

Agenda

Rārangi Take

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee
Monday 20 April 2026 at 11am



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Rā Date:	Monday, 20 April 2026
Wā Time:	11am
Tauwāhi Location:	Online
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 Crow, 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 – February 2026

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 February 2026.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee meeting held on 23 February 2026.

Ngā Tāpiri | Attachments

Attachment 1: Joint Committee Hui Minutes (February 2026)

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Rā Date:	Monday, 23 February 2026
Wā Time:	10.30am
Tauwāhi Location:	Wellsford Community Centre,
Huihuinga Gathering	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 (AC) Guy Wishart, Auckland Council Ivan Wagstaff, Auckland Council Jack Crow, Northland Regional Council (NRC) John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Kelly Retimana, Te Uri o Hau Pita Tipene, Northland Regional Council Tracy Davis, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara
Tae Mai In Attendance	Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki, KMR Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Koāwa, KMR Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, KMR Natalie Jarufe, Ringa-Pārongo - Communications and Governance Lead, KMR Marina Ford, Mana Whenua Relations Lead, KMR Duncan Kervell, Consultant, KMR

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.34am.

KARAKIA | WHAKATAU

TAHITAHĪ | HOUSEKEEPING

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

NGĀ WHAKAPAHĀ | APOLOGIES (ITEM 2.0)

Moved (Sayers /Davis)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the apologies from Member Mike Tana.

Carried

Secretariat Note:

The Chair also noted apologies from Observers, Aoife Broad - Ministry for the Environment (MfE), and Jonathan Gibbard (NRC).

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 24 November 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Time was taken for Whakawhanaungatanga, as it was the first time many Members had met after local body elections, iwi elections and other replacements.

JOINT COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER (ITEM 5.1)

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

Moved (Curtis-Connelly / Blackwell)

That the Joint Committee:

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

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Sophie Bone provided an overview of the Action Tracker, explaining that it is used to record and monitor member queries and requests, and is updated and presented at each JC hui. Members Sayers and Craw noted to new members that KMR is an exceptional organisation to serve as a governor, with KPIs regularly exceeded and a proactive, tight-knit Maurikura team. Craw also acknowledged the strong leadership of Justine Daw in bringing KMR to its current level of success.

JOINT COMMITTEE FORWARD WORKPLAN (ITEM 5.2)

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

Moved (Brewer/Curtis-Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. **Receive** the report 'Joint Committee Forward Workplan'.

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Sophie Bone provided an overview of the Forward Workplan, explaining that it outlines upcoming high-level work programme items for the Joint Committee. She noted that the Workplan is regularly updated and presented at each JC hui to maintain visibility of priorities and workflows.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (ITEM 6.1)

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

Moved (Curtis-Connolly/Tipene)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Accept nominations of Local Government Members for the role of Deputy Chair on the KMR Joint Committee
2. Appoint a Deputy Chair by holding a vote.

Carried

Motion to elect John Blackwell as Deputy Chair

Moved (Craw/Tipene)

Vote: Jack Craw, Pita Tipene, Greg Sayers, Georgina Curtis-Connolly, Tracy Davis

Motion to elect Guy Wishart as Deputy Chair

Moved (Wagstaff/Brewer)

Vote: Guy Wishart, Ivan Wagstaff, Debra Brewer

Abstained: John Blackwell, Kelly Retimana, Tame Te Rangī

Apology: Mike Tana

By virtue of show of hands, the Chair declared John Blackwell Deputy Chair of the KMR Joint Committee.

Carried

KŌRERO TUKU IHO – WHAKATAUIRA DELIVERY UPDATE (6.2)

Report from Marina Ford, KMR Mana Whenua Relations Lead

Moved (Curtis-Connolly/Craw)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the 'Kōrero Tuku Iho – Whakatauirā 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 Waihaia Marae Trust.
3. Ratify the Waihaia Marae Trust to deliver the second Kōrero Tuku Iho Case Study on the Hukatere Peninsula.

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Chair Te Rangī outlined the Kōrero Tuku Iho pathway, noting its focus on capturing local stories, histories, values, and the natural features significant to the catchment. He confirmed that the Joint Committee will receive the findings from the Poutō Pātaka Kai Whakatauirā at a future hui. Members also discussed the

ecological significance of the Poutō Lakes Whakatauirā and the importance of understanding the Mauri of the Kaipara when guiding remediation work.

Members sought clarification on any anticipated support the new delivery entity might require, financially or with transitional issues. Marina Ford advised that the proposal remains unchanged, will use funding already approved by the Joint Committee, and that the Waihoua Marae Trust has strong relationships with local landowners already engaged or preparing to participate.

The Chair reiterated that KMR is a voluntary programme, supported through a clear Expression of Interest (EOI) process that all individuals and entities must use when seeking funding. He emphasised that JC members can encourage proactive use of the EOI process to promote KMR's kaupapa. The Chair reminded members that funding is granted solely on the strength of submitted EOIs.

Members discussed sediment-monitoring responsibilities, noting that this work sits with the Auckland and Northland Regional Councils. They also acknowledged historic NIWA monitoring and the inconsistent monitoring intervals currently being undertaken.

DRAFT SIX MONTH PROGRESS REPORT (2025-2026) (6.3)

Report from Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki

Moved (Craw/Davis)

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.

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Member Craw thanked Emma Doré and the Maurikura team for an excellent report, noting that KPIs had again been exceeded, particularly in fencing achievements. He also acknowledged the well-worded statement addressing current LO uncertainties around future compliance expectations. Members discussed the need for increased communications to reach new Landowners, noting a slowdown in new EOIs and that many current projects were return applicants. Members highlighted that, given the profile of many landowners in the catchment, engagement is most effective through peer-to-peer relationships.

Lisette Rawson provided a verbal update on current and planned engagement, including the Te Orewai Native Nursery Open Day, which resulted in new EOIs. She noted that a new Communications and Engagement Strategy is being developed and welcomed ideas from members on engaging communities where KMR is less visible.

Member Blackwell suggested promoting the 'Grant West' story to help engage with drystock farmers.

POU TĀTAKI REPORT (ITEM 6.4)

Report from Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki

Moved (Curtis-Connelly/Brewer)

That the Joint Committee:

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

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Members discussed the changing political environment, including proposals to disestablish MfE and Regional Councils, and the uncertainty caused by delays in regulatory processes such as the Freshwater Farm Plans.

They agreed that the best approach was to continue with business as usual and remain proactive until more was known. Chair Te Rangi noted historical Treasury analysis showed a \$3.94 return for every dollar invested, which Ministers responded well to. He emphasised the importance of preparing for potential changes in government and maintaining certainty around the MoU.

Members discussed the potential for research to further support KMR's programme, and highlighted the significant capacity of several large philanthropic landholders in the Kaipara catchment who are open to native planting and land-use change. Members also noted that various Crown-led trading schemes—such as the ETS and biodiversity credits—may influence future opportunities. The discussion emphasised the importance of KMR preparing and positioning the programme to take advantage of these developments.

Member Retimana suggested engagement with land agents—who often have long-standing knowledge of farm operations and land blocks — could be incorporated into the new communications plan. Doré added that while this targeted engagement had not been necessary previously, the updated plan will broaden engagement across different communities and networks. The Chair highlighted KMR's strong existing relationships with sector partners such as HortNZ, Fonterra, and Beef + Lamb, and noted the intention to establish catchment reference groups to connect these networks and strengthen engagement. Member Curtis-Connelly acknowledged the Cawthron self-nomination and other nominations, and provided congratulations to the Maurikura on the co-funding relationships already established.

