

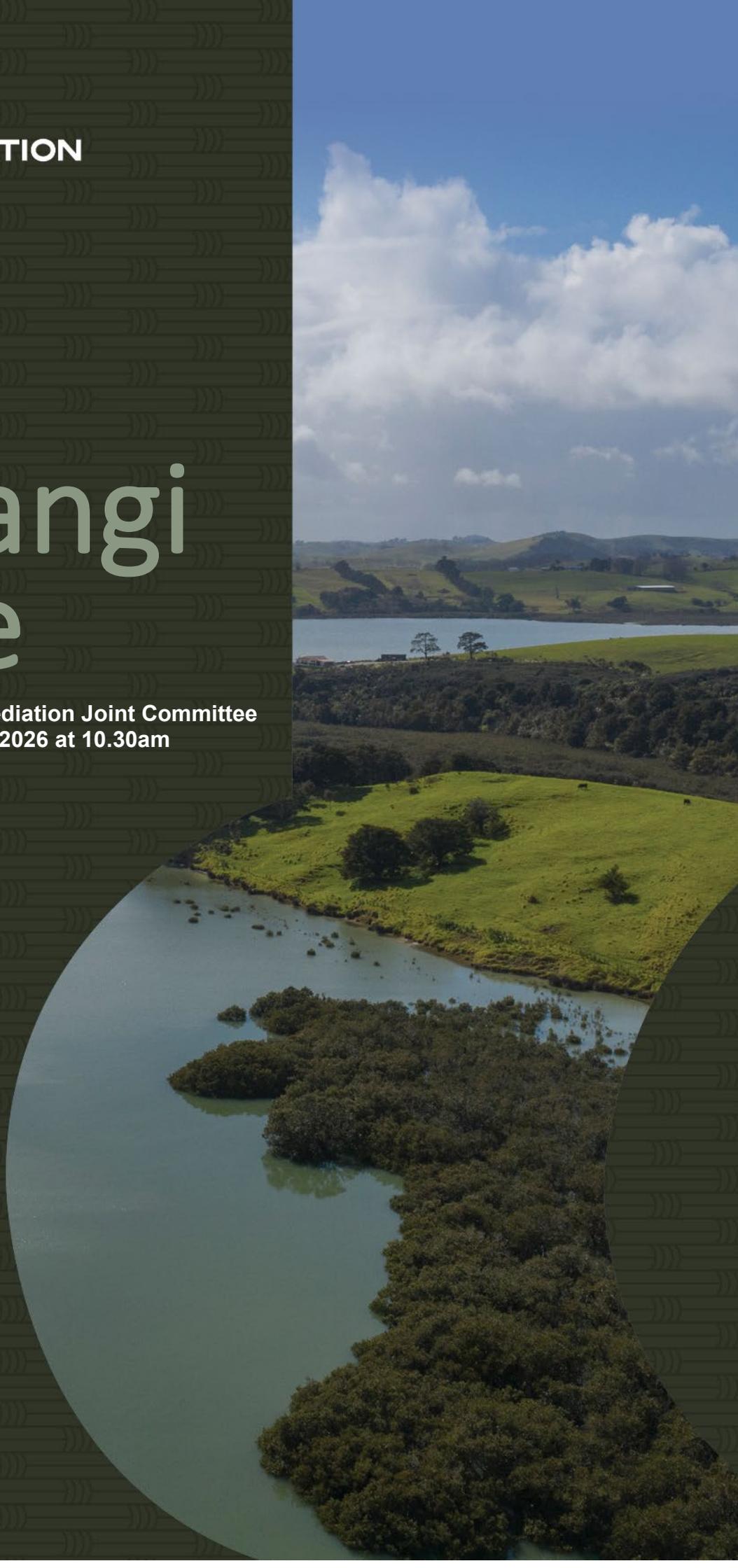
Agenda

Rārangi Take

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee
Monday 23 February 2026 at 10.30am



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Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Agenda

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| Rā Date: | Monday, 23 February 2026 |
| Wā Time: | 10.30am |
| Tauwāhi Location: | Wellsford Community Centre, 224 Rodney Street, Wellsford |
| Ngā Mana Whakahaere Members | Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Debra Brewer, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Greg Sayers, Auckland Council Guy Wishart, Auckland Council Ivan Wagstaff, Auckland Council Jack Craw, Northland Regional Council John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Kelly Retimana, Te Uri o Hau Michael Tana, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Pita Tipene, Northland Regional Council Tracy Davis, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara |

The Quorum for the Joint Committee is:

- a) 6 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 – November 2025

Kaituhi Pūrongo | Sophie Bone, 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 November 2025.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee meeting held on 24 November 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Ngā Tāpiri | Attachments

Attachment 1: Joint Committee Hui Minutes (November 2025)

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Rā Date: | Monday, 24 November 2025 |
| Wā Time: | 10.30am |
| Tauwāhi Location: | Lighthouse Function Centre, 32 Mount Wesley Coast Road |
| Huihuinga Gathering | Tame Te Rangī (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Debra Brewer, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau (11.10am) Greg Sayers, Auckland Council (AC) Jack Craw, Northland Regional Council John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Tracy Davis, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara |
| Tae Mai In Attendance | Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Emma Doré, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi, KMR Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Koāwa, KMR Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, KMR Duncan Kervell, Consultant, KMR Jenni Gadd, Presenter, AC Richard Griffiths, Presenter, NRC Lorena Stephen, Observer, Ministry for the Environment (MfE) Wes Patrick, Observer, MfE Aoife Broad, Observer, MfE |

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.35am.

KARAKIA | WHAKATAU

TAHITAHĪ | HOUSEKEEPING

Sophie Bone, KMR, provided an overview of Housekeeping and Emergency Procedures.

NGĀ WHAKAPAHĀ | APOLOGIES (ITEM 2.0)

Moved (Craw / Blackwell)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the apologies from Members Amy Macdonald and Mike Tana.

Carried

Secretariat Note: Taiāwhio Wati was not in attendance.

NGĀ WHAKAPUAKANGA | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 3.0)

No interests were declared by the Members.

NGĀ KŌRERO KUA WHAKAAEA | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (ITEM 4.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support.

Moved (Craw / Blackwell)

That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee meeting held on 20 October 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

JOINT COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER (ITEM 5.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support.

Moved (Brewer / Craw)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Joint Committee Action Tracker'.

Carried

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2026 (ITEM 6.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support.

