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Te Tau o Takitimu

Tau ake hoki au i taku tau nei,
ko Rua-tipua, ko Rua-tahito.
Ngarue i runga, ngarue i raro,
Ngarue i te iho o Tāne;
Ko taku waka, ko Takitimu,
Rere mai te maramama.
Ko Ihi-nui, ko Ihi-roa,
Ko Te Āwhiorangi.
Ko wai kai runga nei e tūpā whai ake,
Ko au ko Uenuku e tūpā whai ake.
E Rata, e Rata.
He aha tāu hanga, e tūpā whai ake,
Tangi kokiri ana te tangi a te whao,
e tūpā whai ake,
E tangi ki tōna iho i makā ki tawhiti,
e tūpā whai ake.
Nā wai i tākiri taku waewae?
Nā Rua i tākiri taku waewae.
Inumia te kawa, takina te kawa,
He kawa tuanihinihi te kawa,
He kawa tuarangeranga te kawa.
Te kawa o wai, te kawa o Takitimu;
Inumia te waka o Tīrari.
Inumia te waka o Tīrara.
Inumia te waka o Rongokako.
Inumia te waka o Tamatea-mai-i-tawhiti.
Haumi e, hui e, taiki e!



Te Pātaka o Rongokako

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua

Our iwi rohe extends from Tūrakirae in the south, to the headwaters of the Manawatū awa in the Ruahine Ranges in the north, to Poroporo at Cape Turnagain on the eastern coast of the Te Ika-a-Māui, Aotearoa.

We are the descendants of tīpuna customarily known for:

Kaitiakitanga of our whenua

Large scale food and fibre production and trade, using land, waterways and sea (such as customary trade of tuna from Wairarapa Moana)

Rangatiratanga in eastern whare wānanga knowledge systems (Wairarapa tohunga archived knowledge constitutes the biggest collection of recorded customary knowledge in the National Archives)

Te whakatutukitanga

Our historical Tiriti settlement with the Crown was finally completed in December 2022, more than 30 years after our first Tiriti claims were lodged. It was a long, challenging journey and we acknowledge all those who strived to achieve a positive way forward. We are grateful for the steadfastness of our tīpuna, whose strength paved the way for our iwi.

The Crown's apology for its historical breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi was delivered in our rohe by the Minister for Treaty Negotiations in March 2023. This was a vital step in recognising our mana and enabling our people to begin to heal.

Te Rōpū/Whakahaere

Our Post-Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE), Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust, is trading as **Te Pātaka o Rongokako**. We are responsible for administering the Tiriti settlement assets on behalf of our people. We strive to support and enable our hapū and whānau to rebuild, determine their own destiny, and create a brighter future for their mokopuna and generations to come.

Te Pātaka o Rongokako is the parent body to these subsidiaries that carry out certain functions on our behalf:

Te Kūmete o Rongokako (Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Investment Trust): Our commercial entity, which invests allocated (loaned) pūtea prudently to gain capital growth and provide operating income.

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Iwi Development Trusts:

Our cultural, environmental and social wellbeing focused entities, which empower our hapū and marae to realise their aspirations for their whānau.

Pūrongo-ā-tau 2025–2026

This Annual Report includes the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 for the Group, which is a Public Benefit Entity (PBE) for the purposes of financial reporting, comprising:

Te Pātaka o Rongokako (Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust – the 'controlling entity')

Te Kūmete o Rongokako (Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Investment Trust)

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Iwi Development Trust

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Our Trust Deed and this Annual Report are available at www.kkwnr.org.nz (soon to be www.tpor.iwi.nz) or by contacting our tari on 0800 559 867.

Image: Current trustees (back row L-R) Paddy Mason, Taura Te Whata, Justina Webster, Hayden Hape, Jono Harrison, Bryan Te Huki, (front row L-R) Huria Robens, Noelene Reti, Kaylene Kani, Paora Ammunson, Haami Te Whaiti, Robin Potangaroa.



Ngā taratī

Te Pātaka o Rongokako is governed by a board of 12 trustees appointed by nine hapū karanga. All trustees serve a three-year term. Our most recent trustee elections were held in December 2024.

Ākura

Hurunui-ō-Rangi Marae

Ngāi Tumapūhia-a-Rangi

Ngāti Hinewaka

Papawai Marae

Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua

**Te Hika a Pāpāuma
ki Whakataki Marae**

Te Ore Ore Marae

Wairarapa Moana

Taura Te Whata

Justina Webster

Paddy Mason (Deputy Chairperson)

Haami Te Whaiti

Paora Ammunson (Chairperson)

Hayden Hape

Jono Harrison

Kaylene Kani

Bryan Te Huki

Robin Potangaroa

Huria Robens

Noelene Reti

Te Pātaka o Rongokako is a name that honours our whakapapa and our shared histories, and reflects our collective, prosperous future.



Image (above): Our tipuna Rongokako on the waharoa at Papawai Marae.

Image (right): Nuku Tewhatewha pātaka. Credit: Mark Tantrum/The Dowse Art Museum.



RONGOKAKO

Grandfather of Kahungunu

Rongokako was the son of Tamatea Arikinui — the captain of our waka, Takitimu.

Three tohunga were on the Takitimu waka, including Tūpai, who eventually settled in Wairarapa and established a whare wānanga.

Rongokako was also the son of a wahine named Tato. Her whakapapa connected her to the tangata whenua of Northland and through her grandfather, Toi, she was a cousin to Whātonga, navigator of the Kurahaupō waka.

As a child, Rongokako lived in Northland around Te Hapua and Kaitaia. He was sent to Wairarapa to be educated at the whare wānanga established by Tūpai. After earning his initiation as a tohunga, Rongokako returned to Northland.

His journey north is a famous one. Rongokako had the ability to take giant leaps, and he used these to beat his cousin Pāoa in a race to reach the beautiful Muriwhenua. On his way Rongokako left footprints at a place known as Te Tapuwae-o-Rongokako, near Whāngārā.

Rongokako won the hand of Muriwhenua in marriage, and they had one son, Tamatea Ure Haea, also known as Tamatea-arikinui, the father of Kahungunu.

TE PĀTAKA

Protecting and providing for our iwi

Pātaka are traditional raised storehouses to safely store food, tools, and valuable items.

Built on stilts, pātaka were elevated to protect their contents from moisture and pests. Often featuring carved wooden panels and ornately decorated, pātaka reflected the mana of the iwi or hapū that kept them.

We recognise the significance of pātaka, as a symbol of abundance and preparedness, as well as reflecting the importance of resource management.

Ko te tohu o te rangatira he pātaka whakairo
e tū nā i roto i te pā tūwatawata.



TE PĀTAKA O RONGOKAKO

By observing the carved ornamentation and decoration on a pātaka, one could ascertain the capacity of a rangatira to provide for their people and, therefore, the tribe's capacity and strength to protect and fend for itself. The tohu of Te Pātaka o Rongokako depicts how we support our people, feeding back into our hapū karanga.

The key elements of the tohu of Te Pātaka o Rongokako are:



KĀURU

The kāuru represents Rongokako; the triangles that make up the kāuru represent the nine foundational hapū karanga comprised at the time of settlement.

The triangles are niho taniwha; in this instance symbolising kaitiakitanga, leadership and whakapapa.



TUANUI

The two layers of the tuanui represent Wairarapa and Tāmaki nui-a-Rua.

NIHO TANIWHA

The niho taniwha on the sides of the tuanui speak to the strength and resilience the pātaka provides.



KAOKAO

The kaokao base layer of the pātaka symbolises the protection and fortitude the pātaka provides; the layer of kaokao also represents the Tararua and Ruahine ranges that connect Wairarapa and Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua.



POU

These are our four strategic pou: Pou Tikanga, Pou Tahua, Pou Taiao and Pou Tangata.

The upward motion niho taniwha in the pou depict growth and the journey ahead for our iwi and hapū.

