

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Rā Date:	Monday, 20 April 2026
Wā Time:	11am
Tauwāhi Location:	Online, via Microsoft Teams
Huihuinga Gathering	Tame Te Rangī (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua John Blackwell (Deputy Chair), Northland Regional Council 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) Kelly Retimana, Te Uri o Hau Mike Tana, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Pita Tipene, Northland Regional Council Tracy Davis, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara
Tae Mai In Attendance	Emma Doré, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi, KMR (Acting Pou Tātaki) Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Koāwa, KMR Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, KMR Natalie Jarufe, Ringa-Pārongo, KMR David McDermott, Consultant / Nursery Liaison, KMR

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11am.

KARAKIA | WHAKATAU

TAHITAHĪ | HOUSEKEEPING

Callum Anderson from Northland Regional Council provided the Livestream Declaration to the Members

NGĀ WHAKAPAHĀ | APOLOGIES (ITEM 2.0)

Moved (Craw / Tana)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the apologies from Member Debra Brewer, and apologies for lateness from Chair Tame Te Rangi.

Carried

Secretariat Note:

The Chair also noted apologies from Observers Jonathan Gibbard (NRC)

NGĀ WHAKAPUAKANGA | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 3.0)

Member Tracy Davis noted that his interest had changed, no longer a representative on the Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara board, but maintains representation on Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee.

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

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

Moved (Craw / Curtis-Connelly)

1. That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee meeting held on 23 February 2026 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 (Davis / Curtis-Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

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

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Sophie Bone spoke to the addition of the second Action Tracker item for the Pātaka Kai Whakatauirā, and Lisette Rawson provided further detail on that, as well as an additional update on the proposed Auckland based Kōrero Tuku Iho Whakatauirā, which is moving forward.

Member Davis provided a short mihi to the recently deceased, and noted the Rahui placed in the Kaipara for a man still missing from Shelly Beach.

JOINT COMMITTEE FORWARD WORKPLAN (ITEM 5.2)

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

Moved (Craw / Curtis-Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

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

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Sophie Bone spoke to the two minor changes in the Forward Workplan since the previous submission.

DRAFT ANNUAL WORK PLAN (2026/2027) (ITEM 6.1)

Report from Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki

Moved (Craw / Sayers)

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.
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.

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Member Jack Craw asked whether we are doing anything 'above and beyond' the adapted requirements by MfE. Emma Doré confirmed that KMR would still provide PT reports and other significant items to the Joint Committee. Member Jack Craw concerned about extra work on the Maurikura.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE (ITEM 6.2)

Report from Natalie Jarufe, Communications Lead

Moved (Tana / Wishart)

That the Joint Committee:

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

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Natalie Jarufe spoke to the report, outlining the background to the existing Communications and Engagement Strategy and the reasons for undertaking a refresh to ensure it remains relevant to the current operating environment, where KMR is finding EOIs harder to come by so more strategic and targeted

engagement needs to be the focus. Staff confirmed feedback was welcome. It was confirmed that the proposed budget is sufficient to cover the refresh of the Communications and Engagement Strategy. The refreshed strategy is intended to cover a three-year period and will be supported by an annual work programme, where the budgets are further detailed. Members discussed the importance of understanding how the previous year's communications and engagement activities had performed, including effectiveness, channels used and expenditure, to better inform feedback on the proposed strategy. KMR staff advised that communications work is reported regularly, and that consideration will be given to providing an annual communications summary to the Joint Committee as requested.

Discussion focused on engagement variability across the catchment. Staff acknowledged previous concerns regarding lower levels of engagement in the Southern area of the catchment and noted that detailed GIS analysis of where engagement uptake had been lower, and the reasons why, would be addressed in the refreshed strategy. It was confirmed that the updated strategy, scheduled to be presented for feedback in July, would apply across the whole catchment, with strategic action planned for the differing landscape, client base and land use.

Members sought assurance that the refreshed strategy would be broader than participation enablement alone, and would also include past and present storytelling, retention of existing participants, internal and external communications, and targeted engagement with stakeholders, partners, landowners and community groups. Members also sought to confirm that the projected budget would be sufficient for what needs to be achieved. Staff confirmed the broader scope of the strategy detailed above, and the suitability of the budget, while also noting that all communications and engagement spend by KMR needs to be matched. Suggestions were made to engage with new and existing key partners and stakeholders, including iwi organisations, field advisors, councils and Uri leadership. The opportunity for KMR to share their mahi and increase visibility at Waitangi in 2027 and beyond was suggested by Member Tana.

Members noted the value of success stories from earlier plantings to demonstrate long-term outcomes, and the importance of leveraging partnerships, collaborations and council support to reach harder-to-engage landowners. The landowners that will require this targeting are spread across areas experiencing rapid land-use change and housing development, as well as the uncertainty around future legislation, and the proposed highway routes. Members noted that these changes, including fast track developments created a new and unknown set of opportunities. Member Blackwell queried the success of Northland Field Days, noting that often Farmers stay on their property so learning from and engaging as neighbours is often the most valuable for that group. Staff confirmed that EOIs came in, but also that the dialogue between KMR and landowners was very valuable.

POU TĀTAKI REPORT (ITEM 6.3)

Report from Emma Doré, Acting Pou Tātaki

Moved (Curtis-Connelly / Craw)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Pou Tātaki Report', by Emma Doré dated 20 April 2026.

Carried

Secretariat Note:

Acting Pou Tātaki Emma Dore shared comments regarding a KMR staff survey that had been undertaken, to highlight the next phase of leadership the staff were hoping for. The survey results were anonymised and will be provided to the interview panel. Emma Doré also confirmed that since the time of writing, KMR's position on the Sustainable Business Network panel had been confirmed, and that the panel would be presenting in August this year.

Member Tana requested that the staff survey be shared as appropriate and queried who would be on the interview panel, which was answered by Sophie Bone. Member Craw checked with Emma Doré regarding the extra workload, and Emma responded that although the workload was high, she was excellently supported by the whole kmr team.

KMR Mid-season Planting Summary (Verbal Updates) – David McDermott

Secretariat Note:

David McDermott provided a verbal update on the mid-season planting summary. He noted that a wet autumn has extended the planting season, with planting commencing earlier than usual. Project numbers are expected to fluctuate over the coming months.

Mr McDermott advised that financial pressures across the sectors have resulted in a more conservative approach to planting projects and co-funding with landowners. He noted that more complex projects are now being progressed.

Current project distribution was noted as approximately 52 per cent in Northland and 48 per cent in Auckland, with a trend towards smaller lifestyle blocks in Auckland and larger properties in Northland. Mr McDermott confirmed that seasonal tracking is undertaken and that further updates can be provided to the Joint Committee, with a clearer position expected at the end of the planting season.

Member Blackwell noted favourable growing conditions and strong farming prices, which may encourage that demographic of landowner uptake. Member Davis requested consideration of additional data, including social outcomes and regional distribution.

The Chair arrived late and apologised to the Committee, advising that he had been meeting with archaeological and heritage research teams from the University of Otago and Auckland universities. He outlined preliminary work underway across the catchment as part of the Coastal People: Southern Skies programme, including early findings relating to the Tāpora Peninsula and its cultural landscape and heritage significance. It was noted that this work would inform future planning and would be reported back to the Joint Committee as it progresses, and as the role KMR will play becomes more clear.

The Chair thanked the Deputy Chair for stepping in for the beginning of the meeting. The PA to Pou Tātaki will circulate details regarding the location of the next hui.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.04 pm.