TAMATEA PŌKAI WHENUA

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS FROM BOARD MEETING

27 FEBRUARY 2024

1.	 Staff Changes The Trust sadly received the resignation of Neala Rosandich, Relationship Advisor, who has decided to pursue whānau business endeavours. Tere Smith, Relationship Facilitator, has completed her secondment with Tamatea Pōkai Whenua and has returned to Kainga Ora.
2.	 Hawkes Bay Regional Council The Trust entered into an engagement with Hawkes Bay Regional Council to progress and formalise the relationship. Subject to amendements, the Board endorsed in principle the draft Memorandum of Understanding and Workplan with Hawkes Bay Regional Council. The Chair and Chief Executive are to negotiate final draft with Hawkes Bay Regional Council. A signing event is to follow.
3.	 Te Mātai Ao An interim General Manager has been appointed to progress the establishment and work of Te Mātai Ao. A recruitment process is underway for a General Manager and an Environmental Planner for Te Mātai Ao. The Board endorsed a 'Launch' event for Te Mātai Ao to highlight the role of the new structure and leadership in taiao as a representative entity for marae and hapū ki Heretaunga Tamatea.
4.	 Ministry for the Environment The Trust met with the Ministry for the Environment. Two key focus areas were signalled as part of the Coalition Government's 100 day plan - the planned introduction of the Fast Track Approvals legislation and the reframing of Te Mana o Te Wai, the National Policy Statement on Fresh Water. The Trust expressed concerns at the pace of the changes and expectation to engage and respond given the limited resources to deploy in managing this expectation. The Trust noted it wants clear transparency of the settlement protections embedded within the legislation and that the voice of the Settlement entities is part of the decision making process of expert panels. The Trust also noted strong discomfort with the principle of assumed rights the government continues to control water and that the Trust would strongly challenge any mitigation or negation of lessened authority of shared 'ownership' or authority of water by the Crown or local authorities.

5.	 Heretaunga Tamatea Pou Tahua The Trust has been advised of the Environmental Protection Agencies decision to support the Trust's Wairatahi housing development in Flaxmere. This is a significant achievement after major effort and investments were made across the team.
6.	Internal and External Governance Appointments
	 The Board endorsed proposed changes to governance arrangements, including: reducing the number of Directors on Heretaunga Tamatea Pou Tahua (HTPT) from six to five (three Trustees and two independents); introducing a rotational approach for the appointment of Directors and Committee Members on HTPT and the Audit and Risk Committee; and seeking two new Directors for Kaweka Gwavas Forestry Company, with one needing Industry/Forestry expertise. Board endorsed Jenny Nelson-Smith to be the Tamatea Representative on the HBRC Regional Planning Committee. Trust received invitation to sit on Southern Transport Rebuild East Coast Liaison Group. Trustees invited to express interest in the role to be considered at the April Board Meeting.
7.	Tukituki Water Storage
	 A meeting was recently held in Tamatea regarding the revival of the Tukituki Water Storage. Members of Central Hawkes Bay District Council, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and Tamatea Pōkai Whenua were in attendance. A hui is to take place with Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga and Tamatea Pōkai Whenua to determine roles and representation of mana whenua in this development.
8.	Annual General Meeting • The Board endorsed Saturday the 16 th of November for the Annual General Meeting.
9.	 Community Board Meetings The Board approved to hold two community Board meetings. This first is to take place at Korongata Marae in April and the second is to take place in Tamatea in November (TBC).