

MINUTES OF THE NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU IWI INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

*At Splash Planet Complex, Grove Road, Hastings
On Saturday, 22 November 2025 at 9.00am*

NKII BOARD

Bayden Barber, NKII Chair

Cordry Huata, NKII Kaumatua

Brian Ruawai-Hamilton, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Whanganui-ā-Tara

Melissa Ihaka, Kahungunu ki Wairarapa

Esta Marcum-Wainohu, Wairoa Taiwhenua

Crystal Edwards, Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga

Anthony Tipene-Matua, Tamatea Taiwhenua

Te Aihurangi Tangiora, Taura Here ki Kirikiriroa

NKII STAFF

Chrissie Hape, Chief Executive, Michelle Ferris, (scribe), Ruth Wong, Te Rangi Huata, Waiora Kireka, Hine Hape, Jane Cunningham, Hannah Kupa-Elliott, Ngaio Tiuka, Shade Smith, Georgina Te Amo, Chris Karaitiana, Nicosia Webster,

KAHC

Rawinia Lewis, Mike Devonshire, Alex Guilleux, Jono Bredin, Ratahi Cross

WHĀNAU

Attendance list

Traci Tuimaseve

Leilani Wong

Piata Tiuka

Kaaho Tiuka

Alieta Uelese

Khalael Uelese

Vivienne Rapaea

Tracey Snee-

Ngarotata

Kane koko

Les Foy

Miria Greeks

Api Robin

Andrea Rakete

Eve Kireka

Serene Morrell

EJ Gemmell

Katarena Edwards

Judy Tangiora

Maria Wesche

Cyrus Munro

Kaupā Te ariki

Koro Te Whaiti

Te Ika Nui Hapuku

Mat Mullany

Pete Kireka

Wattie Greening

Gayle Greening

Nicola Kihirini

Orine Gillies

Liz Clarke

Opiki Wati

Hine Vercoe

Jude Karaitiana

Tuakana August

Heather Skipworth

Te Rina Macleod

Mike Paku

Narelle Huata

Leigh Ellaby

Jenny Mauger

Donna Keefe

Victoria Whaanga

Maureen Box

Mere Clark

Alfred Keating

Maria Huata

Alberta Hapuku

Ena Putuha

Piki Rauhina

Winitana

Marata Clarke

Jane Morrell

Renee Love

MIHIMIHI

Tēnei te reo tuku whakamiha e rere atu ana ki te whāriki tangata o tēnei rā,
ki te Pōari, ki ngā mema, ki te iwi nui tonu o Ngāti Kahungunu whānui.

E mihi kau atu ana ki ngā pou whenua, ngā pou tāngata o ngā rohe e ono e tau nei i raro i te maru o Takitimu. Ki Te Wairoa, te kūrae ūkaipō o te rāwhiti, e pupuri tonu nei i ngā kōrero tuku iho o te hiku o te ika.

Ki Te Whanganui-a-Orotū, te kūwaha ki te ao, te puna ora e tōtika ai ngā wawata o te iwi. Ki Heretaunga haukunui, te whenua momona, te kāinga o ngā ringa raupā, e tupu ana, e rea ana ngā hua o te whakaaro Māori. Ki Tamatea, te manawa tapatapa o te rohe, e kawē ana i te wairua o ngā ara tawhito, e here nei i te iwi ki tōna ūkaipō.

Ki Tamaki-nui-a-Rua, te rohe rangimārie e takoto humarie ana i raro i ngā puke kōrero.

Ā, ki Wairarapa-tahi, te pae whakamutunga o te rohe whānui, e tū nei hei pou herenga mō te iwi ki te tonga. E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangaranga maha, tēnei te mihi, tēnei te aroha. Kia ū, kia mau, kia manawanui tātou i ngā kaupapa o tēnei rā mō ngā whānau, mō ngā hapū, mō ngā mokopuna e haere ake nei.

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

1) MIHI

1.1 The AGM format was outlined by Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Chairman, Bayden Barber. He acknowledged all those present, as well as those joining via the live stream.

2) APOLOGIES

2.1 Early apologies were received by the NKII office; Sandra Mauger, Makiana Logan, Aramanu Ropiha, Krystal Haimona, Maria Cains, Michelle Thompson, Piripi Christie.