He Whakarāpopototanga

2025–2026



Financial Highlights

Total revenue	\$7.1 million	
Surplus of	\$7.2 million	AFTER TAXATION
Total assets	\$212 million	
Net assets	\$185 million	
Revenue of	\$1.1 million	FROM GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND FUNDING



Major Investments

01

MASTERTON MEDICAL
CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

02

\$8.5
million Land purchase of
five school properties
in our rohe, securing
low-risk, long-term
income stream

03

\$9.5
million purchase of 14 residential
land and buildings for
future development

04

Craig's Investments Managed Funds
at \$25.6 million

05

Zealandia
Infrastructure Fund
(Aotearoa Infrastructure) **\$3.0**
million



Hapū Development

Negotiated with the Crown:

Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako
(Social and Economic Revitalisation
Strategy)

Completed:

Housing Needs Assessment

\$150,000

APPROVED for Marae Development
Feasibility Funding

\$372,000

Iwi Grants,
Sponsorships
and Scholarships

\$10
million

Marae Restoration
Development Fund
established

Te Pūrongo a te Tumuaki



Whakarongo e tama.
 Kotahi tonu te hiringa
 i kake ai a Tāne ki Tikitiki-o-rangi;
 ko te hiringa i te mahara.
 Ka kitea i reira ko.
 Io-matua-te-kore anake.
 I a ia te Toi-ariki, te Toi-uru-tapu,
 te Toi-uru-rangi, te Toi-uru-roa.
 Puritia te hiringa matua kia mau,
 puritia kia ita,
 kia tipu ora ki te whai ao,
 te ao marama.

On behalf of the Board, it is my pleasure to present this report on the activities of Te Pātaka o Rongokako and our Group for the 2025/26 financial year.

This has been a year of consolidation and delivery. Where recent years were about establishing ourselves after settlement, this year has been about strengthening the foundations beneath our mahi — our people, our systems, our assets and our relationships — so that the benefits of settlement become visible in the everyday lives of our whānau.

Ko wai tātou

Last year I asked who we are, and who we want to be. This year we answered part of that question. Our Settlement Trust now trades as Te Pātaka o Rongokako, with a new tohu that carries our nine foundational hapū karanga in its kāuru and our four strategic pou in its base. A pātaka is a storehouse, built to protect what is precious and to feed the people. That is our purpose, and our name now says so plainly.

Alongside the new name, trustees continued the review of our Trust Deed, including wānanga with registered members. Proposed amendments will be discussed at this year's Annual General Meeting, with a Special General Meeting planned for 2027 to consider ratification.

It is a relatively straight-forward proposition for post settlement iwi entities to focus on growing commercial assets and create distribution structures to allocate some of the benefits. And until the very last of our whānau have a roof over their heads and a kai on their table, you could argue that generating wealth and distributing it should stay the main focus.

But still something bigger would remain unresolved. We talk a lot about mana motuhake, but what do we actually mean by that — what would it, or, what should it look like? How will we even know when we have reclaimed it? And the question that your trustees often reflect on in our meetings — what should a strong hapū look like? What are its key characteristics? How can we help grow strong hapū and ensure their resilience in the face of major challenges to our planet? What does their mana motuhake look like?

These are some of the key questions we need to continue to ask as we strengthen and grow our collective Pātaka.

Financial performance

The Consolidated Financial Statements in the second half of this Annual Report show a Group that continues to grow with discipline. Our asset base strengthened again through the purchase of the land beneath five schools, leased back to the Ministry of Education on a 21-year term, and through the exercise of our final deferred selection property rights in April 2026, which brought 14 residential properties and land blocks across the rohe into our ownership. Construction of the new Masterton Medical Centre on the former hospital site continued, and our managed funds portfolio grew alongside it. More than \$1.1 million in Crown and local government funding was secured during the year, with further multi-year commitments agreed — external pūtea that delivers programmes for whānau without drawing down settlement capital.

Trustees are conscious that growth of this kind brings obligation as well as opportunity. A fully independent Audit, Finance and Risk Committee was appointed during the year to strengthen oversight of finance, audit, taxation and commercial structure. You can read more about our investments in Te Kūmete o Rongokako Chairperson's report at page 28.

Our priorities for our people

Our four strategic pou — Tikanga, Tahua, Taiao and Tangata — continue to set our direction. Housing is now our most significant kaupapa. Informed by the Housing Needs Assessment completed with whānau, the properties acquired this year give us a platform for affordable housing, papakāinga and pathways to home ownership. Marae remain at the heart of our communities, and \$150,000 in feasibility funding was approved for Whiti Te Rā, Ākura and Hurunui-ō-Rangi Marae to plan their futures. We continued implementation of Ko te Reo kia Rarapa, held our first rangatahi summit at Hau Ariki Marae, and grew our registered membership to around 11,000 uri. Most significantly, we reached agreement with the Crown on Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako, the social and economic revitalisation strategy provided for in our settlement.

“THE STRONGER OUR OWN HAPŪ, MARAE, REO AND ASSETS BECOME, THE LESS ANY CHANGE IN POLITICAL WEATHER CAN DETERMINE OUR FUTURE.”

Our Tiriti relationship with the Crown

I must speak plainly about a matter that has occupied the Board’s attention this year. Our settlement was completed in December 2022 and the Crown’s apology delivered in our rohe in March 2023. Those commitments were made in perpetuity. Yet the legislative and policy programme of the coalition Government has, in our view, steadily eroded the Tiriti relationship that our tīpuna fought more than thirty years to secure.

We have watched the Crown attempt to redefine the principles of Te Tiriti by statute, unwind Māori wards and Māori representation in local government, reform the resource management system without meaningful engagement with mana whenua, and revisit arrangements that were themselves negotiated as redress. Each change is presented as a single reform. Taken together, they amount to something larger: the steady removal of Māori from the tables where decisions about our whenua, our wai and our whānau are made. A settlement is not merely a transfer of assets, it is a partnership. But a partnership in which only one party is free to alter the terms is not a true partnership at all.

Your Settlement Trust has not been passive. We have made submissions on bills of concern, engaged directly with Ministers, officials, councils and iwi partners. Where our settlement rights are threatened, we have said so, and defended them.

Our answer to this instability is the same one our tīpuna relied on. We do not need the Crown’s permission to be Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua. The stronger our own hapū, marae, reo and assets become, the less any change in political weather can determine our future.

The coming year

The year ahead is about turning strategy into delivery. Our priorities are the first practical initiatives under Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako, agreed with Crown agencies and measurable for whānau; progress from planning into construction on housing, including the Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust beginning a development for our people; completion of the Trust Deed review; continued marae development; and steady, disciplined growth of the assets held in trust for ngā uri whakatipu.

I thank my fellow trustees for their commitment and robust debate, our Kaihautū and kaimahi for carrying a growing workload with care, and our hapū, marae and whānau for your continued guidance. The mahi ahead is considerable, but we face it as a people who know who we are.



A special acknowledgement

Te Pātaka o Rongokako has been incredibly fortunate to have Ray Hall as our establishment Kaihautū/Group Chief Executive. He has provided clear and strong executive leadership as we have transformed beyond the settlement negotiation phase and into our new steady operations state. Ray has built a strong management team. His service to our Board has been exemplary.

It is not an easy task to work for an iwi, especially one that you don't have whakapapa to yourself. But Ray has brought the exact skill sets and leadership we have needed at this time. There was always a certain inevitability that eventually his Taitokerau people would come calling for him. Ray has now taken on a significant financial leadership role for Ngā Puhī. We wish him all the very best.

Ray, we thank you and we simply request that we continue to grow the relationship you have built with us in whatever lies ahead for you and your whānau. *E taku rangatira, nei mātou te mihi aroha atu ki a koe koutou ko tōu whānau.*

Nāku noa, nā



Paora Ammunson

Chairperson



Ngā Kaupapa Matua

He Kupu Matawhānui Vision

Our whānau are thriving, our hapū are united and prosperous — ka toitū te mana o te iwi.

Te Koronga Mission

To grow our collective taonga — to deliver lasting social, cultural and economic wellbeing for our people.

Ngā Tikanga Matua Paramount Values

Ka Arataki	Bring leadership
Ka Pono	Act with integrity
Ka Pūmau	Have a service orientation
Ka Mau te Whakapapa	Be whakapapa grounded

Strategic Pou

Pou Tikanga

Enable hapū and marae to strengthen and maintain our Kahungunutanga for ngā uri whakatipu.