Moved (Craw / Blackwell)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'Joint Committee Meetings 2026' report by Sophie Bone, dated 24 November 2025.
2. Adopt the proposed dates for Joint Committee meetings in 2026 (Attachment 1), noting that the dates may be used to host KMR Hui, Workshops, Briefings and Field Trips as relevant.
3. Advise Kaipara Maurikura staff as soon as practicable of any scheduling conflicts.
4. Note that KMR may host additional online Joint Committee meetings if required to make any unforeseen but time-urgent decisions.
5. Note that, as in 2025, KMR may still need to pivot planned in-person Joint Committee meetings to online meetings (livestreamed to maintain transparency), in response to weather events, venue closures and/or roading closures.

Carried

AUDIT REPORT 2024 – 2025 (ITEM 6.2)

Report from Emma Doré, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi and Ben Hope, Ringa-Pārongo.

Moved (Blackwell / Brewer)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Audit Report 2024-2025' from Emma Doré dated 24 November 2025.
2. Note the satisfactory audit of KMR for 2024-2025 (*Attachment 1*).

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Member Craw congratulated the Kaipara Maurikura team on the Audit Report, noting that four consecutive years of clean audit is a significant achievement, and reflects both the strong leadership of the Pou Tātaki and the dedication of the team.

POU TĀTAKI REPORT (6.3)

Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki

Moved (Blackwell / Craw)

That the Joint Committee:

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

Carried

Secretariat Note:

In the interests of time, formal acknowledgements of Justine's exceptional tenure as Pou Tātaki were deferred to the subsequent farewell event. At that event, multiple heartfelt speeches celebrated Justine's profound contributions to the Kaipara Moana, her visionary leadership, unwavering passion, and steadfast dedication. Speakers reflected on her tenacity and ability to inspire collective action, noting that her impact will resonate well beyond her time in the role.

UPDATE ON MONITORING (verbal items)

Presentations were given by Jenni Gadd (AC) and Richard Griffiths (NRC) on the 2025 State of Environment monitoring results, both published (Auckland Council) and early-stage monitoring results (NRC). Duncan Kervell (KMR) also provided an overview of the planned case studies to be developed in respect of localised stream health.

Secretariat note:

Member Brewer requested that contact be made with Auckland Council presenters following the meeting for further dialogue [Complete]. Member Curtis-Connelly asked Presenter Richard Griffiths whether local marae in relevant areas could potentially partner with NRC on monitoring data collection, noting that the current monitoring intervals were lengthy. While NRC was open to this possibility for coastal monitoring, Presenter Griffiths acknowledged the health and safety considerations and practical difficulties in monitoring some of the more remote monitoring sites.

Member Craw asked whether more regular sampling and reporting would provide additional benefits to council and community. In response, Presenter Griffiths indicated that NRC was already undertaking some more regular sampling in the Kaipara Harbour, including water quality and sediment quality monitoring as part of other programmes. The sediment monitoring programme, which is primarily for urban contaminants includes sediment grain size analysis which will be of use building a more complete picture of patterns of

changes to sediment in the harbour. A more regular repeat of the ecological survey undertaken this year would be difficult due to the cost and time resources involved.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 11.42 am.

TITLE: Joint Committee Action Tracker

**Kaituhi Pūrongo |
Report Writer** Sophie Bone, 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 – November 2025

KMR Joint Committee: Action Tracker

| Item | Action | Who | Due | Status | Comments |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|--|
| 20 October 2025 | | | | | |
| Kōrero Tuku Iho | Report back on a possible Auckland based Kōrero Tuku Iho case study, following clarification on a related resource consent. | Relevant KMR Joint Committee members | TBD | Open | This action has been added at the request of the Pou Tātaki to ensure regular updates are provided to the Joint Committee on this key project. |

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

TITLE: Joint Committee Forward Workplan

Kaituhi Pūrongo | Sophie Bone, 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 2026. 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 2026

KMR Joint Committee: Indicative Forward Workplan 2026

| Meeting | Hui (Standing Items) | Briefing / Workshop | Field Trip / Other |
|----------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Feb 12 | | Induction for New Members | |
| Feb 23 | Draft 6 Month report Kōrero Tuku Iho update | | |
| April 20 | Draft Annual Work Plan Kōrero Tuku Iho update | | New Pou Tātaki pōwhiri - Jason Marris |
| Early May | | | External Partnership Forum (Optional) |
| July 27 | Annual Work Plan Committee and Executive Interests Indicative Year End Results | | |
| October 12 | Annual Report Annual Work Plan | | |
| November 16 | Audit Assurance Report Meeting Dates 2027 | | |

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TITLE: KMR Appointment of Deputy Chair**Kaituhi Pūrongo |
Report Writer**

Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

To confirm the appointment of a Local Government member to the position of Deputy Chair on the Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Joint Committee.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

That the Joint Committee:

1. Accept nominations of Local Government Members for the role of Deputy Chair on the KMR Joint Committee
2. By undergoing a vote, confirm a Member for the Deputy Chair role.

Horopaki | Background

Under the KMR Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and associated Terms of Reference (TORs) for the Joint Committee, the KMR Joint Committee Chair is a member of the Kaipara Uri, with the Deputy Chair appointed from Northland Regional Council or Auckland Council.

When the KMR Joint Committee was convened, Tame Te Rangi was appointed as inaugural Chair, with Penny Smart, Chair of the Northland Regional Council, confirmed as his Deputy Chair. The latter appointment recognised that Northland Regional Council has special responsibilities in respect of KMR as the agency hosting the Kaipara Maurikura (KMR operational arm) until KMR transitions to the forthcoming Kaipara Moana Body. After the 2022 Local Government Elections, the subsequent Deputy Chair Amy Macdonald was also appointed from Northland Regional Council, recognising these same hosting responsibilities.

Tātari me ngā tūtohu | Analysis and Advice

With the recent change in Councillors following the local government elections of October 2025, NRC nominated three councillors to representation on the KMR Joint Committee. Jack Craw and John Blackwell return to the Committee this term and Northland Regional Council Chair Pita Tipene was nominated as the third representative.

From Auckland Council, Rodney Councillor Greg Sayers returns to the Joint Committee with Rodney Local Board Chair Guy Wishart and Rodney Local Board Deputy Chair Ivan Wagstaff filling the remaining vacancies.

A new KMR Deputy Chair must be appointed to replace outgoing Deputy Chair Amy Macdonald. To meet the obligations of the MOU and TORs and ensure continuity of KMR governance decision-

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making in line with earlier commitments, the Joint Committee needs to appoint a Deputy from a Local Government organisation.

