

TE KARORO

Mana Ahuriri Trust Quarterly Pānui



Kāhui Kaumātua: Grounded in our Taonga, Focused on our Future

Our Kāhui Kaumātua have started 2026 with hearts full and eyes firmly set on the future of our hapū and marae. A powerful haerenga to Te Papa Tongarewa and the National Library in December, followed by the first hui of the year on 12 February, has strengthened both our collective wairua and our commitment to succession and tikanga.

Haerenga ki Te Papa me Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa

In December 2025, our kaumātua travelled to Te Papa and the National Library, where they stood face to face with Kahungunu and Ahuriri taonga that carry a presence you can feel as soon as you enter the room. Each taonga held stories, connections, and memories that reminded everyone exactly where we come from.

Watching our kaumātua standing before these taonga was deeply moving, a quiet return to the teachings of our tīpuna and a reminder of the responsibility we hold to protect and uphold what they left for us. This haerenga became more than a trip; it grounded the rōpū, strengthened ties to the past, and fed the collective wairua for everything still ahead.

For many, being in the presence of taonga touched by the hands, struggles, and wairua of our tīpuna brought forward memories – some painful, some healing, all important. There were moments when the group fell into a natural stillness, not because anyone called for it, but because the taonga themselves created

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it, wrapping everyone in a deep sense of identity and belonging.

Whaea Bev captured the essence of the day in her kōrero, reflecting on seeing Papara touch and hold her tīpuna tiwhatiwha and describing it as a true wairua moment. She spoke of the priceless experience of seeing kaumātua touch and hold their taonga, and of “eyes having sand in them” as emotions rose.



Te Papa, Wellington

She also acknowledged the aroha and hard mahi of the wāhine from Mana Ahuriri and Te Taiwhenua who cared for the rōpū, describing them as wāhine toa walking alongside their pakeke with love, respect, laughter, and tireless support.

Her words echoed what many felt that day: pride, softened mamae, and a deep sense of belonging that only whakapapa and living connection with taonga can bring.

First Kāhui Kaumātua Hui for 2026

The first Kāhui Kaumātua hui for 2026, held on 12 February, opened with karakia Whakawhānaungatanga followed, with kaumātua sharing stories from their summer break, filling the room with laughter, reconnection, and the warmth of being back together as a collective.

The kaupapa for the evening centred on Tikanga for 2026, guided by the whakataukī: “Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi – As the old net is cast aside, the new net goes fishing.” This kupu framed kōrero on renewal, succession, and preparing the next generation of leaders to support the ongoing strengthening of our hapū and marae.

Key areas of focus emerged from the discussion: strengthening tikanga, establishing weekly waiata with a focus on learning waiata from each marae (Waiata o te Kāinga), and intentional succession planning – the gradual handing over of the rākau. Kaumātua emphasised the importance of nurturing confidence and capability early, ensuring that knowledge, tikanga, and responsibilities are passed to those who are ready and willing.

The hui also highlighted the need to ensure that hapū and marae are both structurally and culturally ready for succession – not only in leadership roles, but in tikanga practice, marae operations, and cultural knowledge. The kōrero was uplifting, solution-focused, and grounded in a strong sense of collective responsibility for the wellbeing and resilience of our communities.

By the end of the evening, there was clear unity among kaumātua about the direction forward: strengthening tikanga, revitalising and sharing waiata, preparing the next generation, and securing marae and hapū resilience through thoughtful, values-led succession. This first hui has laid a solid foundation for 2026, shaped by the wisdom of our kaumātua and the enduring guidance of our tīpuna.



Artwork by Cliff Whiting

Waitangi Day 2026

Waitangi Day 2026 brought whānau from across Ngāti Kahungunu together at Waikoko Gardens, Tōmoana Showgrounds, to mark the day in a way that felt true to our rohe and our stories.

Under a clear Hawke's Bay sky, the lawns filled with kōrero, kai, and the sound of waiata carrying across the gardens.

For Mana Ahuriri, it was about being present with our people. Standing alongside Tamatea Pōkai Whenua and Ka Uruora, our team spent the day reconnecting with whānau, supporting membership registrations, and answering pātai about the kaupapa we're driving together.

The steady flow of kanohi we saw reminded us how many of our people are looking for ways to stay engaged, informed, and involved.

