

# Tihei KAHUNGUNU

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## Celebrating achievements, contributions and legacies

Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua recognise their stars of Matariki

**L**ast Wednesday whānau of Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua gathered under the sacred cluster of Matariki to celebrate the achievements, the contributions, and the legacies of their people. Ably lead by local iwi leader Mr Hayden Hape, the evening was a great celebration for all involved.

The night was not only a reflection of the past year, but it was also a time reflect on the pioneers of the Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Taiwhenua. Those honoured included those doing the mahi today and was intentional and inspiring for the next generation coming through as the audience included all family members, children, babies, adults including 97yr old Ivan Hape.

In his opening address, Hayden Hape made reference to an award he received earlier in the year at the Ngāti Kahungunu Mātauranga Symposium for the great work he's done in Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua. He shared that although he was the one who had the honour of receiving that award, he knew in his heart that the award was not his alone – It belonged to all of them. "This kaupapa, this mahi, this legacy, is shared," "It's a well-oiled machine that takes many cogs, many hands, and many hearts to keep moving forward".

"As chairperson, I often find myself in the spotlight



receiving accolades on behalf of our people – but tonight is about shifting that light and placing it where it truly belongs, on all of you".

This event is the first of its kind and Hayden wants to see that they continue to acknowledge and celebrate the many people who have contributed to the success of our Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua whānau.

**He toa takitini, kāhore i te toa takitahi. Success is borne of the collective, not the individual.**

The following are the award recipients and some of the personalised comments read

out by Chairman Hayden Hape. This was truly inspiring. Some of the recipients have passed on and their families were present and acknowledged on their behalf.

### Kahumaori Pene

A true and strong wahine, instrumental in helping to establish our Taiwhenua and Settlement trust here in Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua. She dedicated herself wholeheartedly to ensuring the identity and essence of our Kahungunutanga was upheld, protected, and passed on.

### Lynette Rautahi

A wahine rangatira who

**Supreme winners Theo and Ivan Hape with nephew, Chairman Hayden Hape (centre).**

carried the weight of leadership during a particularly challenging time for our Taiwhenua. Linette faced the tough politics, the hard decisions, and pressed forward with strength, with integrity, and with the wellbeing of our people at the centre of her whakaaro.

### Matāi Broughton

Recognised as a steadfast guardian from Te Aho a Maui Tautane to the Mataikona Awa Rangiwhakaoma a humble leader, and a man of deep connection to both land and moana. A Rangatira of Te Hika a Pāpūmā, who stood tall as a kaitiaki for his people and their

whenua. He never forgot the pain of the past – when he and his whānau were unable to step foot on their own lands, lands that were leased away, shutting them out of their birthright.

### Takana (Dick) Marsh

Awarded for as a humble hero, not one who stood on stages or sat in boardrooms, but one whose mahi was done quietly, faithfully, and with aroha, right at home. He kept the home fires burning while others were away in the iwi space, navigating the politics of te ao Māori. He was a man who deeply loved his community of Tahoraiti, in Dannevirke. He was known for his music, his manaaki, and his dedication to keeping the kāinga beautiful. A man of action and service.

### Jenny Bell

A true leader, a tireless servant of our people, and a beacon of aroha in our community. She has served for many years as a Māori Warden, and whether wearing her uniform or not, she has always stood with and for our whānau. She brings not just guidance and support, but deep compassion, manaakitanga, and connection – walking alongside those who need her most.

### Angus and Abe Maniapoto

This whānau has long been known for their giving spirit. In the past, they have contributed whenua which allowed the relocation of Aotea which today we know as Makirikiri Marae which has brought benefit and