The Role of Deputy Chair works to support the Chair by attending a pre-Hui agenda briefing (approximately four times a year), and chairing the meeting if the Chair is unavailable. There are no specified extra duties, or additional remuneration for the role of Deputy Chair.

It is suggested that the Joint Committee have a discussion around the availability and experience of the Local Government members and put forth a nomination

Considerations

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

KMR has a commitment to ensuring transparency, inclusivity and participation. An appointment from a Local Government Authority meets the terms of the TOR and MOU.

2. **Ngā ritenga take pūtea | Financial implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this decision.

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**

None foreseen. KMR's meeting types and schedule has been well tested.

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

This Joint Committee paper does not have significant climate change implications..

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.

TITLE: Kōrero Tuku Iho – Whakatauirā Delivery Update

**Kaituhi Pūrongo |
Report Writer**

Marina Ford, KMR Mana Whenua Relations Lead

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

This report provides an update to the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee on the delivery of two Kōrero Tuku Iho Whakatauirā (Case Studies) and seeks the Joint Committee's ratification of the change of delivery entity for the Hukatere Peninsula focused case study.

Whakatauirā | Recommendations

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'Kōrero Tuku Iho – Delivery Update' report by Marina Ford dated 23 February 2026.
2. Note that the delivery entity for the Kōrero Tuku Iho Whakatauirā, focused within the Hukatere Peninsula, has changed from Tinopai Resource Management Unit to the Waihaua Marae Trust.
3. Ratify the Waihaua Marae Trust to deliver the second Kōrero Tuku Iho Case Study on the Hukatere Peninsula.

Whakarāpopototanga | Executive summary

The Kōrero Tuku Iho project continues to progress, with the first case study on the Poutō Peninsula ending in 2025 with its final wānanga. Following an open call for Expressions of Interest, a second case study on the Hukatere Peninsula was approved in July 2025 to reduce sediment through land-based restoration, mātauranga Māori and use the revival of kūtai (mussel) sites to further support the health of the Kaipara Harbour. The second case study is a holistic collaboration involving several entities. A third case study is under consideration. The third case study focuses on place-based learning to support wetland and streambank restoration on the Mangatū River and surrounding environments in Auckland.

As contract negotiations with the Tinopai Resource Management Unit were unable to be concluded, the second case study will now be formally delivered by Waihaua Marae Trust. We are seeking the Joint Committee ratification of this change of delivery entity.

Horopaki | Background

The Kōrero Tuku Iho Project represents the cultural dimension of the Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) programme, delivering on one of its two foundational pillars. The project provides a pathway for Kaipara uri, iwi and hapū, marae, whānau, and communities to explore their stories, memories, histories, values, and understanding of the natural world and places of significance associated with the Kaipara Moana catchment, as inspiration for reducing sedimentation.

To support this kaupapa, the Kōrero Tuku Iho Whakatauirā Fund was established to enable up to three case studies (whakatauirā). The Fund is administered on behalf of KMR, by Environs Te Uri o Hau. The Joint Committee has previously agreed the scope and criteria for the Fund.

Following an open Call for Expressions of Interest (EOIs), the Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū considered the EOIs at its meeting on 27 June 2025. Both EOIs were endorsed for consideration by the Joint Committee. At its meeting on 28 July 2025, the Joint Committee approved Case Study 2 - focused on the Hukatere Peninsula.

The Joint Committee deferred approval of Case Study 3. The Committee recommended that KMR Maurikura and Environs support the EOI applicants to secure landowner support for the proposed case study. It was also noted that potential resource consenting matters associated with the currently proposed focus site may impact the ability to deliver the intended case study outcomes.

Tātari me ngā tūtohu | Analysis and Advice

Project Delivery

Environs Te Uri o Hau will continue to lead the delivery of the Kōrero Tuku Iho Project. Delivery for this phase of the project is focused on delivering case study two, finalising the details for case study three and mapping the development of the 'blueprint' and its proposed structure, content and application.

The remaining case studies will be expected to contribute to the development and implementation of 'mauri plans.' These plans will form the foundation for the development of the blueprint, being a transferable template to support landowners and groups working across the Kaipara Moana catchment. The blueprint is intended to enable the consistent and effective integration of local perspectives, values, and aspirations into restoration activities undertaken on the ground.

Case study one - Pātaka Kai Poutō

Case study one was completed at the end of 2025, with a final wānanga held to confirm and finalise the Pātaka Kai Poutō Lakes Mauri Restoration Plan, developed alongside Poutō whānau, landowners, and Environs. A key outcome of this case study was the establishment of the Poutō Lakes Restoration Committee, comprising committed whānau and community members, including both long-standing participants and new champions. This rōpū will lead the implementation of the actions set out in the mauri restoration plan and will continue the ongoing work to protect and restore the Poutō Dune Lakes.

Case study two – Hukatere Peninsula

Contract negotiations with the Tinopai Resource Management Unit were unable to be concluded, due to contracting constraints. The KMR Maurikura facilitated the continuation of the case study, noting shared aspirations to restore kūtai and tio habitats across the Hukatere Peninsula – this is a commonly held aspiration of whānau and community. KMR staff attended the launch of the Tinopai Resource Management Unit Kūtai Project. It was a great turn out of whānau, hapū and community that heard from the core project group leading the project. We expect the Waihaua Marae Trust and the Tinopai Resource Management Unit will continue to collaborate support to progress both projects.

Given the shared locality, opportunities and aspirations, case study two will now be formally delivered by Waihaua Marae Trust. Endorsement is sought from the Joint Committee to ratify this change of delivery entity. The project location remains unchanged, with the case study continuing to be delivered at the Hukatere Peninsula, specifically the Kirikiri Inlet area. The scope, objectives, and focus of the project remain the same, with no changes proposed to the approved activities, outcomes, or funding envelope.

This change relates solely to the delivery entity, transitioning from the Tinopai Resource Management Unit to Waihaua Marae Trust. The project focus remains aligned with the marae and whānau of both Tinopai and Arapaoa and continues to reflect the cultural, environmental, and community context of the area. The Waihaua Marae Trust met on 17 January 2026 and approved assuming delivery responsibility for case study two.

Case study three – Mangatū River and surrounding environments

Progress on Case Study Three – Mangatū River and surrounding environments has paused. The project was originally intended to focus on whenua owned by a landowner who has advised he does not wish to proceed with planned restoration activities. At this stage, two alternative project options have been identified; however, both remain at an early investigation stage. Continued engagement with whānau, hapū, community and landowners is required to finalise case study three.

Further updates will be provided once a preferred option has been confirmed and a clear pathway for progression has been identified.