LUNCH BREAK 12.35 – 1.07pm

Bi-Annual GIS Spatial Analysis (Verbal Updates) – Duncan Kervell (Consultant)

Secretariat Note:

Members discussed the monitoring responsibilities of each Council, as well as wider organisational integration. Members also asked whether the data provided in the presentations was shareable, and we were able to identify high value, highly erodible potential projects in neighbouring properties. Duncan Kervell confirmed that potential projects were easily identifiable, but the Chair reminded Members that although the tools were capable, KMR is strictly a voluntary programme, and it is not in KMR's mandate to identify, contact and seek out projects with Landowners. Staff confirmed that a Communications and Engagement Strategy was in development, and Lisette Rawson informed members that the Field Advisors were given support in identifying engagement opportunities, provided tools and resources, and encouraged to network in different community spaces. Duncan Kervell clarified that the gap in projects in the southern areas of the catchment is not likely to be due to a lack of KMR capacity or capability, as Field Advisors are active in the area. He noted that some landowners remain hesitant due to regulatory and industry uncertainties, and that the variety of land parcel and use types — including some that are ineligible — also contributes to the slower uptake.

Member Sayers asked about the on-the-ground situation with forestry. Duncan Kervell explained that commercial forestry operates under its own set of rules, but KMR engages with these landowners when they are looking to retire areas or change their forestry profile, with the greatest traction occurring in sub-economic or retiring areas.

Members then discussed the future of the Intellectual Property (IP) created through the programme, and how this might be used on conclusion. They queried whether this should be explored now. Staff shared that the IP was jointly owned by the signatories, so future use would be at their decision. The Chair noted that addressing this would require dedicated capacity, which is currently limited, and emphasised that immediate priorities take precedence.

He confirmed that KMR differentiates between commercial, lifestyle, and other property types, as the work required varies. In response to questions about subdivision, Lisette clarified that KMR has funding restrictions relating to subdivision areas, and the number of such properties changes over time so it is reviewed as needed.

The Chair explained that the intention is to engage directly with Landowners (LOs), rather than land managers, forestry entities, or contractors. He questioned where operational responsibility should begin and end. Members sought clarity on whether KMR was able to map out exclusions of ineligible properties. Duncan Kervell shared that it was possible to model it, and it could be used to support the communications strategy, but this hadn't been a priority to date given that the reduction in EOIs is a new and evolving issue. Member Brewer highlighted the importance of strengthening connections across the southern area of the catchment emphasising that despite busyness, effective engagement requires strong community buy-in and clear messaging.

Member Wagstaff noted the Rodney Local Board's support for local conservation groups and suggested sharing their engagement insights with KMR. Duncan Kervell responded that Partnership Forums in South Kaipara already involve many of these groups, so agreed there is an opportunity to work collaboratively.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 2.16 pm.

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 – April 2026

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	Ongoing	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.
Kōrero Tuku Iho	Report back on the status of the Pātaka Kai Kōrero Tuku Iho Whakatauirā, due for completion	Mana Whenua Relations Lead	July	Open	This action was added at the request of Joint Committee Members at the February 2026 Joint Committee Hui. An update was intended at the April Hui, however the passing of a Kaumatua linked to the project and various KMR functions has delayed some project work and reporting.

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 |
Report Writer** Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

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 Communications and Engagement Strategy Update		
June			Partnership Forum (Optional)
July 27	Committee and Executive Interests Indicative Year End Results Kōrero Tuku Iho update		
October 12	Annual Report Annual Work Plan		
November 16	Audit Assurance Report Meeting Dates 2027		

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TITLE: Draft Annual Work Plan (2026/2027)**Kaituhi Pūrongo |
Report Writer**

Emma Doré, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

This paper:

- Summarises key elements of the Kaipara Moana Remediation programme's draft Annual Work Plan (2026/2027) (Attachment 1).
- Seeks approval to submit the draft Annual Work Plan for the 2026/2027 financial year to the Ministry for the Environment for review and comment, as per the requirements of the KMR programme Deed of Funding, subject to any feedback from the Joint Committee.
- Seeks approval for a delegation for the Joint Committee Chair and Deputy Chair to approve a final draft Annual Work Plan for provision to MfE and finalise the Annual Work Plan as needed following MfE review and completion of Year 6 audit.

Whakarāpopototanga | Executive summary

The Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Deed of Funding with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) requires the KMR Joint Committee (Joint Committee) to prepare a draft Annual Work Plan for each Financial Year of the programme and submit this draft to MfE for review and comment.

This report summarises key elements of the draft Annual Work Plan (the Work Plan) for the 2026/2027 financial year (Attachment 1). The proposed KMR budget for financial year is \$21.006 million in total programme budget value (i.e. including cash and in-kind contribution value). KMR will invoice MfE for the first six months of their estimated contribution for FY2026/2027, in late May 2026.

As with the previous financial year, we have included indicative delivery ranges for 2026–2027. The upper bound of each range reflects KMR's delivery aspirations, while the lower bound reflects more realistic (moderate) Key Performance Indicators that KMR is expected to meet under the *Jobs for Nature* reporting system.

Direction is sought from the Joint Committee on the draft Work Plan. This will allow refinements to the Work Plan prior to provision of the draft Work Plan to MfE. We are proposing a delegation for the Joint Committee Chair and Deputy Chair to approve the final draft Work Plan for provision to MfE by 30 April 2026, as per the Deed of Funding.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'draft Annual Work Plan 2026/2027' by Emma Doré, dated 20 April 2026 (Attachment 1).
2. Note the draft Annual Work Plan budget for the 2026-2027 financial year totals \$21.006 million (total programme value excluding GST).
3. Note the draft Work Plan budget and KPIs will continue to change as modelling is refined and it becomes clearer what Year 6 budget needs to carry over into Year 7.
4. Note modelling uptake of remediation activity is inherently challenging, as KMR is a voluntary programme, and uptake can be highly variable depending on weather, human capacity, and the economy.

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5. Note that as we did last year and reflective of the ongoing uncertainties in KMR's operating environment, we have estimated a suite of delivery ranges in 2026/2027, the lower bound of which represents the formal Key Performance Indicators for the programme, which KMR is expected to meet.
6. Approve for submission the draft Work Plan (Attachment 1) to the Ministry for the Environment for review and comment, as per the requirements of the KMR Programme Deed of Funding, subject to any feedback from the Joint Committee.
7. Note that the Ministry can request any reasonable modifications to the draft Work Plan within 20 working days from submission.
8. Agree to delegate to the Joint Committee Chair and Deputy Chair approval of a final draft Work Plan for provision to MfE and finalisation of the Work Plan as needed following MfE review.
9. Note the Joint Committee will receive for information the finalised Annual Work Plan in October due to the timing of the external audit.

Horopaki | Background

The Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Deed of Funding with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) requires the KMR Joint Committee (Joint Committee) to prepare a draft Annual Work Plan (the Work Plan) for each Financial Year of the programme and submit this draft to MfE for review and comment.

This report summarises key elements of the draft Work Plan for FY2026/2027. Technically, this Work Plan covers Year 7 of KMR programme activity, with Year 1 a partial year (4 months) following finalisation of the Deed of Funding, and Year 2 primarily focused on programme design and establishment ahead of hiring of Kaipara Maurikura staff (late 2021, early 2022).

The draft Work Plan (Attachment 1) reflects an ongoing focus on continued, sustainable scale up of the KMR programme, in line with the KMR Vision and four Investment Objectives embedded in the KMR Memorandum of Understanding.

