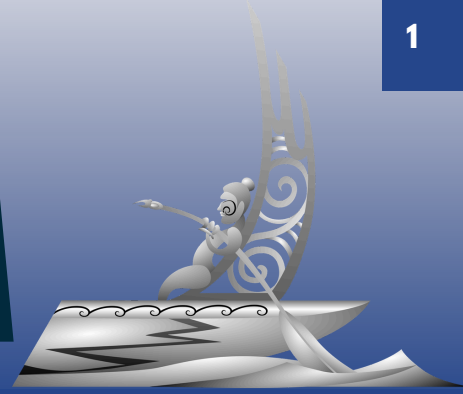


HE AU TŌNA



KO MĀTOU TĒNEI KO NGĀITAKOTO

➤➤➤ *Our People. Our Potential*

HE KAI KEI AKU RINGA

Recently Te Make Farms, in collaboration with Rākau Ora Orchards, opened the gates of the farm to the community for a pick-your-own corn day, welcoming whānau to harvest kai together.

The day reflects an ongoing kaupapa that continues the efforts of the team to make locally grown kai more accessible within the community.

With the support of the kaimahi at Rākau Ora Orchards, kai from the whenua has been reaching kura, marae, whānau and local organisations for a number of years.

Te Make Farms has continued to explore different ways the whenua can be used to grow and share kai. In the past, open days have included watermelons and potatoes, while carrots and avocados have also been provided to local pātaka, kura and community groups.

A big mihi to the whānau who came along to support the day and take part in the harvest. Our Rakau Ora team continue the mahi to ensure our whenua provides job opportunities and the kai grown on the whenua can reach the people in our community.





Crawthron visit to Te Oneroa-ā-Tohe, water quality testing, 2025

TOHEROA KI UTA, TOHEROA KI TAI O NGĀITAKOTO

Exciting progress is underway for the Toheroa ki uta ki tai o Te Oneroa-ā-Tohe Project a kaupapa grounded in mātauranga Māori, science, and community collaboration, all working toward one shared goal, the restoration of our toheroa to thriving numbers for generations to come.

This 18-month project, delivered within the NgāiTakoto rohe along Te Oneroa-ā-Tohe, is focused on understanding the key factors contributing to the decline of toheroa. By combining mātauranga Māori with scientific research, the project seeks practical solutions to support long-term restoration.

We are proud to be working alongside Cawthron Institute in Nelson, bringing together western science and mātauranga Māori in a way that respects both knowledge systems and strengthens outcomes for our taiao.

*"Stay inspired.
Never stop Learning
for the Future is in
your hands."*

A highlight was hosting a hands-on wānanga with Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Rangi Aniwaniwa. Tamariki visited sites of significance to the project as part of their science learning, connecting classroom knowledge with real-world environmental research.



TKKM o Te Rangianiwaniwa students, Wānanga 2025

Students rotated through interactive stations, including: Identifying different shellfish species, testing sediment and water quality, dissecting pipi and learning about shellfish anatomy

It was an awesome day of sharing NgāiTakoto history, visiting significant sites, and passing on pūrākau connected to Te Oneroa-ā-Tohe. Most importantly, it created space for our rangatahi to see themselves as future kaitiaki of our rohe.

The decline of toheroa is a complex issue, influenced by environmental pressures and changing coastal conditions. Through research, monitoring, and community involvement, the project aims to identify practical, sustainable ways to support restoration.

This kaupapa reflects what can be achieved when iwi, scientists, schools, and community come together with a shared purpose. It is about protecting a treasured species, strengthening cultural connections, and ensuring that future generations can experience healthy, abundant coastal ecosystems.

We look forward to sharing more updates as the project progresses and to continuing this important mahi alongside our partners, schools, and whānau.

Te Kura o Waihārara



WHAKANUIA TŌ TĀTOU IWI

POU UNVEILED IN SPECIAL DAY FOR TE KURA O WAIHĀRARA – 22 SEPTEMBER 2025

It was a proud and heartfelt day for Te Kura o Waihārara as they unveiled their beautiful new pou, Tangaroa and Hinemoana.

Whānau, taura and staff gathered to mark the occasion, celebrating not just the carvings themselves, but what they represent for the Waihārara kura community. The pou hold whakapapa, values, and represent the journey ahead for them.

Kaiwhakairo, Darren Rippingale and Darrin Pivac were acknowledged, having dedicated countless hours and so much aroha to bringing these taonga to life. Their craftsmanship and commitment have gifted the kura something truly special, Pou that will stand for generations to come.

The slabs of kauri were dedicated to the kaupapa from NgāiTakoto TAI AO on behalf of Te Rūnanga o NgāiTakoto to support Waihārara in the refurbishment of their kura.