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<u>Te rā</u>	<u>Te wa</u>	<u>Rohe</u>	<u>Te waahi</u>
Thursday 3 July	5pm	<u>Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua</u>	The Hub Dannevirke, 23 Gordon St, Parking and main entrance at rear on Allardice Street,
Wednesday 9 July	5pm	<u>Te Whanganui a Ōrotu</u>	Te Taiwhenua o <u>Te Whanganui a Ōrotu</u> 2 Wellesley Road, Napier South, Napier
Thursday 10 July	6pm	Heretaunga	Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga 814 Orchard Road, <u>Takarangi Room</u>
Tuesday 15 July	10am	Northern Region	<u>Rauawaawa Kaumātua Charitable Trust</u> 50 Colombo Street, Frankton, Hamilton
Thursday 17 July	10am	Southern Region	<u>Te Wharewaka, Makoro Room</u> 2 Taranaki Street Wharf, Wellington
Friday 18 July	10am	Wairarapa	Copthorne Hotel Conference Room, 230 High Street, Masterton



# Uncle Ivan and Aunty Theo honoured

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opportunity to many other whānau. They played a major role in the development of an iconic bridge named Parahaki – on the western side of our new road Te Ahua Turanga Manawatu Tararua Highway, a new road that represents progress and reconnection. But more than that, their return created jobs for whānau, sparked new relationships, and reignited their connection to their roots. This is the essence of what we hope for in iwi Māori – to go out into the world, grow, learn, succeed, and then return home to share that success with your own people.

### Kathleen Mihaere

A woman who has stood tall, walked with strength, and loved with depth across generations of whānau and community service. This auntie has been with our Taiwhenua Board from the very beginning – and she still stands with us today. Her dedication to our people spans many spaces – from her time at the Orangi Freezing Works, to her mahi in health with Te Kiti Hauora, and of course, in the way she has cared for countless whānau in our community. She is fierce. She is protective. And she is absolutely unapologetic about standing for her whānau and ensuring no harm comes their way.

### Ngahiwi Tomoana

A rangatira who has consistently stood beside Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua through every chapter of our journey. At all times, he's been there. Ngahiwi's leadership goes beyond titles – it's shown through his presence, his humility, and his willingness to uplift others. Ngahiwi has shown us how to lead at all levels – hapū, iwi, national, and international – while keeping whānau at the centre.

### David Motai, Hape Robbie Hape, and Whetu Grace

Three great men – humble, tireless, and deeply respected leaders in the space of ringawera – the powerhouse of manaaki that has upheld our Taiwhenua for many, many years. These men have been the ones who show us what true manaakitanga looks like. From putting up and pulling down mākihi, preparing kai, organising behind-the-scenes logistics, and leading the work that most never see – their service is what makes the front shine.

### Supreme Award Recipient – Ivan and Theo Hape

Two kaumātua pillars whose lifelong commitment, love, and service to our people can never truly be measured in words. Uncle Ivan and Aunty Theo Hape, now in their late 90s, have walked every step of this



Supreme winners Theo and Ivan Hape.

journey with us – from the early days of the Runanga, to the establishment of our Taiwhenua, and through every milestone since. Uncle Ivan has been part of the Taiwhenua board since its very beginning. His presence is a taonga – his guidance, his words, and his wairua continue to centre us. Even today, he still sits on our board, offering the kind of wisdom that only comes from

a life lived in true service to the people. Alongside him, Aunty Theo has also travelled this long road, upholding the mana of our iwi and whānau. She stood strong beside Uncle Ivan, including the many trips to Wellington in support of the work started by their daughter, Josephine, in the Treaty Settlement space. Together, they carried that kaupapa with humility and strength – and

they still stand with us today. Their legacy is one of grace, humility, and unshakeable commitment. They have shown us that leadership is not loud, but steady. That mana comes not from power, but from service. And that everything we do must be for the people – because what we are entrusted with never belongs to us, but to those we serve.



# Iwi backs educational tech firm in Singapore

## Hidden-Hasbro deal

**N**gāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua is backing a promising tech venture in Singapore, following a recent visit by board chairman Hayden Hape and board member Kaylene Kani.

The iwi has invested in Hidden, a company that uses chatbot technology to guide users on interactive city tours. Players solve clues, receive local history at each stop, and move through the city in a fun,

gamified experience.

"It's engaging and educational," says Hape.