2.2) Additional apologies received from the floor: Mike Paku (arriving late), Kelly Jessip, Audrey Robin, Peter Robinson, Hori Reti, Eruera Beattie, Aria Graham, James Graham, Hayden Hape, Ira Wilkinson, Tania Te Kira, Nigel How, Liz Munroe, Winipere Mauger, Gayle Mauger-Taylor, Donna Kuper, Katorangi Mauger

2.3) <i>Motion that the apologies be accepted.</i> <i>Moved by Api Robin</i> <i>Seconded by Renee Love</i> <i>Motion Carried ALL</i>

3) MAUMAHARA

3.1 A PowerPoint presentation was delivered to honour those who passed away during 2024-2025, beginning with a mixture of prelude waiata.

3.2 Ka kite a kanohi ā ka kite enei ingoa maumahara, ki te wa i a ratau i te tini i te mano o ngā mate o Kahungunu i whakarangihia nei no rei ra koutou mā, haere haere

haere, haere atu ra ki o tatau whanaunga e noho nei ki ngā marae maha te oho whakarere haere ki te po nui te po roa, te po kerekere te po tiwha tiwha he nui te po hoki mai, ratau kia ratau ratau te hunga or.....a kia tatau huri noa ki to tatau nei whare tena koutou tena koutou kia ora mai tatau katoa.

4) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM MEETING

- 4.1 Copies have been made available on the iwi website and copies are here today. Motion reported here as shown by powerpoint on screen.

4.2 *Motion To accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Saturday 23 November 2024 Annual General Meeting accepted.*
Moved by Mike Paku
Seconded by: Matt Mullany
Motion Carried ALL.

5) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 5.1) The year began with the triennial elections, during which we acknowledged and farewelled the departing board members for their service to Ngāti Kahungunu. Special recognition was given to our long serving kaumatua, Haami Hilton, who dedicated over 25 years to supporting the board. We also acknowledged former board members Nigel How, Thompson Hokianga, Eruera Beattie and Jenny Nelson-Smith. E mihi ana kia rātau.

We then welcomed our newly elected members; Crystal Edwards, Esta Marcum-Wainohu, Anthony Tipene-Matua, Te Aihurangi Tangiora, and Cordry Huata, alongside our returning members Hori Reti, Hayden Hape, Melissa Ihaka, and Brian Ruawai-Hamilton. E mihi ana kia koutou kua tae mai ki tēnei poari mō te iwi.

- 5.2) In 2024, our focus was on responding to the actions of the Kāwanatanga. As part of this effort, we participated in the national hui ā-motu and hosted one at Omaha, providing a united platform to stand against government pressures and decisions impacting our people.

The coalition government began its term with the Treaty Principles Bill and has continued to advance policies affecting Māori. This period required us, as iwi Māori, to consider how we adapt and respond. In 2025, we listened to the kōrero shared by Te Kuini Māori, urging us to look inward toward the protection and expression of our tino rangatiratanga, the strength of our reo, our mana motuhake, and the wellbeing of our people, environment, and whānau systems. All of this kōrero emphasised the importance of self-reflection and affirming who we are as Māori.

We reviewed the Kahungunu Strategy 2050, creating opportunities for NKII to deepen engagement with our Taiwhenua and Taura Here groups. We attended hui across the rohe, including Te Wairoa, Te Whanganui-a-Orotu, Heretaunga, Tamatea, TNAR, and Wairarapa. Through this hui, we listened to our people to understand what matters most to them as we look ahead to the next 25 years. We

also recognise that we have some significant challenges ahead of us across our economy, education, employment, housing and health.

We also recently held a Kahungunu Hauora Wānanga, which saw an excellent turnout. The wānanga provided a valuable space for kōrero on our collective health priorities, the wellbeing of our whānau, and the challenges and opportunities facing our iwi. Participants contributed openly and thoughtfully, helping shape a clearer pathway for improving hauora across our communities. He further noted that the purpose of the Health Wānanga was to acknowledge that no one is currently taking responsibility for our own health needs, and that we cannot rely on the government to resolve the health challenges faced by Ngāti Kahungunu. Instead, we are looking within.

He closed by stating that we must shift from kāwanatanga to rangatiratanga, and that this marks the beginning of a 25-year journey to achieve true rangatiratanga for our people. He reminded us that we are a resilient people, and that those who took part in the hīkoi after Cyclone Gabrielle know what it means to rely on ourselves, just as we had to during that time.

