



Pānui Update

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We are delighted to bring you an update from the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme – working together to restore the health and mauri of Kaipara Moana.

Ko te tāhuhu o te aronga matua ko te hongā ki te wāhi ngaro ki te mātāpuna o te mauri e puta ai te manawa roa ki te ao tūroa ki te ira tangata. Ko te hunga kua okioki ki tua ko te kāhui kua mahue ki muri nei – kia huri ake ki te kī rātou ki a rātou ā, ko tātou hei amo hei kawē ake i ngā tini āhua o ēnei wā. Kāti ake.

A great deal of mahi has taken place since our last pānui, with some significant milestones achieved, including the signing of key contracts with Environs Holding Limited and Fonterra. These arrangements reflect the collaborative approach being taken by KMR and the importance of partnering with Kaipara Uri, community, local government and industry to achieve this vision.



Pou Tātaki. Pou Tātaki Appointed

The Joint Committee is delighted to announce the appointment of Justine Daw to the role of Pou Tātaki, as well as a number of other key appointments within the Kaipara Maurikura, the operational unit of the KMR Programme. Justine will be starting fulltime in early December, taking over from Acting Pou Tātaki, Alan Wilcox.

Tūranga Mahi kua Tohua mō Kaipara Maurikura. Kaipara Maurikura Appointments

Over the last two months, an intensive recruitment process has been underway to fill key roles within the Kaipara Maurikura. The following appointments have been made: Willie Wright as Mana Whenua Relations Lead, Ben Hope as Communications Lead, Griffen Hope as Community and Hapū Engagement Advisor, Lisette Rawson as Catchment Remediation Manager, Sue Hicks as Grants Coordinator and Karina Marsom as Business Analyst.

Other appointments are well advanced and the calibre, experience and competency of staff being appointed is very encouraging. Some appointments have been delayed due to Covid but most appointments will be taking up their roles in November. This core team will begin in earnest in December, based in the Northland Regional Council's Whangārei office.

Fonterra Tiaki

Fonterra Tiaki Partnership

Dairy cooperative Fonterra and KMR have joined efforts to support dairy farms in the Kaipara catchment to develop Tiaki Farm Environment Plans (FEPs) and undertake remediation works.

Last month Fonterra and the KMR Programme Joint Committee signed the Fonterra Tiaki Partnership, valued at \$1.5m. This agreement highlights sediment reduction as a major focus for the first stages of the Programme.

Dairy farms occupy 23% of the 640,000 Kaipara catchment and are estimated to contribute around 24% of the sediment load to the harbour. This collaborative project acknowledges the strong relationships Fonterra has in the catchment area and highlights the unique opportunity to support and accelerate the completion of FEPs and subsequent environmental remediation activities on dairy farms with a collective effort.

The contract will see 150 Tiaki FEPs being developed and \$900,000 of KMR grants funding being made available for remediation works such as riparian planting and fencing.

Kirimana Environs Holdings Limited

Environs Holdings Limited Contract

A contract signed last month with Environs Holdings Ltd signals a strong ongoing commitment from the KMR Programme to enable Māori to further exercise their kaitiaki position with respect to the mauri of Kaipara Moana. Environs Holdings Limited ('Environs'), acting on behalf of all of the Moana-facing Uri, is responsible for the implementation of activities that advance the wellbeing of hapū and whanau, and to their natural resources within rohe surrounding the Moana.

Through the contract, Environs will provide critical support and leadership through Willie Wright's appointment to the senior Mana Whenua Relations and Engagement role, lead and coordinate the Mātauranga Māori Strategy for KMR and provide policy advice to both the Maurikura and Joint Committee.

Environs will also develop 100 Sediment Reduction Plans and focus on highly erodible coastal lands, especially around the Kaipara's foreshore and marae, coordinating with marae/hapū groups, Māori landowners, and other landowners and community groups. This contract reflects KMR's commitment to the kaupapa and guiding principles of the Programme.

Hui Mana Taki Whenua

Landowner Hui

The Landowner Grant Scheme is now in place and almost 200 landowners in the Kaipara catchment area have registered their interest with the scheme. All interested landowners have been contacted to acknowledge their interest and to invite them to landowner hui planned for next month.

The hui will be an opportunity for landowners from throughout the catchments of Kaipara Moana to learn about the grants funding process and criteria, provide feedback on criteria, speak to Programme team members and ask questions. Light refreshments will be available at the community hui.

Current planned dates:

COMMUNITY HUI: 10th November 11am-1pm – Mangakāhia Sports Complex, Corner Mangakāhia Road and Kerehunga Road, Porotī.

WEBINAR: 12th November 1.00pm-2.30pm – All landowners in the Kaipara Moana catchment are encouraged to join the webinar by clicking [here](#)

COMMUNITY HUI: 17th November, 11am-1pm – Kaiwaka Sports Association, 2 Gibbons Road, Kaiwaka 0573.