"The best part of the day was seeing our whānau wander over for a quick kia ora that turned into real kōrero," one of our kaimahi reflected. "Moments like that show us that the mahi we do in the office only really comes to life when we're out here, on the grass, with our community."

Around us, tamariki chased each other between stalls, kaumātua found shady spots to sit and watch the performances, and groups of cousins drifted in and out of the crowd, catching up after long gaps apart.

The mix of sun, music, and familiar faces created an easy, down-to-earth vibe — the kind of day where you don't have to do anything special to feel connected; you just have to be there.



Mana Ahuriri Holdings Report

Mana Ahuriri is gearing up for a landmark year, with our commercial and housing programmes laying a powerful foundation for long-term prosperity and mana whenua presence in our rohe. The latest quarterly report from Mana Ahuriri Holdings LP shows the pūtea performing strongly and a clear pipeline of developments that will benefit whānau for generations to come.

Strong Financial Momentum

Our commercial entities have delivered operating profit of just over \$7 million for the year to date, significantly ahead of budget. This strong position has been driven by careful cash and term deposit management, plus the successful acquisition and transfer of key housing sites like Owen Street and Wharerangi Road into the Mana Ahuriri Hāpai JV. With around half of our assets currently held in cash and term deposits, Mana Ahuriri is well placed to move on major opportunities as they crystallise over the coming year.

Big Moves in Housing

Housing remains at the heart of our work, with several projects progressing that will provide warm, quality homes for whānau and long-term community outcomes. Construction at Pukemokimoki (Owen Street) is now well underway, Te Roropipi (Wharerangi) has entered an exciting new phase with stages 2 and 3 approved, and the McDonald Street and 65 Munroe sites are being positioned for major whānau-focused developments through the Mana Ahuriri Hāpai JV. Across these projects, the goal is clear: deliver more homes, more pathways into homeownership, and more Mana Ahuriri presence in our urban landscape.

Building Our Footprint in the Rohe

Alongside housing, Mana Ahuriri is advancing a suite of strategic commercial



Owen Street, Napier

opportunities that will strengthen our foothold across Ahuriri, Napier and the wider region. Work is progressing on key precincts such as Severn and Munroe, on significant landholdings like Ahuriri Station and Mataruahou, and on the potential investment into Hawke's Bay Airport. These moves are designed to grow our equity toward \$100 million over the coming years, while securing a long-term land base of more than 6,500 hectares in our takiwā.

Our Stories in Our Places

A powerful theme is the way cultural design and Mana Ahuriri narratives are being embedded into every development. Through Mana Mapping and the new Te Roropipi brand, our whakapapa, kaitiakitanga and mana toi are being woven into plans, streetscapes and buildings so that our identity is visible and felt across new neighbourhoods and commercial sites. This is not just about economic growth – it is about making sure that as we build, the whenua continues to look and feel like Mana Ahuriri whenua.

Looking Ahead

For members, the key message is that the coming year will be one of visible change and tangible progress. You will see buildings rise, earthworks advance, and Mana Ahuriri branding and design appearing on sites that will soon become homes, workplaces and gathering spaces for our people. All of this activity sits alongside the many other kaupapa underway across Mana Ahuriri, reflecting a shared commitment to grow the pūtea, care for te taiao, and provide real opportunities for our whānau and mokopuna.

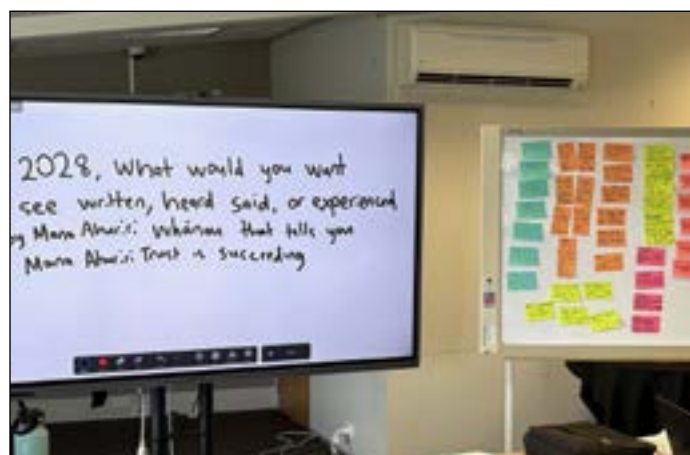


International Visitors to Ahuriri

Mana Ahuriri recently had the privilege of welcoming the United States Ambassador to the rohe during a visit facilitated by local MP Cushla Tangaere-Manuel.

