

## Hui to discuss 'disgraceful' policies

Ngāti Kahungunu plans way ahead opposing removal of policies to improve Māori health and wellbeing outcomes

Ruth Wong

**N**gāti Kahungunu, like many iwi, is concerned about the Government's direction and has called a Hui-a-Iwi to discuss its approach moving forward.

The new Government's first joint announcement included the intent to remove the Māori Health Authority, Māori wards in local government, Māori involvement in the governance of natural resources, Māori language in government departments, the rights of the whānau of some Māori children, government services being delivered to Māori, Smokefree New Zealand, the jurisdiction of the Waitangi Tribunal, and Māori rights under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated chairman Bayden Barber said it was astonishing that the Government has focused so early on removing policies designed to improve Māori health and wellbeing outcomes.

"Our life expectancy is already eight years shorter than non-Māori so their stance on smokefree policy and the health reforms designed to improve this situation is disgraceful."

When asked about the review of Treaty principles within existing government legislation, Barber said his ancestor Harawira Mahikai signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

"As signatories to Te Tiriti o Waitangi we would expect that



there would be clear engagement and that any 'review' of Te Tiriti principles or anything like it would need to be agreed by all parties. This hasn't happened, so we will fight this to the highest court if need be."

The statements made by the Government coalition have been seen by many as a frontal attack on Māori.

"We will not stand by and let this just happen," Barber said. "Politicians, iwi leaders, community organisations, marae and whānau are mobilising to take action."

Barber was part of the Kīngitanga's 165th-year commemoration in Auckland last weekend. Kingi Tūheitia took the opportunity to discuss with iwi leaders that attended how to best organise a response to the attacks.

"It's in our best interests that we meet as Ngāti Kahungunu

to discuss how we move forward in light of the Government's position statements thus far," he said.

The Māori Party and other groups have organised protests against these Government announcements. Many people understandably have deep feelings about the statements that have been made by Government.

"This is a three-year marathon, not a sprint. A sensible and wise government would sit down and talk to its treaty partner rather than

**Ngāti Kahungunu chairman Bayden Barber is calling for a Hui-a-Iwi to gather thoughts on the way forward.**

Photo/  
Warren Buckland

unilaterally remove our hard-won legal rights," Barber said. "We invite this Government to come to Ngāti Kahungunu and meet with us. Mā te ihu me te rae ka tau te rangimārie, it is through face-to-face dialogue that solutions are best found."

The Hui-a-Iwi is being held on Saturday, December 16, at Waimarama Marae and starts with a powhiri at 9am.

The purpose of the Hui-a-Iwi is to bring Kahungunu together to discuss the impact the Government's announced changes will have on each region, and to communicate and co-ordinate the key elements of a Kahungunu three-year strategy that will be presented at the National Hui for Unity being hosted by Kīngi Tūheitia at Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaruawahia on January 20.

"We recognise that this is a

busy time of year, however, this is an important kaupapa and requires a co-ordinated approach, and a Hui-a-Iwi is the best way to unite our iwi voice," Barber says.

Waimārama Marae whānau are prepared to host the hundreds who will attend. Sport Hawke's Bay has been engaged to host activities for children in the newly resurfaced tennis court area.

● A bus is being made available to support those who need a ride to Waimārama from central Hastings. Inquiries can be made to the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Office on 0800 524 864 or email [waiorak@kahungunu.iwi.nz](mailto:waiorak@kahungunu.iwi.nz). On the day, a livestream link will be available from the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/kahungunu/NauMaiHaereMail>

### Iwi facts

**Ngāti Kahungunu is one of the largest iwi in Aotearoa, with over 85,000 people who trace their lineage to the tribe. It has more than 100 hapū and 93 marae spanning from Wairoa in the north to the Wairarapa in the south. Within this iwi boundary, there are six Taiwhenua and seven Treaty Settlement Entities.**

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AUNTY'S GARDEN

# Experimenting with Pungarehu Scones

A variety of maize corn varieties have been part of our diet

**Hanui Lawrence**

**G**reta Carney, a petite person, with plenty of drive, enthusiasm, motivation and creativity, is the owner/manager of Hapi Cafe attached to Chantals in Napier.