Our strategic vision focuses on a future where our people are thriving and succeeding across all area's health, housing, education, employment, and our economy. The Māori economy is now the fastest growing in the country, valued at over \$120 billion in assets, and continues to outpace the national economy. Our Māori businesses are progressing, and PSGEs are well-positioned to grow the assets that have been returned through our efforts over the 185 years since the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

6) **Chief Executive Office**
6.1 **CEO Report Summary**

The CEO acknowledged the dedication of the NKII team, highlighting that the achievements noted in the Chairman's report and upcoming discussions are the result of highly skilled staff working tirelessly for ngā uri o Ngāti Kahungunu.

Key highlights include:

- **Taiao Team:** Ngaio Tiuka and Shade Smith, in partnership with Tamatea and Heretaunga, achieved a significant win in the Environmental Court against the councils.
- **Housing:** A programme of 86 houses is set for completion by June 2026. Critical repairs were carried out on 38 homes, leveraging \$2 million from MHUD to support underinsured not insured whānau affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.
- **Toi Ora Team:** Operating for six months, the team is leading innovative approaches to family and sexual harm, successfully reducing statutory care interventions while keeping mokopuna within their whānau and communities.
- **Core Team:** A small team of six delivered scholarships, communications, sponsorships, and events, including support for 30 additional Matariki events, 3000 individual and group sponsorships, and 101 scholarships, while maintaining tari operations.

The CEO celebrated the collective efforts of all teams, acknowledging their expertise, hard work, and commitment to whānau wellbeing and Ngāti Kahungunu aspirations.

Bayden also formally acknowledged Chrissie Hape, Chief Executive Officer, and her team for their leadership and achievements.

- 6.2) *Motion that the chairmans Annual Report for 2024-2025 be received and accepted.*
Moved by Tuakana August
Seconded by Renee Love
Motion Carried ALL

7) Changes to the Constitution – Chrissie Hape

- 7.1) The Board outlined that amendments to the NKII Constitution are required to comply with recent legislative updates, including the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, Charities Amendment Act 2023, and the Māori Fisheries Amendment Bill 2022. Recommendations from Kahui Legal were reviewed, and the Board has ratified the changes for presentation at the AGM. These updates ensure NKII maintains its status as a charitable trust, incorporated society, and Mandated Iwi Organisation. The Constitution has also been updated to clarify the Deputy Chair election process, with nominations and elections to occur at the January 2026 Board meeting.

- 7.2) *Motion that the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) Constitutional Changes be endorsed and that the NKII re-registers as an Incorporated Society*
Moved by Mike Paku
Seconded by Matt Mullany
Motion Carried ALL

8) Kahungunu Asset Holding Company Report 2024-2025

- 8.1) Mike Devonshire noted that over the past three years, the company has strengthened its financial position and asset base and is now progressing in the right direction. The organisation has critically assessed numerous investment opportunities through a rigorous process and intends to make strategic investments over the next 12 months. In terms of the plan we have been strengthening and working on due diligence capabilities bringing a team together helping us with assessment of what we believe to be the right sort of opportunities to grow the assets and in particular starting to work more strategically with the shareholder.
- 8.2) **Finances** – The operating profit has consistently remained above \$2.2 million over the past few years. Comprehensive income includes certain accounting treatments, such as the recent revaluation of AFL shares downward, which was offset by a reset in the valuation of Tautane and Kahutia, a forestry property investment with Ngāti Hineuru. Equity remains strong, providing a solid

foundation to strategically and prudently grow our asset base. This positions us to assess how our shareholder contributions are delivering against the 25-year strategic plan.

This strong financial position also allows NKII to continue declaring contributions and paying dividends, ensuring alignment between commercial performance and benefits to the iwi. Balancing yield and growth to deliver sustainable dividends while protecting long-term asset value.

The last 12 months has been difficult for everyone and the next 12 months are not plain sailing either but we will continue to thrive and protect the assets.

8.3) **Investment Portfolio** – 240 quota stocks are held, with no sales or exchanges this year.