Ngā whāinga mō āmuri | Next steps

Subject to endorsement, a proposed wānanga is planned for Case Study 2 in February. A ‘Blueprint’ proposed structure, content and application workshop will be scheduled supported by the Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū.

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 Programme. 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 2025/2026 has been benchmarked across the KMR programme.

3. Ngā hiranga me ngā hononga | Significance and Engagement

In relation to section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002¹, 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 engagement.

4. Ngā tūraru me ngā mauru | Risks and mitigation

To ensure successful delivery and mitigate potential risks associated with projects, the following risk management measures will be implemented:

- **Contractual Controls** - Clear milestones and hold points will be embedded in project contracts to monitor progress and ensure accountability throughout delivery.
- **Financial Oversight** - Regular financial reporting will be required to maintain transparency and ensure responsible use of allocated funds.

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- **Capacity Support** - Environs Te Uri o Hau will provide ongoing support to applicants, helping to maintain delivery capacity and address any operational challenges.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation** - Staff will conduct periodic reviews to assess progress against agreed objectives and ensure alignment with KMR and Kōrero Tuku Iho outcomes.
- **Contingency Planning** - Provisions will be included to manage delays, scope changes, or unforeseen issues, ensuring project continuity and adaptability.

TITLE: Draft Six Month Progress Report (2025-2026)

**Kaituhi Pūrongo |
Report Writer** Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki

Rāpopototanga Matua | Executive summary

The Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Deed of Funding requires the preparation of an abbreviated Progress Report for the July 1 to December 31 period, and provision of it to the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) by February 28, 2026. This is called the ‘Six Month Report’

It is recommended the Joint Committee approve the draft in principle and delegate to the Chair and Deputy Chair final approval for provision to MfE, 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 Progress Report’ by Emma Doré, dated 23 February 2026.
2. Approve in principle the ‘Six Month Report’ attachment
3. Delegate the power to the Chair and Deputy Chair to approve a final draft of the ‘Six Month Report’ for provision to MfE, with the Pou Tātaki also delegated power to make minor editorial changes prior to submission if required.

Horopaki | Background

Under the KMR Deed of Funding dated 9 February 2021, the Joint Committee must submit a Six Month Progress Report to MfE 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.

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 MfE by 28 February 2026. 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 MfE by 28 February 2026. KMR staff will discuss the report with relevant Ministry staff following its submission as part of regular engagement.

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.

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Pirihongi | Attachments

Attachment 1: Draft KMR Six Month Report 2025-2026

Kaipara Moana Remediation

Six Month Report, FY 2025-26

10 February 2025

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

Year Six 2025/26

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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 2025, KMR has received the draw down of Crown funding for the remainder of the period to 30 June 2026, as per the year 6 Annual Work Plan budget. This funding was received November 2025.

3 Commentary on KMR progress to 31 December 2025

In presenting this report, KMR acknowledges the leadership and dedication of our former Pou Tātaki, Justine Daw, who moved on from KMR towards the end of 2025. She was instrumental in achieving the many successes of the programme in these first years.

Over the reporting period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025, KMR operations have maintained growth as planned in line with our modelling, with ongoing uptake of new landowners and an increasing number of returning landowners co-investing for additional remediation projects.

Winter 2025 (spanning the last part of the previous financial year) saw KMR's largest planting effort yet, with 766,704 stems, plants and trees either planted or contracted to plant. The large majority of these were natives.

The 6-month KPI outcomes confirm ongoing steady progress in engaging landowners and groups in the Kaipara Moana catchment, although it is pertinent to note that challenges in engaging with new landowners who are harder to reach are becoming more evident. This next phase of work will require new approaches and resources for KMR Field Advisors, backed by a scaled-up marketing strategy to expand KMR's reach to wider audiences.

In the reporting period, KMR worked with 152 landowners and groups to develop sediment reduction plans and projects: 65 of them are new landowners or groups taking action, and 87 are existing landowners or groups undertaking further projects. A further focus in the reporting period has been ongoing engagement with collectives through the Whenua Whānui Fund, with 133 projects completed, underway, or in active development at 31 December 2025.

The emerging trend of a greater number of returning landowners than new landowners, reflects a targeted approach through KMR's operational arm, enabled by a now well-established reputation for performance and delivery. Continued engagement with return landowners and groups, particularly those managing larger properties with significant sediment remediation potential, will play a crucial role in KMR's success. As KMR is now working with over 75% of the projected total number of landowners or groups within the catchment, the programme is continuing to target and promote uptake across the sheep and beef sector and increase engagement with horticultural farmers within the catchment.

Drawing on the knowledge and experience accumulated through four years of sustained engagement and collaboration, KMR has developed a strong understanding of both the opportunities and the constraints experienced by landowners and community groups in undertaking remediation work. Many continue to be affected by cost-of-living pressures, which limit their capacity to meet co-funding commitments. Although economic conditions have improved for drystock and dairy farmers over the past year, investment in on farm requirements still competes with the resources needed for remediation activities.

Persistent uncertainty around future freshwater, carbon, and biodiversity policy settings continues to influence landowners' current willingness to engage with KMR. Many are choosing to wait for clearer signals about compliance expectations before committing to remediation initiatives, resulting in a cautious approach across parts of the catchment. In anticipation of the changes to come, KMR is well positioned to respond to the introduction of regulatory measures.

During the first half of this financial year KMR has continued to advance the articulation of impact beyond KPI reporting.

A new initiative has been the production of bi-annual detailed spatial analysis of the total areas protected by KMR projects. Results show that between July 2025 and end of December 2025, KMR protected areas have increased by 19%, as fencing, planting, retirement or regeneration, and afforestation projects have been signed off and added into the spatial data. This form of analysis demonstrates how seemingly minor projects can produce non-linear gains and amplify small actions into larger protected footprints. For example, small,

strategic fencing additions can exclude stock from much larger adjacent areas, often leveraging existing landowner investment.

Following on from the positive results of the Ministry for the Environment and Jobs For Nature Secretariat KMR case study published in March 2025, which showed a \$3.94 return for every \$1 invested, in July KMR received an independent economic analysis of a typical farm system taking action with KMR support. The West family farm analysis highlighted the economic benefits and return on investment of retiring unproductive farm areas, with a benefit-to-cost ratio of 22%. This report has direct relevance to many landowners and groups in the KMR catchment and will be an important resource for future engagement.

With the support of the Ministry for the Environment, KMR has implemented a new initiative to demonstrate and tell the story of localised, measurable improvements in water quality and stream health resulting from KMR co-funded remediation project work. The project results will be shared through visual case studies and simple narratives that connect people to place rather than producing complex technical reports. Sites are currently being identified in collaboration with landowners for this multi-year project.