Pou Tahua

Prudently manage our assets for hapū to establish a strong economic foundation for ngā uri whakatipu.

Pou Taiao

Enable hapū and marae to lead the enhancement of our natural resources through conservation and preservation of our ecosystems.

Pou Tangata

Support the education, health and wellbeing of our whānau to thrive and succeed in their daily lives.

Te Pūrongo a te Kaihautū



Tēnei au, tēnei au.

Tēnei ko te reo mihi o te kaihautū
ka tau ai ki runga, ka tau ai ki raro.
Ka tau ki ngā ata kahurangi kua riro
i te ao tūroa, ka hoki mai ai ki te
hunga ora.

Ki ngā hapū, ki ngā marae.

Ki ngā whānau o te rohe e kī nei
te kōrero, mai Te Karu o Te Ika ki.

Te Tapere nui o Whātonga.

Kia kī ake rā ahau.

Ko wai te ingoa o te pātaka nei?

Ko Te Pātaka o Rongokako.

Mō wai tēnei pātaka nei? Mō koutou.

Hui te ora, hui te marama, tihei
mauri ora.

Tēnā koutou, kia ora tātau.

I am pleased to report on our Group's operational performance for the financial year ended 30 June 2026. We have made excellent progress in building a strong foundation for our whānau, hapū and iwi.

The year in review

Following the significant establishment and investment activity of recent years, we have increasingly turned our attention to strengthening our internal capability, improving accountability, protecting your assets and ensuring that our resources are directed towards the priorities set out in our Five-Year Strategy and Annual Plan.

We have matured our performance reporting, financial management, programme management and governance systems so that trustees and whānau can see more clearly how our mahi contributes to meaningful outcomes.

Our strategic work programme is organised around our four Pou: Te Pou Tikanga, Te Pou Tahua, Te Pou Taiao and Te Pou Tangata. You can read about our performance against each of these pou in the following pages of this report.

Strengthening our Group's capability

A major focus this year has been building the internal capability required to manage a growing and increasingly complex post-settlement organisation. We also actively promoted opportunities to encourage our skilled rangatahi to return home to work for their people.

For the first time, the Group established the senior roles of Chief Financial Officer, Group Asset Manager and in-house Legal Advisor/Solicitor. These positions enhance our ability to manage financial performance, taxation, investment oversight, physical assets, commercial agreements, legal risk and Tiriti settlement obligations across the Group, while reducing operating costs in these areas.

The appointments sit alongside continued development of our executive, compliance, planning, communications and project management functions. Together, they provide a stronger platform from which to manage risk, pursue opportunities and deliver consistently across all entities.

This year we also launched an Appointments Policy, creating a transparent and fair pathway for registered uri to engage with Te Pātaka o Rongokako and express interest in appointment opportunities. The policy establishes a formal Expressions of Interest process and an Appointments Pool to identify governance, technical and specialist capability across our people and wider networks.

This creates opportunities for whānau to contribute their skills, experience and capability for the benefit of our uri, while supporting succession planning and long-term leadership development.

Protecting your assets and promoting accountability

Our Group's positive financial results, as detailed in the Chairperson's report and Te Kūmete o Rongokako report, reflect growth in investment property and managed funds, together with disciplined management of our shared resources. Importantly, the results enable us to protect the settlement capital base, retain earnings and continue investing in strategic priorities for whānau and hapū.

Te Pātaka o Rongokako has continued to improve our central oversight of taxation, corporate compliance, commercial structures and financial reporting this year. Our newly-appointed fully independent Audit, Finance and Risk Committee will support this work and wider improvements in accountability across the Group.

Collective leadership approach

During the year, we were an active participant in Te Kāhui Whakarehunga, the iwi leaders collective for the lower North Island. This collective provides a forum to build shared positions, work together on regional matters and maintain the mana of each iwi within an aligned kaupapa.

Through Te Kāhui Whakarehunga, we contributed to work on the future of local government and mana whenua participation across the region. The collective affirmed that Tiriti settlements and existing arrangements must be protected and carried into any future system with equivalent effect, and that mana whenua must be involved in the design of arrangements that affect their rohe, whenua and wai.

By working alongside the iwi of Te Upoko o Te Ika, we are strengthening regional relationships, protecting the integrity of our settlement and safeguarding the redress secured for present and future generations.



Delivering outcomes for our people

We are committed to working towards full delivery of long-term outcomes for our whānau, hapū and iwi. The investments made to date in governance, leadership, financial systems, asset management and legal capability provide a solid platform for the next stage of our development.

“WE WILL BE LOOKING TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMMES AND COMMITMENTS THAT IMPROVE WHĀNAU OUTCOMES...”

TE RIMURAPATANGA O RONGOKAKO

This year we progressed implementation of the Deed of Settlement through agreement with the Crown on Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako, the Social and Economic Revitalisation Strategy provided for in our settlement under He Kawenata Hou.

Te Pātaka o Rongokako governance and management invested in developing this strategy, which was positively received at our last Annual General Meeting. Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako provides a framework for strengthening outcomes for our whānau, and our responsibility now is to work with Crown agencies to translate this into practical initiatives, clear responsibilities and measurable benefits.

In 2027 we will be implementing the first initiatives arising from Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako. We will be looking to establish programmes and commitments that improve whānau outcomes in housing, education, employment, health and cultural wellbeing.



HOUSING, DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET UTILISATION

We have undertaken substantial Housing Needs Assessment mahi during the year, with online and kanohi ki te kanohi engagement with whānau highlighting the priority areas of need and aspiration for our people.

Through Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako, housing is a major strategic priority. Building on the needs assessment information gathered so far, in the year ahead the Group will progress master planning, feasibility assessments and development planning across the 14 residential properties and land blocks acquired through the Tiriti settlement deferred selection process.

An exciting milestone anticipated in 2027 is our Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust breaking ground on a housing development for whānau. This will mark the transition from assessment, planning and property acquisition into delivery of tangible housing outcomes.

Alongside this work, the Group will continue to investigate opportunities to leverage strategic landholdings, partnerships and external funding to accelerate housing delivery and increase access to affordable housing within the rohe. We will also progress the development of Te Whaitua o Moari (Masterton Medical Centre Precinct) and improve utilisation across the wider asset portfolio.

MARAE DEVELOPMENT AND HAPŪ CAPACITY

Te Pātaka o Rongokako established a marae development programme this year, approving a total of \$150,000 in feasibility funding for Whiti Te Rā Marae, Ākura and Hurunui-ō-Rangi Marae. These studies will provide planning, design and business case information to support future redevelopment and external funding applications.

Going forward, the board has approved \$10 million to be allocated for investment to fund marae development, including restoration and resilience projects. We will continue to work alongside marae leadership to develop long-term redevelopment plans and support future external funding applications.

STRENGTHENING WHĀNAU CAPABILITY AND LEADERSHIP

Investment in rangatahi development, education, scholarships, internships and graduate pathways has continued this year and will remain an ongoing priority. Building future leaders remains critical to ensuring our people are equipped to lead our marae, hapū, businesses and governance entities into the future.

BUILDING AN ENDURING ORGANISATION

We want to ensure that the benefits of settlement are increasingly visible in the lives of our whānau, the strength of our hapū and marae, and the prosperity of future generations.

The progress achieved this year has been made possible by the commitment of our trustees, kaimahi, hapū, marae, whānau and external partners. I particularly acknowledge our kaimahi, who have continued to adapt as the scale and complexity of the Group has grown.

The responsibility of Te Pātaka o Rongokako is to protect and grow the taonga entrusted to us, but the development of stronger financial, asset, legal and organisational capability is not an end in itself. It is the foundation from which we can deliver lasting cultural, social, environmental and economic wellbeing for ngā uri o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua.

There remains much mahi ahead, but I believe the Group is well-positioned to continue moving forward with confidence, discipline and a clear commitment to our hapū and whānau.

Ngā manaakitanga



Ray Hall

Kaihautū
Group Chief Executive

Ngā Whakatutukitanga

Performance against our strategic priorities

TE POU TIKANGA

Ko te Reo kia Rarapa (Wairarapa Rautaki Reo Māori) progressed to implementation. The strategy provides a long-term pathway for supporting the growth and normalisation of te reo Māori within our whare, whānau and communities.

