

Agenda

Rārangi Take

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee
Monday 24 February 2025 at 9.30am



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Rā Date:	Monday, 24 February 2025
Wā Time:	9.30am
Tauwāhi Location:	The Bridge House Lodge, Warkworth
Ngā Mana Whakahaere Members	Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Amy Macdonald (Deputy Chair), Northland Regional Council Cherie Povey, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Greg Sayers, Auckland Council Jack Craw, Northland Regional Council Jane Sherard, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Kerrin Leoni, Auckland Council Michelle Carmichael, Auckland Council Taiāwhio Wati, Te Uri o Hau Virginia Warriner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua

The Quorum for the Joint Committee is:

- a) 7 members of the 12 Committee members, and;*
- b) At least 1 member each from Auckland Council and Northland Regional Council, and;*
- c) At least 2 members from Kaipara Uri (unspecified from which entities).*

Recommendations contained in the agenda are NOT decisions of the meeting. Please refer to minutes for resolutions.

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TITLE: Confirmation of Minutes – October 2024

Kaituhi Pūrongo | Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support
Report Writer

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

This paper serves to receive the minutes of the KMR Joint Committee meeting held in October 2024.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee meeting held on 21 October 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Ngā Tāpiri | Attachments

Attachment 1: Joint Committee Hui Minutes (October 2024)

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Rā Date:	Monday, 21 October 2024
Wā Time:	9.30am
Tauwāhi Location:	Online - Microsoft Teams
Huihuinga Gathering	Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Amy Macdonald (Deputy Chair), Northland Regional Council Brooke Waterson, Auckland Council Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Greg Sayers, Auckland Council Jack Craw, Northland Regional Council John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Kerrin Leoni, Auckland Council Michelle Carmichael, Auckland Council Virginia Warriner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
Tae Mae In Attendance	Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Koāwa, KMR Ben Hope, Ringa-Pārongo, KMR Darren van Beek, Pūtahi-Tira Mahi, KMR David McDermott, Nursery Lead, KMR Marina Ford, Ringa Taki Hononga Mana Whenua Relations Advisor, KMR Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, KMR Ilka Pelzer, Kaitātari Matua, Ministry for the Environment (MfE) (Observer)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.35am.

KARAKIA TIMATANGA / WHAKATAU

The Chair acknowledged the passing of Tūheitia Paki te Kīngi Māori. He also acknowledged the birth of a baby to Sophie and Pae, welcomed Lily Grace Lambert who is covering Sophie's parental leave and Marina Ford in her new role with Kaipara Maurikura.

NGĀ WHAKAPAHĀ | APOLOGIES (ITEM 2.0)

Moved (Curtis-Connelly/Craw)

1. That the apologies from Member John Blackwell for lateness be received.
2. That the apologies from Members Taiāwhio Wati, Jane Sherard and Cherie Povey for non-attendance be received.

Carried

NGĀ WHAKAPUAKANGA | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 3.0)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ITEM 4.1)

Report from Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

Moved (Warriner/Carmichael)

That the Joint Committee:

1. *Confirm* the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Meeting held on 29 July 2024 as a true and correct record.

Carried

JOINT COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER (ITEM 5.1)

Report from Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

Moved (Curtis-Connelly/Craw)

1. That the report 'Joint Committee Action Tracker' be received.

Carried

JOINT COMMITTEE FORWARD WORKPLAN (ITEM 5.2)

Report from Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

Moved (Curtis-Connelly/Carmichael)

1. That the report 'Joint Committee Forward Workplan' be received.

Carried

Annual Report (2023-2024) (ITEM 6.1)

**Report from Stephanie Versteeg - Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business Manager
Presented by Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki in her absence**

Moved (Craw/Curtis-Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. *Receive* the report 'Annual Report (2023-2024)', by Stephanie Versteeg dated 21 October 2024.
2. *Approve* the final draft of the Annual Report 2023-2024 for provision to the Ministry for the Environment.
3. *Delegate* to the Joint Committee Chair power to approve the final Annual Report, with the ability for the Pou Tātaki to make minor editorial changes prior to publication if required.

Carried

Secretariat note:

The Members passed on to the wider Kaipara Maurikura team their acknowledgement of the many achievements presented in the KMR Annual Report. Member Craw also passed on from the NRC Chair recent 'glowing feedback' from the Associate Minister of Agriculture and for the Environment on the good work being done by KMR. The Pou Tātaki thanked the Members for this acknowledgement, as it had been a significant year for KMR, and one in which KMR was fully demonstrating its maturity and ongoing delivery.

Member Carmichael asked if the slightly lower than anticipated result for farm size correlated to the additional KMR investment in some projects following Cyclone Gabrielle. In response, the Pou Tātaki indicated that all figures and text in the Annual Report would be checked, including relating to this point, as we had found some type-setting errors in the image-designed version of the Annual Report tabled to the meeting. The Pou Tātaki clarified that the original (pre-image design) version of the Annual Report had received a clean audit report, and this would be tabled to the November meeting.

Update on KMR operational settings (ITEM 6.2)

Report from Stephanie Versteeg - Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business Manager and Darren van Beek, Kaiārahi Whakaora Whenua Koawa.

Moved (Sayers/Craw)

That the Joint Committee:

4. *Receive* the report 'Update on KMR policy settings' by Steph Versteeg and Dave McDermott, dated 21 October 2024.
2. *Note* that following a successful winter planting season, KMR has reviewed relevant grant settings and considers they are fit for purpose for the coming season, with only minor operational improvements needed.
3. *Note* that to enable early planning of sediment reduction projects, KMR is beginning to engage on winter 2025 planting with programme partners, suppliers, landowners and groups.
4. *Note* that the KMR price schedule has been updated, as per the process agreed last year, and is being applied to projects approved from 1 October 2024.

Carried

Secretariat note:

On behalf of Member Blackwell, Member Crow asked about the potential use of plastic troughs as they tended to be cheaper than concrete ones. As with all suggestions for improvement, the Pou Tātaki confirmed we would be able to consider this in our review in spring 2025. However, it was acknowledged that plastic troughs degraded earlier than concrete ones, and 2023 flooding events had demonstrated that they were a potential hazard in wet zones. KMR was also working to de-plasticise its supply chain.

Member Crow also asked about KMR's commitments for poplar poles in winter 2025. We confirmed that we were working closely with NRC on poplar supply for 2025, and at this stage it was unclear whether we would have a single provider in 2025 or two providers as we did in winter 2024.

Member Carmichael asked about the potential to pre-order and stockpile materials in order to ensure cost-effective supply for KMR projects. The Pou Tātaki indicated that as part of KMR's regular 'Waka Go Faster' reviews, we would consider this in spring 2025. That said, inflationary pressures were coming down, and we may run the risk of locking in higher prices through such an approach at this time. KMR had also operated a pre-purchase approach previously, and the storage and freighting of the materials had negated savings. In addition, many landowners used their own fencing suppliers or used those of known and trusted local contractors. Currently, the KMR operating model was not to act as an intermediary for those type of transactions given the significant size of the catchment, although we did so in respect of nursery supply in order to be able to guarantee plant quality and eco-sourcing.

Approach to Native planting allocations (2025) (ITEM 6.3)

Report from David McDermott - KMR Nursery Lead

Moved (MacDonald/Curtis-Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. *Receive* the 'Approach to native plant allocations (2025)' report by David McDermott, KMR Nursery Lead, dated 21 October 2024.
2. *Note* that following a review of winter 2024 operational settings, an improved approach has been identified for allocating native plant orders to nurseries.
3. *Endorse* the recommended revised approach to allocating native plant orders to nurseries for the 2025 planting season.

Carried

Secretariat note:

Member Sayers and other Members congratulated the KMR team on their excellent face-to-face engagement with the many landowners and groups taking action around the Kaipara Moana catchment. The Pou Tātaki thanked the Members for this acknowledgement - KMR is a voluntary programme, and so engagement and support had been a major focus for KMR since day one.

2025 Meeting Dates (ITEM 6.4)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki

Moved (Blackwell/Carmichael)

That the Joint Committee:

1. *Accept* the KMR Joint Committee meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year, with Members advising KMR as soon as possible of any diary clashes.

Carried

Pou Tātaki Report (ITEM 6.5)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki

Moved (Warriner/Curtis-Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. *Receive* the report 'Pou Tātaki report' By Justine Daw, dated 21 October 2024.

Carried

Secretariat note:

The Pou Tātaki updated the Joint Committee that since the report had been finalised, KMR had been nominated for the Earthshot Prize 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE (ITEM 7.1)

The Pou Tātaki drew the attention of the Joint Committee to the correspondence received from the Minister for the Environment.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 10.58.

TITLE: Joint Committee Action Tracker

**Kaituhi Pūrongo |
Report Writer** Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

Rāpopototanga Matua | Executive summary

Following each Hui, the Joint Committee Action Tracker is reviewed and updated. The Action Tracker records actions still to be resolved from previous Joint Committee meetings and serves as a transparent record of progress against committed actions.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

1. That the report 'Joint Committee Action Tracker' be received.

Ngā Tāpiri | Attachments

Attachment 1: Joint Committee Action Tracker – February 2025

KMR Joint Committee: Action Tracker

Item	Action	Who	Due	Status	Comments
6 May 2024					
Kōrero Tuku Iho (Item 6.2)	That KMR report back on progress in implementation of the Kōrero Tuku Iho project, including engagement, representation on the Reference Rōpū, and progress in the initial case study. A proposal for a second case study will be submitted by 30 June 2025.	Environs Te Uri o Hau on behalf of KMR	February 2025 April 2025 July 2025	Open	This item is on the February agenda and further updates are scheduled.
21 February 2022					
Catchment Reference Groups (Item 6.2)	That a report-back on progress to establish the Catchment Reference Groups be provided to the Joint Committee	Reconnecting Northland on behalf of KMR	TBD	Open	Timing of this report-back depends on progress in the draft Deed of Settlement for Wai 303 ¹ . In the meantime, a pilot is being progressed in the Mangakāhia sub-catchment.
15 November 2021					
KMR Freshwater Management Tool (Item 5.1)	That KMR develop a long-term agreement with Auckland Council (Healthy Waters) for hosting, operation and maintenance costs associated with KMR's Freshwater Management Tool [Tātaki Wai]	Auckland Council	TBD	Open	Timing for this report-back depends on finalisation of the KMR FWMT tool (Tātaki Wai). In the meantime, a draft Agreement has been prepared.