Her "Kai-Co-Op", an operation to put together boxes of good organic foods for healthy eating and drinking, was held at her site during the past three fortnights. I was able to share by way of workshops, some of the veggies that I grow at Aunty's Garden, namely maize corn (kaanga) and kumara.

A few years ago, on a visit to South America, Peru and Cusco, I saw many varieties of maize corn, which is the staple diet of the Indian people of those countries, as well as potatoes and kumara.

Throughout the years we have grown a white variety of corn (kaanga) which our mother taught us how to cook. It is called Pungarehu Kaanga which is white maize cooked in wood ash and the other is called Kaanga wai, which is white or yellow maize corn left in the husks and placed in a sugar bag with running water for six months.

Both of these methods shared previously in Tihei

**Hanui Lawrence in her garden.**



Kahungunu publications are delicious. After a bit of experimenting, I made some Pungarehu Scones.

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**Recipe: Pungarehu Scones**  
 ● 2½ cups of Spelt Flour (Supplied by Kai-Co-Op)

- 50grams of butter
- ¾ of a cup of cooked Pungarehu Corn
- ½ cup of cream
- 1½-2 cups of milk.

**Method**

- Put flour in a bowl and rub butter in with fingers until crumbly
- Mix the corn and cream then add to the crumbly mixture
- Add milk steadily and mix (keeping it a little wet)
- Spread out then shape or cut into rectangle shapes
- Put onto a floured oven tray
- Garnish with milk and bake at 180C for 20-25 minutes.

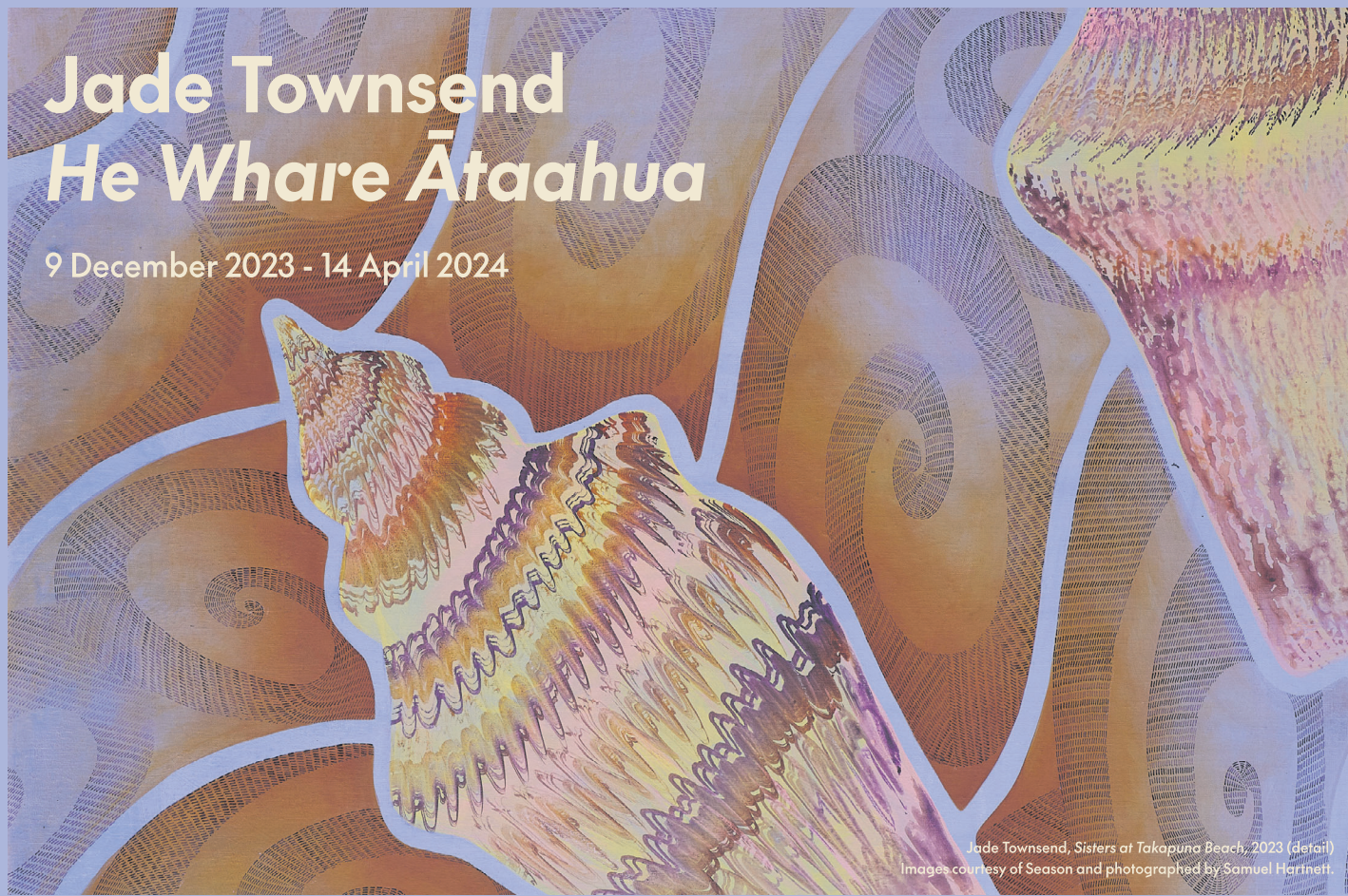
It tastes a little bland but with a little jam and cream, it's delicious. Try it!