While in Singapore, Hidden announced a groundbreaking partnership with Hasbro, the makers of Monopoly. The collaboration went public at Kids Pop Con, a major children's expo where Hidden was an exhibitor.

"This is a first for Hasbro – working with a gamification company like this opens new doors," says Hape.

The Monopoly experience will launch in Singapore, with plans to expand into other parts of Asia in the future

"We're proud to be part of something that blends culture, storytelling, and innovation," Hape added.

Hape is the Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua representative on Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board and is a former Director of the Kahungunu Asset Holding Company. He is a Trustee of the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui a Rua Treaty Settlement Trust and the deputy chairman of the Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Investment Trust. He has learned from great leaders and



Hayden Hape and Kaylene Kani of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua pictured in Singapore at the launch of their partnership with Hasbro Gaming.

possesses the acumen, passion and energy to pursue opportunities for growth.

On Wednesday Hape and his team at Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua celebrated the successes of individuals and groups of people in the

community who have helped to grow the people.

Hape's passion for economic growth stems from his desire to grow the people of Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua to be the best they can be. Ka mau te wehi.

## AUNTY'S GARDEN: Family concert raises the opera bar

Hanui Lawrence

I love music! My family (the Tomana's) all sang with their father Paraire around the pianola. All beautiful singers and some of them musicians playing the saxophone and trumpet. My father had an amazing tenor voice, unfortunately it didn't happen with his kids, oh we can sing, but we're rather shy and not as outgoing as he was. My interests are 50's-60's music, opera, choir, chorale, and orchestral.



I very much enjoy going to concerts at the lovely venues available to us in Hastings or Napier. The recent Emmanuel Fonoti-Fuimaono Fundraiser Concert at Toitoto earlier this month. It was just fabulous

watching young Emmanuel, a young man, born and bred in Flaxmere, who has been accepted into not one but two of the most prestigious international opera programs: the Merola Opera Program in San Francisco and the Jette Parker Artists Programme at London's Royal Opera House.

Emmanuel was by joined on stage by his incredible brother Alfred, Faamanu, and Jordan Fonoti-Fuimaono – and his fiancée, Katherine Winitana; all proud local opera singers who will perform

together alongside beloved pianist and longtime collaborator Francis Cowan, making this a truly special family affair. It was lovely to see the theatre packed to the rafters as the support for their performance was overwhelming. They offered great singing and humour.

With all my toing and froing after a lovely holiday in Tahiti, I'm not yet back into the garden, but it's still there with lots of winter vegetables ready to grace your tables.

### PORK BONE BOILUP WITH BRUSSEL SPROUTS

One medium pot of pork bones. Fill pot with water and boil till tender/ simmer for one and half hours.

Clean and cut desired amount of potatoes. Add your potatoes, and greens and bring back to the boil.

With the sprouts, cut in half and add to the other greens. Ready to serve when cooked.

Roast kumara to enjoy another texture of delicious on the side.



free event

# MATARIKI

## WHAKANUIA KI

## TĀMAKI NUI A RUA

Tararua Celebrates Matariki

Friday 4 July 2025, 5pm - 8.30pm,  
Dannevirke A&P Showgrounds  
Cnr High St & Neptune St, Dannevirke

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remembrance & fireworks

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# Huata takes leadership mantle at iwi

Introducing Cordry Tawa Huata  
— Kaumātua on the Iwi Board

**T**he newly elected Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board met for the first time on May 30 at Waipatu Marae where they and their whānau and friends were welcomed onto the marae. Children from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga were there to support their Tumuaki kaiako ki te Kura, Mātua Cordry Tawa Huata.

In the afternoon board members met at the iwi office, and after a quick round of introductions and a general board induction, the board was introduced to eight papers including funding applications, a scholarship report, a review of the current constitution and iwi policies and procedures, information about our up and coming Matariki events, and a from Kahungunu Asset Holding Company chairman Mike Devonshire.

## Introducing Cordry Tawa Huata

The newly elected Kaumātua on the board lives in Bridge Pa, Hastings, and is also the Tumuaki kaiako ki te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Kahungunu ki Heretaunga. Cordry is 67, and replaces long-serving Kaumātua, Haami

Cordry has carried the mantle of leadership across generations – from the marae to governance forums, always guided by the principles of whakapapa, manaakitanga, and aroha.

