work.

To receive funding a landowner will need a 'Sediment Reduction Plan', which is a free, property-specific plan, ideally covering three years, identifying sediment reduction opportunities such as riparian fencing to receive funding support.

Landowners will be able to arrange for an accredited field advisor to visit their property and help design a Sediment Reduction Plan. This plan will set out remediation work that would be most effective on the property and identify what's eligible for grants funding.

At this stage, the focus will be on land parcels of over 20 hectares. The primary focus initially is fencing and planting wetlands and waterways to create a buffer that protects waterways from sediment, with hillsides and slips to be targeted in future.

The pace at which Sediment Reduction Plans can be completed will hinge on timing for training field advisors and the level of interest shown by the community.

In the meantime, you can register your interest in the grants scheme by contacting Northland Regional Council on 0800 002 004 or info@nrc.govt.nz. You will be contacted once funding is up and running.

Hono ā-hapū ā-hāpori Hapū and community partnerships



Grants funding will be available to support hapū, marae, Landcare groups, schools and other community bodies to work with landowners, mana whenua groups and other partners to undertake remediation works.

Guidance and criteria for how that will work are being developed, and engagement with these groups will begin soon.

Te tohu tūranga mō Kaipara Maurikura Kaipara Maurikura recruiting for staff soon

‘Kaipara Maurikura’ is the name of the operations unit that is being set up to deliver on all the mahi set out in the work plan for Year Two and beyond.

Kaipara Maurikura reflects the health and vitality of Kaipara Moana, which will require positive collective action to survive.

For now, it has been set up as a business unit of Northland Regional Council (NRC) and will be based in the council’s Whangārei office. The Joint Committee considered this the most straightforward approach given the Crown’s funding requirements, plus it offers some efficiencies to keep Kaipara Maurikura operating costs low. This setup will be reviewed once a future statutory Kaipara Moana body is set up under Te Tiriti o Waitangi settlement processes.

Recruitment for the role of Pou Tātaki (Manager) for Kaipara Maurikura is underway and it is hoped that an announcement on that appointment can be made in August/September this year. In the interim, Alan Wilcox will step in temporarily to manage Kaipara Maurikura.

Pou Tātaki: Pou [noun] person with expertise, mentor, guide; Tātaki [verb] lead, conduct, urge.

Community and Hapū Engagement Advisor. If you are interested or know someone who would be great in one of those roles, please keep an eye out – they will be advertised in many places, including the NRC website, TradeMe and Seek.

Te āheinga ōhanga tupu Nursery capacity for plants



An enormous amount of planting needs to happen across the Kaipara to reduce sedimentation and restore the health and mauri of Kaipara Moana. As part of the nursery strategy, a team looking at local nursery capacity has found that there is sufficient capacity within existing local nurseries to expand and meet demand, which is really encouraging.

There are specific needs around the variation of species planted, taonga species, and local seed banks within the catchment. Nurseries run by Kaipara Uri entities can be supported to fill this need, which aligns well with programme objectives around Manaaki Tangata (human capital) and Tātai Hononga (social capital).

You can read more on the nursery strategy in the [agenda from April's joint committee meeting](#).



Tai karere From the Chair



When the Memorandum of Understanding was signed at Waihāua Marae in October 2020, many of us had expectations that action and jobs would appear immediately for fencing

In reality, this is a 10-year journey for which considerable planning and diligence is needed to ensure the money is spent in the most effective way possible, and that is what we are striving to do.

This has meant we have to fund a strategic approach that sees, as a priority, working with hapū, marae, community and landowners to fence and plant waterways and wetlands in the catchment and significantly reduce sediment entering our streams.

Preparing for action has also meant assessing the capability of nurseries to provide the number of trees required, ensuring that there is a trained and capable workforce to do the mahi, and identifying how marae and community groups are engaged in the process.

Kaipara Uri has always upheld their roles as the Kaitiaki of Kaipara Moana, exercised by the occupation of the rohe over the last 800 years. Others of us who own land throughout the catchment will also be encouraged to uphold their respective Kaitiaki responsibilities for the period of our stewardship.

The Kaipara Moana Remediation programme requires a collaborative effort from everyone, to achieve collective success. The landowner grant scheme and the hapū and community partnerships scheme will provide money to assist us all and our responsibilities in exercising kaitiakitanga.

Our aspirations are that we will begin a process that will provide a pattern for decades and even centuries to come. This will enable Kaipara Moana to heal, restore its mauri, rejuvenate kai moana, replenish fish stocks, and provide increased commercial and recreation opportunities that will benefit us all. We look forward to partnering with you all in realising this aspiration.

E kore e mōnehunehu te pūmahara ki ngā wheinga o neherā nā rātou nei i toro te nukuroa o Te Moana-nui-ā-Kiwa o Te Moana Tāpokopoko ā Tāwhaki me Papahoro-nuku. Ko a rātou tapuwae kua kakahutia kit e kiri o Papa-tū-ā-nuku e hora nei – Kaipara Moana he tawhiti, he manatunga, he taonga, he tapu ... he ngaru nui mā te tauihu o te waka e wawāhi...

Tame Te Rangi

Chair, Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee

Ngā noho āmuri ake nei Upcoming meetings



Joint committee meetings for the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme are held monthly around the Kaipara and are open to the public. Upcoming meeting dates are below, but please check the [NRC meetings calendar](#) for any updates.

22 July: 9:30am
Te Houhanga Marae
85 Station Rd, Dargaville



20 September: Time and place to be confirmed

15 November: Time and place to be confirmed

13 December: Time and place to be confirmed

Te hui tuku kaupapa IKHMG handover hui



The Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group (IKHMG) has been central to remediation efforts for the harbour over the last 25 years. As many of you will know, IKHMG staff are now transferring into Environs Holdings Ltd who will have a continuing contribution to the Kaipara Moana programme.

IKHMG wishes to formally hand over its mantle to the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme at a joint hui hosted on 29 July at the Te Ao Mārama marae at Te Hana, from 9:30am until 4pm.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Friday 23 July for catering purposes:
admin@kaiparaharbour.net.nz

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