Hanui Lawrence's recipe this week is Pungarehu Scones.

## Jade Townsend He Whare Ātaahua

9 December 2023 - 14 April 2024



Jade Townsend, *Sisters at Takapuna Beach*, 2023 (detail)  
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# Grandfather's bowls keep new national champ on the green

Patience and taking on the best players highlights of the sport

**B**owls is a sport that requires much concentration and patience. For Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated employee Kerrin Fair, and hundreds of lawn bowls players, bowls is very much a sport for persistent people who look to improve their skill with the right approach.

Fair recently participated in the Para Bowls Nationals in New Plymouth. He played in the singles, pairs and triples and returned home with two gold medals after winning the pairs and triples events.

Fair has played bowls for just under 10 years and has entered into a few local, regional and national tournaments.

He started playing bowls soon after inheriting his grandfather's set of bowls, something he has cherished ever since.

"It felt pretty cool winning the competition," says Fair. "I guess I'm getting more wiser, you have to be to keep up with some of these guys I play against."

"I enjoy playing in

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Kerrin Fair

tournaments and getting to know different people. Just like any sport, it becomes a social activity, and it's something that I enjoy doing."

He has competed in both able-bodied and disabled competitions – which he happily moves between.

Fair said that there are a lot of great bowlers out there, some who may never win anything, but bowls is more

about being positive and taking the opportunity to play against some of the best players in New Zealand – which is the great thing about the nationals.

His friends at work are very proud of his achievements. "Kerrin has tried to get us involved in bowls, but says that neither patience or concentration are traits that we possess," manager Ruth Wong says.

"Kerrin says we should stick to playing Euchre."

He is the iwi's registration database administrator and info technology guru.

His work involves registering iwi members and ensuring their details are kept up to date.

"When Kerrin's not at work keeping the office alive and well, he's on the bowling green, and we are all very proud of him and his sporting example and achievements," Wong says.

**Kerrin Fair holds his trophy for winning the pairs title at the Para Bowls national championships.**



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The new government wants to remove the Māori Health Authority, Māori Wards in local government, Māori involvement in the governance of natural resources, Māori Language in government departments, the Rights of Māori Children to be kept in their own whānau, government services being delivered to Māori, Policies designed to improve Māori Health and Wellbeing outcomes, Smokefree New Zealand, the jurisdiction of the Waitangi Tribunal, and Māori rights under the Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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Hawke's Bay tradition  
Fiesta of Lights attracts  
thousands of people

**T**he Fiesta of Lights is a dazzling display of light and colour that has been enchanting visitors of all ages for 25 years.

The event, which started as a millennium project by brothers Te Rangi and Tama Huata, is now a Hawke's Bay tradition that attracts thousands of people every year.