Hiton, who served for 26 years.

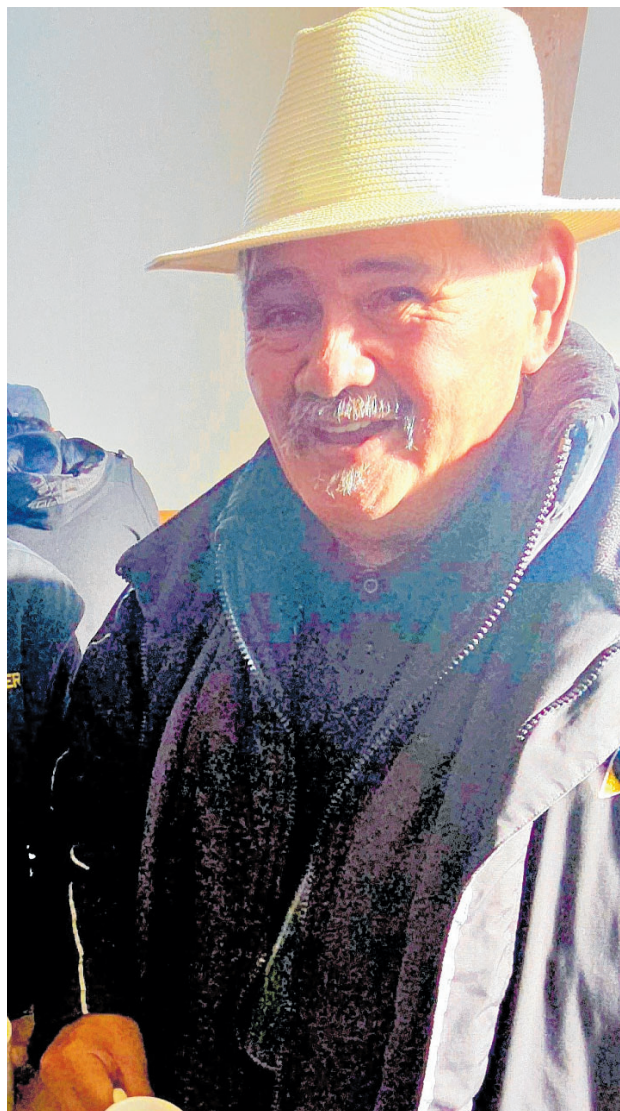
Cordry has carried the mantle of leadership across generations – from the marae to governance forums, always guided by the principles of whakapapa, manaakitanga, and aroha. He was raised with a strong grounding in tikanga Māori, and has served his people through decades of

work in community development, education, and cultural revitalisation but has always been a strong advocate for Māori Rights.

Cordry is known for his wealth of knowledge in whakapapa, and his counsel, humility, and ability to bridge the wisdom of our tūpuna with the realities faced by whānau today makes him a pleasant person to be around, listen to and learn from.

Cordry is heavily involved in his community in Heretaunga and in Wairoa. His is on several boards including Te Kooti Rangatahi, Kaumātua panelist, Ngāti Pahauwera Mātauranga Advisory Group, Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa Kaunihera Kaumātua, Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa Whakapapa Kaunihera, Mangaroa Marae Komiti, Hinetera Marae Komiti, Ramoto Marae Komiti, Tauparanui ki Heretaunga Te Kohanga Reo and he is a member of the Motuhake o ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori o Aotearoa.

As Kaumātua on the board, Cordry will play a vital role in upholding the spiritual and cultural integrity of the iwi's direction. His role will ensure that decisions align with the values of Ngāti Kahungunu – kaitiakitanga, whanaungatanga, manaakitanga, and rangatiratanga – and that the voice of kaumātua is honoured in strategic discussions.



Cordry Tawa Huata is the newly-elected Kaumātua on the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board.