The visit provided an opportunity to share the story of Mana Ahuriri, including the journey of settlement, the work underway across our taiao and housing programmes, and the aspirations we hold for future generations.

Hosting international visitors offers a chance to showcase the leadership and innovation taking place within Māori organisations and strengthens relationships that extend beyond our region.



Mana Ahuriri Boardroom

Reflecting on Our Direction – Te Ara Whakamua Review

In January, the Mana Ahuriri Trust Board took time to review Te Ara Whakamua, our strategic framework that guides the direction of the Trust.

The review allowed trustees to reflect on progress made since settlement and to confirm the priorities that will shape our work over the coming years.

These include strengthening our economic base through housing and commercial development, protecting and restoring our taiao, growing opportunities for whānau, and ensuring our cultural identity remains visible across our rohe.

The wānanga reaffirmed the importance of long-term thinking. Many of the projects now underway will take years to fully realise, but each step contributes toward a stronger future for Mana Ahuriri.



Te Kahu o Te Amorangi Kapa Haka Regionals

Te Kahu o Te Amorangi Ngāti Kahungunu Kapa Haka Regional Competition 2026 turned Russell Park in Waipukurau into the beating heart of te ao Māori in Tamatea, drawing thousands of performers, whānau and supporters from across the rohe and beyond.

Te Kahu o Te Amorangi is the regional kapa haka competition for the Ngāti Kahungunu/Tākitimu rohe, held this year at Russell Park, Waipukurau, and hosted by Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea. It is one of 13 regional qualifying events that determine which rōpū will represent their iwi and region on the supreme stage of Te Matatini 2027. Up to 10,000 people were expected over the day as manuhiri and locals converged on Central Hawke's Bay, marking the first time in 16 years that this biennial event has been held in Tamatea.

The 2026 theme, "He toi whakairo, he mana tangata – where there is artistic excellence, there is human dignity," drawn from the words of Sir Piri Sciascia, set the tone for the day and reminded everyone of the central role of creative expression in Māori life. In that spirit, the competition became more than a contest: it was a wānanga on stage, where haka, waiata and poi carried histories, politics and aspirations for future generations.

Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea, as host, emphasised that bringing the event home was about mana motuhake for the district as much as it was about kapa haka. Event organisers described the thousands who

turned up – despite periods of rain – as the real measure of success, noting that the dedication of whānau who stood in the weather to watch every rōpū showed how deeply kapa haka is woven into community life.

For these rōpū, the regionals are the culmination of months of intense training, fundraising and whānau sacrifice, but they are also a stepping stone. Winning at Te Kahu o Te Amorangi means the chance to stand among the best kapa haka in Aotearoa, to showcase Kahungunu stories and reo in front of the motu, and to inspire the next generation watching from the embankments and at home. In that sense, every group on stage – not just the qualifiers – contributes to a living archive of Kahungunu identity that will echo long after the last haka has finished.

For Central Hawke's Bay, hosting Te Kahu o Te Amorangi has been described as a "huge drawcard" for Tamatea, injecting visitors and spending into local businesses while shining a national spotlight on a community still navigating recovery from recent challenges such as major weather events. District representatives have highlighted how the regionals align with council and iwi aspirations to position Tamatea as a place where Māori language, culture and events are visible and celebrated in the heart of town, not just on the marae. The sight of whānau camping, food stalls operating at full stretch, and tamariki running around in piupiu and hoodies around Russell Park illustrated how a kapa haka competition can temporarily transform a sports ground into a marae ātea for the whole rohe.



Matangirau

Mana Ahuriri Holdings Wānanga

Directors of Mana Ahuriri Holdings LP recently gathered for a wānanga and board hui to review progress across the Trust's commercial portfolio.

Discussions focused on housing developments currently underway, future investment opportunities, and the long-term strategy for growing intergenerational assets for Mana Ahuriri.