Note: Closed items will be removed from the table once they have been sighted by the Joint Committee.

¹ This refers to the Ngāti Whātua Treaty Claim which has a component relating to the Kaipara Moana Body

TITLE: Joint Committee Forward Workplan

Kaituhi Pūrongo | Lily Grace Lambert, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support
Report Writer

Rāpopototanga Matua | Executive summary

This report tables to the meeting an indicative Joint Committee Forward Workplan, which sets out a high-level view of expected discussions and papers to be tabled over the calendar year 2025. It serves as a helpful record for both the Kaipara Maurikura and the Joint Committee and will be refreshed for each Joint Committee Hui.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

1. That the report 'Joint Committee Forward Workplan' be received.

Ngā Tāpiri | Attachments

Attachment 1: Joint Committee Indicative Forward Workplan 2025

KMR Joint Committee: Indicative Forward Workplan 2025

Meeting	Hui (Standing Items)	Briefing / Workshop	Field Trip / Other
24 February Hui	6 Month Report Kōrero Tuku Iho		
24 March		Induction for new Members (TBC)	Partnership Forum/Field Trip (Optional)
7 April Hui (Online)	Draft Annual Work Plan Interests		Meetings with Senior Officials / Ministers
28 July Hui	Annual Work Plan Kōrero Tuku Iho	Haukāinga session	
15 September			Field Trip (Optional)
20 October Hui (Online)	Draft Annual Report	Risk	
17 November Hui	Audit Report Annual Report Interests Meeting Dates 2026	Induction for new Members (TBC)	Field Trip (Optional)
24 November			Stakeholder Event (TBC)

TITLE: Draft Six Month Report (2024-2025)

**Kaituhi Pūrongo |
Report Writer** Galilee Miles, Kaitohutohu/Advisor

Rāpopototanga Matua | Executive summary

The Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Deed of Funding requires the preparation of an abbreviated Six Month Report and provision of it to the Ministry for the Environment by 28 February 2025.

A draft Six Month Report is attached (Attachment One). It is recommended the Joint Committee approve the draft in principle and delegate to the Chair and Deputy Chair final approval for provision to the Ministry for the Environment, with the ability of the Pou Tātaki to make minor editorial changes prior to submission if required. This will ensure any additional information, including better data on project outputs, can be included and adjustments to the report made if required.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

That the Joint Committee;

1. Receive the report 'Draft Six Month Report' by Galilee Miles, Kaitohutohu/Advisor and dated 24 February 2025.
2. Approve in principle the 'Draft Six Month report' document (Appendix One).
3. Delegate the power to the Chair and Deputy Chair to approve a final draft of the Six Month Report for provision to the Ministry for the Environment, with the Pou Tātaki also delegated to make minor editorial changes prior to submission if required.

Horopaki | Background

Under the Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Deed of Funding dated 9 February 2021, the Joint Committee must submit a Six Month Report to the Ministry for the Environment for the period from 1 July to 31 December in each Financial Year. The report must be submitted either within two months of 31 December, or by a later date to be agreed in writing by the parties.

A draft Six Month Report is attached for in-principle approval by the Joint Committee.

Tātari me ngā tūtohu | Analysis and Advice

Six Month Report Requirements

Section 4.12 of the KMR Deed of Funding (Part B) sets out what is required in each Six Month Report, including:

- An update on progress towards delivering environmental outputs as outlined in the Annual Work Plan provided, while the funding for projects the Ministry does agree with will be paid on the basis that the Annual Work Plan has been agreed and finalised. In short, disagreement in one area of the Annual Work Plan will not hinder the balance of the projects proceeding.
- Where any formal training of personnel is funded by the Grant: the number of personnel who undertook formal training, the number who completed the training, and the number of any New Zealand Qualifications Authority credits obtained.
- A financial summary that provides an update on expenditure to date.

The Six Month Report also provides an opportunity to communicate key messages to the Ministry about KMR. While the status of the KMR programme is well understood by Ministry staff, the Report provides a brief description of progress over the six months in continuing to scale up the

engagement, strategic partnerships and the delivery of sediment remediation works, as well as key risks and opportunities.

Finalising the draft Six Month Report and delegations to the Chair and Deputy Chair

Given the timelines the Kaipara Maurikura is working to, it is proposed the draft Six Month Report is approved in principle, with the Chair and Deputy Chair being delegated the power to approve a final report for submission to the Ministry for the Environment by 28 February 2025. It is also recommended the Pou Tātaki is given the ability to make minor editorial changes to the report before submission. This is to avoid the need for the Chair and Deputy Chair to approve the report a second time if typographical and other minor matters need attention.

Six Month Report formatting and look

The Six Month Report is an abbreviated report for MfE's internal use and does not require formatting or illustrations consistent with the KMR brand and identity, as is provided in the Annual Report. Rather, the Report follows the formatting and look of the Annual Work Plan, which is based on a template provided by the Ministry for the Environment for all Jobs for Nature projects.

Ngā whaingā mō amuri | Next steps

If approved in principle, the draft Six Month Report will be finalised under delegation by the Chair and Deputy Chair and provided to the Ministry for the Environment by 28 February 2025. KMR staff will discuss the report with relevant Ministry staff following its submission as part of our regular engagement with KMR's primary funder.

Considerations

1. Aromātai whāinga haumi mō te oranga | Wellbeing Investment objectives and assessment

Provision of a Six Month Report to the Ministry for the Environment is a requirement under the Kaipara Moana Remediation Deed of Funding. The continuation of Crown funding, which enables the programme to meet investment objectives, is contingent on meeting obligations under the Deed.

2. Ngā ritenga take pūtea | Financial implications

There are no financial implications in approving the Six Month Report. Budget for its preparation is covered by the general operating budget of the Kaipara Maurikura business unit and the data used is gathered as a normal part of KMR operations.

3. Ngā hiranga me ngā hononga | Significance and Engagement

In relation to section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002, the decisions arising from this report are considered to be of low significance when assessed against Northland Regional Council's significance and engagement policy. This does not mean that this matter is not of significance to tangata whenua and/or individual communities, but that the Joint Committee is able to make these decisions without undertaking further consultation or engagement.¹

4. Ngā tūraru me ngā mauru | Risks and mitigation

The Six Month report provides accountability and transparency to the work of the KMR Programme, and assurance to programme partners on performance.

5. Ngā urutau huringa-ā-rangi | Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

This paper has no direct relevance to this consideration.

¹ This Joint Committee operates under the Local Government Act which requires a significance and engagement policy (which identifies when matters require special consultation with tangata whenua and the community) and to have regard to that policy when making decisions. As the administrative support for the Joint Committee is provided by the Northland Regional Council, it is that Council's Significance and Engagement Policy that will apply to Joint Committee decision making.

Pirihongi | Attachments

Attachment 1: Draft KMR Six Month Report 2024-2025

Kaipara Moana Remediation

Six Month Report, FY2024-25

28 February 2025

**Undertaken by the Kaipara Moana Remediation
Joint Committee**

Year Five 2024/25

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2 Six Month Report – overview

Kaipara Moana Remediation – Six Month Report

Under the Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Deed of Funding, the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee will submit to the Ministry for the Environment an abbreviated report that relates to the period from 1 July to 31 December in each Financial Year. The report will:

- Provide an update on progress towards delivering environmental outputs as outlined in the Annual Work Plan
- Record the number of people who undertook and completed formal training
- Give a financial summary that provides an update on expenditure to date

A financial summary with projected expenditure for the following 6-month period tracked against the Annual Work Plan budget is required to invoice the Crown for funding for the following 6-month period. At 31 December 2024, KMR was working with the Ministry to draw down Crown funding for the remainder of the period to 30 June 2025, as per the year 5 Annual Work Plan budget. This funding was received in February 2025.

3 Commentary on KMR progress to 31 December 2024

Over the reporting period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024, KMR operations have continued to scale up, with ongoing uptake by a diverse range of landowners and groups.

At 31 December 2024, KMR reached the milestone of being fully operational for three years. Now a fully mature programme, KMR was recognised nationally for its leadership and role as a national exemplar during the reporting period in the following ways:

- KMR was named in the *Next 95* list of environmental innovators by the Sustainable Business Network
- KMR was selected as one of only four official nominations from Aotearoa for the international *Earthshot Prize 2025* which supports large-scale climate action.
- We shared best practice and lessons learnt with a number of other initiatives across the country.

In the reporting period, \$3.6m of total project value was contracted, with grants paid out to an additional \$2.5m worth of projects. These figures will increase as new projects are contracted and existing projects are verified (signed off for payment).

In the reporting period, KMR worked with 131 landowners/groups to develop sediment reduction plans and projects: 68 of them are new landowners/groups taking action and 63 are existing KMR landowners/groups undertaking further projects. This split is reflective of the fact that KMR is now working with 75% of our projected total number of landowners/groups – a significant milestone and representative of the steady growth in new landowners from the sheep and beef sector coming on board with KMR. Additionally, as at 31 December 2024, 92 further projects were under development with new landowners/groups, but not yet approved.

The 6 month outcomes confirm ongoing steady progress in engaging landowners/groups in the Kaipara Moana catchment and working with them to design and implement sediment remediation projects. The number of new landowners KMR has been working with in the reporting period aligns well with the relevant full-year KPI – we are on track to meet it based on half-year progress.

In addition, while not a formal *Jobs for Nature* KPI, the increasing number of 'return landowners/groups' (existing KMR landowners/groups who undertake further projects) is an important indicator of KMR performance and delivery. Continued engagement with return landowners/groups, particularly those managing larger properties with significant sediment remediation needs and potential, will play a crucial role in KMR's long term success, particularly now that we have reached and are formally working with three quarters of our planned total number of landowners and groups.

A further focus in the reporting period has been ongoing engagement with collectives through the Whenua Whānui Fund, with 62 projects completed, underway, or in active development at 31 December 2024.