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# Honouring Iwi values in a changing world

Kahungunu hosts Fish Hook Summit

**N**gāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated recently hosted the 14th Fish Hook Summit, a powerful and forward-thinking gathering rooted in whakapapa, tikanga, and the shared vision of our people. The name Fish Hook (Matau) carries deep symbolism for Kahungunu – evoking the legendary fish hook of Maui that pulled up the North Island and reminding us of our own strength to uplift, shape, and influence the future.

Held at the Napier War Memorial Conference and Event Centre, the summit brought together whānau, hapū, rangatahi, kaumātua, and thought leaders to kōrero about the challenges facing our people, and to create practical, kaupapa Māori solutions. It was a space to weave together mātauranga Māori and modern innovation, grounded in our values and led by the people who live and breathe them every day.

At the heart of the summit

were the guiding values of Ngāti Kahungunu:

● **Whanaungatanga:** valuing relationships and connection, ensuring no voice is left unheard.

● **Kaitiakitanga:** our deep responsibility to protect and care for our taiao (environment), our moana, and our mahinga kai.

● **Manaakitanga:** the importance of hospitality, kindness, and uplifting others, which was seen in every interaction throughout the event.

● **Rangatiratanga:** exercising leadership that reflects our collective strength and honouring the authority passed down from our tūpuna.

The Fish Hook Summit was not just about discussion – it was a call to action. Presentations focused on food sovereignty, water quality, Māori representation, climate

resilience, rangatahi empowerment, and the defence of Treaty rights. Key voices from within the iwi shared stories of resistance and resilience, inspiring participants to keep pushing forward for positive change.

It was also a chance to celebrate our identity as Ngāti Kahungunu – the stories, the reo, the waiata, and the deep ties to whenua and whānau that bind us together. As the summit closed, the collective wānanga affirmed what we already know: Kahungunu does not wait for change – we lead it.

We know the future will be

**Summit attendees in Napier.**

more difficult to predict – precautionary approach is what's required"

"Amongst all the change there's the constant which is our obligation, our responsibility, it's our worldview, spiritual, cultural, grounded in matauranga tuku iho, deeply practical, understanding the connection between people and te Ao Mārama"

"We're not outside looking in we're part of the environment, responsible for it, it's live and enduring. Whether it's monitoring paua, water, spats, weaving taura, planning for longtime visions,

the kaupapa remains the same, our role is to Measure, Manage, Restore and Protect"

Our natural environment provides our physical sustenance as well as being a reminder of tipuna and the spiritual aspect of our existence. The health of our environment has a direct influence on the health of our people. We are charged to preserve and protect our air, water and lands and the resources within for the benefit and survival of our mokopuna.

■ *For more information about the summit, go to kahungunu.iwi.nz*



*The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is a local Church which has been operating since 1980. Situated on Flaxmere Avenue it draws people from around the Hastings and Napier area. This Pentecostal Church was birthed out of the Charismatic renewal of the late 1970's.*

The main meeting is every Sunday morning starting 10:00. A Bible College also operates on Sunday evenings for those serious about advancing their knowledge of the Bible. Different groups run during the weekend which cater to youth and adults. Children's Sunday school

classes run on a fortnightly basis during the Main Sunday service.

The Fellowship aims at reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the transformational power that message brings. It is

involved with different programs in the community to help bring this to pass. The Flaxmere Christian Fellowship is also a strong advocate for the Jewish People's right to exist as an independent and sovereign state on their historical ancient land in Israel.

**Feel free to come and try us out!**

**Flaxmere Christian Fellowship - 220 Flaxmere Avenue, Hastings**

**Main Sunday Meeting 10.00am - Phone 06 879 5588**

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# Kahungunu's view on wards referendum

Outcome will be binding for 2028, 2031 elections

**T**he 2025 local elections in New Zealand will include a referendum on Māori wards. This referendum is a result of a law change that requires councils who established Māori wards without a poll to now hold one. The outcome of the referendum will be binding for the subsequent two local election cycles.