With several projects moving from planning into delivery, including major housing developments across the region, the wānanga provided an opportunity to ensure that commercial growth remains aligned with the wider aspirations of the Trust and our hapū.



Mana Ahuriri Boardroom

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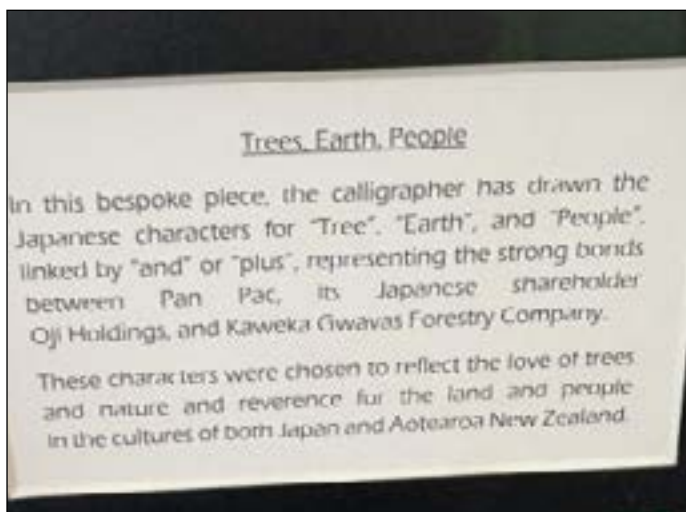
Kaweka–Gwavas Forestry Lease Agreement

A significant milestone was recently reached with the formal signing of a forestry lease agreement covering the Kaweka–Gwavas forest lands.

These forests form part of the commercial redress received through settlement and represent an important long-term asset for Mana Ahuriri.

The new lease ensures that the whenua continues to generate sustainable economic returns while also recognising the environmental values associated with these landscapes.

Forestry remains a key component of the Trust's commercial portfolio and contributes to building the economic base needed to support future opportunities for whānau.



Ka Uruora Te Matau a Maui

Ka Uruora Te Matau-a-Māui continues to make strong progress in supporting whānau across Ahuriri and Heretaunga to build financial capability and move confidently along their housing pathways. Engagement has grown significantly over the past quarter, with increasing interest from marae wanting to bring this kaupapa directly to their own people.

A positive development has been the proactive leadership shown by marae across Ahuriri. To date, **Moteo, Timikara and Petane Marae have requested their own tailored Te Uru Ahupūtea wānanga.**

This shift demonstrates:

- Increased trust and visibility of the programme
- Marae confidence in leading their own financial wellbeing journeys
- A growing desire for place-based delivery that is comfortable for whānau

These marae-driven requests strongly align with Ka Uruora's vision of locally led, locally empowered housing and financial wellbeing solutions.

With the Pukemokimoki housing development progressing quickly, it is timely that we continue to prepare whānau to access these opportunities.

Our focus remains on:

- Tracking whānau readiness
- Identifying support needed for application and eligibility
- Ensuring housing pathways are clear and achievable.

One of the key stepping stones for whānau wanting to engage with housing opportunities such as Owen Street – is to complete our **Te Uru Ahupūtea – Financial literacy programme**. The course continues to be a foundational requirement before moving into pathway planning. We are still currently in our first Ahuriri



Akōnga elevating

intake for 2026. The next **Ahuriri Te Uru Ahupūtea** intake is scheduled to begin on:

Wednesday 13 May 2026 at Mana Ahuriri Office.

We remain committed to supporting whānau towards long-term financial independence and sustainable housing outcomes.

If you need me to make some changes, let me know.

Whitney Olsen-Miller

Pou Tūhono

Ka Uruora Te Matau a Māui

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Ahuriri Hapū Sites of Significance

The Mana Ahuriri Trust, representing the Ahuriri Hapū—Ngāti Hinepare, Ngāti Māhu, Ngāti Matepū, Ngāti Paarau (including Ngāi Tahu Ahi), Ngāi Tāwhao, Ngāti Tū, and Ngāi Te Ruruku—holds several sites of profound cultural, historical, and spiritual significance in Hawke’s Bay, New Zealand. These sites, rooted in the hapū’s identity and whakapapa (genealogy), were central to their way of life before colonial disruptions and natural events like the 1931 earthquake altered the landscape.