The Fiesta of Lights features more than 50 light displays created by local artists, covering a one-kilometre trail around the Tomoana Showgrounds. The displays range from whimsical to spectacular, and include themes such as fairy tales, animals, Christmas, and Māori culture. Some of the displays are interactive, allowing visitors to play, run or jump on or around the light installation.

The event also offers a new glow-in-the-dark zone in the Exhibition Hall. This indoor space is a response to the wetter-than-normal summers we have been experiencing so families can now visit the lights safely in all weathers. Indoor activities include glow hopscotch, hula hoops, quoits and glow face painting.

New light displays include walk-in mushroom houses, a 5m giant panda bear, a pirate ship, jellyfish, 3m flying parrots and a series of 3D games for all ages projected on to the floor.



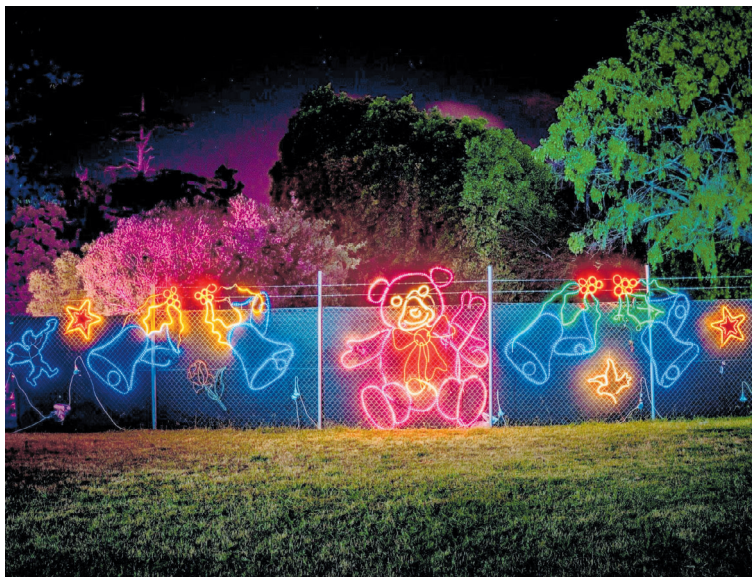
**Beautiful eye-catching swans light up the night at the Fiesta of Lights.**

On New Year's Eve, a fireworks show, live band and bouncy castles add to the festive atmosphere. The Fiesta of Lights is open every night from 9pm to 11pm, from December 16, 2023, to January 3, 2024. Entry is \$7 per person, and children under 3 are free.

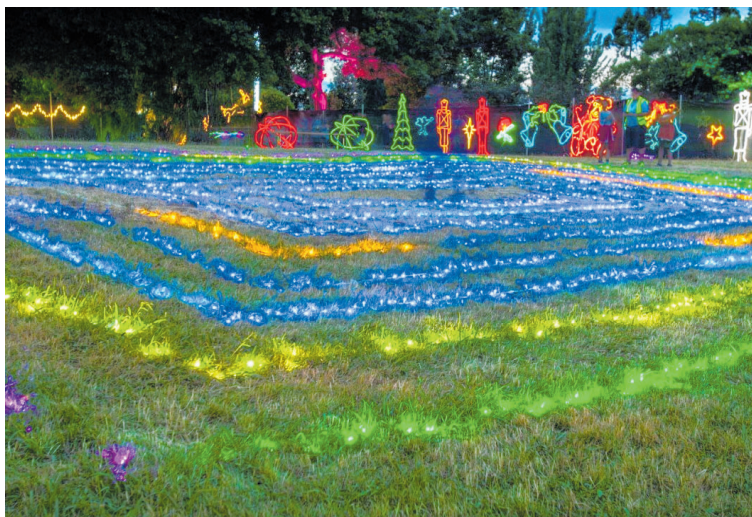
The Fiesta of Lights is run by the Public Dreams Charitable Trust, which provides training and jobs in the arts for people of all ages. The trust relies on grants, sponsorship, and fundraising to keep the Fiesta of Lights affordable and accessible.

The Fiesta of Lights is a unique and magical experience that celebrates the creativity and diversity of Hawke's Bay. It is a perfect way to enjoy the summer nights with family and friends and to mark the 25th anniversary of this beloved event.