As a voluntary programme, collaboration remains a foundational element of the work of KMR. During September 2025, KMR collaborated with three accredited nurseries, Ōtamatea Harbour Care (Paparaoa), Te Toa Whenua Nursery (Waipoua), and Waimarie Nurseries (Pōroti), with events to promote community planting and raise awareness of KMR and what it offers. These highly successful community events generated new engagement with KMR, prompting similar events to be held in early 2026.

Another collaboration milestone was achieved in October 2025, when KMR signed a Community Agreement with the Department of Conservation (DOC) to commence a pilot in the Auckland region for landowners or communities to access KMR grant funding to 'recloak' the DOC administered 45km of esplanade reserves around the southern end of Kaipara Harbour.

At 31 December 2025, KMR has been fully operational for four years. Now firmly established and able to demonstrate successful outcomes, KMR has been further recognised for its leadership and role as a national exemplar during the reporting period in the following ways:

- KMR was showcased as one of three case studies in the Ministry for the Environment publication, "Our Marine Environment: The Stories Behind the Numbers". KMR's achievements are highlighted to show how collaboration and innovative solutions can build resilience in responses to our changing marine environment.
- KMR was profiled in the Fonterra 2025 Annual Report, noting how our partnership is, "building technical capability that supports the rural communities we are part of and helps farmers with environmental planning."
- KMR was selected for inclusion as one of only five case studies in the Aotearoa Circle's forthcoming national Natural Infrastructure Plan. Key elements of the plan are likely to be included in the Government's forthcoming Infrastructure Plan and National Resilience Framework which will recognise and articulate the multiple benefits of natural infrastructures.

Engaging and investing to accelerate sediment reduction

- The successful collaboration with Nurseries (noted above) has generated enthusiasm from the nursery sector to host open days in 2026. These are currently being planned as pre-winter planting events with 7 nurseries
- Implementation of an internal restructure in July 2025 created additional dedicated personnel focused on landowner and group support for grant management. This allowed a scale up in

communications and marketing to complement field staff in ongoing engagement and growing caseloads.

- Continuation of our strong delivery-oriented partnerships with Fonterra, The Forest Bridge Trust, and Environs Te Uri o Hau.
- Participation in the current MPI/NZ Landcare Trust initiative to explore improved catchment group effectiveness across Northland.
- Proactive national and regional networking to promote the work of KMR and ensure the programme remains at the forefront of new initiatives and developments across the sector.

Integrating Te Ao Māori and upholding mana

- The trust built across communities by the KMR team has supported further kanohi ki te kanohi engagement with community groups and tangata whenua. There were 15 Whenua Whānui Fund projects were signed off as completed between July and December 2025 and a further 14 Whenua Whānui Fund projects with groups were contracted or provided for signature. There are another nineteen Whenua Whānui Projects in development with Kaitiaki / Field Advisors.
- Highly tailored in-community events were hosted to target groups potentially interested in the Whenua Whānui Fund.
- Ongoing support for Kaipara Maurikura staff to develop in Te Reo Māori and tikanga.
- Kaipara marae hosted several KMR events, including the KMR Joint Committee at Kāpehu Marae in July, and visits to Korokota and Waihaua Marae in September and November. There were also online and community visits regarding the Whenua Whānui fund focused hui in Mangakāhia in July and August.
- Two Field Advisors delivering Sediment Reduction Plans, four nurseries and several preferred suppliers for KMR have links to Kaipara Uri.
- Continuation of the Kōrero Tuku Iho project. The first case study, Poutō Pātaka Kai is underway, the second case study is in discussion, and the final case study is being re-scoped.

Capability Development: Investing in local people

- All KMR Field Advisors and partnering organisations now have an approved Contractor Pre-Qualification Health & Safety accreditation certificate, in accordance with NRC contractor requirements.
- The Kaipara Maurikura Operational team host fortnightly Field Advisor online technical sessions and facilitate monthly (or as required) mentoring of Field Advisors to further develop their knowledge. These sessions address KMR funding opportunities and sediment reduction approaches across riparian areas, erodible hill country and planting, native regeneration, and exotic or native afforestation. It's also an opportunity for Field Advisors to discuss challenging scenario options.
- KMR's approach to local procurement continues to support accredited local nurseries and preferred suppliers, and we continue to draw on the Amotai initiative, which promotes supplier diversity.

Insights & Tools: Optimising KMR investment

- A budget allowance is in place in the Annual Work Plan, to commence a review on the capability of KMR's digital farm planning tool, Mātai Onekura in anticipation of the introduction of Freshwater Farm Plans in late 2026.

- Mātai Onekura was refined during the reporting period to enhance efficiency and rectify repeated system glitches as reported across the team of users - peer reviewers, delivery partners, KMR approvers and grant coordinators.
- KMR has implemented a bi-annual GIS analysis of all KMR projects via Storymap, providing detailed maps and statistics of all areas protected through KMR activity.

Strategy and Opportunities: Accelerating KMR uptake & impact

- KMR has been invited to participate in the current MPI/NZ Landcare Trust initiative to explore the potential for one or more Catchment Collectives to be established in Te Tai Tokerau.
- Trees That Count are continuing to support KMR landowners and groups again this year, with trees contributing to their KMR projects. Whilst available stock numbers to KMR are lower than previous years, this remains a valuable benefit to remediation projects, and leverages publicity for KMR.
- KMR negotiated a new agreement in October 2025 with DOC which will commence a pilot in Auckland, to issue landowner grants that will ‘recloak’ esplanade strips administered by DOC near waterways and the Kaipara Harbour.
- KMR has renewed the collaboration with the Queen Elizabeth National Trust (QEII) to protect remnant forests in the Auckland region.
- Building upon the relationship with Horticulture NZ for third-party co-funding to KMR projects, KMR has achieved agreement for some cost recovery of KMR administration to come into effect in 2026.
- KMR has commenced discussions with an additional provider for contributions to landowner and group remediations projects. It is anticipated that this will bear fruit in the coming reporting period.

The financial summary provided below reflects expenditure at 31 December 2025. 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 also important to note that sediment remediation projects funded through KMR grants operate within a constantly evolving landscape, with final accounting typically completed at project close-out when grant payments are made to landowners and groups, and in-kind contributions are recorded. For example, although more than \$6.2 million in total project value has been contracted across the current and previous financial years, these funds have not yet been fully disbursed. A portion is expected to be paid out within the current financial year, with remaining payments scheduled for 2026/27 to align with planting projects planned for winter 2026. For the remainder of the financial year, a key focus for the Kaipara Maurikura will be supporting landowners and groups to progress and complete contracted projects, alongside project sign-off and payment ahead of year-end where appropriate.