Māori wards are a mechanism for ensuring representation of Māori communities in local government, similar to Māori electorates in Parliament. They allow for dedicated representation for those on the Māori electoral roll.

The referendum will ask voters whether they want to keep or remove the Māori ward(s) in their district. Previously, councils could establish Māori wards without a poll. However, the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 requires a poll for those councils that established

Democracy works best when everyone participates.

wards without one.

The outcome of the poll will be binding for two subsequent local election cycles. This means the decision on whether to keep or remove the Māori ward will be in effect for the 2028 and 2031 elections.

Voters will be presented with a simple question, such as "I vote to keep the Māori ward" or "I vote to remove the Māori ward". The majority vote will determine the future of the Māori ward. Even if the referendum results in a decision to remove the ward, it will remain in place for the 2025-2027 term.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (NKII) has taken a clear and active stance against the Government-



mandated referendum aimed at disestablishing or reaffirming Māori wards. NKII views this requirement as a direct threat to their mana and Treaty-based rights.

## Sovereignty & Treaty

**Authority:** Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi affirms that they never ceded sovereignty and that their rangatiratanga over whenua, awa, and taonga predates colonial governance. These referendums are seen as attempts to undermine and ignore that sovereignty.

**Systemic Rights Attack:** NKII states that the government's broader agenda – including removing Māori wards, the Māori Health Authority, Waitangi Tribunal powers, and Te Reo in public services – is racist in nature, intensifying systemic oppression.

## Local Democracy

**Overreach:** Local councils and iwi leaders, including those at Tararua and across Hawke's Bay, have reaffirmed Māori wards, emphasising their effectiveness and the stronger relationships they foster between tangata whenua and councils

## Hui-ā-Iwi & Collective

**Response:** On December 16, 2023, NKII convened a Hui-ā-Iwi at Waimārama Marae attended by hapū and whānau. Attendees reaffirmed that Māori wards should continue, and that Ngāti Kahungunu would mobilise across iwi to oppose any repeal or referendum imposition.

**Call to Action:** Ngāti Kahungunu leaders encourage whānau to support Māori wards.

Māori wards are an essential mechanism for fulfilling Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations and ensuring fair, effective Māori representation in local government. Requiring a public referendum to determine the existence of Māori wards undermines the mana of tangata whenua, entrenches inequity, and is inconsistent with the principles of partnership, active protection, and participation.

Ngāti Kahungunu and many other iwi across the motu have clearly stated their opposition to this racist and unnecessary legislation. Māori

did not cede sovereignty. We should not be forced to validate our place at the decision-making table through public votes.

"Ngāti Kahungunu values fairness and inclusion," said Bayden Barber, chairman of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi.

"We want our cities and districts to be vibrant and flourishing democracies where everybody participates, and our children and grandchildren can see themselves reflected in the leaders we elect.

"Democracy works best when everyone participates.

"We need to change the discriminatory law that enables people to squash Māori representation in local government by instigating a referendum. We need to support councils that have chosen to establish Māori wards to increase Māori representation.

"Ngāti Kahungunu is asking you to vote against the referendum to disestablish Māori Wards. We fully support Māori Wards"

■ *Nā Bayden Barber, chairman of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated and a former Hastings District Councillor.*

## Enrol to vote

**Local elections are being held from 9 September 2025 to 11 October 2025 to elect members of city, district and regional councils.**

## Key dates for the 2025 local elections?

- July 4: Candidate nominations open and roll opens for public inspection
- August 1, 12 noon: Candidate nominations close and roll closes
- 6 August 6: Public notice of candidates' names
- September 9-22: Voting documents delivered
- October 7: Last day for posting vote by mail. After this date votes must be returned to council's secure ballot boxes.
- October 11, 12 noon: Election day – voting closes midday
- October 11, from 12 noon: Progress results · 16-22 October 2025 Declaration of results <https://vote.nz/> To learn more and to enrol – Go to [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz) or phone 0800 36 76 56

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# SUPPORTING MĀORI WARDS



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**Nā Bayden Barber**

*Chair of Ngāti Kahungunu and  
former Hastings District Councillor.*