Through all of our engagement, KMR continues to gain valuable insights into the opportunities and challenges faced by landowners/groups participating in the programme and undertaking remediation work on their properties. Many landowners and groups are still struggling with cost-of-living pressures, with a flow-on effect on their ability to meet KMR co-funding requirements. In addition, although the end of year saw an upturn in dairy returns, the sheep and beef sector are still facing difficult market conditions, which impact the uptake of both new and repeat sediment reduction projects in that sector.

Additionally, ongoing uncertainty around future freshwater, carbon and biodiversity policy direction has influenced some landowners' willingness to engage with KMR until there is greater clarity on future compliance expectations.

Despite this, KMR has accomplished a number of significant milestones and successes in the reporting period, including:

Engaging and investing to accelerate sediment reduction

- Surpassing KMR's 1,000th expression of interest by landowners / groups interested in taking action (May 2024, but reported in June 2024 due to the time lag in collecting and collating datasets)
- The value of projects led by sheep and beef farmers surpassed for the first time the value of projects led by dairy farmers in June 2024. This is an important metric, as there are approximately three times as many drystock farmers in the catchment as dairy farmers.
- Contracting KMR's 'second-millionth tree' in early December 2024, with more than 2.02 million trees planted or contracted for planting as at 31 December 2024.
- Continued growing uptake of hill country planting and native regeneration projects over winter 2024 as more landowners and groups access KMR's new project investments across the full landscape (previously, KMR investments were limited to waterway-adjacent projects only).
- Ongoing strong delivery-oriented partnerships with Fonterra, The Forest Bridge Trust, and Environs Te Uri o Hau.
- Continued outreach through primary sector partners and Navigator project leaders to promote KMR through their networks. This included a number of on-farm and in-community events.

Integrating Te Ao Māori and upholding mana

- Engaging kanohi ki te kanohi with mana whenua groups, on marae, and with communities. Twenty two Whenua Whānui Fund projects were signed off as completed between July and December 2024. Fourteen projects with groups were contracted or contract was prepared for signature, and another five were in development with Kaitiaki / Field Advisors.
- Highly tailored in-community events were hosted (e.g. River Talks) to target groups potentially interested in the Whenua Whānui Fund.
- Ongoing support for Kaipara Maurikura staff to develop in te reo Māori and tikanga.
- Five Field Advisors delivering Sediment Reduction Plans for KMR have links to Kaipara Uri.
- Ongoing work through KMR projects for our accredited contractors and nurseries, many of which are affiliated to Kaipara Uri and other groups.
- Continuation of the Kōrero Tuku Iho (Mātauranga Māori) project, with the first case study initiated and ongoing on-marae engagement.

Capability Development: Investing in local people

- Delivery of two Field Advisor trainings in partnership with the NZARM, with whom we have a Memorandum of Understanding to guide collaboration around structured and credited professional development for KMR Field Advisors.
- Training of 1 new Field Advisor to deliver Sediment Reduction Plans for KMR, bringing the total of contracted Field Advisors at the end of the reporting period to over 20.
- Ongoing, regular training and mentoring of Field Advisors and Kaitiaki Field Advisors to further develop their knowledge of KMR funding opportunities and sediment reduction approaches across riparian areas, erodible hill country and planting, and new project types (e.g. native regeneration).
- KMR's approach to local procurement continues to support accredited local nurseries and contractors, and we continue to draw on the Amotai initiative, which promotes supplier diversity.

Insights & Tools: Optimising KMR investment

- KMR's digital farm planning tool, Mātai Onekura, was further developed during the reporting period to reflect new project investments (e.g. native regeneration), integrate improved datasets, and reflect lessons learnt from winter planting in 2024.

- Mātai Onekura continues to be in daily use by KMR Field Advisors to prepare sediment reduction plans, identify land with high sediment risk, and map and cost projects for KMR co-funding. It is also regularly used by peer reviewers, delivery partners and KMR approvers to ensure targeted, cost-effective and optimised KMR investments.
- Ongoing development of Tātaki Wai, KMR’s freshwater accounting tool, over the reporting period, including the final phase of development work. The tool is expected to be peer reviewed and completed in the 2025 calendar year.

Strategy and Opportunities: Accelerating KMR uptake & impact

- Continued collaboration with Trees That Count, delivering 25,000 free trees for landowners over winter 2024 planting season, and an estimated further 17,000 over winter 2025 season. In the reporting period, KMR became the highest recipient nationally of TTC trees.
- Continued collaboration with the Queen Elizabeth National Trust (QEII) to protect remnant forests.
- Ongoing exploration of commercial partnerships with third parties to increase co-funding for planting projects in winter 2024.
- Successful generation of third-party co-funding to KMR projects.

The financial summary provided below reflects expenditure at 31 December 2024. It should be noted that expenditure is not expected to be evenly spread throughout the financial year. Significant budget has been committed to projects which are in progress, for which financial transactions are either resolved at project end, or otherwise made in staged payments. Reconciliations between the Crown/Council budgets for each workstream are made at the end of the financial year.

It is important to bear in mind that sediment remediation projects funded by KMR grants are typically accounted for at project completion, when grant payments are made to landowners/groups, and in-kind contributions are also recorded. For example, a total project value of over \$4.5 million has been contracted over the current and previous financial years but this amount has not yet been disbursed. It is anticipated that a significant portion of this will be paid out during the current financial year, with final payments due in 2025/26 for planting projects scheduled for winter 2025. For the remainder of the financial year, a key focus for the Kaipara Maurikura is will be engaging with landowners and groups to ensure completion of already-contracted projects, as well as project sign-off and payment as appropriate before financial year-end.

4 Contribution to the Jobs for Nature Focus Area Indicators

The Kaipara Moana Remediation funding is part of the Government *Jobs for Nature* (J4N) Programme. This programme has specific, required targets and indicators that are used to track KMR’s impact.

Context for KMR’s setting of J4N Indicators

The key performance indicators for KMR for the 2024-2025 financial year were developed as part of the Annual Work Plan process and decisions (i.e. 13-15 months in advance of reporting period year-end).

As a fully voluntary initiative, the timing and uptake of KMR grant funding by landowners and groups remains highly uncertain and difficult to forecast. In our experience, project uptake correlates closely to economic and market conditions, with project timing and scope also often highly influenced by weather conditions and sector outlook, particularly for primary sector landowners taking action through KMR grants on farm.

As noted in the summary, KMR continues to face ongoing headwinds to programme uptake due to ongoing uncertainty in forthcoming freshwater policies, farm planning requirements, and carbon and biodiversity policy and/or regulatory settings. Some primary sector landowners are waiting to engage with us until they have greater assurance that KMR projects will support future compliance requirements.

KMR's KPIs for 2024-2025 were developed based on data from the past three financial years. However, with KMR's (relatively recent) expansion to support projects across the full landscape, including support for new activities such as hill country planting, native regeneration, poplar poles and wands, and exotic afforestation, there is a paucity of activity data and modelling is significantly more uncertain re uptake and scope of project activity. KMR will continue to refine our understanding of the factors that impact the delivery of activities related to the annual KPIs as further data becomes available.

Limitations on data provided

KMR considers data on the following activities to be materially accurate:

- Number of Farm Environment Plans completed (these include KMR Sediment Reduction Plans, Tiaki Farm Environment Plans and grant-funding remediation plans)
- Number of plants planted or contracted to be planted
- Metres of fencing built or contracted to be built.
- Areas planted are estimated based on 4,500 stems per hectare for riparian, wetland and coastal planting which typically comprise long ribbons of riparian planting along streambanks.
- Areas of afforestation are estimated based on 2,500 stems per hectare.

The funding arrangements with landowners/groups take the form of contracts, with the project activities contracted being undertaken at different times of the year depending on the underlying KMR Plan. However, the actual timing of delivery of contracted activity depends on the seasonality of the contracted activity, individual circumstances, and weather conditions. KMR verification of completion of project activities can occur some time after works have been completed¹ – hence the inclusion of both 'completed' and 'contracted' outputs in KMR reporting.

While we have generally high confidence in the datasets that support our reporting against all KPIs, the data shown in this report is less reliable for the KPI relating to the number of people hours worked. Calculations have been made based on outputs in fencing and planting against standard hours (e.g., 120 hours for 1 hectare of planting). This is because under KMR grants landowners/groups can complete project works themselves or use their preferred contractors. As a result, KMR does not have (nor needs to have) direct line-of-sight of the specifics of the hours spent on each individual project – we use market estimates of cost and time that are regularly updated and applied.

¹ Sediment reduction projects are typically verified as completed up to 6 months after project completion, which allows KMR to verify survival rates of planting undertaken.

5 Contribution to the *Jobs for Nature* Focus Area Indicators

The Kaipara Moana Remediation funding is part of the Government *Jobs for Nature* (J4N) Programme. This programme has specific, required targets and indicators that are used to track KMR's impact.

Note – These indicators will be refined as FY2024-25 progresses and as KMR grants funding is taken up by landowners and groups. There is significant uncertainty on the speed and level to which grants funding will be taken up, and the overall mix of project types funded. Assumptions will be reviewed as better data becomes available.

Focus Area	Metric (Figures show delivery in the reporting period)	6-month actual	6-month target range	Year 5 target range (12 month)	Year 5 <i>Jobs for Nature</i> KPIs (12 month)
Sediment reduction activities	Number of project plans or Farm Environment plans completed (total):	131:	100-175:	200-350:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of new Farm Environment Plans completed (total) 	68	60-75	120-150	120
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of new project plans by returning landowners/groups 	63	40-100	80-200	
	Area (ha) of works covered by Plans completed	10,061	8,125-15,000	16,250-30,000	16,250
Freshwater restoration	Number of plants planted or contracted for planting in riparian, lake, or wetlands areas	362,974	300,000-400,000	600,000-800,000	600,000
	Area (ha) of riparian, lake, or wetlands planting completed or contracted	72.6	60-80	120-160	120
	Length (km) of new fencing constructed or contracted	271	125-175	250-350	250
Other soil conservation measures	Area (ha) of afforestation, space planting or biodiversity planting not in riparian, lake, or wetlands margins completed or contracted	333	100-375	200-750	200
	Number of plants planted in highly erodible hill country	270,243	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nature based employment	Number of people-hours worked	30,100 (20 FTE)	30,000-40,000 (19-26 FTE)	60,000-80,000 (39-51 FTE)	60,000 (39 FTE)
	Number of people undertaking training	45	20	40	40

*Bold values indicate J4N required Indicators

6 KMR key tasks/activities for Year 5 (2024/25)					
Work programme	YEAR 5 Projects	Progress Update	YEAR 5 Estimated budget (\$ million)		
			Crown contribution	Other (Council, Landowner, Partner) Contribution	TOTAL Budget
Programme delivery - sediment reduction			6.788 (2.672)	5.941 (1.678)	12.729 (4.350)
Programme delivery: Sediment reduction	<p>Remediation grants and partnerships</p> <p>Grants funding to landowners and groups across the Kaipara Moana catchment. Funding is delivered direct to landowners through KMR's Landowner Grants Scheme and to groups (for example, community groups, catchment groups, marae) through the Whenua Whānui Fund (WWF).</p> <p>This funding provides for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of Sediment Reduction Plans, which identify priority works to reduce sediment and act as funding agreements to undertake these. • A KMR 'contribution' to the cost of works, at 50% of estimated project value for Landowner Grants and up to 70% of estimated project value for WWF projects, with the landowner or group covering the balance through cash or in-kind contributions, or via other third-party contributions. • A contribution to engagement, education, project management and administration costs as part of the Whenua Whānui Fund (WWF). 	<p>The uptake of Sediment Reduction Plans (SRPs) has continued at a steady pace during the first six months of the year. As anticipated, there has been a slight decline in the number of new SRPs or equivalent plans initiated, offset by an increase in second- and third-year project participation by returning landowners/groups.</p> <p>Progress through delivery partners has continued with the ongoing development and implementation of Sediment Reduction Plans and Tiaki Plans through Fonterra, The Forest Bridge Trust, and Environs Te Uri o Hau.</p>	6.436 (2.435)	5.600 (1.678)	12.036 (4.113)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for 'Navigator projects' with landowners/groups who demonstrate and share lessons about their sediment remediation projects with others in their community, catchment and/or group. <p>This budget also supports delivery of sediment remediation projects through partnerships with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaipara Uri, a key delivery partner, supporting engagement and delivery of SRPs. • Fonterra who develops Tiaki Farm Environment Plans (FEPs) and delivers remediation grants, including Fonterra and landowner in-kind contributions. • Other partners including The Forest Bridge Trust who support engagement and delivery of SRPs. • Three proposed Catchment Reference Groups in the Mangakāhia, the Wairua and the Hōteu river systems, which are intended to enable mana whenua not represented by Kaipara Uri entities to assess and fund remediation projects (\$0.100).¹ <p>This budget also includes the value of contracted remediation grants and the matching landowner/group/third party contributions carried over from Year 4 (\$5.467m).</p> <p>Some of the shown budget will roll over into Year 6, reflecting newly contracted remediation grants and matching contributions that are not completed until the following financial year.</p>	<p>The "actuals" shown reflect the amount disbursed after on-farm/on-whenua remediation works have been completed and formally signed off (approved). Landowner, group or third-party contributions are matched to the KMR grant funding provided.</p> <p>In addition to the works funded during this six-month period, as of 31 December 2024, over \$4.5m in total project value (grant funding and landowner/group/third party contributions) is contracted but not yet verified (signed off as completed) and therefore not yet paid out.</p>			
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¹ KMR continues to commit to an investment of \$1.16m p.a. for three Catchment Reference Groups. However, as the timing for these is not yet clear, we have provided in Year 5 for establishment costs only. Should additional funding be required, we will seek a formal change to the Annual Work Plan and associated budget.

<p>Programme delivery: Sediment reduction</p>	<p>Capability and Workforce Development</p> <p>A range of activity to support KMR to build advisory capability, and implement the Kaipara Moana Nursery Strategy, the Employment Strategy, and the Soil Conservation Action Plan.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing strategic and technical advice on nursery development. • Continuation of a strategic partnership with Te Ārai Native Nursery, including support for establishment of a satellite nursery to supply plants in the Poutō Peninsula area. • Professional development and community of practice for KMR Field Advisors, in partnership with the New Zealand Association of Resource Management (NZARM). • Initiatives to support workforce development. 	<p>Ongoing collaboration with 18 accredited nurseries within the catchment ensures a reliable supply of native species from the appropriate eco-district for all KMR-funded projects. This includes maintaining a partnership with Te Ārai Native Nurseries.</p> <p>During the reporting period, a satellite nursery was developed and opened in the nursery to supply plants in the Poutō Peninsula area, which has been difficult to supply from other nurseries, and which requires salt- and sand-tolerant species.</p> <p>The KMR programme of training, mentoring and ongoing professional development has continued in the reporting period for KMR Field Advisors / Kaitiaki, with further work to strengthen a community of practice for Field Advisors to share good practice. Two technical training workshops were delivered to Field Advisors through the KMR partnership with NZARM, and Council-run training was also offered to some staff.</p>	<p>0.352 (0.237)</p>	<p>0.341 (0.000)</p>	<p>0.693 (0.237)</p>
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Engagement and Partnership		0.105 (0.101)	0.105 (0.000)	0.210 (0.101)	
Engagement and Partnership	<p>Communications and Engagement</p> <p>KMR’s communications and engagement enables us to reach landowners and groups across the catchment, and keep programme partners and interested parties informed, thereby growing awareness and uptake of the programme.</p> <p>Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forums with senior industry, NGOs, community, iwi/hapū and practitioners across the Kaipara Moana Catchment to showcase KMR projects, remediation opportunities, funding, resources, and insights for remediation. • Engagement in the community, including on marae, at events, field days and open days, as well at sector and community forums. • Publicising the work the KMR is doing to a range of landowners, groups and potential partners, through regular media outreach, video content, campaigns, and a refreshed web presence. 	<p>Delivered three webinars about KMR’s operating model, funding on offer and progress to date. Ongoing community-based engagements, in person through a range of events and meeting types, or online through various mediums.</p> <p>3 digital Pānui were sent out to subscribers in the reporting period, detailing KMR’s work, progress and opportunities, and promoting relevant in-community, on farm or on marae engagements.</p> <p>26 news stories were published in a variety of media, aiming at a diversity of location, audience and type of story.</p> <p>KMR content on the website, including news updates, social media posts, and promotion of forthcoming events hosted by or relating to KMR continued to scale up, reaching greater audiences and bolstering the impact of face-to-face engagements.</p> <p>A revised set of brochures and information materials was developed to reflect updated KMR project activities and funding types.</p>	<p>0.095 (0.096)</p>	<p>0.090 (0.000)</p>	<p>0.185 (0.096)</p>

Marketing	<p>Programme marketing</p> <p>This workstream promotes and publicises the work the KMR is doing, with a focus on informing landowners, groups and potential partners of the opportunities available through KMR, and profiling people taking action with KMR support, in order to better reach target groups.</p>	<p>6 advertisements were placed to communicate with harder-to-reach communities and landowner types.</p> <p>Creation of new marketing collateral (roadside signage on high-traffic roads) and event banners to enable KMR partners to promote KMR to their networks and members.</p>	0.010 (0.005)	0.015 (0.000)	0.025 (0.005)
Thriving Maurikura			0.511 (0.175)	1.451 (0.747)	1.962 (0.922)
Thriving Maurikura	<p>Kaipara Maurikura</p> <p>The Kaipara Maurikura is the operational vehicle for KMR. It is as a business unit within the Northland Regional Council (NRC), until such time as a Kaipara Moana Body is established under statute.</p> <p>The Maurikura employs 12 staff who fulfil the leadership, engagement, communications, project management, technical leadership, strategic, governance and administrative roles required to drive remediation activity. A needs assessment will be undertaken before filling vacancies to ensure skills meet critical capability needs.</p> <p>This budget area includes costs for office space, IT and telecommunications, vehicles, health and safety, professional development, and financial, audit and other administrative support costs, delivered via a Service Level Agreement with NRC.</p> <p>This budget area also includes a Pou Tātaki budget for consultants, legal advice and sundries.</p>	<p>At 31 December 2024, the Maurikura comprised 9.175 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff (c.f. an establishment cap of 14 FTE). This figure reflects the extension of a 9 Day fortnight initiative, and retirement or career progression of staff. It also reflects a pause in hiring while capability needs were reviewed. In February 2025, the Pou Tātaki announced a refresh of Maurikura capacity and capability in order to meet future needs now that KMR has been operational for 3 years. The refresh is expected to lift FTE to agreed levels and ensure KMR has the necessary skills for the forward work programme, while managing key-person risks.</p> <p>Business operations, administrative processes, and other key systems continue to be refined to support KMR's growing delivery requirements, while also meeting the governance needs of the KMR Joint Committee.</p>	0.511 (0.175)	1.451 (0.747)	1.962 (0.922)

Governance, Planning and Reporting			0.050 (0.017)	0.010 (0.000)	0.060 (0.017)
Governance, Planning and Reporting	<p>Governance</p> <p>Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee costs including Kaipara Uri member fees, venue hire, catering, koha, travel and other associated cost.</p> <p>Note: Kaipara Maurikura staff provide administrative support for the Joint Committee (budgeted for separately under the Kaipara Maurikura cost centre above).</p>	<p>Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee held 3 hui (board decision-making meetings), 1 of which was held on marae. In addition, 1 briefing and 1 field trip were held.</p> <p>The KMR Joint Committee Chair also participated in two Ministerial and MP visits and associated field trips.</p>	0.050 (0.017)	0.010 (0.000)	0.060 (0.017)
Digital Tools			0.198 (0.115)	0.215 (0.007)	0.413 (0.122)
Digital Tools	<p>System development and maintenance</p> <p>Continued maintenance and a small budget for minor improvements of KMR's digital farm planning platform Mātai Onekura.</p> <p>Carry over of remaining budget for Tātaki Wai, KMR's water quality accounting framework. This will allow for analysis of model outputs to support investment decision-making and prioritisation, and the accounting and reporting of water quality outcomes.</p>	<p>KMR Field Advisors. Fonterra Sustainable Dairy Advisors and delivery partner Kaitiaki / Field Advisors continued to use Mātai Onekura for the development of sediment reduction plans and projects. Internal and external reviewers and KMR approvers also used the system to quality assure projects and plans. Minor adjustments to improve the system functionality and datasets were made.</p> <p>Minor improvements to Tātaki Wai were made, with further peer review and sign-off to be completed in early 2025.</p>	0.198 (0.115)	0.215 (0.007)	0.413 (0.122)