COVID restrictions mean the community hui are limited to 50 people at each venue. Please RSVP early so we can ensure everyone's safety and plan additional hui as needed. Any date and time changes due to COVID will be available on our website.

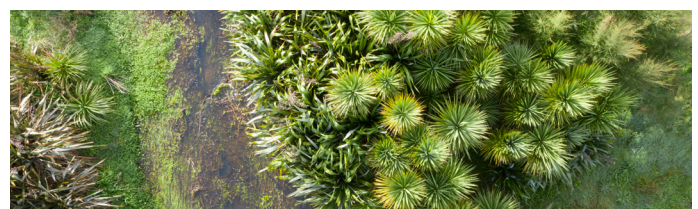
Tahua Whenua Whānui

Whenua Whānui Fund

The KMR Programme presents an opportunity to do things differently to achieve a collective vision and one example of this is the newly developed Whenua Whānui Fund. The fund has been especially designed to assist non-commercial landowners supporting restoration efforts, such as land in multiple ownership, community halls, landcare groups, environmental action groups and marae. This fund, due to open in the coming weeks, is important because the benefits of community involvement at this level extend well beyond the restoration itself.

Most funding through the Whenua Whānui Fund will go directly towards remediation work such as planting and fencing, with small amounts also given for management and planning. The funding costs must be matched 50/50, with in-kind contributions such as time and volunteering.

The fund can be applied to a wide range of situations, such as assisting a marae to plant the water margins on its whenua, or a landcare group that wants to carry out significant planting on land in multiple ownership and whose owners may not be farming the land commercially. Projects involving land in public ownership, and landowners undertaking projects on their land with community groups, may also be considered. Once the application process begins, information and forms will be available on the KMR website.



Kaipara Maurikura *Kaipara Maurikura Dedication*

A dedication of the Kaipara Maurikura's new premises is planned for Friday 3rd December to acknowledge the establishment of the offices for the KMR Programme. This event will also be an opportunity to officially welcome our new Pou Tātaki and staff members. Numbers attending will be limited for health and safety reasons, with a public event being planned once COVID restrictions allow. The Maurikura offices are based at the Northland Regional Council's Water Street office in Whangārei.

Ngā Tohu Motuhake. *Brand Identity*

Over the last year, the Joint Committee has been on a journey to develop an identity for the KMR Programme. Capturing the story of the history, the people, the places, the challenges and the vision that make up this Programme has taken time and has involved the support of many. It is important to acknowledge Kaipara Uri for their invaluable contributions to this process.

KMR's identity tells a story of the past, present and future of Kaipara Moana, built around the sacred Tiki Wānanga which embed mauri as a primal element of the visual identity. The four Tiki Wānanga Pou symbolise (from left to right): Whiro (Deity of Darkness), Tane Māhuta (Deity of the Forest), Tāwhirimātea (Deity of Wind and Storms) and Tangaroa (Deity of the Sea). Individually, each pou represents its own challenges and opportunities, and together the pou represent KMR's journey towards achieving the four investment objectives of natural capital, physical and financial capital, human capital and social capital.

Visually, the brand uses colours and patterns to reflect the people and the places of the Kaipara, such as the toheroa, raupō, pīngao, Poutō sands and harakeke. Patterns are woven through the designs to represent the natural environment and the stories of Kaipara Uri. The Programme's identity will gradually become more and more visible as resources and other communications take shape over the coming months.



Kaupapa Whanake Pou Arataki *Mata Whenua. Land Management Training for Field Advisors*

A key part of supporting landowners with the development of their Sediment Reduction Plans (SRPs) and Farm Environment Plans (FEPs) is ensuring trusted, local farm advisory services. KMR is currently appointing a collective of accredited advisors across the Kaipara, to provide expert one-on-one advice and support to landowners, as they design and plan their SRPs and FEPs.

The advisors will go through KMR-specific training in the coming months, including KMR kaupapa and tikanga Māori, technical and people skills. The training also covers the national policy and regulations around the Resource Management Act, with the advisors directly supported by New Zealand Association for Resource Management (NZARM). Expressions of interest have been sent to a wide-reaching network across the Kaipara catchment, including rural professionals. It is anticipated the KMR farm advisors will undertake 16,000 visits over the next six years.



Tāpapa me te Tuku Mana Kawe *Kirimana. Nursery and Contractor Accreditation*

The KMR nursery team has been busy working with local nurseries to map out how many native trees can be grown over the coming years and to confirm that the region has capacity for meeting Programme demand. With a strategy in place, nurseries and other contractors, such as planters and fencers, will now go through an accreditation process, to give them assurance and allow them to plan and grow ahead of schedule, to support future planting.

The accreditation process will also seek to understand each nursery's policies on eco-sourcing, biosecurity and alignment with KMR's values around fair pay and a commitment to support and build local and mana whenua workforce capacity. As part of the nursery strategy, a seed library and seed tracing are also being explored.