



Expressions of Interest information for the replacement of Te Oreore Marae and Ngāi Tūmapūhia-ā-Rangi Hapū Karanga Representatives on Te Rōpū Taiao

Hapū Karanga Representative – Te Rōpū Taiao

Background

The Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust is committed to supporting hapū and marae to exercise their responsibilities as kaitiaki of the taiao.

Due to members moving into other mahi and time constraints, the Trust is seeking to appoint two (2) Hapū Karanga Taiao Representatives to Te Rōpū Taiao for the following hapū/marae:

- Te Oreore Marae
- Ngāi Tūmapūhia-ā-Rangi

We are now inviting Expressions of Interest from passionate and committed whānau members to represent either Te Oreore Marae or Ngāi Tūmapūhia-ā-Rangi on Te Rōpū Taiao.

This important role supports the implementation of hapū-led taiao priorities, including wai, whenua, ngahere, repo, biodiversity, and climate resilience, ensuring these reflect our values, aspirations, and responsibilities as kaitiaki.

Role Overview

Successful applicants will represent their Hapū Karanga on Te Rōpū Taiao and work collaboratively with iwi, hapū, community stakeholders, councils, and technical specialists.

Some areas of focus for Te Rōpū Taiao include:

- Leading, with the support of their Hapū Karanga, the development and implementation of hapū-led taiao plans, including wai, whenua, ngahere, and other taiao kaupapa.
- Contributing to practical initiatives that protect, restore, and enhance the mauri of the taiao.
- Working alongside councils, taiao specialists, and community partners to advance hapū and marae aspirations for the taiao.

This mahi contributes to upholding Te Mana o te Wai within a broader Te Mana o te Taiao approach, ensuring the wellbeing of our taiao and communities are prioritised for ngā uri whakaheke.

We Are Looking for Someone Who:

- Has a strong connection to their hapū and whakapapa to the whenua.
- Demonstrates a genuine commitment to kaitiakitanga across the taiao.

- Has experience or knowledge in taiao management, resource planning, taiao restoration, or community engagement.
- Is familiar with tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and relevant legislative frameworks (such as the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, Resource Management Act, and related taiao policy).

As a Hapū Karanga Taiao Representative, You Will:

- With the support of the Kaitātari Taiao, convene hui with Hapū Karanga, councils, and technical experts as required.
- Engage with your Hapū Karanga to understand and articulate their aspirations for the taiao within their takiwā.
- Support your Hapū Karanga to develop taiao plans and associated implementation pathways.
- Provide hapū-led input into iwi taiao strategies and projects.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a position on Te Rōpū Taiao, applicants must:

- Be a registered member of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust registered to either:
 - Te Oreore Marae, or
 - Ngāi Tūmapūhia-ā-Rangi
- Be actively engaged with their hapū or marae in relation to te taiao.
- Have good communication skills and the ability to represent hapū perspectives.

Questions and Answers

How to Apply

To express your interest, please submit a brief letter outlining:

- Your connection to your Hapū Karanga and the taiao.
- Relevant experience, skills, or knowledge you bring to this role.
- Your vision for protecting, restoring, and enhancing the taiao for ngā uri whakaheke.

Expressions of interest will be assessed by the respective Hapū Karanga representative on the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust Board. Once an appointment has been made, the Kaitātari Taiao will contact the successful applicant.

Key Information

Closing date:

5.00pm, Friday 13 February

Notification of outcome:

Friday 20 February

Term of appointment:

This position is ongoing; however, representation may change depending on the kaupapa being addressed (for example, wai, ngahere, or whenua), as determined by the respective Hapū Karanga.

Remuneration:

This is not a salaried position. An honorarium will be provided for hui attendance.

Submissions and Enquiries

Submit your Expression of Interest to:

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For further information, please contact:

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