- **Deepsea Water ACE** – Leased to Sealord under the Ngā Tapu Wai o Māui partnership. We recently received a visit from the CEO of Sealord, who reported strong results for the current year, which is very pleasing. It has been a challenging period in the global markets, and investments such as the Deepsea ACE have been particularly impacted.
- **Inshore ACE** – Leased to Moana NZ, providing stable long-term returns.
- **Koura ACE** – Leased to FLC and other parties through competitive tenders.
- KAHC holds **31,496 income shares in Moana NZ**, representing **6.30% of total income shares**, making us the **third-largest iwi shareholder** of AFL Moana.
- KAHC has a **share-purchase and quota lease agreement with FLC**, providing quota in return for equity.
- KAHC holds **89,670 FLC shares (3.26% holding)**, generating a **dividend of \$300K**.
- KLP: is starting to show its delivery on its promise. \$1.07million profit share (valuation uplift with carbon credits and tree assets. We are pleased with the way its performing.
- **Tautane** – 3,500 ha sheep and beef farm. Valuation is up from \$30.5 million to 32.9 million (+2.4 million uplift)
- **Pandora Properties** – 52 Pandora valuation down to 0.9 million (reflecting temporary vacancy and ground rent review)
- **43 Pandora** – valuation steady at \$4.56 million; near fully tenanted
- Long term vision to freehold 52 Pandora Road to develop sites.
- **Napier Mussels** – 91% KAHC ownership spat catching trial planned. MPI and Whakatōhea Mussels

8.4) **Te Ara Whakamua**

M Devonshire - Transition from non-productive to disciplined proactive investment pipeline aligned to the Statement of Corporate Intent. Maintain balance of sustainable yield and growth across fisheries, property and new ventures.

We aim to invest in well-run businesses that we can support and, importantly, those that have strong connections to Ngāti Kahungunu. Our focus is on continuing to grow our fisheries assets and pursuing long-term, sustainable investments such as commercial property. Ultimately, we must maintain a sustainable dividend to deliver on shareholder aspirations.

8.5) **Ratahi Cross** – Our priority is the preservation and development of our assets. I want us to stay focused on the business and reinforce the parent board's vision for the direction we should take. This requires closer scrutiny of our activities and

ensuring that every investment meets basic return expectations this is a key principle for us. Any business we invest in must align with Kahungunu values, contribute to employment and PSGE investment opportunities, and support a unified vision. We must remain focused on the principles set by our shareholder, turning their vision and aspirations into reality. It may have a singular vision that may mean operating in different silos. Depending on what each PSGE decides to do for their own role.

- 8.6) Bayden acknowledged the KAHC Board for their hard work over the past three years in delivering strong results. He noted that it has been an extremely challenging environment for all businesses, particularly in the property sector. Despite this, our assets have been well maintained and cared for, which also requires significant investment.

8.7) <i>Motion that the Kahungunu Asset Holding Company Report 2024-2025 be accepted</i> <i>Moved by M Paku</i> <i>Seconded by Jenny Mauger</i> <i>Motion Carried All</i> <i>1 abstention</i>
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Questions Raised from the floor:

- 9) M Paku – acknowledged the company for its work over the past three years and reiterated a question he raised last year: What is the long-term strategy to guide us forward? Understanding this will help clarify and recognise the company's efforts.
He commented on the farm's strong performance, noting that the original strategy was for NKII to become the farmer, not a passive landowner.
He referred to previous kōrero on fishing assets, including the proposal to allocate 5% of fishing income into a fund to purchase additional quota.
- 9.1) M Devonshire - The Statement of Corporate Intent (SOC) clearly outlines the purpose and expectations for Tautane and is accessible to all whānau. It sets out the focus areas and the rationale behind them. The company's role is to deliver strong returns on the assets it manages, while the shareholder is responsible for setting key strategic directions for example, decisions about developing a trades facility and how such initiatives should proceed. The company does not set the overarching strategy; instead, its strategy is to maximise returns and uphold the kaupapa defined in the SOC, much of which includes non-financial expectations. The SOC also enables the company to question the shareholder on the purpose and performance of assets, including why an asset is held if it produces limited returns. This discussion was raised at the 2024 AGM. Our targets outlined in the SOC outlines that it's 5% returns, plus the inflation rates. This is a challenge noted

earlier in the chair report. A discussion that needs to be had with the shareholder about what is important and why and what is the strategy for Tautane.