Strategy and Opportunities			0.355 (0.076)	0.285 (0.000)	0.640 (0.076)
Strategy and Opportunities	<p>Kōrero Tuku Iho (Mātauranga Māori) project</p> <p>Kōrero Tuku Iho is the cultural dimension of KMR and one of its two foundations. The project will provide an avenue for Kaipara Uri and mana whenua not represented by Kaipara Uri entities to express priorities for sediment reduction.</p> <p>Kōrero Tuku Iho will use place-based case studies to capture articulation of te ao Māori values and community aspirations of relevance to KMR, develop a cultural framework for use across the catchment, and enable kaitiakitanga in action to work towards restoring the health, wellbeing, and mauri of specific locations.</p>	<p>The Kōrero Tuku Iho project has been initiated, with the Reference Rōpū meeting and endorsing developed processes and approach to identifying further whakatauirā (case studies).</p> <p>Engagement via hui and wānanga has commenced, and the first case study is in train (Poutō Pātaka Kai).</p>	0.260 (0.039)	0.260 (0.000)	0.520 (0.039)
Strategy and Opportunities	<p>New Partnerships and Opportunities</p> <p>Ongoing development of opportunities with third parties that will deliver near-term benefit to KMR landowners/groups. These opportunities will focus on reducing the cost to the landowner/group for KMR remediation activity, thereby increasing fund accessibility. Opportunities will also reduce the pressure on the KMR budget, allowing KMR to reach more landowners/groups, and supporting progress towards KMR's investment objectives.</p>	<p>An MOU was signed with HortNZ to provide engagement, technical and co-funding support for kumara sector growers to take action under KMR plans, while meeting industry good management practice.</p> <p>Two other potential opportunities were progressed.</p>	0.025 (0.032)	0.025 (0.000)	0.050 (0.032)
Strategy and Opportunities	<p>Investment strategy, monitoring and evaluation</p> <p>Refresh of KMR's investment strategy to reflect programme experience, Tātaki Wai insights and the Kōrero Tuku Iho framework, and articulate an investment approach that better targets KMR's four investment objectives.</p>	<p>A scientific approach to monitoring KMR planting projects was scoped, independently peer reviewed, finalised and rolled out for systematic use. This will provide assurance to funders and other partners of project outcomes.</p>	0.070 (0.005)	0.000 (0.000)	0.070 (0.005)

	Develop a plan to monitor and evaluate programme impact towards KMR investment objectives.				
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Declaration

This declaration must be completed by the chair of the joint committee.

As a duly authorised representative of the organisation:

- I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in all sections of this Six Month Report or supplied by us in support of our Six-Month Report is complete, true, and correct.
- I declare that I have the authority to sign this Six-Month Report and to provide this information.
- I understand that information presented to the Minister for the Environment and Ministry for the Environment is subject to disclosure under the Official Information Act 1982.

Name

Tame Te Rangi

Position

Chair, Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee

Signature

By typing your name in the space provided you are electronically signing this Six Month Report.

TITLE: **Kōrero Tuku Iho – Reference Rōpū Membership**
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Report Writer Kurupō, KMR Environs Kōrero Tuku Iho Project Lead

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to confirm membership of the Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū.

Whakarāpopototanga | Executive summary

The Kōrero Tuku Iho Project is the cultural dimension of KMR, delivering one of its two foundations. The project will enable Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, and marae contributions to improving the health, wellbeing and mauri of Kaipara Moana.

The interim Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū (“Reference Rōpū”) met for the first time in November 2022 and has provided oversight for the establishment phase of the project. The interim Reference Rōpū is seeking to confirm the Rōpu membership as per direction from the KMR Joint Committee. The Reference Rōpū’s primary role is to oversee projects designed to yield the contribution of Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū and marae in the Kaipara Moana catchment to improving the health, wellbeing and mauri of Kaipara Moana, in line with KMR investment outcomes.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report titled Kōrero Tuku Iho – Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū Membership.
2. Approve the recommended membership of the Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū.
3. Note the revised Terms of Reference for the Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū (Attachment 1).

Horopaki | Background

At the 6 May 2024 KMR Joint Committee meeting¹, the proposed membership for the Reference Rōpū was agreed as follows:

1. A maximum of 11 members with specific attributes and capabilities.
2. Comprised of members from Kaipara Uri entities, Te Uri o Hau Environs, and the KMR Maurikura Mana Whenua Relations Lead – all considered to be direct appointments from their respective organisations.
3. A public call for expressions of interests and mandating process was proposed for the remaining positions.

¹ Kōrero Tuku Iho – Terms of Reference dated 25 April 2024.

Tātari me ngā tūtohu | Analysis and Advice

At its 14 November 2024 meeting, the interim Reference Rōpū considered the appointment process and ongoing membership of the Rōpu. The interim Reference Rōpū noted, like all Kaipara Moana Remediation projects, the Kōrero Tuku Iho (“KTI”) Project is governed by the KMR Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”).

The KMR Joint Committee and KTI Chair have previously confirmed that Kaipara Uri members on the Joint Committee are mandated to represent their entities on matters relating to KMR, and therefore mandate is already provided for the KTI Reference Rōpū membership. The interim Reference Rōpū also discussed the original proposal (made by the Reference Rōpū itself) to fill the remaining positions via an open call for expressions of interest.

However, due to time constraints and the need to ensure adequate KTI project delivery in line with Crown and KMR Joint Committee expectations, following consultation with the interim Reference Rōpū members, the KTI Chair recommends the following composition of the Reference Rōpū membership:

1. KMR Joint Committee Chair, sitting as KTI Chair² (**one** member).
2. **Six** members, or their delegated representative, from Kaipara Uri entities described by the KMR MOU. For the avoidance of doubt these entities are:
 - a. Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara;
 - b. Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust; and
 - c. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua.
3. **One** member from Te Uri-o-Hau Environs (as contract holder for project delivery).
4. **Three** members with tātai to Kaipara Moana.

The KTI Chair also endorses the Reference Rōpū’s recommendation to appoint **three** members with tātai to Kaipara Moana. The three members have extensive understanding of te ao mārama and tangata whenua practices, extensive knowledge of kōrero tuku iho (local narrative) including local histories, tātai and landscapes of the Kaipara Moana.

The Mana Whenua Relations Lead from the KMR Kaipara Maurikura has been removed from the Reference Rōpū membership in order to allow for this role to provide focused project delivery support to the KTI project.

The Kōrero Tuku Iho – Terms of Reference dated February 2025 has been updated to reflect the revised membership to the Reference Rōpū (Attachment 1).

The proposed composition of the Reference Rōpū has been carefully considered to ensure members demonstrate the required attributes, capabilities and competencies to support Kōrero Tuku Iho. Proposed members represent whānau, hapū and iwi across Kaipara Moana and are comprised of experienced kaitiakitanga practitioners, practitioners with extensive understanding of te ao mārama,

² JC Committee meeting 29 July 24 refers.

and experienced governors. The Reference Rōpū will be supported by a core operational team. We are excited to move forward through this milestone for the project and are seeking KMR Joint Committee approval of the following members to the Reference Rōpū:

KMR Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū – Members 2025		
Member	Name	Entity
1.	Tame Te Rangi	KMR Joint Committee and KTI Committee Chair
2.	Willie Wright	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua (TBC)
3.	Virginia Warriner	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
4.	To be confirmed following AGM.	Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara
5.	To be confirmed following AGM.	Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara
6.	Colin French Kena	Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust
7.	Ben Hita	Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust
8.	Victoria Kurupō	Te Uri o Hau Environs
9.	Eamon Nathan	Te Roroa
10.	Sharon Murray	Te Roroa
11.	Tāmati Patuwai	Ngāti Whātua

Ngā whāinga mō āmuri | Next steps

- 14 February 2025 – Call for EOIs is released by KTI Project Team (comprising Environs contract lead, supported by KMR Ringa Taki Hononga) and shared by Kaipara Maurikura and KMR Joint Committee members to relevant networks.
- March 2025 – KTI Reference Rōpū endorse draft assessment process developed by KTI project team.
- 1 April 2025 – EOIs close and assessment of EOIs begins. KTI Project Team recommends two further whakatauirā for endorsement by the KTI Reference Rōpū.
- May 2025 – KTI Reference Rōpū meets to consider Project Team recommendations.
- 1 July 2025 – KTI Reference Rōpū provides endorsement of further whakatauirā to the KMR Joint Committee via a draft report submitted by Environs (as project contract holder) to the Kaipara Maurikura.
- 28 July 2025 – Whakatauirā recommendations are submitted by the Kaipara Maurikura to the KMR Joint Committee as part of the KMR Joint Committee agenda / reports.

Considerations

1. Aromātai whāinga haumi mō te oranga | Wellbeing Investment objectives and assessment

Kōrero Tuku Iho is first and foremost a Kaipara Uri-led kaitiakitanga project. It will rely heavily on engagement with both Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, marae and whānau communities of the Kaipara Moana catchment. The goal is to provide a pathway for the meaningful contribution of Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, marae and whānau into the restoration of Kaipara Moana.

2. Ngā ritenga take pūtea | Financial implications

This is one of the two foundational strategies of Kaipara Moana Remediation, and the proposed KMR budget for 2024/2025 have been benchmarked across the KMR programme. The budget accommodates project governance including Reference Rōpū members' sitting fees.