4 Contribution to the Jobs for Nature Focus Area Indicators

The Kaipara Moana Remediation funding initiated from 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 2025-2026 financial year were confirmed as part of the Annual Work Plan process and remain unchanged from the previous year.

Over the past four years of operation, KMR has learnt that project uptake correlates closely to fluctuating political, economic and market conditions, with project timing and scope also highly influenced by weather conditions and sector outlook, particularly for primary sector landowners taking action through KMR grants on farm.

Such factors combined with the stage we have reached where the most receptive landowners and groups are already on board is likely to result in a plateau of new sediment reduction plans and projects over the coming year, as has been anticipated in the programme modelling. **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.

Funding contracts with landowners and groups can occur at any time of the year, whereas the actual timing of delivery of project activities (fencing and/or planting) depends on the seasonality of the contracted activity, individual circumstances, and weather conditions. KMR verification of completion of project activities can occur at a specified time after works have been completed, allowing KMR to verify survival rates of planting undertaken - hence the inclusion of both 'completed' and 'contracted' outputs in KMR reporting.

While KMR generally has 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 and 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.

5 Contribution to Indicators (KPIs)

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 FY2025-26 progresses and as KMR grants funding is taken up by landowners and groups. There is some 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 6 target range (12 month) | Year 6 <i>Jobs for Nature</i> KPIs (12 month) |
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| Engagement and Participation | Number of new project plans or new Farm Environment plans completed (total): | 152: | 100-220: | 200-440: | 100 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of new Plans | 65 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50-70 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100-140 | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of new project plans by returning landowners/groups | 87 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50-150 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100-300 | |
| | Area covered by new Farm Environment Plans (ha) | 6,355 | 8,125-15,000 | 16,250-30,000 | 16,250 |
| Nature and Resilience | Length (km) of new fencing constructed or contracted | 233 | 150-275 | 300-550 | 300 |
| | Total trees/plants planted or contracted for planting | 531,989 | 475,000-1,250,000 | 950,000-2,500,000 | 600,000 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of trees/plants planted or contracted for planting in riparian, lake or wetland areas | 300,727 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 300,000-400,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 600,000-800,000 | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of trees/plants planted or contracted for planting in highly erodible country | 231,262 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 175,000-850,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 350,000-1,700,000 | |
| | Area protected through planting or native regeneration (ha) | 602.7 | 185-680 | 370-1360 | 120 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area (ha) of riparian, lake, or wetlands planting completed or contracted | 60.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60-80 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 120-160 | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area (ha) of afforestation, space planting or biodiversity planting not in riparian, lake, or wetlands margins completed or contracted | 542.6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 125-600 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 250-1200 | | |

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| Skills and Jobs | Number of people-hours worked | 49,522 (32 FTE) | 30,000-40,000 (19-26 FTE) | 60,000-80,000 (39-51 FTE) | 60,000 (39 FTE) |
| | Number of people undertaking training | 44 | 20 | 40 | 40 |

*Bold values indicate J4N required Indicators

| 6 KMR key tasks/activities for Year 6 (2025/26) | | | | | |
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| Work programme | YEAR 6 Projects | Progress Update | YEAR 6 Estimated budget (\$ million) | | |
| | | | Crown contribution | Other (Council, Landowner, Partner) Contribution | TOTAL Budget |
| Programme delivery - Sediment Reduction | | | 8.158 (2.409) | 7.341 (2.200) | 15.499 (4.609) |
| 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 "actuals" shown reflect the amount disbursed after remediation works have been completed and signed off.</p> <p>In the reporting period, \$3.8m of total project value was contracted, with grants paid out to an additional \$2.2m worth of projects. These figures will increase as new projects are contracted and existing projects are signed off for payment.</p> <p>In addition to the works funded during this six-month period, as of 31 December 2025, over \$6.2m in total project value (grant funding and landowner/group/third party contributions) is</p> | 7.888 (2.300) | 7.071 (2.200) | 14.959 (4.500) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for ‘Navigator projects’ led by landowners or groups who are sharing their projects and experience in leading sediment remediation projects. <p>It also supports delivery through sediment remediation partnerships with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kaipara Uri, a key delivery partner, supporting engagement to drive uptake and projects among harder-to-reach mana whenua groups. Fonterra, who develops Tiaki Farm Environment Plans (FEPs) and associated projects on KMR’s behalf Other delivery partners including The Forest Bridge Trust, supporting engagement and delivery of SRPs/projects. Three Catchment Reference Groups in the Mangakāhia, the Wairua and the Hōteao river systems, which are intended to enable mana whenua not represented by Kaipara Uri entities to assess and fund remediation projects (\$0.100m).¹ <p>The budget also includes the value of contracted sediment remediation grants and the matching landowner/group contributions carried over from Year 5 (\$7.075m).</p> <p>Some of the shown budget will roll over into Year 7, reflecting newly contracted remediation grants and matching landowner contributions that are not completed until the following financial year.</p> | <p>contracted but not yet verified (signed off as completed) and therefore not yet paid out.</p> <p>KMR has engaged with 152 landowners/groups to develop sediment reduction plans and projects: 65 of them are new landowners/groups taking action and 87 are existing KMR landowners/groups undertaking further projects. At end December 2025, KMR has 937 project plans completed with a further 119 in the development stage.</p> | | | |
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¹ KMR continues to commit to an investment of \$1.16m p.a. for three Catchment Reference Groups. Should additional funding be required, we will seek a formal change to the Annual Work Plan and associated budget.