**“DESIGNED BY
RANGATAHI FOR
RANGATAHI, THE
SUMMIT CREATED
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT...”**

Ngā Rangatira mō Āpōpō, our first rangatahi summit, was held in September 2025 at Hau Ariki Marae. Designed by rangatahi for rangatahi, the summit created opportunities for leadership development, cultural connection, whakawhanaungatanga and learning.

Te Pātaka o Rongokako Group continued to enhance our engagement and increased communications with whānau through hui, pānui, and social media.

Capturing and recording the story of the Tiriti settlement journey has commenced through interviewing key negotiators of the settlement.

TE POU TAHUA

Our priority has been to strengthen investment oversight, consolidate existing assets and improve the quality of financial and commercial decision-making.

In September 2025, we purchased the land beneath five schools across Wairarapa and Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua. The land is leased back to the Ministry of Education for 21 years and delivers a return of 6.25 percent of asset value.

In April 2026, we exercised our final deferred settlement property rights and acquired 14 residential properties and land blocks. The majority of these properties will support implementation of the Group’s housing strategy. Selected larger land sections in Greytown may be considered for commercial development and sale.

Housing Needs Assessments were undertaken through online and in person engagement with whānau. This strategy work and our acquisitions provide a strategic platform for future affordable housing, papakāinga development and pathways to home ownership.

We progressed development of the new Masterton Medical Centre on the former Masterton Hospital site. At 30 June 2026, construction work in progress was \$7.3 million and the remaining capital commitment was approximately \$3.7 million.

Our managed funds portfolio grew to \$26.614 million at 30 June 2026, including \$25.614 million with Craigs Investment Partners and \$1.0 million invested in Tōtara Energy LP.

During the financial year, the Group secured more than \$1.1 million in Crown and local government funding to support delivery of the Annual Plan and Five-Year Strategy.

Approximately \$1.0 million of multi-year funding commitments was agreed for future financial years.

This external funding supports environmental, cultural, social and economic development initiatives while reducing reliance on settlement capital for programme delivery.

TE POU TAIAO

Our work during the year focused on ensuring hapū have the capability and resources to participate meaningfully in environmental management, policy development and resource management processes.

The Group continued to support taiao planning, hapū-led environmental initiatives, resource management consenting capability and wai policy development.

We maintained engagement with Crown agencies and local government to protect Treaty settlement interests and strengthen mana whenua participation in decision-making.



TE POU TANGATA

The Group is focused on practical initiatives that strengthen the wellbeing of whānau, hapū and marae. Many of these initiatives will result from the negotiation of Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako — our Social and Economic Revitalisation Strategy, under He Kawenata Hou.

Te Pātaka o Rongokako distributed \$1.9 million to our Iwi Development Trusts to support delivery of their social, environmental and cultural work programmes.

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We also provided \$80,000 in educational scholarships to registered tauira, and funded significant events including Matariki and Wairarapa Pā Wars, which strengthened whānau connection across the rohe.

Marae play a critical role in sustaining our culture, identity and wellbeing. During the year, Te Pātaka o Rongokako approved a total of \$150,000 in feasibility funding for marae development, for Whiti Te Rā Marae, Ākura and Hurunui-ō-Rangi Marae. These studies will support future redevelopment and external funding applications.

Our uri registration database continues to grow, with the registered membership increasing by 3.3 percent during the year to around 11,000 members.

Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako

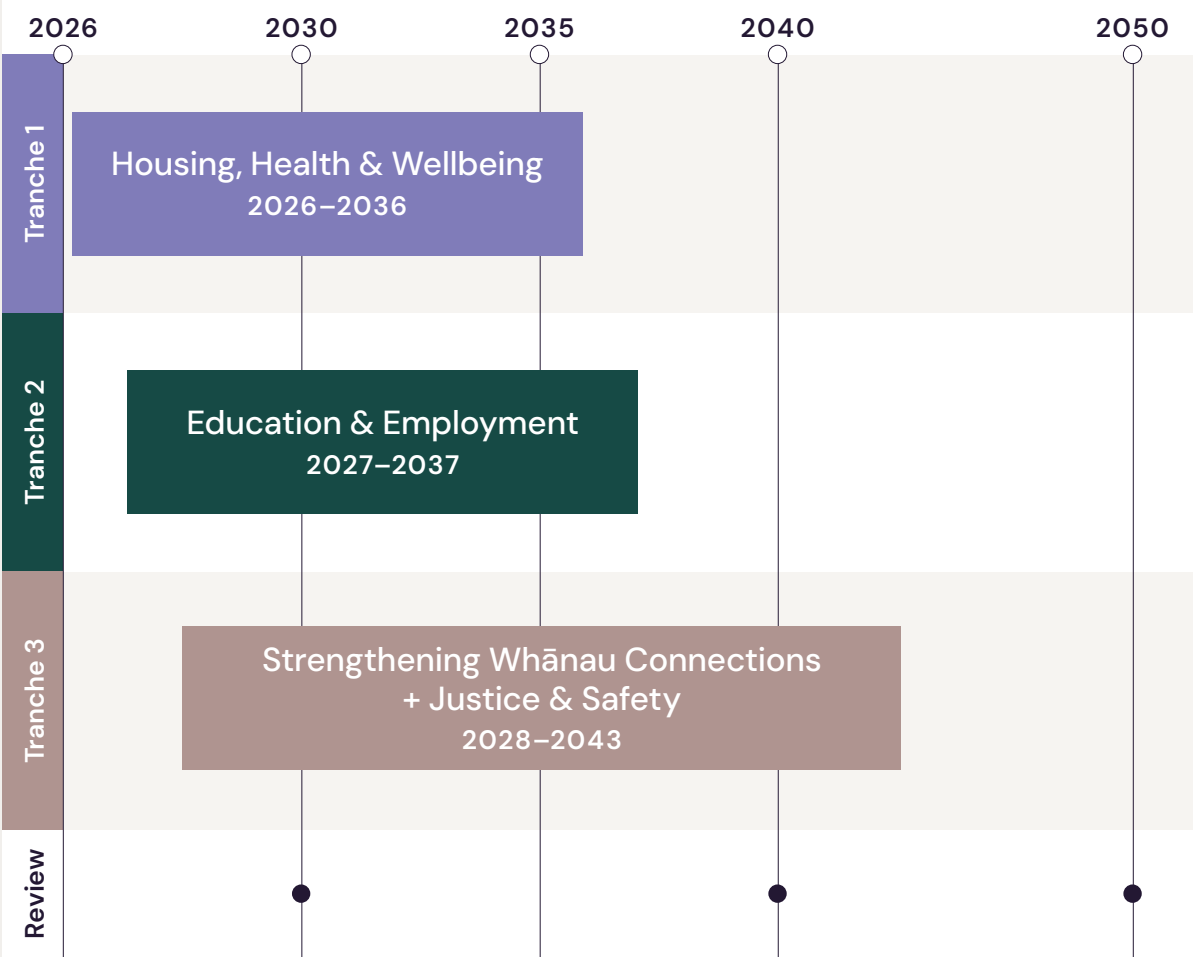
Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua settlement legislation establishes a new Tiriti relationship, He Kawenata Hou, as a post-settlement partnership between our iwi and the Crown.

Central to the success of He Kawenata Hou is the development and implementation of a social and economic revitalisation strategy (SERS).

Our SERS is called Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako. It aims to positively transform access and outcomes in relation to housing, health, education, employment, justice, and cultural connection for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua uri — with an initial focus on whānau who live in the Wairarapa, Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua, and Mangakino rohe.

Addressing the social and economic inequities that multiple generations of our people have faced and continue to face requires a long-term response. Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako includes an evolving multi-year work programme, with a phased approach to co-design, implementation, and oversight, with clear roles, milestones, and evaluation measures.

Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako is a 50-year strategy, with reviews undertaken every 10 years. Three areas (Tranche 1, Tranche 2, Tranche 3) have been prioritised as focus areas. Each tranche includes an annual work programme.



Tranche 1: Housing, Health and Wellbeing (2026–2036)

The programme for this initial work stream is now underway, with a 10-year horizon. For housing, we are partnering with Kāinga Ora, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (now part of the new Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport), and Ministry of Social Development, and for health and wellbeing we are working with Te Whatu Ora. The programme will be divided into sequenced plans to reflect work that can be achieved in the short, medium, and long-term.

We began this mahi in 2026 with our Housing Needs Assessment project, to ensure our strategy is aligned with the priority needs of our whānau. This work continues to progress, and we anticipate announcing our first whānau housing initiative through Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust in 2027.

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

Whānau have safe, warm, dry homes and the communities they live in are resilient and thriving.

Whānau experience holistic hauora across tinana (physical), hinengaro (spiritual), and whanaungatanga (social) dimensions.

Tranche 2: Education and Employment (2027–2037)

This programme will begin in the year ahead. For education, Te Pātaka o Rongokako will work with the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education Commission and Ministry for Primary Industries. For employment and economic development, we are working with the Ministry of Social Development and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

Whānau are supported to engage in learning across all life stages — from pēpi to kaumātua.

Whānau have access to secure, fulfilling employment that aligns with their skills, aspirations, and Kahungunutanga.



Tranche 3: Strengthening Whānau Connections + Justice and Safety (2028–2043) begins in 2028.

This will involve working with Te Puni Kōkiri, along with Ministry of Justice, NZ Police, Corrections and Oranga Tamariki.

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES:

Whānau are connected to their whakapapa, hapū, marae, and iwi.

Justice outcomes are positively transformed for whānau by embedding kaupapa Māori values, restoring mana, and asserting tino rangatiratanga in justice design, delivery, and decision-making.

Te Kūmete o Rongokako

Tēnā koutou e aku rangatira, he mihi tēnei ki te iwi e tau nei,
ki a Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua.
Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.



TE KŪMETE O RONGOKAKO

Financial results

Last year I said our priority would be to consolidate what we had built rather than keep buying, and that is what the 2025–26 financial year delivered. Subject to the completion of our audit, Te Kūmete o Rongokako recorded total comprehensive revenue and expenses of approximately \$5.6 million, made up of an operating surplus of about \$1.2 million and revaluation gains of about \$4.4 million. Te Kūmete o Rongokako assets stood at approximately \$75.3 million at 30 June 2026 and net assets at approximately \$15.7 million. The operating result was ahead of budget in every month of the year.

**“WHERE WE CAN, FARM
AND BUILDING WORK
CONTINUES TO GO TO LOCAL
IWI CONTRACTORS AND
BUSINESSES.”**

Masterton Medical

Our flagship project, the new Masterton Medical Centre, is the clearest expression of our consolidation. The build was approximately 77% complete at financial year end and remains ahead of programme, with construction due to finish in December 2026 and the centre expected to open in February 2027. The contract price of \$10.086 million has increased to \$10.97 million with approved variations, principally for screw piles, revised ground beams and carpark and drainage works. That is about 10% above the original contract, which is within the range we would expect for a project of this type but is a number the Board has watched closely, with every major payment approved by trustees. The site itself was revalued during the year from \$1.32 million to \$3.525 million, reflecting greater development flexibility than was assumed at purchase.

Wider property portfolio

Knutsons Limited, the Carterton New World site, continues to trade well and its rent review will lift the base rent from \$521,000 to \$584,136 a year, with a further percentage-of-sales component above that. The farms at Wairio and Rangedale produced reliable lease income of just over \$1 million, although Wairio suffered three floods in two months, with 357 hectares under water in the most recent event. Insurance is expected to cover most of the damage, and we are working with the regional council on a longer-term drainage and erosion solution. Where we can, farm and building work continues to go to local iwi contractors and businesses. The Carterton Post Office remains vacant and is now valued at \$560,000; we have two live proposals in front of us and will resolve its future in the coming year.

Managed investment portfolio

Our managed investment portfolio is owned by Te Pātaka o Rongokako (the Settlement Trust) but overseen by Te Kūmete o Rongokako (the Investment Trust). It closed the year at approximately \$25.6 million, including unrealised gains of about \$1.4 million. The return of around 5% sat below the wider market, which reflects a defensively weighted portfolio rather than poor selection. We have accepted our adviser's recommendation to move towards a growth-weighted allocation of roughly 60% growth and 40% defensive assets, phased sensibly rather than all at once.

Beyond property

We took our first deliberate steps beyond property. The Trust formally joined the Tōtara Collective, a group of values-aligned iwi investors that gives us access to opportunities and due diligence at a scale we could not reach alone. Through that relationship we committed \$3 million to the Zealandia PPP Fund, an Aotearoa infrastructure fund investing in long-life, contracted, cash-generating assets, alongside two other cornerstone investors. That commitment was signed shortly after balance date and will be recorded in the 2026–27 year.

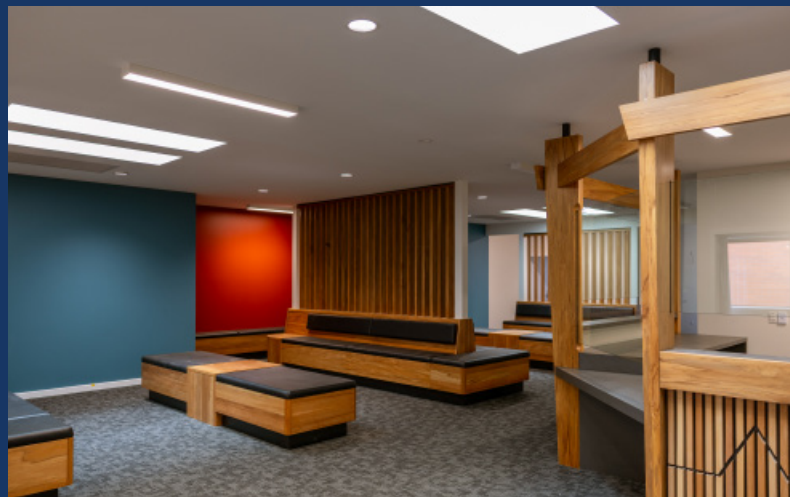
Equally important is what we declined: we looked hard at a proposed private hospital development in Masterton and concluded that the information available did not yet justify committing capital. We would rather be patient than be early on someone else's numbers.

The year ahead

OUR PLAN FOR THE 2026–27 FINANCIAL YEAR HAS FIVE PRIORITIES:

- 1. Finish getting our whare in order.**
Complete the incorporation work, establish and populate the asset-holding companies, secure charitable status, and tighten our procurement, delegation and reporting settings.
- 2. Make more of what we already own.**
Open the new Masterton Medical Centre, re-tenant the existing medical building, resolve the Carterton Post Office, and begin planning the further development sites on the Masterton Medical land.
- 3. Settle our funding strategy.**
The Investment Trust carries no bank debt at all. Prudent, moderate gearing against income-producing assets is the most realistic route to growth in the absence of further settlement funding, and we will put a considered Group-wide approach to the Settlement Trust before we borrow anything.
- 4. Complete the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives review with Te Pātaka o Rongokako.**
We will rebuild our investment strategy on top of this, so that decision-making protocols, target returns and allocations are explicit rather than assumed.
- 5. Build a pipeline.**
Continue horizon-scanning and co-investment work through Tōtara and with other iwi, so that when capital is available we have quality opportunities ready rather than scrambling to find them.

Our aim over the next five years is to lift the investment portfolio to around \$30–\$35 million, grow the commercial property portfolio towards \$48 million, and build a meaningful allocation to alternative, cash-generating assets, all while treating Wairio and our other taonga assets as intergenerational holdings rather than trading stock. The 2026–27 budget provides for a distribution of \$700,000 to Te Pātaka o Rongokako, and putting the Trust in a position to make larger and more reliable distributions over time is the measure that matters most.



As always, Te Kūmete o Rongokako remains focused on our core purpose of protecting and growing the Group's resources for the benefit of future generations of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua uri. My thanks to my fellow trustees, to our management team, and to Te Pātaka o Rongokako for its support through a demanding and productive year.