Direction is sought from the Joint Committee on the draft Work Plan. The draft will be further refined in response to feedback from the Joint Committee before submission to MfE.

Tātari me ngā tūtohu | Analysis and Advice

The draft Work Plan reflects the KMR work programme structure, utilising the new template required by MfE which was provided in January 2026. The template is notably different from previous years, requiring itemised breakdown of costs, information about personnel, and specific deliverables for the Project Key Tasks / Activities, instead of broader project outcomes.

By agreement with MfE some sections of the new template requirements have either been collated or some detail reduced, as shown. Where some section tables in the new template provided had poor alignment with KMR activities or finances, we have reached agreement to replace them with previously used tables, as shown.

In addition to the new template requirements, MfE requested specific new deliverables. Following further negotiation, some of the proposed new deliverables have been agreed and are shown in this Work Plan.

In summary, the 2026/2027 Work Plan will support:

1. The continued scale up of KMR's core work in developing Sediment Reduction Plans and associated remediation projects;

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2. Key enablers of remediation, specifically a programme of targeted engagement and partnerships, and the continued development and support of our cohort of Field Advisors to provide quality advice;
3. The ongoing implementation of the Kōrero Tuku Iho project, which will see greater integration of Te Ao Māori perspectives in KMR programme delivery; and
4. Continued support for the governance and operational costs associated with the Joint Committee and the Kaipara Maurikura.

Programme Budget in FY2026/2027

In FY2026/2027, the KMR programme budget remains structured around our six major work programme areas, each comprising a number of ongoing projects and /or activities. All projects have been assessed as necessary to making progress towards the four investment objectives of the KMR programme, as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding and Deed of Funding. Project budgets in the draft Work Plan represent the estimated quantum required to achieve the identified outcomes, including *Jobs for Nature* KPIs.

In line with responsible financial management and requirements of the Public Finance Act, the KMR budget provides for all known or expected expenses to be incurred in FY2026/2027. This includes the value of all contracted (committed) works. Some of the budget will be committed in Year 6 and carried over into Year 7.

Budget that is carried over reflects the value of remediation grants and the matching landowner contributions that are not completed by the end of the financial year. This is expected because remediation projects span financial years (the end of financial year falls in the middle of the planting season). While we contract most winter planting before 30 June, the timing of winter planting projects can occur throughout the winter season, depending on factors such as weather, and landowner and workforce capacity, and Field Advisors only sign off planting as complete at a species-appropriate period after planting.

The initial estimate of the remediation project value to be carried over from the *current* Year 6 (2025/2026) budget is \$6.093 million (this includes Crown, landowner and third-party contributions). This is in support of remediation projects that are underway with landowners for which activity will not be completed by 30 June 2026.

The proposed budgets in the draft 2026/2027 Work Plan are not final:

- Modelling of assumptions for sediment remediation activity may be further refined to take into account feedback received from governors and MfE, as well as a more accurate understanding of what can be achieved in Year 6 based on progress in the current financial year.
- Finalisation of the budget for FY2026/2027 is only possible after the current financial year has concluded, when we will have a view of actual investments made before 30 June 2026 and what amount of funding is required to carry over (accrue) for projects that run between financial years (as many remediation projects do).

Funding sources for the budget

The Annual Work Plan costs will be met through a combination of Crown grant funding, cash and in-kind contributions by councils, and landowner / third-party contributions.

A key requirement in the Deed of Funding is for Crown contributions over the life of the programme to be matched (i.e. at least one-to-one) by 'other' contributions, which include council, landowner, and other third-party contributions (e.g. from industry, philanthropic interests and community).

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Supported by MfE, KMR has taken the approach of achieving this matching requirement in each financial year to provide a consistency of approach and ensure the Crown retains confidence that funding obligations are being met across the life of the programme. In line with current practice, the draft Work Plan sets out a proposed apportionment of funding sources for each project area.

The estimated split in the proposed budget is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Estimated funding split by sources FY2026/2027

Source	\$ million	%
Auckland Council and Northland Regional Council	\$ 3.597	17.12
Landowners	\$ 6.906	32.88
Maximum Crown contribution	\$10.503	50.00
Total (All funding sources)	\$21.006	100

As set out in the Memorandum of Understanding, Auckland Council and Northland Regional Council are committed to make financial contributions to KMR (through cash and/or in-kind contributions e.g. staff time and expertise, or use of facilities) to KMR. These Council contributions are variable between years based on KMR's operations and are not required to be evenly spread across each year.

Co-funding support for the 2026/2027 year has been reconfirmed in both Councils' Long-Term Plans. Northland Regional Council contributes steadily throughout the year through payment of KMR staff salaries and charges under a Service Level Agreement for office space and corporate services support. At year end, if needed, KMR invoices councils for any additional contribution needed to achieve the programme's 'matching requirement'.

Once the Ministry has approved the draft Work Plan, KMR intends to invoice the Ministry for a sum equivalent to 50% of the Crown's contribution for FY2026/2027 so that payment can be made by early in the financial year. We intend to invoice for the remaining Crown contribution after the Annual Report has been provided to the Crown at the end of October, as funding to be carried over to FY2026/2027 - and therefore the second Crown contribution for the financial year – can only be confirmed once external audit of FY2025/2026 accounts is complete.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The draft Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) shown in Section 7 of the draft Work Plan remain an estimate of what the programme could achieve in FY2026/2027 and have been developed in consultation with the Ministry. As in previous years, we have set a target range for delivery, which complements our *Jobs for Nature* KPIs. This approach reflects that it is not possible to precisely model uptake in a voluntary programme, so provides a realistic range to aim for – the lower end being a moderate estimate of potential uptake and the basis for our *Jobs for Nature* KPIs, while the upper end reflects more aspirational uptake.

For Year 7 we are stabilising our KPI range for new sediment reduction plans (new landowners/groups), with an increased target for new projects (repeat projects with existing landowners).

Ranges have been set taking into account:

- Programme delivery to date and what we expect to achieve by 30 June 2026

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- The uncertainty about landowners' remediation choices amid rising operational costs and increasing severe weather events, notably whether hill country measures will be prioritised over riparian activities.
- The Grant Thornton model that informed the programme rephasing and sets out estimated annual deliverables across each year of a 10-year programme.
- Landowner/group feedback and programme experience that ongoing uncertainty around regulatory policy settings are influencing (reducing) programme uptake and the size of KMR projects.

KMR monitors a range of indicators in addition to the *Jobs for Nature* KPIs, using them to understand performance and see further back in our pipeline to note emerging trends. An important source of data in our planning is the metric relating to remediation projects which complements the metric for Sediment Reduction Plans (SRP). This is because we have an increasing number of landowners who already have an SRP and are doing their second, third, or later remediation projects with KMR.

Ngā whāinga mō āmuri | Next steps

The Deed of Funding requires a draft KMR work plan to be submitted by 30 April.

Following feedback from the Joint Committee and to allow for staff to make any necessary changes to the draft Work Plan, a delegation is sought from the Joint Committee for the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Joint Committee to approve a final draft Work Plan for provision to MfE.

The final Work Plan will take into account any feedback received from the Ministry, as well as any refinements to the budget and Key Performance Indicators. It is important to note that the Work Plan can only be finalised once external audit is completed and final carry over (accrual value) is confirmed.

KMR management will provide a final Work Plan to the Joint Committee for information in October.

Considerations

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

Provision of an Annual Work Plan to the Ministry for the Environment is a requirement under the KMR Deed of Funding. Each year, KMR's Work Plan sets out the projects, deliverables and Key Performance Indicators to be achieved, and the associated budget and funding sources for these.

2. Ngā ritenga take pūtea | Financial implications

Approval of the draft Annual Work Plan enables its submission to the Ministry for the Environment for review. Once approved and finalised, it becomes KMR's operating budget for FY2026/2027. The Crown and Council commitments under the MOU serve as the basis for the operating budget.

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

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.

20 April 2026

The Annual Work Plan supports transparency and accountability in respect of KMR's work programme. The Work Plan also identifies and refreshes programme risks and mitigations. These will be carefully monitored and managed across the FY2026/2027 Work Plan projects, in line with current project management approaches and leadership team review and assurance.

Ongoing risk identification and management will be particularly required for projects where further strategy and delivery specification is required (for example, Kōrero Tuku Iho).

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

While KMR's kaupapa is to reduce sedimentation of the Kaipara Moana in a manner that is aligned with the programme's investment objectives, successful programme delivery will have climate change co-benefits. KMR co-funded remediation activity will enhance the resilience of our landscape and communities, and establishing forest cover and restoration of wetlands supports the transition to a lower-carbon future.

Pirihongi | Attachments

Attachment 1: Draft Kaipara Moana Remediation 2026/2027 Annual Work Plan

Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme

Annual Work Plan for

FY 2026/2027

Undertaken by

The Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee

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Official Information Act 1982

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Information held by the Minister or the Ministry may have to be released under the OIA in response to a request from a member of the public (or any other body) for that information. If you wish to provide sensitive information to the Minister or the Ministry which you do not want released, it is recommended you consult with the Ministry as to whether the information is necessary for the application, and whether there may be grounds in the OIA for withholding the information. For instance, if release of the information would disclose a trade secret or be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, then there may be grounds to withhold the information. If an OIA request relating to your application is received, the Ministry will endeavour to contact you to discuss it, and what the implications of releasing your information are.

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Instructions

This Annual Work Plan provides a detailed breakdown of the interventions to be undertaken in each year of the project. Annual Work Plans are developed prior to the commencement of each financial year during the life of the project.

While completing this template, please be aware that payment of any Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme monies in subsequent Financial Years will be withheld until the Ministry has approved the Annual Report submitted for this Financial Year.

Complete this Annual Work Plan template by fully completing all sections.

Email this completed draft work plan to your assigned analyst. They will review it and advise you if there are any issues that need to be addressed, or if there are any outstanding questions.

1 Project details

Check that the information below about your project is correct, and update this as required.

Project name	Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme
Project purpose	The Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Programme seeks to protect and restore the mauri of the Kaipara Moana, with an aim to halve sediment losses into the harbour over the long term.
For how many years has this project been granted funding, and what year is the project currently in?	The project has been approved for 10 years and is in year 7.

2 Programme Overview

Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) seeks to protect and restore the mauri of the Kaipara Moana, with an aim to halve sediment losses into the harbour over the long term.

By 30 June 2026, KMR will have completed four and a half years of full operational activity. Activity during the first 18 months of operations was focussed on waterway-focused activities (namely fencing off and planting land near waterways, rivers, streams, wetlands, and the coast itself). From December 2022, KMR began to support some native planting in erodible hill country and from September 2023, KMR began to promote a wider set of project investments to reduce sediment across the landscape through implementation of a Soil Conservation Strategy, one of KMR's two Foundational Strategies.

This Work Plan for 2026/2027, its associated Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and the budget draws on operational and financial data for this period. However, the programme continues to evolve, and uptake of services may vary year to year, reflecting landowners' financial constraints and broader economic or political conditions. This creates variability in activity uptake and requires programme flexibility to respond to external changes and opportunities as they arise.

Persistent uncertainty around future freshwater, carbon, and biodiversity policy settings remain factors which negatively influence uptake, and it may be that anticipated opportunities for KMR in leveraging these areas will not eventuate before the end of the 10-year programme.

In Year 7, a key consideration is that most eligible catchment landowners are now already engaged, which limits the scope for growth in participation from new landowners. Accordingly, a focus for this year is repeat projects with existing landowners. These additional projects within existing landowner boundaries will support delivery outcomes but will not increase the area KPI measure, as landowner boundaries are counted only once at the time of the first remediation project.

Similarly, as KMR's second Foundational Strategy, Kōrero Tuku Iho, (the project which enables the cultural dimension of KMR to be implemented) is still in progress, the figures in this Annual Work Plan reflect estimates rather than well-tested numbers.

The Key Tasks and Activities set out in section 6 of this Plan are moderately aspirational, reflecting KMR's intent to deliver ongoing scale-up of the programme, while recognising that we may be approaching the phase in our programme modelling where new uptake will begin to plateau. KMR also recognises that there will be a concurrent increasing volume of remediation works already under contract will need to be supported through to completion, and funds dispersed.

As with the previous financial year, we have included indicative delivery ranges for 2026/2027. The upper bound of each range reflects KMR's delivery aspirations, while the lower bound reflects more realistic (moderate) Key Performance Indicators that KMR is expected to meet under the *Jobs for Nature* reporting system.

As KMR remains a voluntary programme with limited regulatory drivers, the proposed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) remain an estimate of what the programme *could* achieve during Year 7 given best estimates and data available to date in the programme.

Ranges have been set taking into account:

- Programme delivery to date and what we expect to achieve by 30 June 2026
- The uncertainty about landowners' remediation choices amid rising operational costs and increasing severe weather events, notably whether hill country measures will be prioritised over riparian activities.
- The Grant Thornton model that informed the programme rephasing and sets out estimated annual deliverables across each year of a 10-year programme.
- Landowner/group feedback and programme experience that ongoing uncertainty around regulatory policy settings are influencing (reducing) programme uptake and the size of KMR projects.

3 Contact details for this project

Check that the contact information below is correct, and update this as required.

Recipient's main contact (name and organisation)	Emma Doré, KMR	Ministry's main contact	Aoife Broad
Role in the organisation	Acting Pou Tātaki		
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Postal address	c/o Northland Regional Council Private Bag 9021 Whangārei Mail Centre Whangārei 0148	Postal address	PO Box 10362 Wellington 6143
Physical address	c/o The Orchard Level One, 35 Walton Street Whangarei 0110	Physical address	8 Willis Street, Wellington Central New Zealand

4 Project team

Provide details of your project team and confirmation of their availability for the duration of the project. Please provide details for your project manager in the first row.

Name	Organisation	Role in project	Phone	Email
Emma Doré	KMR	Acting Pou Tātaki/Business Manager	027 4323603	emmad@kmr.org.nz
Lisette Rawson	KMR	Amo - Rauora Kōawa/Catchment Remediation Manager	027 303 2735	lisetter@kmr.org.nz

5 Environmental compliance

Please complete this section for any statutory permissions or consents that you require in this financial year.

Do you require any statutory or non-statutory permissions to complete activities set out in this Annual Work Plan?

For example, resource consents, planning consents, or landowner permissions?

Yes No

If yes, which permission(s) are required? Have you applied for these? If so, when is a decision expected? (If date of decision is unknown, please provide a comment.)