- 9.2) It was noted that if Tautane were assessed purely on financial performance, one could argue that it does not meet expected rates or targets, raising the question of why the asset is held. However, this reinforces the importance of the SOC, which outlines both the financial and non-financial reasons for retaining the asset and guides the ongoing discussion between the company and the shareholder and is culturally important for Kahungunu. The company has the capability to fund the assets purchases with our balance sheet and strong cash flows. Happy to invite you in so we could talk about more specifics.
- 9.3) Jono Bredin - the opportunity ahead is to strengthen our working relationship with the shareholder. If we focus on what is within our control delivering strong financial returns from iwi assets—we can generate a solid bottom line for the shareholder. This, in turn, gives them greater capacity to invest in iwi initiatives and social kaupapa. Tātau tātau is about all of us, if each of us plays our part well, we can all benefit not only from stronger financial returns but also from wider initiatives and social outcomes for whānau.
- 10) M Paku – appreciate the response and note the financial returns to us.

10.1) *Motion that the Kahungunu Asset Holding Company Report 2024-2025*
Moved by M Paku
Seconded by Jenny Mayjour
Motion Carried All
1 abstention

11) **Financial Statements 2024-2025**

Bayden spoke to the slides of the PowerPoint presentation, providing a consolidated summary of the financial performance, highlighting key results, trends, and areas of focus for the organisation. He explained the figures in the context of strategic goals and operational outcomes, ensuring clarity for all board members.

11.1) *Motion to accept the summary financial statements 2024-2025*
Moved by: Kane Koko
Seconded Renae Love
Motion Carried All.
1 Abstention

12) **Appoint the auditor**

Crowe has been the auditor since 2019. This year, under the guidance of the Group Audit and Risk Committee (ARC), a tender process was initiated in June 2025 for the provision of external audit services to the NKII Group. Three firms submitted proposals; Crowe, BDO NZ, and KPMG with BDO and Crowe shortlisted for interviews. On 11 June, both shortlisted firms were interviewed by a joint panel comprising representatives from NKII and KAHC. The process was thorough, ensuring that the selected auditor meets the Group's requirements for independence, expertise, and alignment with governance standards.

12.1) *Motion that in accordance with rule 12.4.1 (C) and rule 13 of the constitution of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) the annual General meeting confirms the appointment of BDO Hawkes Bay as external auditor of NKII Group for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 financial years as recommended by the NKII Board.*

Moved by Waiora Rogers

Seconded by Nicola Kihirini

Motion Carried All

1 Abstention

12.2) **Annual Plan and Strategic Engagement 2050**

The annual plan sets out NKII's priorities for the next 12 months. In preparing the plan, the team reviewed the Strategic Plan 2050 and consulted widely with Taiwhenua and Taura Here groups. Engagement workshops were held across Wairoa, Te Whanganui ā Orotū, Heretaunga, Tamatea, Tamaki Nui ā Rua, Taura Here ki Kirikiriroa, Taura Here ki Te Whanganui a Tara, and Wairarapa. These workshops provided an opportunity to understand the key priorities for whānau and communities.

The consultation identified five key pou guiding the work ahead:

- 1) **Culturally Strong**
- 2) **Te Taiao & Climate Resilience**
- 3) **Whānau Wellbeing**
- 4) **Economic Independence**
- 5) **Mātauranga (Education and Succession)**

12.3) *Motion that the Kahungunu 2050 Strategic Vision be endorsed for implementation in the new year starting July 2026*

Moved by Jerry Hapuku

Seconded by Koro Te Whaiti

Motion Carried All

1 Abstention

13) **General Business**

M Paku –reiterated a question raised last year regarding the strategic direction of the Ngāti Kahungunu Asset-Holding Company (KAHC). He highlighted that greater clarity on this direction would help iwi beneficiaries better understand and appreciate the company’s work, particularly in relation to Tautane. He noted that when the farm was acquired, the intention was not only to preserve its cultural significance but also for NKII to actively manage Tautane, rather than simply being passive landowners.

We spoke about the fishing assets and in the past there was a strategy about putting 5% of our income from the fishing quota into a fund that will allowed us to buy more quota. That’s the type of strategy I am referring to

This question relates to NKII political environment and structure. With most Treaty of Waitangi settlement claims completed, and recognizing that NKII is a construct under the Māori Fisheries Act, the question for the Board is: **Can the Board provide leadership and clarity on what our political structures should look like moving forward, particularly in relation to post-settlement entities and PSGEs?**

At times, conflicts arise over who represents iwi, particularly between NKII and PSGEs. The PSGEs have obligations set by the Crown, which can lead to clashes with NKII, leaving Taiwhenua caught in the middle. The speaker highlighted that, while the 25-year strategic plan has advanced, it is equally important to define a political strategy for the iwi. When speaking on behalf of Ngāti Kahungunu, the voice carries the mana of the iwi, with Kahungunutanga placed first and foremost. The Board is asked to champion and lead discussion on this matter.