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Watters

Chair
Te Kūmete o Rongokako

Ngā Tahua

Masterton Medical Centre precinct

Te Kūmete o Rongokako completed its purchase of the old Masterton Hospital site in early 2025, which was a deferred selection property identified in our Tiriti settlement. The 8.7-hectare site is adjacent to Wairarapa Hospital on Te Ore Ore Road.

We have partnered with Masterton Medical to build a new Masterton Medical Centre on the site, with a 'build to rent' agreement. Wairarapa-based construction company, Concept Construction, is the lead contractor for the project, and construction has been underway over the past year. Throughout this time the Trust has been receiving rent from the current tenants in existing buildings on site.

At 30 June 2026, the Masterton Medical Centre precinct is on track to be completed and opened before the end of the calendar year. This facility occupies about one hectare, and we will take our time to determine future development for the rest of the whenua, which must align with our values and investment policy.

Land purchase of five school properties

In September 2025, we settled our purchase of the land and titles of five school properties in our rohe. These school sites were identified as 'deferred selection properties' in our Deed of Settlement and the option to purchase the land formed part of our redress package. They are valued at a total of \$10.6 million.

The sites are:

1. Martinborough School
2. Lakeview School
3. Greytown School
4. Carterton School
5. Huia Range School

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua are now the land owners and kaitiaki for the whenua where these kura are located, and we are leasing this land back to the Crown as a perpetual lease (21-year period). The school buildings, facilities and infrastructure remain Crown property (owned by the Ministry of Education).

This agreement acknowledges the mana of our iwi and provides a secure, long-term, low-risk income stream that will fund our future Iwi Development initiatives. It also ensures that the schools are maintained as valuable community assets.

Purchase of 14 residential land and buildings for development

In April 2026, we exercised our final deferred selection property rights and acquired 14 residential properties and land blocks for a total of \$9.5 million.

The majority of these properties will support implementation of Te Pātaka o Rongokako Group's housing strategy. Some targeted larger land sections in Greytown may be considered for commercial development and sale, which would fund further whānau housing initiatives.

Te Pātaka o Rongokako has now successfully concluded all the property purchase options available under our Deed of Settlement. This means we have delivered the best we can for ngā uri o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua and our Group can move forward with delivering our social, cultural, and economic initiatives.



Images: Various, Waitangi Day 2026 and Pā Wars 2026.



Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust



NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU KI WAIRARAPA IWI DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Practical progression

During the 2025–26 year, Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust (WIDT) progressed from establishing our organisational foundations to increasingly putting our strategies, relationships and resources into action for our people.

Building on the work of previous years, we strengthened capability across Pou Tangata, Pou Tikanga and Pou Taiao and increasingly focused our mahi on creating practical pathways for hapū, marae, whānau and uri to realise their aspirations.

Long-term priorities

A major focus was progressing Te Rimurapatanga o Rongokako — He Kawenata Hou, our long-term iwi-Crown commitment to transform social and economic outcomes for our people. Housing and health were confirmed as the first priorities for implementation, with dedicated project groups bringing together iwi, Crown agencies and regional partners.

During the year we commenced our first comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment, strengthened the foundations for an iwi-led data and insights capability, and began considering how our Deferred Selection Property portfolio can contribute to long-term housing outcomes. The acquisition of 14 Deferred Selection Properties, including 11 within Wairarapa with a combined acquisition value of approximately \$9.5 million, provides an important platform for future housing and development opportunities.

Supporting our whānau, hapū and marae

Alongside this longer-term system change, we remained focused on creating tangible benefit for our people. Kia Tipu was established as WIDT's strategic community investment platform, creating a more coordinated and accessible mechanism for supporting registered uri, whānau, hapū and marae.

Approximately \$107,500 was distributed during its establishment year, supporting marae restoration, maintenance and development, hapū karanga-led kaupapa, rangatahi development, Matariki celebrations, and whānau participation in regional, national and international sporting events. Kia Tipu is enabling more of our collective resources to flow directly back to our people while we continue building the pātaka for future generations.

We supported significant kaupapa including Waitangi Day commemorations, Paora Pōtangoaroa Day, Te Rangiura o Wairarapa at the Kahungunu Kapa Haka Regionals, and Wairarapa Pā Wars. Paora Pōtangoaroa Day engaged approximately 500 tauira from across Wairarapa schools, while Pā Wars attracted more than 2,000 registrations, demonstrating the strength of whānau participation in kaupapa grounded in whakapapa, identity and connection.

“ALONGSIDE THIS LONGER-TERM SYSTEM CHANGE, WE REMAINED FOCUSED ON CREATING TANGIBLE BENEFIT FOR OUR PEOPLE.”

Promoting and protecting our taonga

Our cultural mahi continued to strengthen. Ko te Reo kia Rarapa, our 25-year roadmap for revitalising te reo Māori among Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa uri, was completed and launched during Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2025.

Pou Taiao also experienced substantial growth during the year. WIDT worked together with hapū karanga, the Department of Conservation, Greater Wellington Regional Council and other partners, enabling greater iwi leadership across freshwater, Wairarapa Moana, environmental restoration, cultural monitoring, resource management and implementation of Treaty settlement commitments.

Four Hapū Karanga Taiao Wānanga were delivered, alongside significant progress on Parawhenuamea freshwater planning, Kura Taiao and environmental capability development.

Collaboration and influence

Across all of this mahi, an important part of WIDT's development has been improving our ability to bring together resources, relationships and capability around the aspirations of our people. Our role is increasingly broader than delivering individual projects. We are building the capability to convene partners, attract investment into the rohe, support hapū-led solutions and influence the systems and investment decisions that affect our people.

Funding, grants and investment

During 2025–26 WIDT achieved pleasing growth in external investment for iwi priorities. This will enable us to increase the scale of delivery, leverage settlement resources further, and build enduring partnerships and capability.

More than \$1.4 million of environmental investment was secured through strategic relationships with the Department of Conservation and Greater Wellington Regional Council. This investment supports a portfolio of iwi and hapū-led environmental work including Wairarapa Moana restoration and planning, freshwater and coastal planning, cultural monitoring, Kura Taiao, environmental capability development and implementation of Treaty settlement commitments.

WIDT also secured \$130,000 through Māhutonga to strengthen marae emergency preparedness and resilience. This contributes to the development of a Māori-led regional resilience network and strengthens the capability of marae and iwi to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

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A further \$50,000 through the Survivor Support and Recognition Fund was secured to support kaupapa Māori responses for survivors of abuse in state and faith-based care and their whānau.

Funding and partnership with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development supported our housing programme, including the evidence and planning required to better understand the housing needs and aspirations of our people and position the iwi for future housing delivery. WIDT continued to attract programme funding and support from partners including Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, Te Wai Māori Trust, Ara Poutama Aotearoa, councils and other agencies.

Taken together, WIDT secured more than \$1.5 million in new external investment during the 2025–26 financial year, alongside existing multi-year funding arrangements. This represents a positive step for our organisation's development, using the settlement as a platform to attract additional resources, capability and partnerships into the rohe for the benefit of our people.

Overall

WIDT has transitioned from establishment toward implementation and delivery.

We have strengthened the foundations for long-term change through He Kawenata Hou, housing, data and strategic partnerships, while at the same time increasing direct investment in whānau, hapū and marae and significantly expanding our environmental and cultural work.

There is considerably more to do, and many of these initiatives remain at an early stage. However, we finish the year with stronger organisational capability, an expanded programme of work, major new external investment and clearer mechanisms for turning the aspirations and resources of our iwi into practical outcomes for our people.

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Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Iwi Development Trust

Delivery and future focus

The 2025–26 financial year has seen Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Iwi Development Trust (TIDT) continue to deliver across marae development, housing, hauora, rangatahi and taiao, while building stronger foundations for the future development of Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua.



Image (above):
Te Komiti Marae o
Te Ahu a Tūranga.

Image (right): Te Hika
o Pāpāuma Komiti
Marae, Civil Defence
Training.



Marae development

A significant focus has been supporting the capability and resilience of our marae. Six marae received emergency equipment storage containers, alongside the rollout of emergency preparedness planning, Civil Defence training and marae governance development.