3. Ngā hiranga me ngā hononga | Significance and Engagement

In relation to section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002³, the decisions arising from this report are considered to be of low significance when assessed against Northland Regional Council's significance and engagement policy. This does not mean that this matter is not of significance to Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, marae, whānau and/or individual communities, but that the Joint Committee is able to make these decisions without undertaking further consultation or engagement²

4. Ngā tūraru me ngā mauru | Risks and mitigation

The primary risks are:

1. Challenge to appointment process and membership. Members of the Reference Rōpu have been confirmed via interim members, KMR partners, hapū and iwi, and the KMR Joint Committee has also discussed and re-confirmed the mandate of Joint Committee members to work in support of KMR.
2. To mitigate any potential or perceived risk to KMR and the Kōrero Tuku Iho project the Reference Rōpū has proposed to review membership in 2 years' time (February 2027).

Pirihongi | Attachments

Attachment 1: Terms of Reference for the Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū (2025)

³ This Joint Committee operates under the Local Government Act which requires a significance and engagement policy (which identifies when matters require special consultation with tangata whenua and the community) and to have regard to that policy when making decisions. As the administrative support for the Joint Committee is provided by the Northland Regional Council, it is that Council's Significance and Engagement Policy that will apply to Joint Committee decision making.

KŌRERO TUKU IHO
REFERENCE RŌPŪ

TERMS OF REFERENCE

KAIPARA MOANA REMEDIATION

February 2025

April 2025

KŌRERO TUKU IHO

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.0 Introduction

Kōrero Tuku Iho is the cultural dimension of Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR), delivering one of its two foundations by enabling the Kaipara Uri¹, iwi, hapū and marae contribution to improving the health, wellbeing and mauri of Kaipara Moana.

Like all KMR projects, Kōrero Tuku Iho is governed by the KMR Memorandum of Understanding² and the overarching commitment to reducing sedimentation in the Kaipara Moana. Te Uri o Hau Environs is contracted by KMR to assist in the delivery of the Kōrero Tuku Iho project. In 2022, a group was brought together as an 'Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū' to oversee the:

- Exploration and investigation of hapū, marae, whānau communities' narratives to their natural world and the places of significance to them ('Kōrero Tuku Iho') so as to create a pathway for these communities to contribute to the improvement of the health and mauri of the Kaipara Moana.

This 'Reference Rōpū' comprises Kaipara Uri members, pūkenga, and others who whakapapa to the catchment and have expertise in cultural understanding and practices. In November 2022 the interim Reference Rōpū met for the first time and proposed focusing Kōrero Tuku Iho on strengthening kaitiakitanga in practice through applied research.

Nothing in these terms of reference shall diminish the rights, interests, and responsibilities of Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, whānau to exercise their rangatiratanga over matters of importance to them. Nor will these terms of reference supersede any Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, whānau, landowner or community projects that are underway or scheduled during the life of the Reference Rōpū.

¹ Described in the MOU below as Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara, Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua, when engaging collectively on matters relating to Kaipara Moana and its catchment.

² See Kaipara Moana Remediation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated 9 October 2020 between the Ministry for the Environment on behalf of the Crown and Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua, Te Uri o Hau, Northland Regional Council and Auckland Council.

Further information about the project's context and purpose can be found in Appendix One.

The Kōrero Tuku Iho project recognises and acknowledges the ongoing efforts and contributions of landowners, groups, marae, hapū, whānau, and communities working towards reducing sedimentation in the Kaipara Moana. The Reference Rōpū understands the significance of these existing initiatives and is committed to fostering collaborative relationships. Where appropriate and mutually agreed upon, the Reference Rōpū intends to work alongside these groups.

2.0 Role

The role of the Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū is to oversee projects designed to yield the contribution of Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, and marae of the Kaipara Moana catchment to improving the health, wellbeing and mauri of Kaipara Moana, in line with KMR outcomes.

The Rōpū is particularly charged with developing a blueprint, method or 'way' by which to yield the contribution of Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, and marae of the Kaipara Moana catchment to improving the health, wellbeing and mauri of Kaipara Moana.

The Rōpū achieves this by:

- Providing project oversight
- Setting direction for the project
- Providing leadership, advice and support, including testing the thinking of the project as it proceeds
- Assisting with project-related engagement where appropriate
- Championing and advocating for the project with KMR and other project stakeholders, in line with an agreed communications plan.

When developing the blueprint, method or 'way' by which to yield Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, and marae contributions to uplifting the environmental health and well-being and mauri of Kaipara Moana, in line with KMR outcomes, the Reference Rōpū will:

- Seek endorsement of the proposed approach and method for engagement with Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, marae and whānau to develop and implement this method or 'way'.
- Provide recommendations for endorsement by the KMR Joint Committee.

The Reference Rōpū will maintain the mana and integrity of the project by:

- Ensuring that it adheres to the agreed objectives and the ways of achieving those objectives.

- Maintaining good relationships with Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, and marae of Kaipara Moana catchment and other stakeholders.

There will be times when member(s) of the Reference Rōpū may assist with aspects of the operational components of the Kōrero Tuku Iho project, such as the development of proposals, and facilitating hui/wānanga in an area (e.g. their marae, whānau whenua) or on a topic where they are experts, for the collection of kōrero. This will take place outside of their role and responsibilities as members of this group and will be enabled on a case-by-case basis through individual short form contracts.

2.1 Objectives

Objectives of the Kōrero Tuku Iho project include:

- Enabling Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū and marae contributions to sedimentation reduction in Kaipara moana through kōrero tuku iho
- Strengthening kaitiakitanga philosophy and practices within KMR
- Assisting with repatriation of Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, and marae back to their whenua and moana.
- Successfully implementing kaitiakitanga in the wider community/local government context

For further information on the project's alignment with KMR's vision and outcomes, see the project intervention logic in Appendix Two.

3.0 Membership

The Reference Rōpū shall comprise of a maximum of 11 members in total consisting of:

1. KMR Joint Committee Chair, sitting as KTI Chair¹ (**one** member).
2. **Six** members from Kaipara Uri entities described by the KMR MOU, for the avoidance of doubt these entities are:
 - a. Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara;
 - b. Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust; and
 - c. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua.
3. **One** member of Te Uri-o-Hau Environs (as contract holder for project delivery).
4. **Three** members with tātai to Kaipara Moana.

The membership of the Reference Rōpū should aim to reflect a balanced representation of genders.

¹ KMR Joint Committee meeting of 29 July 2024.

3.1 Attributes, Capabilities

The attributes, capabilities and competencies desired within the membership of the Reference Rōpū are as follows:

- An understanding of Te Ao Mārama and tangata whenua/indigenous practices
- Knowledge of local kōrero tuku iho, including local histories, tātai and landscapes relevant to the Kaipara Moana catchment
- Knowledge and experience of ecological and cultural restoration and revitalisation
- Familiarity and experience in critical thinking
- Experience in governance and leadership with iwi, hapū, marae.
- Availability, be able to actively contribute to the work of the Rōpū
- Experience with programme monitoring and evaluation
- Understanding of KMR's vision, outcomes and investment objectives, and how this project enables progress towards these.

The desired collective membership will possess a balance of:

- Geographical representativeness across the Kaipara Moana catchment
- Practitioners and governance

3.2 Chair²

The KMR Joint Committee Chair is appointed to the role of the Reference Rōpū Chair. The rationale to make this appointment is to:

1. Strengthen the connection between the Rōpū, Joint Committee and KMR Maurikura in alignment with the KMR MOU;
2. Support operational efficiencies across the KMR programme and projects; and
3. To reflect common Local Government practice whereby key sub-committees are chaired by the Chair of the main Committee.

3.3 Term of Appointment

The term of appointment of each Reference Rōpū member is for a maximum of two years, or if otherwise agreed to by the KTI Reference Rōpū and approved by the KMR Joint Committee.

² KMR Joint Committee meeting of 29 July 2024.

3.4 Fees

The fees outlined in this section are subject to the KMR Members Allowance Policy. In the event of any updates or changes to the KMR Members Allowance Policy, the fees section will be revised accordingly to ensure full alignment and compliance with the most current policy provisions.

Meeting Fee

A member meeting fee and allowance will be available. The allowance is to cover time to prepare for the meeting, such as document review and any required post meeting actions within the scope of this agreement and the KMR Members Allowance Policy.

The member meeting fee is set at \$425+GST per meeting and travel will be reimbursed at a rate of \$1.04 per km. To claim on the member meeting fee and travel allowance an invoice is to be supplied to Environs by 10th of the month for payment that same calendar month.

Chairperson Fee

The Chair will be paid \$637.50 + GST per meeting in recognition of their particular responsibilities and the greater contribution asked of them.

The Chair will also be paid an additional allowance (equivalent to the daily allowance) of one day per month in recognition of the work the Chair undertakes between meetings.

Fees for additional work

From time to time, Reference Rōpū members may be requested to undertake tasks related to the Kōrero Tuku Iho project that extend beyond their usual activities. Such tasks may include assisting with the development of proposals, visiting communities, document writing, liaison efforts, site visits or other project related duties. In these instances, the Reference Rōpū members can be remunerated for these additional tasks, provided that the work is agreed upon in advance with the Chair and Project Manager or minuted in Reference Rōpū meeting minutes. Any remuneration for extra tasks must align with the KMR Members Allowance Policy, up to a maximum value of \$2,000 + GST per financial year (1 July - 30 June).

4.0 Meetings

The Reference Rōpū will meet at least four times per year, in person and/or online. All meeting dates will be notified at least 3 weeks in advance. From time to time, the Reference Rōpū may need to meet more frequently. This will be confirmed with the Reference Rōpū at a meeting prior to increasing the frequency.

4.1 Quorum

At least four Reference Rōpū members, including the Chair (or his/her Deputy), are required for a quorum.

4.2 Decision Making

The Reference Rōpū is not a decision-making body. Any formal decisions regarding the Kōrero Tuku Iho project will be made via recommendations to the KMR Joint Committee.

The Reference Rōpū endorsement of recommendations to the KMR Joint Committee will be by consensus of members attending the meeting at which the recommendation was discussed.

4.3 Meeting Attendance

The Reference Rōpū members are required to attend at least 75% of Reference Rōpū meetings and other activities.

Where a significant absence has occurred without explanation, (e.g. three meetings in a row without apologies submitted), the Chair will make contact with the absent member to understand the reasons for the absences and whether the appointment of a replacement member is warranted.