Many were recognized or returned through the 2021 Ahuriri Hapū Claims Settlement Act as part of the cultural redress for historical Treaty of Waitangi breaches.

Here’s what stands out about these sites of significance:

Te Whanganui ā Orotu (Ahuriri Estuary)

This was once a vast 8,000-acre lagoon, a lifeblood for the hapū before the 1931 earthquake lifted its bed, reducing it to the 380-hectare estuary we see today.

It was a mahinga kai (food-gathering place), rich with flounder, eels, shellfish, and waterfowl, sustaining kāinga (villages) like Pētane and Awatoto. Chiefs like Te Ahuriri maintained its health by cutting channels to the sea, a story of practical and spiritual stewardship.

The lagoon’s islands, including Pakake, housed pā (fortified sites), tying it to tales of resilience—like the battle against musket-armed iwi in the 1820s.

The settlement established Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga, a committee with hapū oversight, to protect its environmental and cultural values, reflecting its ongoing role as a taonga (treasure).

Pakake

Pakake, a small island pā in Te Whanganui ā Orotu, is a site of deep historical weight. It’s where Ngāti Kahungunu, including Ahuriri Hapū, faced a devastating defeat in the musket wars, losing chiefs like Whakatō and Te Hauwaho to a coalition of Waikato and other iwi. Named “the whales” for the fallen, it’s been called “our Gallipoli” by descendants—a symbol of sacrifice and a call for unity.

The 1931 quake turned it into a low rise near Whakarire Avenue, but its return in the settlement as a reserve reaffirms its place in hapū memory. It’s a spot to honor tūpuna (ancestors) and reflect on their stand for the whenua (land).

Heipipi Pa Historic Reserve

Nestled near the old Tutaekuri River mouth south of Napier, Heipipi Pa was a defensive stronghold overlooking Te Whanganui ā Orotu. Its strategic perch made it a key pā, tied to the hapū’s pre-colonial life of fishing and cultivation along the lagoon’s shores. Returned through the settlement, it’s now a historic reserve, a tangible link to their past. It’s less known than Pakake but equally vital—a quiet reminder of the hapū’s once-thriving network of settlements.

Mataruahou (Napier Hill)

Known today as Napier Hill, Mataruahou was a pā site and spiritual landmark for the hapū, its name restored in the settlement alongside five other geographic features.

Overlooking the coast and Te Whanganui ā Orotu, it offered both defense and a vantage point over their territory.

Its renaming to Mataruahou reasserts the hapū’s narrative over a landscape reshaped by colonial naming, a quiet but powerful act of cultural reclamation.



Ōtātara Pā

Te Whanganui ā Orotu

Near Taradale, Ōtātara Pā was one of the largest pā in the region, a hub of pre-European life for Ngāti Kahungunu, including the Ahuriri Hapū.

Perched on a ridge with views to the coast, it was a place of community, cultivation, and defense—possibly where chiefs met before the Pakake battle.

While not fully returned in the settlement, its historical significance ties it to the hapū's story of abundance and loss, with its earthworks still whispering of their past.

Other Sites and Broader Context

The settlement also nods to broader areas like the Kaweka State Forest Park, where a deed of recognition and statutory acknowledgement affirm the hapū's connection, though it remains conservation land.

The Kaweka and Gwavas Crown Forest lands, meanwhile, are a commercial asset (33.34% ownership), showing how significance spans cultural and economic realms. Sites like Wharerangi and Pētane, once bustling kāinga, linger in oral histories, their exact spots altered by time but their mana enduring.

Why These Sites Matter

These places aren't just dots on a map—they're the hapū's heartbeat. Te Whanganui ā Orotu fed them, Pakake and Heipipi defended them, Mataruahou watched over them, and Ōtātara housed them.

The 1851 Ahuriri purchase and later events stole most of this whenua, leaving the hapū "virtually landless," as the Crown admitted in its 2021 apology. Their return or recognition through the settlement—with \$19.5 million and governance roles—offers a chance to heal, rebuild, and teach the next generation. For our members these sites are a call to reconnect, whether through visits, wānanga (learning sessions), or trust involvement.

What's your tie to these places? They're waiting for your story too.