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| <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 tree species for unique challenges on land or to support sediment reduction activities. • Continuation of a strategic partnership with Te Ārai Native Nursery, professional development, training and mentoring support via a community of practice for KMR Field Advisors, including in partnership with the New Zealand Association of Resource Management (NZARM). <p>Other initiatives as required to support workforce development, training and mentoring as required to develop Freshwater Farm Planners into the future.</p> | | <p>0.270 (0.109)</p> | <p>0.270 (0.000)</p> | <p>0.540 (0.109)</p> |
| <p>Engagement and Partnership</p> | | | <p>0.159 (0.043)</p> | <p>0.051 (0.000)</p> | <p>0.210 (0.043)</p> |
| <p>Engagement and Partnership</p> | <p>Communications and Engagement</p> <p>KMR’s communications and engagement is directed at reaching landowners and groups across the catchment to drive uptake of KMR grants, in line with programme KPIs and expectations of wide participation, as well as a targeted number of activities to keep founding partners, delivery partners and stakeholders informed.</p> <p>Activity will include:</p> | <p>Ongoing community-based engagements in person have taken place through a range of events hosted by KMR, partner organisations and other leading organisations in the sector.</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-</p> | <p>0.149 (0.040)</p> | <p>0.036 (0.000)</p> | <p>0.185 (0.040)</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forums with senior industry, NGOs, community, iwi/hapū and practitioners across the Kaipara Moana Catchment to share information on remediation opportunities, funding, resources and relevant insights from KMR delivery. • Engagement in the community, including on marae, at events, field days and open days, as well as sector and community forums. • Publicising the work the KMR is doing to landowners and groups not yet working with KMR, and potential commercial/philanthropic partners, including through regular media outreach, video content and campaigns. | <p>community, on farm or on marae engagements.</p> <p>16 different news stories were published in a variety of media across the catchment and nationally, aiming at a diversity of location, audience and type of story.</p> <p>KMR content on the website, including our monthly achievements (KPIs), news updates and promotion of forthcoming events hosted by or relating to KMR continued to be refreshed monthly as a minimum.</p> <p>KMR brochures and information materials were revised to reflect updated KMR project activities and funding types.</p> | | | |
| Marketing | <p>Programme marketing</p> <p>This workstream will promote and publicise 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>Work is underway on a new Comms Strategy to assist in reaching a more diverse range of audiences and leverage the impact of face-to-face engagements and media publications.</p> <p>KMR has introduced a text messaging service to landowners/ groups to promote seasonal initiatives, and ensure reminders or promotions are communicated efficiently.</p> | 0.010 (0.003) | 0.015 (0.000) | 0.025 (0.003) |

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| Thriving Maurikura | | | 0.583 (0.236) | 1.583 (0.698) | 2.166 (0.934) |
| Thriving Maurikura | <p>Kaipara Maurikura</p> <p>The Kaipara Maurikura is the operational vehicle for KMR. It is established as a business unit within the Northland Regional Council, until such time as the Kaipara Moana Body is established under statute.</p> <p>The Kaipara Maurikura currently employs 10.8 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff who fulfil the leadership, engagement, communications, project management, technical leadership, strategic, governance and administrative roles required to deliver KMR's work programme.</p> <p>This budget area includes all costs for office space, IT and telecommunications, vehicles, health and safety, human resources, professional development, and financial, audit and other administrative support costs, delivered via a Service Level Agreement with Northland Regional Council.</p> <p>This budget area also includes a contingency budget (only if needed) for the Pou Tātaki for consultants, legal advice and sundries of \$140,000.</p> | <p>At 31 December 2025, the Maurikura restructure implemented in July 2025 comprised of 13.25 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff (c.f. an establishment cap of 14 FTE). This figure reflects the extension of a 9 Day fortnight initiative via NRC. The new internal structure increases capacity for work moving ahead, although some new key positions will remain vacant until investment strategies and business opportunities are clearer. The increased FTE and new approach to mitigating key person risks increases KMRs performance resilience, support to an increasing number of landowners/ groups and relieves pressure on team members.</p> | 0.583 (0.236) | 1.583 (0.698) | 2.166 (0.934) |

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| Governance, Planning and Reporting | | | 0.050 (0.019) | 0.010 (0.009) | 0.060 (0.028) |
| Governance, Planning and Reporting | <p>Governance</p> <p>The Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee costs including Kaipara Uri member fees, venue hire, catering, koha, travel and other associated costs.</p> <p>Note – Kaipara Maurikura staff provide administrative support for the Joint Committee (budgeted for separately under Thriving Maurikura above).</p> | <p>Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee held 3 hui, 1 of which was held on marae with a Haukāinga session.</p> <p>There was an additional Joint Committee Field Trip to Oneriri Station in October, where KMR were guest speakers at the event hosted by Beef & Lamb NZ.</p> <p>The three-yearly Council elections took place during this period, resulting in changes to both Northland and Auckland Council KMR Joint Committee Member appointments.</p> | 0.050 (0.019) | 0.010 (0.009) | 0.060 (0.028) |
| Digital Tools | | | 0.194 (0.060) | 0.178 (0.007) | 0.372 (0.067) |
| 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.</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. Adjustments have been made to improve the system functionality and efficiency. There have been no developments for Tātaki Wai in this period.</p> | 0.194 (0.060) | 0.178 (0.007) | 0.372 (0.067) |

| Strategy and Opportunities | | | 0.500 (0.096) | 0.481 (0.000) | 0.981 (0.096) |
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| Strategy and Opportunities | <p>Kōrero Tuku Iho 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 aspirations of relevance to KMR, develop a cultural framework for wider use across the catchment, and use kaitiakitanga in action to work towards restoring the health, wellbeing, and mauri at specific, culturally important locations.</p> | <p>One of the whakatauirā (case studies) within the Kōrero Tuku Iho project is underway (Poutō Pātaka Kai) and anticipated to conclude in the next reporting period, with another expected to commence in March 2026.</p> <p>Engagement via hui and wānanga has commenced, to support the final whakatauirā. The KTI Reference Rōpū and KMR Joint Committee continue endorsing the whakatauirā (case studies).</p> <p>Engagement via hui and wānanga has commenced, and the first case study is due to be completed in June 2026 (Poutō Pātaka Kai).</p> | 0.398 (0.095) | 0.448 (0.000) | 0.846 (0.095) |
| 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. These opportunities will focus on reducing the cost to the landowner of 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>KMR has strengthened its co-funding relationship with HortNZ with a renewed contract, with potential for a portion of KMR administration to be reimbursed.</p> <p>A new opportunity for partial co-funding is in the pipeline and anticipated to come into effect over the coming months.</p> | 0.025 (0.001) | 0.025 (0.000) | 0.050 (0.001) |
| Strategy and Opportunities | <p>Investment strategy, monitoring and evaluation</p> <p>Refresh of KMR's investment strategy to reflect programme experience, any insights from scientific outputs and/or models, and the Kōrero Tuku Iho</p> | <p>Working with the Sustainability and Climate change team at Beca, a case study for KMR was developed and has been selected by the Aotea Circle for</p> | 0.077 (0.000) | 0.008 (0.000) | 0.085 (0.000) |

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| | <p>framework, and set the foundations for developing a targeted investment approach to deliver on KMR's four investment objectives.</p> <p>Continue and expand programme monitoring and evaluation, including improvements in tracking the impact towards KMR investment objectives.</p> | <p>inclusion in their forthcoming national Natural Infrastructure Plan.</p> <p>KMR is now producing bi-annual spatial data analysis providing enhanced information on the areas protected through KMR and landowner/group activities.</p> | | | |
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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.