6 Project key tasks/activities for this financial year (2026/2027)

Work Programme	YEAR 7 Project tasks/activities	Deliverables	YEAR 7 Estimated budget (\$ million)		
			Crown contribution	Contribution from external sources (Council, Landowners, Partners)	TOTAL Budget
Programme delivery – sediment reduction			9.022	8.112	17.134
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remediation Grants & Partnerships 	<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 and KMR projects. These 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 Whenua Whānui Fund 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, if relevant under Whenua Whānui Fund projects. Project funding to engage and support catchment groups and/or collectives. 	<p>KMR will provide annual copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Blank example grant contract templates. PDF of the SRP process steps undertaken through our digital system. SRP criteria guidance for Field Advisors. <p>KMR will provide quarterly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Sample photographs of completed planting and fencing projects. <p>Please note that outputs identified below are modelled estimates and will be subject to change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 100-140 new Sediment Reduction Plans or Tiaki FEP/grant agreements. 	8.701	7.823	16.524

	<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 • The Forest Bridge Trust supporting engagement and delivery of SRPs/projects. • Other delivery partners including Wai Connection who assist with community engagement and QEII Trust to establish covenants around the Kaipara Moana Catchment. <p>The budget also includes the value of contracted sediment remediation grants and the matching landowner/group contributions carried over from Year 6.</p> <p>Some of this budget will roll over into Year 8, reflecting newly contracted remediation grants and matching landowner contributions that are not completed until the following financial year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further projects contracted with 120-320 landowners/groups who are already working with KMR. • Between 13,000-30,000 hectares of new land area covered by new Sediment Reduction Plans or Tiaki FEP/grant agreements. • Between 300-550 km of new fencing built or under contract to be built. • Between 100-160 ha of planting in riparian, coastal, wetland or lake margins completed or under contract to be completed • Between 250-1200 ha of afforestation or space planting outside of riparian and wetland areas completed or under contract. • Between 350,000-1,800,000 plants planted in highly erodible hill country outside of riparian and wetland areas completed or under contract. <p>N.B.</p> <p>Uptake of Sediment Reduction Plans/projects and the quantum of individual landowner/group spend per property depend directly on several external factors (such as economics, weather and central and regional government policy settings), as well as the success of KMR's engagement</p>			
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		<p>strategy, landowner/group willingness and capacity to engage, and the rate at which Plans/projects are completed by KMR and our delivery partners in the 2026/2027 financial year.</p> <p>Remediation works outputs (i.e. kms of fencing) are tracked from when a Sediment Reduction Plan is agreed with a landowner, until projects included in the plan are signed off as completed.</p> <p>Remediation projects often span financial years. Final payment and landowner contribution will occur when remediation works are signed off as completed.</p> <p>Workforce development and FTE outputs are modelled based on assumptions about remediation works outputs.</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capability and Workforce Development 	<p>A range of activity to support KMR to build technical advisory capability.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing strategic and technical advice to our Field Advisors on tree species for unique challenges on land or to support sediment reduction activities. • Professional development, training and mentoring support via a community of practice for KMR Field Advisors. • Training to develop The KMR Local Stream Health Project and Freshwater Farm Planners into the future. 	<p>KMR will provide quarterly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people who have undertaken training, as an agreed JFN KPI measure. <p>KMR will provide narrative updates on the following activities in the 6-Monthly and /or Annual Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce initiatives with a focus on developing workforce capability and capacity to implement sediment remediation projects, support KMR stream health monitoring 	0.321	0.289	0.610

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other initiatives as required to support workforce development, training and mentoring as required.	and future Freshwater Farm Plans.			
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Engagement and Partnership		0.151	0.045	0.196	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications and Engagement 	<p>KMR’s communications and engagement is directed at reaching landowners and groups across the catchment to drive uptake and completion 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, stakeholders and future investors informed.</p> <p>Activity will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of the KMR Comms & Engagement Strategy 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 at 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>KMR will provide quarterly :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data on hosted events including on-farm, community-based and on-marae engagement, either in person or held through online mediums. Copies of published information materials and brochures, either in print format or via digital channels. Regular e-newsletters to subscribers, publicly available website/news updates, social media posts. An Annual Partnership Forum for landowners, groups and KMR partners to share information and best practice and provide updates about KMR. 	0.145	0.036	0.181

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text messaging to targeted landowners/ groups with offers of support, reminders, and seasonal messages. 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme marketing 	<p>This workstream will promote and publicise the work 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>Activity will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising and paid promotional content. Text messaging to existing landowners/groups to promote new projects Creation of marketing collateral to promote the programme. 	<p>KMR will provide quarterly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital copies of created marketing collateral 	0.006	0.009	0.015
Thriving Maurikura			0.574	1.711	2.285
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kaipara Maurikura 	<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 12.75 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff who fulfil the leadership, engagement, communications, project management, technical leadership, strategic, governance support and</p>	<p>Delivery of programme-level KPIs.</p> <p>Timely delivery of required reporting outputs to the Ministry for the Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly reporting on Jobs for Nature indicators Six monthly report Annual report 	0.574	1.711	2.285

	<p>administrative roles required to deliver KMR's work programme.</p> <p>This budget area includes all costs for independent office space, with 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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual independent financial audit 			
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<i>Governance, Planning and Reporting</i>			0.030	0.030	0.060
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance 	<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>KMR will provide effective governance through the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee with the following deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Formal meetings each year (some online) • Links to recordings of online meetings published on the Northland Regional Council YouTube site. • Additional meetings as required. • Minutes of meetings once approved will be published. 	0.030	0.030	0.060
<i>Digital Tools</i>			0.229	0.209	0.438
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> System development and maintenance 	<p>Continued subscription and maintenance for necessary improvements or upgrades of KMR's digital farm planning platform Mātai Onekura.</p> <p>Bi-annual GIS spatial analysis</p> <p>Carry-over of remaining budget for Tātaki Wai, KMR's water quality accounting framework.</p>	<p>KMR will provide progress reporting within the 6-Month Report and/or Annual Report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved capability of KMR's digital tools. • Learnings from spatial analysis 	0.229	0.209	0.438
<i>Strategy and Opportunities</i>			0.497	0.396	0.893
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kōrero Tuku Iho 	<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</p>	<p>KMR will provide progress updates via the Joint Committee on the development of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study 1, expected to complete during 2026. • Case study 2, to be established in 2026. 	0.384	0.368	0.752

	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case study 3, to be re-scoped with expected implementation in the 2026/2027 year. <p>N.B.</p> <p>KMR will provide ongoing oversight and support of the project, including support for development of a blueprint for how KMR can integrate considerations of cultural priorities (e.g. culturally important areas, culturally significant native species, traditional methods for reducing sediment) across the Kaipara Moana catchment (i.e. beyond the geographical areas covered by the case studies).</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Partnerships and Opportunities 	<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.</p> <p>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 aims to deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of one new partnership to bring in third party funding to reduce sediment reduction costs for landowners/groups and KMR. Develop Landowner funding opportunities navigation with other catchment group fund holders. 	0.025	0.025	0.050
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment strategy, monitoring and evaluation 	<p>Review of KMR's investment to reflect programme experience, any insights from scientific outputs and/or models, and the Kōrero Tuku Iho framework, and set the foundations for developing a targeted investment approach to deliver on KMR's four investment objectives.</p>	<p>KMR will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and refine investment approaches to align with the stage of the programme. 	0.088	0.003	0.091

	Continue and expand programme monitoring and evaluation, including improvements in tracking the impact towards KMR investment objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress the development of further monitoring against investment outcomes. 			
	Total Estimated Budget for year 7 (FY 2026/2027)		10.503	10.503	21.006

7 Annual progress towards Jobs for Nature Focus Area Indicators

Indicate below how your project's activities for the year will contribute to the programme's focus areas. You will report on progress towards your targets over the life of your project. Delete the Metrics and/or Focus Areas that are not relevant to your project.