Ahuriri from Mataruahou

Te Taiao Report

As Raumati carries us through another fast-moving start to the year, the mahi of the Mana Ahuriri Taiao team continues across our takiwā with energy and purpose. From Te Whanga to our upper awa, from wetlands and stormwater systems to ngahere and coastal waters, our focus remains clear – to uphold our mana motuhake, advocate for taiao, and ensure our mokopuna inherit an environment that is healthy, abundant and thriving.

A significant amount of time this summer has been dedicated to responding to the Government's proposed replacement of the Resource Management Act 1991. While reform of the resource management system is underway, we hold serious concerns about the weakening of Te Tiriti recognition and the potential risks to settlement relationships. Mana Ahuriri has taken a firm stance in opposition, working alongside partners to ensure our submissions protect our rights, responsibilities and long-term aspirations for Taiao. Regardless of legislative change, our values remain constant. In 2026 we are prioritising the development of a Mana Ahuriri Environmental Management Plan, growing our cultural monitoring workforce, progressing a Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreement, strengthening advocacy for Te Mana o te Wai, and increasing hapū visibility and leadership across all Taiao processes.

Momentum continues to build through Te Muriwai o Te Whanga. The Komiti is moving from planning into implementation, progressing kaupapa such as signage and branding, seagrass restoration, stakeholder coordination, and advocating strongly for the proposed Ahuriri Regional Park. Encouragingly, there have been no significant pollution incidents this year, and council responses to minor issues have been timely and respectful. A special highlight this month was the discovery of new populations of Māori Musk (*Thyridia repens*), an At Risk – Naturally Uncommon species, significantly extending its known



Te Umuroimata Park Island, Napier

distribution within Te Whanga – a powerful reminder that even in modified environments, taonga species can thrive when conditions are right.

Across Napier and Hastings districts, major infrastructure projects continue to shape the landscape of our rohe. We remain deeply engaged in freshwater planning through the Mataruahou Reservoir project, new borefields at Guppy Road and Awatoto, wastewater consent reviews and outfall replacement design, stormwater upgrades from Maraenui to Te Awa, and inner harbour masterplanning. Through Cultural Impact Assessments, design input and on-site monitoring, we are ensuring that our values are embedded from the outset – not treated as an afterthought. Projects such as the Maraenui to Te Awa stormwater upgrades are already delivering positive outcomes, including restoration opportunities and reinstating traditional place names.

Flood resilience work following Cyclone Gabrielle also continues across our rivers. At Waiohiki, stopbank improvements have revealed an artesian puna within the diverted Upokohina Stream – fresh waiora rising visibly to the surface. This site will become an important monitoring point as we continue to highlight the pressures of groundwater abstraction across the Heretaunga Plains aquifers. Mana Ahuriri whānau are now forming a focus group for Tūtaekurī Awa, ensuring future decisions around flood resilience are beneficial

to our Timikara, Moteo, Wharerangi and Waiohiki whānau, strengthening hapū leadership in river planning and flood resilience design.

Transport and large-scale infrastructure projects remain active, including works associated with the HB Expressway and Tūtaekurī bridges, Kennedy and Meeanee Road bridges, the Awatoto Bridge remediation, SH2 weighbridge development, and the KiwiRail/TREC bridge 217 works. Ngāti Pārau, Taiwhenua and Mana Ahuriri representatives are engaged in ecological monitoring, contractor training and cultural design input. It has been particularly heartening to see multiple generations of whānau employed across the construction aspects of these projects too – demonstrating how strong cultural processes can also create meaningful economic opportunity for our people.

Our treaty partnership work with the Department of Conservation continue across a wide range of kaupapa, including deer management in the northern Kaweka, the completion of the Puketītiri deer exclusion fence, installation of pou for Te Pepeha o Tamatea Pōkai Whenua, and development of the Te Roro-ō-Kuri educational resource. Predator Free initiatives are also expanding across our takiwā, with groups established in Taradale, Ahuriri, Mataruahou and neighbouring communities, building momentum toward a future where species such as kiwi, weka and kākā may once again flourish more widely in our region.