Tangaroa and Hinemoana stand as kaitiaki to guide tamariki and whānau in Te Kura o Waihārara values of Ako, Rangatiratanga and Kaitiakitanga - encouraging tamariki to learn, to lead and to care for the world around them.

It was a day filled with manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and kotahitanga, a special moment in the story of our Iwi, kura and community.



Darren Rippingale & Darrin Pivac, kaiwhakairo.



STRONG SUPPORT FOR KEY GOVERNANCE CHANGES AT TE RŪNANGA O NGĀITAKOTO SGM

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Takoto held its Special General Meeting (SGM) on Saturday 23 August 2025, bringing whānau together to consider two important resolutions that will help guide the future of our iwi.

Whānau were asked to vote on:

- **The ratification of a restated Trust Deed**
- **The approval to establish a Corporate Trustee for the Trust**

We are pleased to share that both resolutions were strongly supported.

Clear Mandate from Whānau

The restated Trust Deed was passed with 78.28% in favour, while the Corporate Trustee model received 76.02% support.

These results reflect a strong level of confidence from whānau in the direction being taken and a shared commitment to strengthening our governance for the future.

What Does the Corporate Trustee Model Mean?

In simple terms, moving to a Corporate Trustee model means that instead of trustees holding responsibility in their personal names, a legal entity (a company) will act as the trustee on behalf of the iwi.

Many whānau supported this model because it provides important protections and stability, including:

Limited liability and asset protection - This helps shield individual trustees from personal liability and safeguards iwi assets. It means trustees can focus on governance without risking their own personal assets.

Continuity and succession - The model supports long-term stability. If trustees resign, complete their tenure, or if disputes arise, the Trust's operations can continue without disruption. It creates smoother transitions and protects the momentum of iwi work.

Stronger governance and professionalism - A corporate structure provides clearer governance processes and strengthens accountability. It helps ensure our iwi is well-positioned to manage assets, opportunities, and growth into the future.

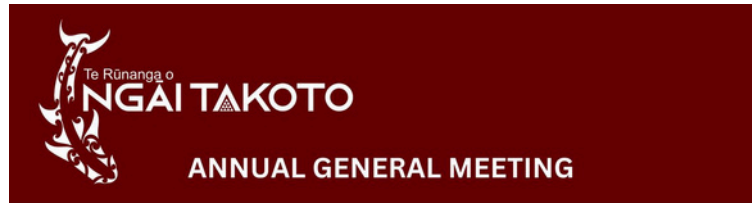
Elections will be held in 2026. Three trustees will stand down, as their tenure exceeds the nine-year maximum. Following the elections, the Board composition will change to:

- **Four (4) Marae Trustees**
- **Three (3) General Trustees (all Ngāi Takoto)**

This refreshed structure will reflect the updated governance framework endorsed by whānau.

Ngā mihi nui to all our whānau who participated in the voting process and attended the hui. Your engagement and whakaaro are what strengthen our iwi. We look forward to continuing this journey of positive change together.

HE AU TŌNA...



Te Rūnanga o Ngāitakoto (TRONT) hereby gives notice that its Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday 5th March 2026, 4:00pm at Ngāpae Holiday Park, 6 Matai Street, Waipapakauri.

AGM Agenda:

1. Karakia
2. Mihimihi
3. Apologies
4. Confirming the minutes of the 2024 AGM
5. That the following reports are received and approved:
 - Annual Report
 - Chairman's Report
 - CEO Report
6. That the audited financial statements for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 are received and approved
7. That Silks Auditors are appointed for the FYE 31/03/2026
8. Karakia Whakamutunga
9. Paramanawa - refreshments to conclude

Copies of the Annual Report will be available for download via our website from Friday 27 February, or hardcopy can be collected from the Office from Monday 2 March.

The AGM will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in-person, with the link to be provided before the hui date.

For further information, visit our website:
www.ngaitakotoiwi.co.nz

!!* AVOID MISSING IMPORTANT UPDATES, CHECK YOUR DETAILS ARE CORRECT !!*

The 2026 AGM later this year will be an important milestone for our iwi. Trustee elections will take place ahead of the 2026 AGM, creating a significant opportunity for whānau to participate, have their say, and help shape the future direction of our Iwi.

To make sure you receive all important updates, pānui, voting information, and AGM details, it is essential that your contact information is current and correct.

By keeping your details up to date, you will:

- Receive timely pānui and important announcements
- Be informed about trustee nominations and election processes
- Get AGM information and participation details
- Stay connected with iwi developments and opportunities

If your contact details have changed - including your email address, phone number, or home address, please take a few moments to update them with us. Even if you think your details are correct, we encourage you to double-check.

This is a key moment for engagement and participation. Make sure you are connected and ready to be part of the kōrero. Stay informed. Stay connected. **Update your details today.**

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