The programme has helped marae to strengthen their readiness, governance capability and long-term sustainability. Feasibility work was also completed for the redevelopment of Whiti Te Rā Marae, providing a pathway for future planning and investment.

Te reo Māori me matauranga Māori

TIDT continued to support the revitalisation of te reo Māori, with wānanga delivered through Te Whakakāinga o Te Reo Kahungunu, as well as ongoing hapū karanga engagement and work to preserve iwi stories and mātauranga.

Housing and hauora

Under He Kawenata Hou, housing and hauora remained key priorities, with project groups established to turn whānau evidence into co-ordinated, long-term action. The Housing Needs Assessment brought together government agency data and local whānau kōrero to inform an iwi Housing Strategy and future investment, alongside continued progress on the six-home Woodville development.

For hauora, TIDT began collecting data to attain information on health outcomes, service gaps and rural access to guide a Rural Hauora Strategy tailored to whānau across Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua. We are in the initial stages and look forward to progressing this mahi.

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Iwi Development Trust.

Image: Anaru Maxwell (left), Summer Internship, and Isabelle Lawson (light blue cap), Heteri-a-Nuku Cadetship.



Image: Whiti Te Rā Marae, Civil Defence Training.



Image: Te Hika o Pāpāuma Komiti Marae, Civil Defence Training.

Rangatahi

We continued to invest in rangatahi development and cultural connection through Awarua Te Kura and He Taiao Te Kura, creating opportunities to connect with whakapapa, kapa haka, taiao and mātauranga while developing skills and pathways for the future.

Two rangatahi completed the first Taiao Summer Internship Programme, gaining practical experience in environmental and kaitiakitanga mahi. One of the participants, Isabelle Lawson, has since secured a year-long position through He Tēri-ā-Nuku, the Department of Conservation (DoC) funded programme, based at our Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua office. A positive example of a local opportunity becoming a meaningful employment pathway!

Te taiao

Our taiao mahi continued to grow during the year. We initiated Mana Whakahono ā Rohe engagement with Horizons Regional Council, however, this work could not progress as intended after the Government signalled that Mana Whakahono ā Rohe would be removed through its resource management reforms.

Despite this change, TIDT's Environmental Management Plan was ratified, environmental and Resource Management Act processes were strengthened, and three DoC contracts were secured to expand environmental delivery, mātauranga Māori initiatives and iwi participation in the management and protection of our rohe.

Summary

Overall, the year has been about strengthening the foundations for long-term Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua iwi development—building the capability of our marae, improving the evidence available to guide housing and hauora investment, creating opportunities for rangatahi, strengthening our role as kaitiaki, and ensuring TIDT is positioned to continue delivering meaningful outcomes for whānau, hapū and marae across Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua.

Ngā Takunetanga

2026 Te Pā Ora Funding

Te Pā Ora Funding is administered by our two Iwi Development Trusts. **A total of \$110,000** was granted to support operational costs of these marae.

MARAE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Kohunui Marae	\$10,000.00
Motuwairaka Marae	\$10,000.00
Papawai Marae	\$10,000.00
Pouakani Marae	\$10,000.00
Te Ore Ore Marae	\$10,000.00
Te Rangimarie Marae	\$10,000.00
Tūmapūhia Marae	\$10,000.00
Pahiatua Marae	\$10,000.00
Te Ahu a Tūranga Marae	\$10,000.00
Pāpāuma Marae	\$10,000.00
Whiti Te Rā Marae	\$10,000.00

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust also provided \$15,010 to Papawai Marae for the purchase of furniture (chairs, table, and a chair stacker).

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2026 Marae Feasibility Funding

In addition to Te Pā Ora funding, Te Pātaka o Rongokako is supporting our marae and hapū karanga to realise their aspirations to either establish physical buildings or enhance existing marae.

A total of \$150,000 was granted for marae feasibility works.

MARAE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Whiti Te Rā Marae	\$50,000
Ākura Marae	\$50,000
Hurunui-ō-Rangi Marae	\$50,000

2026 Matariki Funding

Each year there is funding available for our marae to apply to host a Matariki event for whānau in Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua and Wairarapa.

In 2025–26, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust provided **a total of \$15,000** to five marae to host Matariki events.

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Iwi Development Trust provided **\$2,000** to Pahiatua Marae for their Matariki celebrations.

MARAE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Kohunui Marae	\$3,000.00
Okautete Marae	\$3,000.00
Pāpāuma ki Whakataki	\$2,500.00
Papawai Marae	\$3,000.00
Pouakani Marae	\$3,500.00
Pahiatua Marae	\$2,000.00

As part of supporting other Matariki kaupapa in Wairarapa, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust provided **\$5,000** to Kahungunu ki Wairarapa as a contribution to the Tirama Night Glow that is held annually at Queen Elizabeth Park in Whakaoriori.

2026 Waitangi Day Funding

Funding is also available each year for our marae in Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua and Wairarapa to apply to host a Waitangi Day event.

This year, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust provided funding to Ngāi Tūmapūhia-a-Rangi Marae.

MARAE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Ngāi Tūmapūhia-a-Rangi Marae	\$8,695.00

2026 Wairarapa Pā Wars Funding

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust funded a **total of \$44,348** to assist with costs associated with the 2026 Wairarapa Pā Wars.

MARAE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Ngāi Tūmapūhia-a-Rangi (Hosts)	\$15,000.00
Ākura Pā	\$4,348.00
Hurunui-ō-Rangi Marae	\$5,000.00
Kohunui Marae	\$5,000.00
Papawai Marae	\$5,000.00
Pouakani Marae	\$5,000.00
Te Ore Ore Marae	\$5,000.00



2026 Hapū Karanga Funding

A total of **\$15,000** was provided to enable hapū and marae to lead and strengthen Kahungunutanga and support intergenerational transmission of mātauranga Māori.

MARAE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Hurunui-ō-Rangi Marae	\$5,000.00
Papawai Marae	\$5,000.00
Ngāi Tūmapūhia-a-Rangi	\$5,000.00

2026 Rangatahi Tuakiritanga Funding

Each year there is funding available for our hapū and marae to grow the next generation of leaders through the 'Ngā Rangatira mō Āpōpō' kaupapa. This strengthens the connection between marae and our rangatahi — our future leaders, supporting kaupapa that reinforces cultural identity, belonging and leadership development.

MARAE	FUNDING AMOUNT
Pouakani Marae	\$10,000.00

Sponsorship



Image (above):
Haunui-ā-Nanaia
Waka Ama J16 Boys.

Image (left):
Jayla Brown,
NZ Crossfit
Championship.

Image (right):
Cordell Cootes-
Waaka, representing
Manawatū in rugby
league.



Image: Riley Tufui, NZ
Māori Rugby League
U16s Kōtiro team.

Image (above): Te
Ahorua o Wairarapa
Māori Rugby League
Tamariki Team.

Image (right):
Maungaraki Junior
Youth Darts team.

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Image: Award winner,
Ataria Puhara.

“WHAT BEGAN AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING WHĀNAU TOGETHER AND EXPERIENCE LONG-DISTANCE WAKA AMA EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS, WITH OUR CREWS ACHIEVING 1ST, 6TH AND 13TH PLACE AMONGST A LARGE COMPETITIVE FIELD.”

— Kahurangi Waka Hoe



Image: Kahurangi Waka Hoe.