- 13.1) **Chairman Response** - Bayden noted that Ngāti Kahungunu has six entities operating within its structure, and co-existing in this political environment is a challenge. Our settlements are different from those of other iwi, such as Ngāi Tahu and Waikato, which are considered global iwi settlements.

At NKII, everything centres on the Māori Fisheries. PSGEs operate on the whenua, manage commercial redress, and grow assets for our people and hapū.

There is potential to bring these asset groups together collectively, working with the Asset Holding Company (KAHC) on shared opportunities. In terms of governance, the goal is to move towards a collective board alongside the PSGEs. Some initial discussions have taken place through the Te Kahui Ohanga Collective, and thought papers have been prepared to explore what this could look like.

Each entity has its own constitution and mana, and we need to consider how they can coexist while coming together on major kaupapa. All entities retain their own authority (mana motuhake), but collaboration is possible where it benefits the iwi as a whole. Key priorities include economic development, culturally strong whānau, the revitalisation of te reo Māori through initiatives such as Toitū Te Reo and responding to challenges in the hauora space. As a NKII Board we need to do better and lets have this wānanga at our next meeting in January 2026.

In 2023, the NKII Board invited all PSGEs to the office to begin these initial discussions. Questions like “*Ko wai te tuakana, ko wai te teina?*” illustrate the areas where we are aligning and sometimes challenging each other. It is a complex space, and I often engage with PSGEs on differing kaupapa, as well as with our board across the various regions, where similar issues have arisen.

The roles and responsibilities are clearly defined, and when we focus on the broader, strategic kaupapa, our PSGEs share the same vision for our people. Collectively, the combined assets of the iwi, Taiwhenua, and PSGEs total around half a billion dollars. By working together, we can leverage these assets more effectively creating a stronger, smarter, and more unified proposition for the benefit of Ngāti Kahungunu.

H Skipworth – spoke to the importance of collaboration, noting that progress requires an “us and us” approach rather than an “us and them” mindset. They acknowledged the iwi for organising the wānanga for local government candidates, which supported a cohort that resulted in 25% of participants being elected. Looking ahead to next year’s elections, it was raised that the need to mobilise whānau to enrol and vote, highlighting accessibility challenges with current polling locations and processes. Mobilise early not wait until August September or October.

B Barber – It was noted that we are working with the collective at NICF and have held one hui with the Electoral Commission. Under the current government, this will be challenging, as they are not actively supporting Māori kaupapa. The Electoral Commission is responsible for managing where the polling booths are allocated too. We have emphasised to them that we need the polling booths presence at our marae, kura, and even places like Pak’nSave where our people regularly gather.

- **Narelle Huata** - The Ngāti Kahungunu Rūnanga Arts and Cultural Board acknowledged and thanked NKII for its ongoing mahi and raised three key matters:
As Chair of the Ngāti Kahungunu Rūnanga Arts and Cultural Board, they requested that NKII formally recognise the Rūnanga as the mandated board for all cultural matters across Ngāti Kahungunu. They noted their existing role advocating for arts and culture across the rohe including Tauranga Moana and Ngāti Ranginui and referenced the success of the inaugural *Takitimu Te Kahu o te Amorangi Haka Symposium* held during Toitū Te Reo.
- Narelle extended an invitation to all iwi members to the regional kapa haka competition hosted by Tamatea Taiwhenua on **14 February 2026**. They noted that every rohe has active kapa haka rōpū, including:
 - Rerenga Kōtuku & Matangirau (Wairoa)
 - Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga Pākake
 - Pakipakitanga o Hinetemoa
 - Waipatu whānau
 - Waimārama