A significant milestone this month has been the formal signing of the Port Marine Cultural Health Monitoring Programme contract with Napier Port. From Matariki 2026, we aim to roll out a comprehensive hapū-led monitoring programme across our Taimoana. The coming months will focus on reviewing existing data, designing implementation frameworks, and preparing for whānau-led field monitoring. This represents a powerful shift – enabling Mana Ahuriri to lead monitoring within

our own marine environment and embed mātauranga Māori at the centre of marine management.

Alongside all of this, a strengthened Taiao Komiti has been established with increased hapū representation and a commitment to regular wānanga to deepen capability and connection. The first wānanga, planned for April with a focus on Wai, will support monitoring initiatives and build practical skills for whānau involvement on the ground.

A highlight has been watching the progress and growth at the healing forest planting at Te Umuroimata, and an unintended output of Kamokamo that arose from the compost. This has helped keep some of the more aggressive weeds at bay and provided a kai to share. Over the last 2 months, over 150kg has been shared with our pakeke, our whānau, and in community pataka.

There are undeniable challenges ahead – legislative uncertainty, climate pressures, infrastructure demands and ongoing environmental strain – but there is also real progress. We are seeing earlier engagement in projects, stronger cultural conditions in consents, expanding monitoring capability, growing whānau employment and leadership, and increasing recognition of our values in design and delivery. Above all, this mahi is collective. The strength of our taiao work continues to rest on the guidance, mātauranga and steady commitment of our hapū and whānau. Our taiao is resilient – and so are we. Mauri ora.



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Trustee Update – Acknowledging Chad Tareha

Mana Ahuriri Trust recently acknowledged the resignation of Chad Tareha from the Trust Board.

Chad has contributed his time and energy to supporting the kaupapa of Mana Ahuriri and the advancement of our hapū aspirations. The Board expressed its appreciation for his service and commitment during his time as a trustee.

The Trust extends its thanks to Chad for his contributions and wishes him well in his future endeavours.



Chad Tareha

Mana Ahuriri Staff Planning Day

At the start of the year the Mana Ahuriri team came together for a staff planning day, providing an opportunity to reflect on the year ahead and align our work programmes across the organisation.

The day focused on strengthening collaboration between teams, ensuring everyone is aligned with the strategic priorities set through Te Ara Whakamua, and identifying key milestones for the year ahead.

With housing developments progressing, taiao work expanding across the region, and new partnerships emerging, the planning day helped ensure the organisation is well prepared for a busy and productive year.

The strength of Mana Ahuriri lies not only in our strategy, but in the people who carry the work forward every day.

It's election year whānau, it's time to think about the roll you want to be on for the general election!

You can choose to be on either the Māori roll or the general roll.

You can change rolls whenever you want, except in the 3 months before an election. If you're already enrolled and want to change rolls before the election, you need to do it by midnight, 6 August 2026.

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Commercial Manager Opportunity

Mana Ahuriri Holdings LP (“MAHLP”) is the commercial asset holding entity for Mana Ahuriri Trust (MAT), the Post-Settlement Governance Entity for Ahuriri hapū. MAHLP plays an important role in supporting MAT to grow and manage the commercial portfolio in a way that protects settlement redress while building long-term intergenerational prosperity for Mana Ahuriri.

As MAHLP transitions from an establishment and Deferred Settlement Property delivery phase into a more stable long-term operating model, the organisation is strengthening its internal commercial capability to support the increasing scale and complexity of its activities. This role is an opportunity to contribute to an organisation that is not only central to the future success of Mana Ahuriri, but also plays a significant role in the wider economic and community development of the Ahuriri (Napier) region.

If you're interested download full job description here <https://manaahuriri.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/5.7-Commercial-Manager-Position-Description-PG-update.docx>

or email tim@manaahuriri.org for a copy.

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Looking Ahead – Mana Ahuriri Trustee Elections 2026

Later this year Mana Ahuriri Trust will hold its next trustee elections, scheduled for November 2026.

Under the Trust's election cycle, several trustee positions will become vacant as part of the staggered governance structure that ensures continuity and stability across the board.

Over the coming months the Trust will provide further information on the election process, including nomination periods and voting timelines. Whānau are encouraged to ensure their membership details are up to date so they can participate in the election process.

Trustee elections are an important part of maintaining strong and accountable governance for the benefit of all Mana Ahuriri members.

Mauri ora!
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