The following funding was provided to individuals, whānau and rūpū in the 2025–26 financial year by Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Iwi Development Trust:

NGĀ RŌPŪ	PURPOSE	FUNDING APPROVED
Waka Ama		
Chance Johnson–Roseman Salem Tiopira–Rimene Khāleal Tiopira–Rimene Maria Graham	Participate in the IVF Va’a World Club Sprint Championships in Singapore	\$4,000.00
Wool Handling		
Pre–shears Wool Handling Championships	Host the North Island Wool Handling Circuit finals – Junior and Senior Host the final compulsory round of the North Island Wool Handling Open Grade Circuit	\$3,990.99
Rugby League / Touch Rugby		
Te Ahorua o Wairarapa Māori Rugby League	Participate in the 2025 Aotearoa NZ Māori Rugby League Tuakana Tournament in Rotorua	\$2,000.00
Toa, Kupa and Deja Reiri–Carrington	Participate in the Youth Touch Nationals	\$1,000.00
Darts		
Maungaraki Junior Youth Darts	To attend the 2026 New Zealand Darts Council Junior and Youth Championships	\$2,500.00
Kaumātua		
Rangitāne o Wairarapa	2025 Kaumātua Christmas Lunch	\$2,173.91
Cultural		
Hana–Maraea Maika	Cultural exchange to Japan	\$1,000.00
Mareikura Edmonds–Maki	Cultural exchange to Japan	\$1,000.00
Te Matau–a–Māui Tikitiki A Taranga Rongoā Rohe	Regional Rongoā Wānanga 19–21 June 2026	\$500.00

Ngā Kaiwhiwhi Karahipi

Alongside the Māori Education Trust's comprehensive scholarship programme for taura pursuing secondary and tertiary education, Te Pātaka o Rongokako has agreements with educational institutions for additional financial support for our taura to maximise their funding for their studies.

This includes pooling funds from the institution where they are studying, the Iwi/Trust to which they whakapapa and funds from the Māori Education Trust.

Edward Carlton Holmes Memorial scholarships are available to taura who are registered beneficiaries of Te Pātaka o Rongokako (Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust).

Congratulations to all our hardworking taura. Mauri Ora!



2026 Edward Holmes Tertiary Scholarship Funding Round

A total of \$50,000 was allocated towards tertiary scholarships for the 2026 funding round, with **45 tauira** receiving scholarships:

POSTGRADUATE

RECIPIENT	INSTITUTE
Juliet Ratima	University of Otago
Kaitlyn McLean	Victoria University of Wellington
Helen Whitworth	Auckland University of Technology

RECIPIENT	INSTITUTE
Tacharna Matiaha-Hohua	Massey University
Namu Wilson	Te Wānanga o Raukawa
Ariane Russo	Massey University

UNDERGRADUATE

RECIPIENT	INSTITUTE
Hera Ammunson	Te Wānanga o Raukawa
Coral Craig	Auckland University of Technology
Charlotte Haycock	University of Canterbury
Tamatehura Henare	Te Wānanga o Raukawa
Benji Hetariki	Victoria University of Wellington
William Hunter	University of Canterbury
Kristen Karauna	Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology
Kelli Marshall	Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
Scarlett McKay	Victoria University of Wellington
Akuera Niania	Te Wānanga o Raukawa
Ariana Nikora-McLaren	Massey University
Ashlee Pearse	Otago Polytechnic
Sharon Perry	Te Rito Maioha
Veronica Puki	Universal College of Learning (UCOL)
Jonas Tamihana	University of Waikato
Josie Tapa	Whitireia – WelTec
Tina Te Tau-Brightwell	Te Wānanga o Raukawa
Josephine Te Whaiti	Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
Mariah Wakefield-Otene	University of Waikato

RECIPIENT	INSTITUTE
Tamati Whitaker	University of Otago
Sandra Collier	Te Wānanga o Raukawa
Rose Haira-Harmon	Massey University
Chakani Hemi	Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
Georgia Henderson	Universal College of Learning (UCOL)
Daniel Hiroti	University of Otago
Madison Karauna	University of Waikato
Jordan Maligieri	University of Canterbury
Lavinia Martin	Kōkiri Training Centre
Lisa Marie Ngataki	Auckland University of Technology
Anne Nicholls	Te Wānanga o Raukawa
April Ohlson	Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology
Lauren Perry	University of Otago
Manaia Pirere-Newton	Victoria University of Wellington
Taylah Stevens	University of Waikato
Erimana Taniora	Victoria University of Wellington
Rangitihi Te Tau	Victoria University of Wellington
Luana Te Whaiti	Te Wānanga Aotearoa
Carly Thompson	Auckland University of Technology
Leah West	Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

2026 Edward Holmes Secondary Scholarship Funding Round

A total of \$30,000 was allocated towards secondary scholarships for the 2026 funding round, with **81 tauira** receiving scholarships:

RECIPIENT	INSTITUTE
Harlan Aspinall	Kings College
Kayla Aspinall	Wairarapa College
Deja-Ataahua Carrington	Hamilton Girls High School
Richie Edmonds-Maki	Mākoura College
Adeline Fox	James Cook High
Rose Friend	Whanganui Collegiate School
Ryker Haare	Hato Paora College
Ashleigh Hape	Manukura
Layton Harper	Mākoura College
Taya Hauraki	Dannevirke High School
Tiare Hill	Wellington Girls College
Kahurangi Hockley	Te Paepae o Aotea
Arepa-Ford Jennings	Hato Paora College
Te Omeka Karaitiana Jennings	Naenae College
Maikara Karaitiana-Goodger	Wairarapa College
Toni-Rose Kopua-Samuels	Dannevirke High School
Ellie Love	St Marys College
Hana-Maraea Maika	Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere
Sayge Mason	Dannevirke High School
Waihuia McCauley-Karauna	Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere
Sione Mesui	Ngā Puna o Waiorea
Koia Nikora	Dannevirke High School
Tyler Nolan	Forest View High School
Maz Parkes	Taupo-nui-a-Tia College
Paddy Parkes	Taupo-nui-a-Tia College
Jai Pedrochi	Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere
Maia Petera	Dannevirke High School

RECIPIENT	INSTITUTE
Kupa Carrington	Hamilton Boys High School
Marco Cutelli	Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu
Mareikura Edmonds-Maki	Mākoura College
Grace Friend	Whanganui Collegiate School
Kiaralee Grace	Dannevirke High School
Cadence Haare	Hato Paora College
Wikitoria Hape	Manukura
Taj Hauraki	Palmerston North Boys High School
Dayton Hema	Manukura
Hoani Hockley	Te Paepae o Aotea
Russell Hockley	Te Paepae o Aotea
Kingston Karaitiana Jennings	Hato Paora College
Te Rangiiunga Karaitiana Jennings	Naenae College
Kahli-Rae Kopua-Samuels	Dannevirke High School
Jade Lawson	Dannevirke High School
Zoe Love	St Marys College
Tisharn Mason	Dannevirke High School
Leighton Matthews	Hastings Boys High School
Isabelle McKenna	Macleans College
Princeton Murray Pere	St Patricks College Silverstream
Michael Nikora	Dannevirke High School
Te Aomatarahi Paranihi	Ngā Taiātea Wharekura
Millie Parkes	Taupo-nui-a-Tia College
Ricco Peauafi Symonds	St Andrews College Christchurch
Stevie-Lea Peri	Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere
Addison-Kay Prier	Forest View High School

RECIPIENT	INSTITUTE
Julius Raihania	Lindisfarne College
Ellah Rautu-Bristowe	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tāmaki-nui-a Rua
Hannah Richards	Ōtūmoetai College
Waimaanea Robinson	St Joseph's Māori Girls College
Braven Sherrard-Chase	FAHS Feilding High School
Eli Te Huki	Dannevirke High School
Taamairangi Te Tau	Newlands College
Riley Teao	St Joseph's Māori Girls' College
Tanera Todd	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tāmaki-nui-a Rua
Primus Waitere	Manukura
Mikaylah Walker	Rotorua Girls High School
Bosston Waretini	Manukura
Hinetearorangi Wilson	Kaipoi High School
Te Manawanui Edmonds	Mākoura College

RECIPIENT	INSTITUTE
Addison-Kay Prier	Forest View High School
Honey-Jorjah Rata-Hurst	Taupo-nui-a-Tia College
Manaia Reti	Forest View High School
Claudette Roberts	St Joseph's Māori Girls College
Kahukura Robinson	Palmerston North Boys High
Reuben Stevens	Wellington College
Benson Te Huki	Dannevirke High School
Constance Te Whaiti	St Joseph's Māori Girls College
Esther-Calais Tiqatabua	Destiny School
Talen Tuapawa Karauna	Forest View High School
Solomon Walker	Rotorua Boys High School
Santana Walker-Hape	Dannevirke High School
Maia Watson	Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu
Wairua Edmonds	Mākoura College

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— Mareikura Edmonds-Maki (Tauira at Mākoura College)

Notes



**TE PĀTAKA O
RONGOKAKO**