5.0 Values and Ethics

The Reference Rōpū Members will adhere to the following values and ethics while undertaking the work of the Reference Rōpū:

- Integrity
- Honesty
- Humility
- Clarity
- Curiosity

6.0 Support

The following resources will be put in place to support the work of the Reference Rōpū. These roles, along with the Chair role, form the Kōrero Tuku Iho Project Team.

6.1 Strategic Advisor

The Reference Rōpū may be supported by a Strategic Advisor whose role will be to provide advice and guidance on:

- Project Philosophy and purpose
- Design of case studies
- Kaupapa Māori research methodologies and delivery
- Governance arrangements
- Communication methods
- Reporting
- Other matters as appropriate

6.2 Project Manager

The Reference Rōpū may be supported by a Project Manager who will be responsible for:

- Setting and previewing meeting agendas and reviewing actions prior to circulation (in consultation with the Chair)
- Reporting to the Reference Rōpū and the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee with updates on the Project
- Project development, management and reporting on contract milestones to the Kaipara Maurikura
- Managing the overall delivery of the Kōrero Tuku Iho project

6.3 Administrator

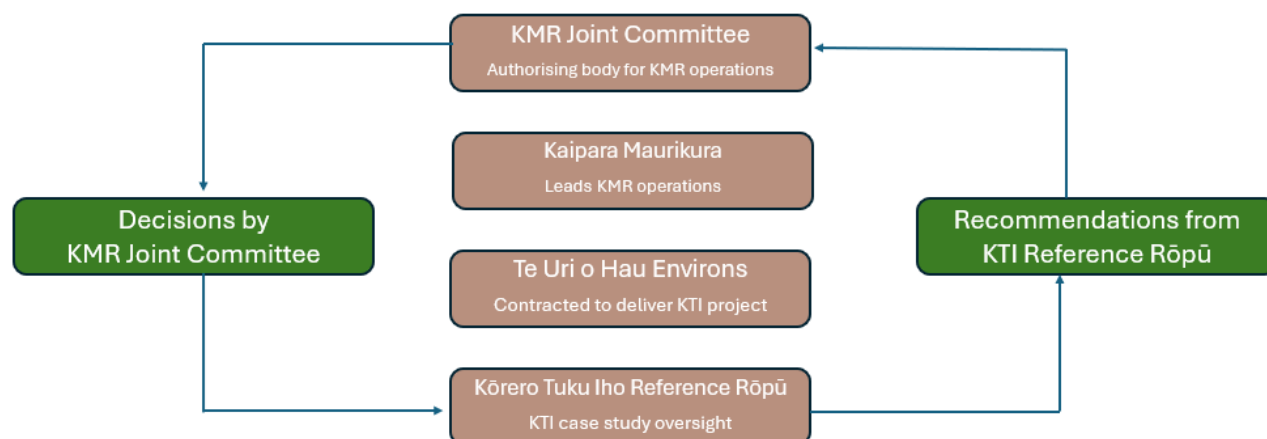
The Reference Rōpū will be supported by an Administrator who is responsible for:

- Organising meetings – venue and catering bookings, equipment requirements
- Circulating meeting information packs
- Recording minutes and action points
- Administer member remuneration and reimbursement as required
- Other administrative tasks as required

7.0 Other Matters

7.1 Key Relationships

The image below describes the relationships between key partners in the Kōrero Tuku Iho project.



For the avoidance of doubt, regular reporting of the whakatauirā (case studies) progress and oversight will sit with the Kōrero Tuku Iho project team. The Kōrero Tuku Iho project team will provide regular briefings to KMR (Kaipara Maurikura) and Te Uri o Hau, as project contract holder, during regular scheduled meetings. The Kōrero Tuku Iho project team will collate any findings and report those through the relationship channels noted in the above diagram. KMR will continue to invite the Kōrero Tuku Iho project team to brief the KMR Joint Committee as relevant on a regular basis to ensure effective governance oversight and appropriate decision-making.

7.2 Intellectual and Cultural Property

Regarding Intellectual and Cultural Property created by and interacted with by the Kōrero Tuku Iho, the following arrangements will apply:

The Reference Rōpū makes no claim to the intellectual and cultural property of Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū and marae communities of the Kaipara Moana catchment

The Reference Rōpū recognises that for Kōrero Tuku Iho to be successful, it must interact with the intellectual and cultural property of the Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, marae and whānau of the Kaipara Moana catchment. In interacting with this knowledge, the Reference Rōpū does not make any claim of ownership to the intellectual and cultural property of the Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, marae and whānau with whom they interact.

The Reference Rōpū recognises the right of Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū and marae of the Kaipara Moana catchment to their intellectual and cultural property and will assist in the repatriation and reconnection of their traditional knowledge to them when able.

The Reference Rōpū recognises the desire of these communities to repatriate their traditional knowledge (where it has been alienated). It also recognises that much traditional knowledge of these communities has been lost or damaged. The Reference Rōpū commits to always working in ways that support the repatriation and protection of the knowledge and intellectual and cultural property of these tangata whenua communities.

During any hui wānanga, the Reference Rōpū will respect and be guided by the appropriate authorities, expectations, and culture of the marae and/or community upon which any associated hui wānanga will be conducted. Copies of any hui wānanga recordings and other material arising from those hui wānanga will be sent to the relevant marae and the participants.

In line with the KMR MOU, project material created by the Reference Rōpū through this project will be jointly owned by all signatories to the KMR MOU, with Te Uri o Hau Environs having a custodian role in maintaining and archiving the material.

As the work of Kōrero Tuku Iho unfolds, the Reference Rōpū will necessarily create documents and other materials to enable the work of the Reference Rōpū to proceed. This includes documents such as this Terms of Reference, plans, reports, project proposals, budgets and more. This material will be jointly owned by all signatories to the KMR MOU (the 'creators') through KMR and will initially be held and maintained by Te Uri o Hau Environs as contract holder. For clarity, this project material does not include the intellectual and cultural property of the Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, marae and whānau of Kaipara Moana catchment.

7.3 Reporting and accountability

The minutes from each meeting will be provided to Te Uri o Hau Environs and KMR following each meeting. These minutes will be utilised for reporting to the KMR Joint Committee, the Ministry for the Environment as primary funder (if required under audit or review) and other stakeholders when required. It will be the responsibility of the Project Manager to draft the reports to the Joint Committee.

7.4 Conflicts of Interest

Given the varied roles and interests of Reference Rōpū members, situations involving conflicts of interest, whether actual or perceived, are unavoidable. To maintain the integrity of the Reference Rōpū, and to protect individual members, the principles of impartiality, honesty, transparency and openness will guide members in the identification, disclosure, and management of any conflicts of interest.

The Reference Rōpū recognises that in most situations the handling of conflicts of interest will be uncomplicated. However, the Reference Rōpū also recognises that not all situations can be anticipated. The Reference Rōpū will apply KMR's policy for managing Conflicts of Interest. This will be used as a guide for managing conflicts, with the Rōpū exercising prudent judgement on a case-by-case basis.

In addressing conflicts of interest, the following principles will be adhered to:

- Where actual and/or perceived conflicts arise, the Reference Rōpū will be notified as quickly as possible.
- These conflicts will be described and documented
- The Reference Rōpū will then develop a plan for managing that conflict of interest, in line with KMR's policy for managing Conflicts of Interest. In consultation with Te Uri o Hau Environs and KMR, if the conflict is major and not able to be readily managed, the Reference Rōpū will use prudent judgement, on a case-by-case basis, when deciding what action (if any) is necessary in situations involving conflicts of interest.

Generally, where there is a conflict/potential conflict of interest with any item to be discussed on a meeting's agenda, the member(s) concerned will;

- Identify and declare that interest without prompting at the beginning of the meeting under the Declarations of Interest agenda item.
- Reiterate the conflict/potential conflict of interest, when the specific item is to be discussed.
- Absent themselves from the meeting for the duration of the discussion and decision-making relating to the conflicted matter, unless the leave of the meeting is sought or unless the member concerned wishes to provide the meeting with relevant information prior to their departure. The members' comments will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- Not vote on the conflicted matter.

7.5 Interests Register

The Reference Rōpū shall maintain a register of members' interests.

- Members will initially disclose interests on appointment as a member.
- Members will complete and submit a declaration listing specifying personal interests annually and at any other times when a conflict of interest is identified.
- The register of interest will be reviewed and updated annually by members.

A written record of declarations of interests made at meetings will be included in the relevant minutes.

7.6 Communications and Knowledge Sharing

The Reference Rōpū will develop a plan regarding communications and knowledge sharing with various stakeholders, partners and communities of interest. The Reference Rōpū is encouraged to use tikanga Māori in both the development of the plan and its implementation.

KMR (Kaipara Maurikura) will review and approve this plan as it is important that all KMR project communications are consistent, mutually reinforcing, and do not cause confusion among groups engaged by both KMR and the Kōrero Tuku Iho project. In practice, given that both Kōrero Tuku Iho and wider KMR engagement and communications will continue to evolve, this means that there will need to be close two-way engagement between the Chair and KMR ahead of planned communications and engagements.

Appendix One: Background

In October 2020, Kaipara Uri³ along with the respective Regional Councils signed an agreement⁴ with the Crown to reduce sedimentation flowing into the Kaipara Moana over a 10-year period. To implement the programme of work to remediate the Moana, Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) was created, and it oversees delivery of the programme.

The overarching purpose of KMR is to restore and protect the mauri of Kaipara Moana⁵.

To guide the programme to achieve its purpose, the following KMR objectives were articulated:

- Mobilise local community participation in local solutions.
- Build kotahitanga by enabling the community to work together.
- Upskill local tangata and support training and employment opportunities for effective land management.
- Increase utility of land that is currently not productive or marginally commercial.
- Raise awareness of and provide education opportunities for environment protection of Kaipara Moana.
- Incorporate kōrero tuku iho into restoration.

Te Uri o Hau Environs⁶ (Environs) is responsible under contract to KMR for delivering a resource(s) to guide the incorporation of mātauranga Māori in the restoration efforts for the receiving body of the Kaipara Moana and the Kaipara Uri, iwi, hapū, marae, whānau communities. This will be achieved through the Kōrero Tuku Iho project which seeks to gather stories, memories, histories, values, and deeper understanding of the whenua, awa and moana alongside the mana whenua of the Kaipara Moana.