**Fiesta of Lights**  
● 9pm to 11pm, December 16, to January 3, 2024  
● Tomoana Showgrounds, 16 Kenilworth Rd, Hastings  
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The Fiesta of Lights delights young and old.



The Fiesta of Lights is celebrating 25 years and opens on December 16.

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# MokoBoys connecting with kaumatua

What started as a home maintenance crew now becoming IT experts

## Toi Matarua Communications Team

**A** local, rangatahi-led indigenous research company, Toi Matarua collated data on Covid-19 pandemic impacts and experiences of tamariki and rangatahi.

One of the many things this kōrero highlighted was the need for more opportunities and spaces for rangatahi to connect with kaumatua. Due to urbanisation, the main place this was happening pre-Covid-19 was on marae. During and post-lockdowns, many marae have been temporarily repurposed as vaccination/testing stations. In the Kahungunu region, this has been exacerbated by Cyclone Gabrielle which saw the loss of a number of our marae and also the need for many to be turned into evacuation and welfare hubs. This has disconnected and isolated kaumatua from their whānau and communities. Many kaumatua remain without support. Our research team and advisory rōpū discussed how rangatahi could make a meaningful contribution in these times of uncertainty, fear and disruption and the idea of 'MokoBoys' was born.



## A group of local Kahungunu rangatahi, MokoBoys, do their mahi.

MokoBoys are made up of a group of local Kahungunu rangatahi making a difference within their community. Their services are mainly centred around lawn/garden maintenance and cleaning, however our 'MokoBoys' saw themselves supporting more and more with tech-tautoko such as connecting and understanding Wi-Fi, creating social media accounts, joining whānau group chats, etc. This was particularly important for our kaumatua living in isolated communities such as Nuhaka and Mahia and it

made us aware of our kaumatua who lived alone during Cyclone Gabrielle. Over the six month pilot of this kaupapa, the need for this service was evident with over 100 kuia, koroua and kaumatua engaging with our rangatahi volunteers.

All kaimahi are trained, mentored and supervised by local and experienced tradesmen, TM's own kaumatua on various marae. Rangatahi volunteered during the pilot stages and have now been given paid after-school mahi! MokoBoys currently

support 20-30 kaumatua regularly extending from Omaha to Napier.

The effects of Cyclone Gabrielle continue to disrupt the hauora of whānau in Kahungunu. At first our focus was on the initial physical impacts/survival, but we anticipate a wave of mental health issues as we begin to see evidence of post-traumatic stress. This initiative has so much potential, and we are seeking support to explore, expand and disseminate the holistic hauora benefits of the approach. Times are

financially hard for our whānau in Kahungunu currently and we see enormous hauora benefits of offering youth employment to the core group of rangatahi who have been spearheading this kaupapa.

The interaction between kaumatua and rangatahi supports our kaumatua who are isolated and are in need support. It also gives young people skills for life, work experience and an income so that they can financially contribute to their whānau. Furthermore, it provides a space for kōrero across generations where pūrākau can be exchanged and shared.

*"The MokoBoys are angels. I can't get down and weed my gardens anymore so their support takes away a lot of stress!"* – MokoBoys kuia.

*"I look forward to when the MokoBoys come over! They light up my day."* – MokoBoys kuia.

*"The feedback we have gotten from the kaumatua has been nothing but positive. I was able to go around to some of their whare to kōrero with them and each one of them are very grateful for MokoBoys."* – Joseph, Rangatahi Communications Team

● If you are a young person based in Hawke's Bay or have a young person in your whānau that you think might like to get involved in Toi Matarua Kaupapa – make contact by visiting [toimatarua.com](http://toimatarua.com)



*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 ad 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

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# Learning to kōrero Māori is more than speaking a new language

**Ruth Wong**

**K**o te reo te taikura o te whakaaro mārama – Language is the key to understanding.

For any language learned, it's also important to learn the culture and history, for it to resonate and sit within your heart and mind. This has been the case for many learners at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa at their Heretaunga campus for students in the He Pi Ka Pao level 1-2 class.