Note – These indicators will be refined as FY2026/2027 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. Assumptions will be reviewed as better data based on direct engagement with landowners is available. **Bold values indicate required J4N indicators.**

Focus Area	Metric (Delivered in reporting period)	Six-month target range	Total (12 month) Year 7 target range	J4N KPI
Engagement and Participation	Number of new Project plans or new Farm Environment Plans completed (total): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of new Plans Number of new Projects by returning Landowners and Groups 	110-230 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50-70 60-160 	220-460 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100-140 120-320 	100
	Area covered by new Farm Environment Plans (ha)	6,500-15,000	13,000-30,000	13,000
Nature and Resilience	Length of new fencing constructed (km)	150-275	300-550	300
	Total trees/plants planted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of trees/plants planted in riparian, lake, or wetlands areas Number of trees/plants planted in highly erodible hill country 	450,000-1,300,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 275,000-400,000 175,000-900,000 	900,000-2,600,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 550,000-800,000 350,000-1,800,000 	550,000
	Area protected through planting or native regeneration (ha) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area protected by riparian, lake, or wetlands planting (ha) Area protected by afforestation, space planting or biodiversity planting in highly erodible hill country (ha) 	175-680 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50-80 125-600 	350-1360 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100-160 250-1200 	100 250
Skills and Jobs	Number of people-hours worked	31,500-40,000 (19-26 FTE)	63,000-80,000 (40-51 FTE)	63,000 (40 FTE)
	Number of people undertaking training	20	40	40

8 Funding information for Year 7

Please provide details of all organisations that are contributing cash to the project (this excludes in-kind costs such as donations of time, equipment etc for this financial year). Please identify whether these contributions are confirmed or pending. If pending please provide an estimation on when you expect these funds to be confirmed.

Funding parties	Contribution for Year 7 (\$ million)	Funding confirmed or pending
Auckland Council/Northland Regional Council	\$3.597	Confirmed.
Landowners/Groups	\$6.906	Pending (this is an outcome of remediation work completed through Sediment Reduction Plans and related grants funding).
Crown contribution for the year (maximum)	\$10.503	This includes funding carried over from the 2025-26 financial year.
Total value (cost) of KMR activity for the year	\$21.006	This includes funding carried over from the 2025-26 financial year.

Note: Landowner/group contributions will only be recorded once works are confirmed as completed. As there is lag between contracting and completion of remediation activity, and planting occurs through the winter months which span financial years, works will often be completed (and a landowner's/group's contribution recorded) in the following financial year.

9 Partnership and collaboration (non-funding)

Please provide details of any other organisations or individuals that you are partnering with to deliver the project, though are not contributing cash.

Organisation name	Contact details <i>Name, phone number and email</i>	Details of involvement or collaboration <i>For example, contribution of funding or resources, involvement in decision-making, responsibility for delivering a component of the project.</i>
Fonterra	George Kruger George.kruger@fonterra.com 027 504 4156	Delivery of Tiaki Farm Environment Plans
The Forest Bridge Trust	Matu Booth – General Manager matu@forestbridgetrust.org.nz 0220289342	Delivery of SRPs, community events, technical hui, Partnership Hui
Environs Holdings Ltd	Cindy Hempsall chempsall@uriohau.co.nz 021 511 879	Cultural review of sediment reduction plans/projects. Oversight and delivery of the Kōrero Tuku Iho project.

10 Consultant and/or sub-contractor details (if applicable)

Provide information about any third party you intend to sub-contract to undertake work on the project. The Ministry may request evidence of all contracts (and associated procurement process followed, for each sub-contractor) as part of the milestone reporting requirements. Please refer to the Guide for Grantees for guidance on the use of sub-contractors

Company name of consultant/sub-contractor <i>Please include trading name if different</i>	Work to be undertaken in the delivery of the project	Value of contract <i>Total estimated value of contract, excluding GST</i>	Potential conflict of interest <i>(eg, financial interest in sub-contractor's company, commercial or business relationship with sub-contractor, friend or relative working for sub-contractor, etc)</i>
Field Advisors (7)	Landowner engagement and producing SRPs	\$0.624	None
SRP Specialists (5)	Landowner engagement and producing SRPs, specialist evaluation, workforce training, GIS analysis, complex SRPs, reviewing SRPs, mentoring, specialist and lead in planting, landowner and field advisor advice, nurseries liaison and accreditation.	\$0.858	None
This is Level	Strategy, marketing and design	\$0.168	None
Made Curious	Digital farm planning platform Mātai Onekura	\$0.227	None
Northland Regional Council	IT and telecommunications, vehicles, health and safety, human resources, professional development, and financial, audit and other administrative support costs	\$0.334	None
The Orchard Hub	Office space and IT connections.	\$0.089	None

11 Risk management

Provide a brief description of the major risks to the project achieving the tasks and activities in this financial year. Include consideration of potential barriers that may pose a risk to the success of the project. Where possible give an indication of the likelihood and significance of the risk and any mitigation strategies to be included in the project.

Potential risk <i>Identify the potential risk to your project (for example, project not completed on time, unpredictable events such as weather, lack of resource commitment, time and cost estimates too optimistic, unexpected budget cuts, stakeholders changing requirements after the project has started, risks to the industry or sector to which the organisation belongs).</i>	Likelihood of risk occurring <i>Low, medium or high.</i>	Impact on project <i>Describe the impact the risk would have on the project if it occurred (for example, misunderstandings, duplication of work, incomplete work).</i>	Consequence on project <i>Minor, moderate or severe.</i>	Strategy to mitigate <i>Describe what will be done to minimise and/or manage the risk (for example, project manager monitors functional roles to ensure enough time is allocated to complete each task/activity and the project as a whole).</i>
Strategic risks - Changing operating environment				
1. Political or investor support for KMR wanes.	Low	KMR is a long-term programme and waning support may reduce landowner certainty about support for activity and compromise ability to achieve programme goals.	Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing senior-level engagement, including Ministerial engagement and with government officials. • Induction for new JC members. • Ongoing regular engagement with MfE, as primary funder and Councils as co-funders. • Maintain and develop collaborative relationships with lead industry agencies. • Ongoing senior-level participation and presentation at relevant rural, professional, conservation and community events. Communications and external engagements showcasing KMR progress and achievements. • Ongoing programme reporting, validation and assurance activity to maintain confidence. • Marketing of recent successes

<p>2. Policy changes and/or uncertainty reduce uptake of KMR services.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Reduced uptake would challenge programme objectives.</p> <p>Uncertainty among landowners about future regulatory requirements may reduce uptake of KMR grants, as there is no guarantee whether the funded works will meet future compliance expectations.</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with policy and planning processes. • Ongoing KMR Landowner Grants and Whenua Whānui Fund engagement and delivery. • Ongoing development and delivery of programme partnerships / third party contribution to incentivise uptake. • Ongoing delivery of Sediment Reduction Plans until Freshwater Farm plans are implemented. • Watching brief on KMR's role in a Freshwater Farm Plan operating context.
<p>3. Economic downturn and/or adverse events (e.g. weather events, labour force constraints) reduces uptake of KMR grants and slows works.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Reduced landowner uptake would compromise delivery of programme objectives.</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepening of programme partnerships / third party contribution to incentivise uptake. • Tailored marketing with third party networks to promote opportunities. • Regular pricing reviews to ensure appropriate market rates. • Mātai Onekura planning tool allows more proactive monitoring and support for Field Advisors. • Ongoing project management approaches to both reduce project delays and allow flexibility for changing landowner circumstances.
<p>Reputational risks - KMR delivery does not meet expectations</p>				
<p>4. KMR is slow to make available investments, and/or the quality of delivery of services is poor.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Programme reputation and stakeholder confidence in KMR's ability to deliver is undermined, which further limits KMR's influence and effectiveness. Low quality service and / or a lack of timely</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated delivery by KMR. • Ongoing marketing and communications of our achievements to date. • Strengthened Field Advisor training, development and mentoring.