- Tamatea Arikinui
- Te Rangiura o Wairarapa
Whānau are encouraged to join rōpū or contribute through manaaki and supporting kai during noho. They highlighted the significant cost of sustaining cultural groups, with a minimum campaign cost of around **\$60k**.
- **Education and the Kahungunu Wānanga Vision**
As CEO of Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu, they reaffirmed a long-standing aspiration to be recognised as the official **Kahungunu Wānanga**. They emphasised that the kaupapa will continue regardless of funding availability. Recent achievements include:
 - Graduating tauira through the Takitimu arm in **Rarotonga**
 - Establishing new programmes in **Auckland**
 - Launching the first **Cook Islands Performing Arts** programme under the Wānanga
 - They reiterated that while they are Kahungunu, they are also Takitimu, and the kaupapa continues to grow.
- **Maira Huata** E hangai ana ki te ohanga – my first question relates to the economic aspirations of our iwi and how we reconcile that for our aspirations for ngā pake ahua rangi taiao and also our values in terms of who we choose to align ourselves with. I heard mention of the UAE and when we go out and be global citizens, how do we think about how we choose who we align ourselves with so that it meets our values. Hei tauira the UAE also contributes to the war of Sudan.
- **Secondly** he mihi ana ki te kokaraka kia matamua ko te taiao kia matamua hoki ko nga tamariki nga mokopuna. The second patai is about the why and hangarau. How do we ensure that kia hiki nga haipapa-uphold responsibilities to water because it's our most important resource and it's scarce and using hangarau (AI), everytime you put a question into chatGPT 1 question uses 500mls of water.
- **Te Rangi** – Maria stood for the Hamilton City Council for Mayor and she got the third highest vote for Mayor and also chose not to campaign and is also a city councilor.
- **Api Robin** – A wero was presented to the Board to consider securing a new office venue for Ngāti Kahungunu. If a suitable location cannot be found in Heretaunga, the Board should consider relocating to Ahuriri, specifically to the Pandora property, which is on the main highway and provides easy access to the north. If the Board plans to use the \$3 million, it should be directed towards this move to Napier.
- **Eve Kireka** – thanked the iwi for the scholarship support she received which enabled her to undertake research in the health sector, specifically examining the impact of Wi-Fi radiation on both the inner and outer environment. In her first year,

she highlighted the importance of raising awareness in this area and explored how we can better provide for and protect our neurodiverse communities and whānau.

- **Katarina Edwards** –raised concerns about the spillway in Wairoa, noting that without intervention, it could isolate Ruataniwha Marae, effectively placing it on an “island.” Support from the Board and relevant authorities is sought to address this matter and protect the marae and surrounding community. We are still feeling the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle. What has Kahungunu done for us in Wairoa.
- **Hinematewai Verco** – Educating practioner, He kaiako ahau mō te tekau mā tahi tau, ā, he maha ngā wā ka rangona e au ngā kōrero e mea ana *kāore au i te Māori taku reo, kāore i te Māori taku kōrero.*
- Kei te mōhio au ki ēnei āhuetanga – he mahi tapa tahi, he kōrero tahi, he whakawhiti whakaaro, he wānanga hoki – engari kāore ēnei kōrero kia puta ki ngā pae tūturu, kia rangona rānei e ngā pūkenga, e ngā taringa hoki o te ao āpōpō.
- Nā reira, e mihi ana ki a koe e te whaea, mō tō pakanga, tō tohe kia ū ai ngā painga mō ngā mokopuna; ā, tae atu hoki ki a koe e te koroheke. E rangona ana ō kōrero e rere ana, engari e rangona ana anō te pouri me te pūpuri—kāore ēnei āhuetanga i te tika, ā, kei te pā kino ki ā tātou mokopuna.
- Nō reira, ko taku pātai: **he aha ngā rautaki whakahaere hei tuku i te kōrero tika ki ā tātou uri whakaheke, ki ngā rangatira hoki mō āpōpō?** Kia kaua tātou e herea ki ngā wānanga 9am ki Toitoti, me ngā hui 5pm ki Taiwhenua. Kei hea te aroha ki ngā pūkenga kei roto i ngā mahi mai i te 9 ki te 3?
- I te mea e ū tonu ana tātou mō ngā mokopuna o te rā, mō ngā rangatira hoki o āpōpō, ehara tēnei i te whakahoki kōrero noa, engari he wā kia noho, kia kōrero tahi. Nā reira, waiho atu au ki tēnei whakaaro.
- Ki tēnei taha o KAHC: Ko taku pātai ki a koutou: kei hea te wāhi mō ngā tamariki me ngā mokopuna i roto i tēnei kaupapa whakatupu rangatira (succession planning)? Kei hea ngā kōrero me ngā kaupapa e kawea ake hei whakaaro, hei kainga rua, hei rongoā mō te iwi?
- **Koro Te Whaiti** – suggested that Ngāti Kahungunu should have its own iwi bank and acknowledged the recent health wānanga. Emphasised the importance of looking after iwi assets and noted that connections between the iwi and Taiwhenua are still developing. If we work quietly and collaboratively across hapū and marae from Heretaunga and Tamatea PSGEs, we can realise our own vision: building and strengthening our marae.
- **Orini Gillies** – Mātauranga: I support scholarships, particularly for third-year students. I have mokopuna studying in health, dentistry, and law, and many of our whānau are actively pursuing higher education. I am also part of the Rauhina Knitting Club, where we meet weekly. Our goal is to keep our kuia company, and we enjoy participating in iwi kaupapa. I am grateful to the Rūnanga Arts and Cultural Board, and during Te Matatini, I assisted our kaumātua by helping arrange