The name Kōrero Tuku Iho gives us the directive to explore and investigate hapū, marae, whānau communities' narratives to their natural world and the places of significance to them. To create a pathway for these communities to contribute to the improvement of the health and mauri of the Kaipara Moana.

To help achieve Kōrero Tuku Iho, Environs has set up a Reference Rōpū (the Rōpū) to provide leadership and advise on the development and implementation of Kōrero Tuku Iho. The Reference Rōpū will be made up of Kaipara Uri members, pūkenga, and others who whakapapa to the catchment and have expertise in cultural understanding and practice.

³ Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua and Te Uri o Hau

⁴ Memorandum of Understanding Kaipara Moana Remediation:

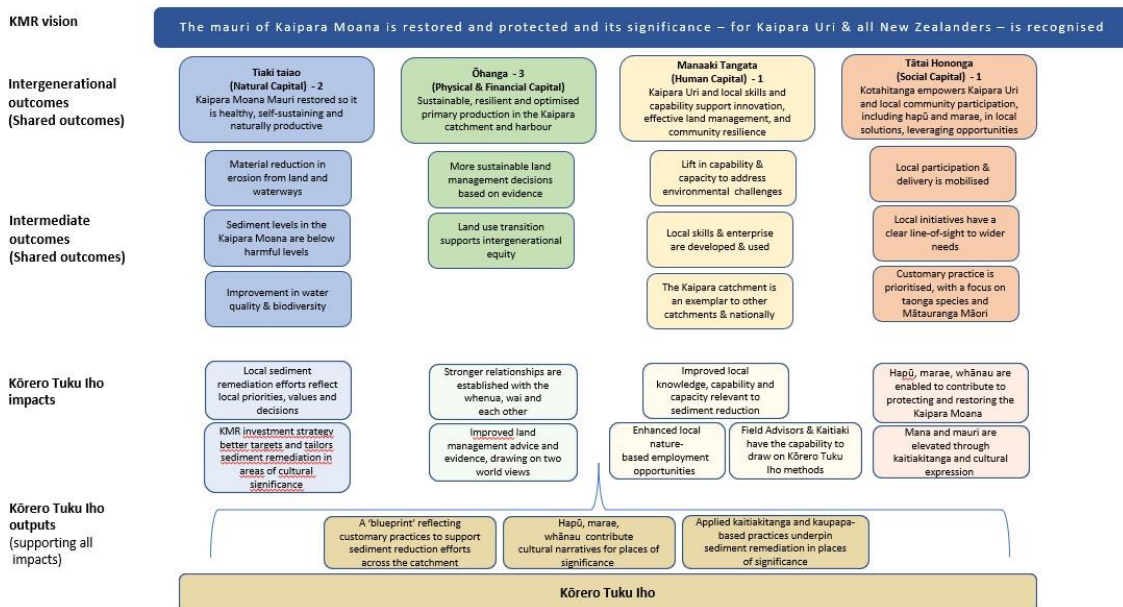
<https://kmr.org.nz/our-foundations/memorandum-of-understanding/>

⁵ [Home - Kaipara Moana Remediation \(kmr.org.nz\)](https://kmr.org.nz/)

⁶ Environs is a subsidiary of Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust and is responsible for the implementation of activities that advance the well-being of the hapū and its environment within the statutory area of Te Uri o Hau [Hapu Development | teuriohau](#)

Appendix Two – The contribution of Kōrero Tuku Iho to KMR (Project Intervention Logic)

Kaipara Moana Remediation – Kōrero Tuku Iho contribution



Appendix Three - Use of Tikanga Māori

Members of the Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū are encouraged to use and apply relevant tikanga Māori in the work of the group. This is because Kōrero Tuku Iho is critically tasked with understanding and yielding the distinctive contributions of tangata whenua communities to the overall goal of uplifting the health, wellbeing and mauri of Kaipara Moana.

Without pre-empting and pre-determining when and how tikanga Māori might be used and applied, here are some suggested places where tikanga Māori might be utilised by the Reference Rōpū:

- Statement of Values
- Process for nomination and appointment of members
- Conducting meetings
- Decision making
- Communication
- Nurturing relationships with key parties
- Hui Wānanga experiences particularly involving marae communities

Appendix Four - Definitions

Mātauranga Māori - broadly 'Māori knowledge'

Kōrero Tuku Iho - Inherited knowledge traditions (particularly used in this context to refer to localised knowledge relevant to particular localities)

Kaitiakitanga - an emerging philosophy, practice and approach to environmental management based upon mātauranga Māori

Tangata Whenua - a community who possess 'mana whenua' in a specific geographic area (typically a waka, iwi, hapū or whānau community)

TITLE: Pou Tātaki Report

**Kaituhi Pūrongo |
Report Writer** Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

This report provides a brief update to the Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Joint Committee on progress in key elements of KMR delivery.

Rāpopototanga Matua | Executive summary

This month we table to the Joint Committee KMR's Six Month Report, the formal record of our achievements and delivery in the first half of the financial year. The Report highlights that KMR has met all of its half-year targets and is well on track to deliver our full-year targets.

We also table to the meeting the third edition of *Our People*, a publication which showcases the diversity of people and projects supported by KMR. We invite our governors to share copies with their organisations and wider communities.

The Kōrero Tuku Iho team will provide an update on progress in this foundational project, and the Pou Tātaki will provide highlights from 2024 and an overview of the strategic outlook for 2025.

Other operational updates are provided in this report for noting.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

That the Joint Committee:

1. *Receive* the report 'Pou Tātaki Report', by Justine Daw dated 24 February 2025.

Tātari me ngā tūtohu | Analysis and Advice

Earthshot Prize 2025

KMR's nomination for the 2025 Earthshot Prize is now public and due diligence is expected to start soon. This is expected to focus on KMR's readiness for accelerated scale-up of our environmental restoration activities, and we are confident that we are well placed to demonstrate this.

Jobs for Nature benefits case study

In recognition of our role as a national exemplar, KMR has been profiled by the *Jobs for Nature* Secretariat in a Benefits Case Study supported by an associated Technical Report. The reports are due to be publicly released by the end of February.

Together, the reports evaluate the impact of Crown and other investments in KMR, and provide a cost/benefit analysis of the wide benefits and value delivered by KMR. Cost-benefit analysis is a widely accepted methodology for assessing the relative merits of public projects. While still subject to technical review, the reports assess that for every \$1 invested in KMR, \$3.51 in benefits are expected (a Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) of 3.51:1) and that KMR will have 'paid its way' by 2029.

Programme Performance

Below are KMR's programme-life-to-date Key Performance Indicators as at 31 December 2024 – which reflect delivery exactly 3 years into full operational delivery:

Jobs & Skills

- 350,000 hours of new work – a year's work for over 225 people
- Over \$20 million invested in restoration projects
- 47 local businesses and nurseries accredited to supply KMR

- 184 people trained and mentored, many from local iwi/hapū

Engagement & Participation

- 1,131 landowners/groups have expressed interest in KMR
- 750 plans have been completed with landowners/groups
- A further 92 plans are in development
- 74 projects led by hapū, marae, community groups, catchment groups and other collectives

Nature & Resilience

- Over 2.02 million plants in the ground or contracted to plant
- 892 hectares planted or contracted, or regenerating into native forest
- 885 km of fencing completed or contracted – the same distance as from Cape Rēinga to Auckland and back
- 130,000 hectares managed under KMR plans

Communications and Media

Over the summer break, KMR continued to secure excellent media coverage across the catchment. Stories featured included updates on KMR's Nursery Hui and Field Advisor Hui held in late 2024, the recent field trip and visit to KMR by Grant McCallum, MP for Northland, as well as coverage of the Earthshot Prize nomination.

Since we last reported, we have refreshed the KMR website so that it offers the functionality users require, including the ability to quickly understand if any given address is in the catchment. We also produced a short video outlining the Landowner Grant process, and how to access KMR funding.

Our December Pānui highlighted the successes of 2024, and advertised forthcoming KMR events (e.g. the Kōrero Tuku Iho wānanga and Waiotira Farm Open Day), as well as events which KMR experts would be attending (e.g. Northland Field Days, Helensville and Warkworth A&P shows).

Financial performance

The unaudited year-to-date financials shown in Table 1 over page continue to show that KMR is continuing to scale up at pace, as indicated by the value of total Programme Expenditure (Activity).

Table 1 shows financial payments made to 31 December 2024, rather than project activity completed.

KMR has contracted or committed an additional \$4.4m worth of projects as at 31 December 2024, some of which will be completed but not yet paid out. This reflects the lag between landowners contracting to undertake sediment reduction projects, completing projects, KMR arranging project review and sign-off, landowners submitting invoices, and KMR paying invoices.

Table 1: KMR Financials

KMR Financials to December 2024	
	YTD
	December
Funding contributions*	
MfE	8,006,996
MfE other	-
Other Funding	1,300
Northland Regional Council (NRC)	-
Auckland Council (AC)	-
Interest earned	352,393.32
Subtotal (Funds available)	8,360,689
<i>Less KMR expenditure (Activity incl. Grants)</i>	3,156,020
Funds Remaining	5,204,669
Co-funding (Matching Contributions)	
NRC in kind labour	40,436
NRC in kind Opex costs (incl. salaries)	709,840
AC in kind labour	9,368
AC in kind Opex costs	-
Landowners / Other contributors	1,672,071
Subtotal (Co-funding expenditure)	2,431,715
Total Programme Expenditure (Activity)	5,587,735

Joint Committee Grant Interests

In line with advice from the Office of the Auditor-General, we provide a transparent overview below of the KMR grant-related interests that are relevant to LAMIA Act (local government legislation that pertains to the financial interests of elected members, and others sitting on local government committees, such as KMR’s Joint Committee). We note that the OAG has made a ruling in respect of KMR which recognises that Members of the KMR Joint Committee have been appointed to the Committee on a representative basis i.e. due to their roles in their iwi/hapū.

Table 2: Joint Committee Grant Interests

Who	Grant type	KMR Grant (excl. GST)	Status	Nature of Interest
Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A