		delivery impact on longer-term objectives.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Advisors are connected to named Grant Coordinators for support and transparency of progress. • Ongoing KMR work programme development and prioritisation. • Proactive, regular oversight of project and plan development and delivery, using digital tool functionality. • Ongoing quality assurance, review and audit processes. • Programme planning based on updated modelling and actual uptake for improved forecasting and programme assurance. • The KMR / DOC Community Agreement is reviewed to assess progress and delivery risks. KMR will adapt as needed to reflect lessons learnt in Auckland before any roll-out to Northland. • Watching brief on changing best practice and actual costs of interventions.
Reputational risks - KMR brought into disrepute				
5. KMR staff or contractors improperly use KMR funding or other resources	Low	KMR integrity and brand are compromised.	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring KMR induction and onboarding of contractors. • Digital processes and internal review provide greater transparency and assurance of project and grant activity. • Privacy and security settings enabled through digital tools. • NRC financial controls/audits including fraud controls. • Proactive monitoring of OAG-defined and other potential conflicts of interest, both direct and indirect.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme reporting and review by MfE to maintain confidence. • KMR accreditation and ongoing quality assurance and review processes. • KMR contract management and grant auditing processes.
Relational risks – KMR partnerships are not honoured				
6. KMR fails to demonstrate the intent of the founding MOU	Low	Misalignment with intent erodes trust, confidence and relationships amongst KMR partners and communities.	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Committee papers provide comment on alignment to MOU investment objectives. • ‘No surprises’ communications of key matters to Joint Committee members via the Chair. • Regular engagement with senior partner representatives. • Partnership Forums and in-community hui and meetings. • Engagement with environmental arms of Kaipara Uri and other iwi/hapū groups in the catchment. • Regular engagement with MfE / Ministers and local government as investors and key stakeholders. • Progress with Kōrero Tuku Iho Project.
7. KMR fails to engage with groups in the catchment who are not represented by Kaipara Uri.	Low	Perception that KMR is taking a narrow tribal view rather than a catchment perspective. This could impact negatively on relationships and settlement processes.	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mana Whenua Relations Advisor continues to engage. • Ongoing engagement with non-Kaipara Uri iwi/hapū groups in the catchment. • Joint Committee Haukāinga sessions. • Whenua Whānui Fund available to marae, Māori trusts, ahūwhenua landholders and iwi/hapū within the Kaipara Moana Catchment.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kōrero Tuku Iho project progressing. • Other groups represented on Kōrero Tuku Iho reference group. • Field Advisor training and accreditation available to all. • Partnership Forum and Community Hui open to all. • Support and investment for establishment of Catchment Reference Groups, Collective or equivalent to coordinate local remediation projects.
Wellbeing, safety and health risks				
8. H&S risks to staff, partners, contractors, sub-contractors and communities are not adequately managed.	Low	Potential impact on the health and safety of staff, partners, contractors, sub-contractors and communities if risks are not appropriately identified and managed.	Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing KMR Health and Safety assurance, accreditation and support for Field Advisors and contractors • Maurikura Health and Safety buddy system. • NRC Health & Safety Policies and Processes, including for contractors and sub-contractors are complied with. • KMR preferred supplier and nursery accreditation processes. • Established SiteWise (or other recognised) accreditation and audit programme. • Ongoing Field Advisor mentoring, training and H&S checks.

12 Conflicts of interest

Describe any known conflicts of interest (actual or potential) that may arise during this financial year and steps you will take to manage them.

Declaration

This declaration must be completed by a person with the organisation's signing authority.

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 Annual Work Plan, or supplied by us in support of our Annual Work Plan is complete, true and correct.
- I declare that I have the authority to sign this Annual Work Plan 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

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Position

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Signature

By typing your name in the space provided you are electronically signing this Annual Work Plan.

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TITLE: Communications and Engagement Strategy Update

**Kaituhi Pūrongo |
Report Writer**

Natalie Jarufe, Communications and Governance Lead

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

This report updates the Joint Committee on the progress in developing the Communications and Engagement Strategy.

Whakarāpopototanga | Executive summary

This report provides an update on the development of a refreshed Communications and Engagement Strategy for the KMR programme. The existing Communications Plan was developed in 2021 during the establishment phase of KMR and has not been formally reviewed since. As the programme prepares to enter its seventh year of delivery, there is a clear need to refocus communications activity to ensure it remains aligned with KMR's current strategic priorities and delivery context.

Whakataunga | Recommendations

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Communications and Engagement Strategy Update' Natalie Jarufe, dated 20 April 2026.

Horopaki | Background

A Communications Plan for KMR was developed in 2021, at a time when the programme was in its establishment phase. Since then, the plan has not been updated and now requires a refresh to ensure it continues to support KMR's strategic objectives.

KMR is now in its sixth year of delivery, and a key driver for revising the Communications Plan is a measurable decline in the number of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from landowners. To date, KMR has either completed work with, or is currently supporting, 1,478 landowners with properties in the Kaipara Moana catchment. However, the effective pool of potential participants is smaller than the total land area suggests, given that large tracts of land are in forestry or do not meet KMR's minimum land area requirements.

In the earlier years of the programme, KMR consistently met its engagement and participation expectations, with strong inbound demand from landowners seeking access to grant support. These landowners represented relatively easy uptake and enabled KMR to achieve early delivery milestones efficiently. As this cohort is largely exhausted, KMR is now entering a phase where continued success will depend on proactively generating demand rather than relying on organic interest.

The refreshed Communications Plan therefore needs to be explicitly aligned to KMR's current strategic outcomes. It must support:

- Increasing the number of eligible EOIs

- Broadening the reach of KMR communications to landowners who have not previously engaged with the programme
- Improving the quality and eligibility of EOIs to reduce effort spent on ineligible applications
- Sustaining delivery momentum by maintaining a viable pipeline of new landowners over the remaining lifespan of the programme

To achieve these outcomes, KMR will need to adopt a more targeted, strategic, and creative approach to communications and engagement. This includes refining key messages, prioritising high-potential audiences, and using channels and storytelling that better resonate with landowners who may be less motivated by grants alone. The updated Communications Plan should provide a clear framework for measuring success against these outcomes, enabling KMR to track progress and adjust tactics as needed.

Tātari me ngā tūtohu | Analysis and Advice

Duncan Kervell has undertaken detailed analysis of the Kaipara Moana catchment to strengthen KMR's strategic targeting. This work using GIS identifies which properties are already operating under KMR plans and, critically, which properties remain potential future participants.

For properties not currently engaged with KMR, Duncan has further analysed a range of characteristics to determine their suitability and likelihood of benefiting from KMR support. This includes identifying properties that are not normally requiring KMR support e.g. commercial forestry, as well as assessing property size, dominant land use and identified land-based issues against KMR's eligibility criteria.

This analysis provides KMR with a robust evidence base to inform communications and engagement activity. By clearly identifying high-potential landowners, KMR can move away from broad, generalised messaging and instead focus resources on landowners and communities most likely to be eligible, receptive, and able to deliver outcomes. This analysis also helps us identify clusters of properties or areas of the catchment that are not currently under KMR plans and investigate the reason for this. This targeted approach will improve the tailoring and effectiveness of communications, support stronger engagement outcomes, and help maintain a sustainable pipeline of new participants.