23 February 2026

TITLE: **Pou Tātaki Report**

**Kaituhi Pūrongo |
Report Writer** Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

This report provides a brief update to the Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Joint Committee on KMR delivery.

Rāpopototanga Matua | Executive Summary

In this report, we provide a brief update to the Joint Committee on KMR delivery and KPIs, as well as an overview of new initiatives and any material issues since we last reported.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'Pou Tātaki Report' by Emma Doré dated 23 February 2026.

Tātari me ngā tūtohu | Analysis and Advice

Incoming Pou Tātaki

KMR is pleased to soon be welcoming Jason Marris into the Pou Tātaki position. Jason brings with him a wealth of knowledge in the sector and is passionate about creating alignment between people, strategy, policy, and operations to deliver impact. Mr. Marris has spent the last few years leading the Kaipara District Council, so he holds dedication, passion and great existing connections in the Kaipara catchment.

The Maurikura, KMR's operational arm, looks forward to the next exciting phase of KMR, and sincerely thanks Justine Daw for her dedicated leadership and unwavering energy in the first four years of operation.

Comms and Engagement

KMR will have a stand at 5 upcoming A&P shows in Northland and Auckland, staffed by a mix of KMR Maurikura and Field Advisors. These events offer an opportunity for face-to-face engagement with community and landowners, rural professionals, and other stakeholder groups. Our attendance will be communicated via our upcoming Pānui, KMR social media channels and a full-page advert in the Field Days edition of the Northern Farming Lifestyles. Show dates are as follows:

- Paparoa A&P Show – 7 February
- Arapohue Show Day – 14 February
- Northland Field Days – 26 – 28 February
- Helensville A&P Show – 27 February
- Warkworth A&P Show – 21 March.

KMR continues to profile in local and sectoral media, with stories about KMR farmers, growers, landowners and groups taking action with KMR support. Two landowner stories were published in Northern Farming Lifestyles November and December editions. One story featured Tāpora based sheep and beef farmers Tim Short and Kirsty Laws and the other piece covered a KMR collaborative project with Horticulture New Zealand at a Dargaville kūmara and dairy farm, owned by the Nilsson family. Three KMR media releases/stories were also picked up by scoop.co.nz.

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KMR will self-nominate for the Cawthron Freshwater Champions Aotearoa. This biennial event, run by Cawthron Institute, is designed to celebrate individuals and communities who are helping to restore and protect the health of Aotearoa New Zealand's rivers, lakes, wetlands and aquifers. Finalists will be invited to participate in making a video and other communications for public release and attend the Freshwater Champions Aotearoa New Zealand showcase event, held in Nelson.

Acting Pou Tātaki Emma Doré, and Pūtahi-Tira, Whanake, Auaha, Darren VanBeek were delighted to gather alongside ngā uri me ngā hapū o Ngāt Whātua and attend the pōwhiri to acknowledge and welcome Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua's new Chief Executive Office Renata Blair. It was an auspicious occasion, and an honour to attend. The pōwhiri provided an opportunity to learn more about the history and significance of the marae, and to connect with whānau and leaders from across the rohe.

KMR Performance (Life to Date)

At 31 January 2026, a little over 3¾ years into operational delivery, KMR has delivered the following results on the ground:

Nature & Resilience

- Over 2.92 million plants in the ground or contracted to plant this winter
- 1,809 hectares planted or contracted, or regenerating into native forest
- Over 1,124 km of fencing completed or contracted – more than the distance from Cape Rēinga to Cape Palliser!
- Over 151,600 hectares managed under KMR plans.

Jobs & Skills

- 447,000 hours of new work – a year's work for over 287 people
- Over \$30.3 million invested in restoration projects
- 53 local businesses and nurseries accredited to supply KMR
- 262 people trained and mentored, many from local iwi/hapū, to advise on project design and delivery.

Participation

- 1,428 landowners/groups have expressed interest in KMR
- 939 plans completed with landowners/groups
- 123 more plans in development
- 131 projects led by hapū, marae, community groups, catchment groups and other collectives.

Financial performance

The year-to-date financials shown in Table 1 below show that KMR continues to scale up at pace, as intended, indicated by the value of total Programme Expenditure (Activity).

The Table shows financial payments made to 31 December 2025, rather than project activity completed. At the end of December 2025 KMR has \$6.2m worth of projects contracted or committed, some of which will be completed but are not yet paid out. This reflects the lag between landowners/groups contracting to undertake projects, project completion, KMR arranging project review and sign-off, landowners/groups submitting invoices, and KMR paying invoices.

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Table 1: KMR Financials (Year to date, as at 31 December 2025)**KMR Financials to 31 December 2025**

| Funding Contributions | 31 December 2025 |
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| MfE | 9,644,396 |
| Northland Regional Council | 70,798 |
| Other funding | 204,538 |
| Interest earned | 468,459 |
| Subtotal (Funds available) | 10,388,191 |
| <i>Less KMR expenditure</i> (Activity incl. Grants) | 2,862,029 |
| <i>Less other funding allocated</i> | 81,527 |
| Funds Remaining | 7,444,635 |
| Co-funding (Matching Contributions) | |
| NRC in kind labour and Opex costs (incl. salaries) | 705,745 |
| AC in kind labour and Opex costs | 9,227 |
| Landowner / Other contributors | 2,199,950 |
| Subtotal (Co-funding expenditure) | 2,914,922 |
| Total Programme Expenditure (Activity) | 5,776,951 |

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 Office of the Auditor General (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 value | Status | Nature of Interest |
|------------|--------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Deb Brewer | Whenua Whānui Fund | \$17,318.00 (excl GST) | Site maintenance is being completed. Some of the anticipated remediation work will move to Project 2 (yet to be developed) | As Chair of the Te Kia ora Marae, Kakanui, Deb Brewer has an interest in this grant. Any potential financial benefit from this environmental restoration grant (e.g. in terms of future land use value) would accrue to all beneficiaries of the Marae trust. The OAG has provided a ruling to |

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| | | | | KMR that such a role does not constitute a LAMIA conflict. |
| Kelly Retimana | WWF Application | \$21,856.10 | Contracted June 2025 | <p>Kelly is not a landowner or trustee but an interested whanau member who has promoted the project.</p> <p>Kelly is an affiliate of the Marae and would not receive financial benefit.</p> |