Learning to appreciate and love the Māori language has been more than a journey of learning to speak Māori, it's been about understanding mātauranga Māori – Māori knowledge which includes traditions, values, concepts, philosophies, world views and understandings derived from Māori cultural points of view.

The He Pi Ka Pao class of 2023 started their journey with

an expectation to learn basic phrases and be able to introduce themselves in a gathering. The weekly class, which started with a short mihi and very shy voices, transformed into a group of close friends greeting each other with more confidence.

"I'm really pleased with the class, we have all come a long way – Ka mau te wehi!" Keola Harris said.

"Coming to the wānanga has helped me to learn basic greetings and to introduce myself to people with more confidence," taurira/student Gail Appleton said.

"I've enjoyed getting to know new people and finding new things that I have in common with others – our reo being the universal language," Vana Hauraki said.

"I really love the way that our kaiako have helped us to stay enthused and motivated. I'm keen to keep going and take my learning to a whole

new level," Cheryl Paul said.

"Learning to speak te reo Māori has helped me to understand the students at school and strengthen my appreciation for my language," Luana Solomon said.

"One of the best parts of this journey has been all of the people that I've met along the way," Nikol Stirland said.

"I'm really grateful for our kaiako. I love that we start the class with tai chi-style exercises that help us relax and get us focused on our learning," Hemi Wong said.

"I will never forget the feeling I had at our marae noho, being able to karanga with my friends. This learning journey means a lot to me, it's about my whānau, my past and my future," Simrah Kiddy Arif said.

"I've really enjoyed this year, but this is just the beginning. We need to keep on our journey. I owe it to my

**He Pi Ka Pao class of 2023.**

tipuna to carry on learning my language," Phillipa Kingi said.

"It makes a difference having a great kaiako and kaiawhina to help you on your journey of learning. Matina Clarke and Krystle Chadwick have helped us to want to learn and continue on our journey," Leilani Wong said.

Te Ara Reo Māori has become a part of the educational landscape of Aotearoa.

Past graduates have been newsreaders, public figures, teachers, school principals and business people – many of whom have advanced to higher levels of study in te reo Māori.

The He Pi Ka Pao 2023 class has teachers, event managers, prison guards, early childhood workers, builders, farmers, ministers, and people of all nationalities interested in learning te reo Māori for one reason or another.

Students who have passed this programme will receive a Te Pōkaihi Reo (Reo Rua) Kaupae 1 – New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo (Reo Rua) Level 1 and Te Pōkaihi Reo (Reo Rua) Kaupae 2 – New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo (Reo Rua) Level 2.

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● For more information about Te Wānanga o Aotearoa phone 0800 355 553.



## Napier Port 2023 Annual Shareholders Meeting

Napier Port (NZX.NPH), the premier freight gateway for the central and lower North Island, released its annual results last month.

Despite the challenges presented by Cyclone Gabrielle, this year has reinforced the resilience of Napier Port, our region and the cargo owners who produce the high-value food and fibre products that the world continues to demand. Heading into the new year, we are well positioned to build momentum in earnings as our region and trade volumes recover.

We're looking forward to providing a further business update at our Annual Shareholders Meeting this week. All Napier Port shareholders are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Shareholders Meeting. Alternatively you can appoint a proxy, or representative (in case of a corporate shareholder), to attend and vote on your behalf.



**Blair O'Keeffe**  
Chair

**Todd Dawson**  
Chief Executive Officer

### Napier Port's 2023 Annual Shareholders Meeting

**Time:** 10:30am

**Date:** Friday 15 December 2023

**Location:** Napier War Memorial Centre, 48 Marine Parade

Morning tea will be available for all attendees, as well as an opportunity to talk with the company's Directors and Senior Management Team.

The annual meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting. Shareholders who are not physically present will be able to participate virtually through an online portal. Registration details are available on Napier Port's Investor Centre [napierport.co.nz/investor-centre](https://www.napierport.co.nz/investor-centre).

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Paraire te 22 o Tihema,  
ki te Mane te 8 o Hānuere, 2024.

Seasons Greetings to everyone.  
May you and your whānau  
stay well this season.

Our office will be closed Friday, 22 December  
and will reopen on Monday 8 January 2024