Ngā whāinga mō āmuri | Next Steps

We are currently in the information-gathering phase to support the development of the refreshed Communications and Engagement Strategy. As part of this process, we recently held a workshop with KMR Field Advisors to capture frontline insights into how KMR is currently communicating and engaging with landowners. Advisors were asked to identify what is working well, what is not, and their aspirations for how KMR communications could be strengthened to better support engagement outcomes.

Further staff input will be gathered at the KMR Staff Away Day on 16 April. At this session, a workshop focused on customer profiling will be facilitated. This workshop will identify KMR's key audiences and develop detailed profiles for each group, building a shared understanding of target markets, their motivations, barriers, and preferred channels. This work will provide a critical foundation for tailoring messaging and selecting the most effective engagement approaches.

The Communications and Governance Lead will hold regular progress meetings to ensure the strategy remains on track and aligned with organisational priorities.

The intention is to present a draft Communications Strategy to the Joint Committee at its next meeting in July 2026. Where timing allows, we also aim to provide our new Pou Tātaki with the opportunity to contribute input to the strategy prior to finalisation, ensuring leadership alignment and ownership from the outset.

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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 an update 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 20 April 2026.

Tātari me ngā tūtohu | Analysis and Advice

Pou Tātaki Recruitment

Due to the withdrawal of the previous candidate from the position of Pou Tātaki, KMR has completed a readvertisement of the role, which closed on Saturday 28 March. NRC and KMR are now conducting interviews with the shortlisted candidates. KMR is supporting an efficient recruitment process, although timeframes for the role being filled are unknown until the preferred candidate is selected, contracted and their notice period known.

Local Stream Health Project Update

A significant challenge has been determining areas that have been actively remediated and are representative of that remediation, without the influence from other land uses and neighbouring activities.

The GIS analysis has used the 1st order catchment characteristics as much as possible to determine the suitability and potential sampling points.

Identifying potential sampling locations required pulling together and interrogating multiple datasets within each farm boundary to find areas where key layers aligned.

We specifically looked for overlap between waterways, 1st order catchments, existing KMR activity zones, and potential remediation sites to identify suitable sampling points.

About 700 potential sampling sites were identified, spread widely across the landscape and KMR catchment. Of the 700 sites identified, 114 were deemed suitable on 65 properties.

KMR Field Advisors are now in the process of contacting landowners or groups to confirm that they're open to testing on their property, that site access is feasible, and that they're comfortable sharing their story as part of this project.

Impact Monitoring and Reporting

Building on KMR's previous successful involvement as an applicant in the Sustainable Business Awards, we shall be meeting again this month with the Sustainable Business Network to discuss their invitation for KMR to be featured at their annual symposium in August.

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In late March the KMR Leadership Team were able to meet with Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) representatives to further understand their funding criteria for catchment collectives and navigate how KMR and other parties contribute to the jigsaw of multiple agency funding opportunities. Unfortunately, the scheduled MPI / NZ Landcare Trust community catchment hui last month was moved to online only, due to the severe weather conditions that day. Whilst an online hui was restrictive to the free flow of ideas and views, it was successful in imparting new information to community catchment representatives to gain an understanding of MPI funding criteria and set the scene for a new kanohi ki te kanohi hui on 30 April. KMR is also keen to hear from catchment communities on how they envisage proposed new catchment structures, and where KMR could provide support.

Comms and Engagement

Alongside local nurseries, The KMR Field team has been hosting a series of open days across the rohe, creating space for practical conversations, local knowledge sharing, and on-the-ground action. Recent events at Te Orewai Native Nursery (Pipiwai), Scrub Ecology (Wainui), and Waimarie Nurseries (Whangārei) brought together landowners, nursery teams, field advisors, and sector partners in a relaxed, drop-in format focused on real-world solutions for land and water. The quality of engagement was high with motivated groups generating several expressions of interest and identifying additional potential projects.

KMR continues to profile in local and sectoral media, with stories about KMR farmers, growers, landowners and groups taking action with KMR support. Three landowner stories were published in March. Kapehu Marae – protecting the whenua at Arapohue, Craig Ross and Nettie Nasmith - Environmental leadership at its best in South Head, and Hamish Alexander – Enduring environmental legacy at Te Arai.

KMR was cited for key contribution to nature-based environmental solutions in The Aotearoa Circle's Natural Infrastructure Plan launched at Parliament on 4 March. The plan calls for Aotearoa to recognise wetlands, forests, dunes, waterways, and soils as core national infrastructure that strengthens the country's long-term resilience. The plan includes six case studies that demonstrate how applying natural infrastructure to our infrastructure challenges is not only financially cost efficient and effective but capable of delivering numerous multi-factor benefits. The Kaipara Moana Remediation project is one of these examples. KMR published a media release, picked up by Kaipara Lifestyler, Mahu Matters and Local Matters.

KMR celebrated the meaningful mahi Northland farmers and growers are doing to care for the land and strengthen their businesses at the 2026 Northland Ballance Farm Environment Awards on 25 March. Two of the finalists, James and Krista Franklin, and Murray Child and Dean Child picked up four awards between them. West Auckland sheep and beef farmers Johnny and Michelle Hildreth, who run their 205ha Woodhill sheep and beef unit with son Jordan, were finalists in the Auckland Ballance Farm Environment Awards – taking out Auckland Council Water Quality Enhancement Award. KMR published a story about the award winners and what they have been able to achieve with the support of KMR.

KMR Performance (Life to Date)

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

Nature & Resilience

- Over 2.97 million plants in the ground or contracted to plant this winter
- 1,827 hectares planted or contracted, or regenerating into native forest
- Over 1,188 km of fencing completed or contracted – more than the distance from Cape Rēinga to Coromandel and back!

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- Over 151,000 hectares managed under KMR plans.

Jobs & Skills

- 472,000 hours of new work – a year's work for over 303 people
- Over \$31 million invested in restoration projects
- 53 local businesses and nurseries accredited to supply KMR
- 282 people trained and mentored, many from local iwi/hapū, to advise on project design and delivery.

Participation

- 1,513 landowners/groups have expressed interest in KMR
- 975 plans completed with landowners/groups
- 168 more plans in development
- 142 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 March 2026, rather than project activity completed. At the end of March 2026 KMR has \$7.2m 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.

Table 1: KMR Financials (Year to date, as of 31 March 2026)

KMR Financials to 31 March 2026

Funding Contributions	31 March 2026
MfE	9,644,396
Northland Regional Council	70,798
Auckland Council	335,035
Other funding	258,538
Interest earned	494,233
Subtotal (Funds available)	10,803,001
<i>Less KMR expenditure (Activity incl. Grants)</i>	4,190,223
<i>Less other funding allocated</i>	81,527
Funds Remaining	6,531,251
Co-funding (Matching Contributions)	
NRC in kind labour and Opex costs (incl. salaries)	605,700
AC in kind labour and Opex costs	12,945
Landowner / Other contributors	2,597,746
Subtotal (Co-funding expenditure)	3,216,391
Total Programme Expenditure (Activity)	7,406,614

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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 KMR that such a role does not constitute a LAMIA conflict.
Kelly Retimana	Whenua Whānui Fund	\$21,856.10	Contracted June 2025 – Project 1 is currently awaiting sign off, and Project 2 is in development.	Kelly is not a landowner or trustee but an interested whanau member who has promoted the project. Kelly is an affiliate of the Marae and would not receive financial benefit.