their seating to watch their mokopuna performing. I think our kaumatua should receive VIP status at these events. She highlighted the need for training in using cell phones and emerging technologies, including AI.

- **Crystal Edwards** – The speaker, representing Heretaunga and a new NKII Board member, opened by acknowledging all marae and whānau present, thanking them for their support. She addressed some of the kōrero shared during the meeting, noting that motions regarding the Ngāti Kahungunu Rūnanga Arts and Cultural Board had already been passed by the board.
- Highlighted the need for **aroha** and unity, rather than dividing into “lanes” or focusing on competing agendas. Much discussion, they said, follows non-Māori frameworks and catchphrases without understanding the ripple effects on iwi and mokopuna.
- She encouraged the iwi and beneficiaries to centre Māori knowledge systems, such as raranga and shared whakaaro, recognising the contribution of each hapū and committed to pushing these kōrero forward in Heretaunga and reminded everyone that accountability is shared among the Board and iwi members.
- It was also raised practical points about equitable distribution of iwi funds, noting even small decisions have an impact on whānau. Finally, stressed the importance of a coordinated rautaki reo across all organisations to strengthen and protect te reo Māori for future generations.

The NKII annual general meeting was officially closed at 11.55 am. Closing Waiata Te Reo o Takitimu

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

*From the NKII Annual General Meeting: Ko te Rāhoroi,
22 o Whiringa-ā-rangi 2025*

2.3) *Motion that the apologies be accepted.*

*Moved by **Api Robin***

*Seconded by **Renae Love***

Motion Carried ALL

4.2 *Motion To accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Saturday 23 November 2024 Annual General Meeting accepted.*

*Moved by **M Paku***

Seconded by: **Matt Mullany**
Motion Carried ALL.

6.2) *Motion that the chairmans Annual Report for 2024-2025 be received and accepted.*
Moved by **Tuakana August**
Seconded by **Renae Love**
Motion Carried ALL

7.2) *Motion that the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) Constitutional Changes be endorsed and that the NKII registers as an Incorporated Society*
Moved by **Mike Paku**
Seconded by **Matt Mullany**
Motion Carried ALL

8.7) *Motion that the Kahungunu Asset Holding Company Report 2024-2025 be accepted*
Moved by **M Paku**
Seconded by **Jenny Mayjour**
Motion Carried All
1 abstention

10.2) *Motion that the Kahungunu Asset Holding Company Report 2024-2025*
Moved by **M Paku**
Seconded by **Jenny Mayjour**
Motion Carried All
1 abstention

11.1) *Motion to accept the summary financial statements 2024-2025*
Moved by: **Kane Koko**
Seconded **Renae Love**
Motion Carried All.
1 Abstention

12.1) *Motion that in accordance with rule 12.4.1 (C) and rule 13 of the constitution of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) the annual General meeting confirms the appointment of BDO Hawkes Bay as external auditor of NKII Group for the 2026,2027 and 2028 financial years as recommended by the NKII Board.*
Moved by **Waiora Rogers**
Seconded by **Nicola Kihirini**

Motion Carried All

1 Abstention

12.3) *Motion that the Kahungunu 2050 Strategic Vision be endorsed for implementation in the new year starting July 2026*

Moved by Jerry Hapuku

Seconded by Koro Te Whaiti

Motion Carried All

1 Abstention

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