

# Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

## Annual Activity Report for the 2020/21 year



Te Maru  
o Kaituna

### INTRODUCTION

[Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority](#) (TMoK) was established in 2014 as a co-governance entity in accordance with its enabling legislation, the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014 (the Act). The Authority is made up of members drawn from both local government and Te Arawa iwi organisations, as defined in s118 of the Act.

Schedule 5 Clause 10 of the Act states that TMoK: “...must report to the appointing organisations after the end of each financial year.” The report must:

- (a) describe the activities of the Authority for the financial year it covers; and
- (b) explain how the activities relate to the Authority's purpose and functions.

This report is intended to fulfil those requirements in a brief and functional manner for the 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 period, building on the mahi outlined in last years Annual Activity Report. The Act requires appointing organisations with TMoK membership to review the performance of the Authority not later than one year after the Kaituna River Document is approved for the first time. Appointing organisations may make recommendations to the Authority. Schedule 5 Clause 11 of the Act specifies the scope of such reviews.

[Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho](#) – a treasure handed down (the Kaituna River Document) was approved 22 June 2018 and came into effect on 1 August 2018. [Te Tini a Tuna](#) (the Kaituna Action Plan) was approved in September 2019.

### PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

TMoK's purpose, as defined in s115 of the Act, is:

- (1) *The purpose of the Authority is the restoration, protection, and enhancement of the environmental, cultural, and spiritual health and well-being of the Kaituna River.*
- (2) *In seeking to achieve its purpose, the Authority may have regard to the social and economic well-being of people and communities.*

TMoK's functions, as defined in s116 of the Act, are:

- (1) *The principal function of the Authority is to achieve its purpose.*
- (2) *In seeking to achieve its purpose, the other functions of the Authority are—*
  - (a) *to prepare and approve the Kaituna River document in accordance with sections 125 and 127:*
  - (b) *to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the Kaituna River document:*
  - (c) *to support the integrated and collaborative management of the river:*
  - (d) *to work with the local authorities and Crown agencies that exercise functions in relation to the Kaituna River—*
    - (i) *to monitor the state of the river environment:*
    - (ii) *to monitor the effectiveness of the management of the river:*
    - (iii) *to engage with iwi in relation to their interests in the river and to consult them on how to manage the river:*
  - (e) *to provide advice and recommendations to local authorities—*
    - (i) *relating to projects, action, or research designed to restore, protect, or enhance the health and well-being of the river:*

- (ii) *on the appointment of commissioners to hear and decide applications for resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 that affect the river:*
  - (f) *to facilitate the participation of iwi in the management of the river:*
  - (g) *to monitor the extent to which the purpose of the Authority is being achieved, including the implementation and effectiveness of the Kaituna River document:*
  - (h) *to gather information, to disseminate information, and to hold meetings:*
  - (i) *to take any other action that the Authority considers is appropriate to achieve its purpose.*
- (3) *The Authority may seek to obtain funds to enable it to perform its functions.*
- (4) *To avoid doubt, except as provided for in subsection (2)(a), the Authority has discretion to determine in any particular circumstances—*
  - (a) *whether to perform any function specified in subsection (2); and*
  - (b) *how, and to what extent, any function specified in subsection (2) is performed.*

## HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY ACTIONS

This report outlines key activities fulfilled by Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority during the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

- Te Maru o Kaituna hui held on 26 June 2020 (workshop), 28 August 2020 (zoom hui) , 5 February 2021 and 21 May 2020 (meeting - Nukuteapiapi), – [agenda and minutes available here](#)
- TMOk commissioned an independent review of draft Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) to ensure it appropriately and fully recognises and provides for the vision, objectives and desired outcomes of *Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho – a treasure handed down* (the Kaituna River Document (KRD)) in the RPS.
- Upgrade of [www.kaituna.org.nz](http://www.kaituna.org.nz) TMOk's independent website.
- TMOk recommendations to BOP Regional Council's Strategy & Policy Committee to strengthening wording of the Change so it more closely aligned with the wording in the KRD.
- Adopted TMOk's 2020/21 budget.
- Receive and consider regular papers on:
  - Implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPSFM) and Te Hononga: The Regional Māori Engagement Plan for implementing the NPSFM
  - Operations report about mahi being undertaken in the Kaituna catchment
  - RPS Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River)
  - Updates from partners relevant to the Kaituna
- Received presentations from Kaituna kaitiaki including: Masterplan developed by 3D 2B Ahu Whenua Trust and mahi NIWA are undertaking in partnership with iwi
- TMOk's Pataka Kai project – Wai Ora funding application
- Te Maru o Kaituna Annual Report 2020/2021 approved and released to TMOk appointing organisations for feedback (Aug 2021)
- Submissions, feedback and recommendations made about mahi relevant to the Kaituna including:
  - Recommended to BOPRC changes to strengthen the wording of RPS draft Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River)
  - Submission in support of Proposed Change 5 to the RPS (Aug 2021)
  - Submission to notified resource consent applications RM-160160, RM17-0084 and RM19-0782 by AFFCO New Zealand Limited (Aug 2020)
- Welcomed and confirmed new appointments – Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust – Erin Thompson (alternate), Te Komiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaue informal members Maru Tapsell and Manu

Penu (alternate) and Tauranga City Council members Commissioners Shadrach Rolleston and Bill Wasley (alternate)

The 2021/22 year's key focus is on:

- Progressing implementation of Te Tini a Tuna – the Kaituna Action Plan 2019 - 2029.
- Put in place a dash board to drive and monitor Kaituna Action Plan progress.
- Actively progressing TMOk led Kaituna Action Plan projects:
  - Project 3. Consented takes and discharges project (co-led with council's)
  - Project 9. Pataka kai project
  - Project 10. Kaituna community connection project
  - Project 13. Kaituna cultural and historical heritage project.
- Continued involvement in RPS Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) process. TMOk have lodged a submission in support and have indicated we wish to be heard at the Freshwater Hearing.
- Continued governance role in the Kaituna freshwater policy work Toi Moana are progressing to implement the NPSFM.

### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

As part of its establishment, TMOk was provided a putea of \$250,000 by the Crown to fulfil its purpose and functions, particularly the preparation and approval of the Kaituna River Document.

Schedule 5 Clause 9(3) of the Act states that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council must, on behalf of the Authority,—

- (a) hold any funds belonging to the Authority; and
- (b) account for the funds in a separate and identifiable manner; and
- (c) spend the funds in accordance with any direction given by the Authority.

A summary of financial transactions for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 is included below, in accordance with the budgeted items approved by TMOk for the 2020/21 financial year:

#### Summary of financial transactions for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

	Amount (\$) excl GST
Opening Balance - 1 July 2020	<b>\$187,985.76</b>
Consultant fees: Independent review and advice on draft Proposed Change 5 Writing submissions - AFFCO	1,500.00
Interest received	3,373.97 (income)
Closing Balance – 30 June 2021	<b>\$189,859.73</b>

Bay of Plenty Regional Council covered the administrative costs for the 4 meetings and one workshop held for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. Bay of Plenty Regional Council also contributed staff time (committee champion, governance, water policy, maori policy, communications and engagement as well as design and publication of Te Tini a Tuna) not including in the costs above. Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Tauranga City Council and Rotorua Lakes Council have also contributed policy staff time.

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On behalf of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority