

# Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

## Annual Activity Report for the 2018/19 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. The appointing organisations with TMoK membership must review the performance of the Authority not later than one year after the Kaituna River Document is approved for the first time, and 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.

### 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 *PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE KAITUNA RIVER DOCUMENT*

Key activities of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority for the period prior to 30 June 2018

- Establishment of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority – inaugural meeting 2014
- Support for Kaituna River Re-diversion Project, including recommendations around the appointment of commissioners and participation in the consent appeals process
- Commenced preparation of the draft river document – 27 May 2016
- Released the draft river document released for feedback - August / September 2016
- Held 10 hui with a range of stakeholders including TMOk iwi - August / September 2016
- Held public information sessions at Te Puke library
- Received feedback from 68 members of the community
- Refined the draft and prepared the proposed River Document
- Developed online submission portal
- Notification of the proposed Kaituna River Document – 27 May 2017
- Summarised submissions - 62 formal submissions were received
- Welcomed Ngāti Whakaue to the table - June 2017
- Guidelines on Submission policy – July 2017
- Te Maru o Kaituna held their hearing in August 2017 - 24 submitters presented
- Deliberations on submissions received over four TMOk hearing hui
- Letters sent to each of the councils advising of approval of the Kaituna River Document and to consider it in Long Term Plan decisions - May 2018
- Design of logo and letterhead, web presence for TMOk
- Design and publication of the final river document and summary
- Approval of *Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho – a treasure handed down* - the Kaituna River Document- 22 June 2018
- Celebration held at Ngāti Moko Marae on 22 June 2018 – all appointing organisations invited



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Consultation and completion of Kaituna River Document, approved 22 June 2018.



Support and advice to others on legal effect of approved Kaituna River Document.



Community celebration of Kaituna awa and River Document.



Web updates at [www.kaituna.org.nz](http://www.kaituna.org.nz) and regular e-panui.



Input to draft WBOPDC stormwater catchment plan.



Two videos produced and shared online.



Sharing awa kaupapa and lessons learnt with Rangitāiki River Forum.



Involvement in Toi Moana Kaituna River re-diversion project progress.



Participation in Toi Moana Freshwater Futures plan change development.



Assistance with Kaituna River gorges safety closure work.



Draft Kaituna Action Plan 2019 released.



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Find out more at [www.kaituna.org.nz](http://www.kaituna.org.nz)



## HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY ACTIONS SINCE APPROVAL OF THE KAITUNA RIVER DOCUMENT

Key activities of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority during the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. This period has been chosen for the Annual Activity Report because it lines up with local government appointing organisations' financial years, and aligns very closely with the timing of the Kaituna River Document's approval.

- [Summary document](#) created
- Video record of the event at Ngāti Moko Marae in Waitangi – available on Te Maru's website [here](#)
- [Kaituna River Document](#) came into effect on 1 August 2018
- Community event held at Rangiuuru Reserve, Waitangi celebrating approval of the *Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho* and World River Day event 30 September 2018
- Video record of the community celebration made and available on Te Maru o Kaituna's website [here](#)
- Advice to consent authorities regarding responsibilities now the River Document is in effect
- Various submissions and feedback made about mahi relevant to the Kaituna catchment including feedback to Western Bay District Council on their draft stormwater catchment plan – 19 Nov 2018

Activities supporting the integrated and collaborative management of the river, working with local authorities exercising functions in relation to the Kaituna River and providing advice and recommendations to local authorities:

- Governance role in the Kaituna-Pongakawa-Waitahanui freshwater policy work Toi Moana are progressing to implement the National Policy for Freshwater Management. Some TMoK members are on the Kaituna community group
- Sharing awa kaupapa and lessons learnt with Rangitāiki River Forum
- Received presentations about key kaupapa in the catchment including Te Tumu structure planning, WBOP draft stormwater catchment plan, Waiari water supply project
- Facilitation of culturally appropriate solution for the Kaituna River gorges closure

Activities focussed on monitoring the effectiveness of the river document:

- Request to consent authorities reporting on how regard is being had to the river document when processing resource consents

Activities supporting the integrated and collaborative management of the river and to facilitate the participation of iwi in the management of the river:

- Development of the Kaituna Action Plan in progress and on track for approval and publication this year.

## 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,—

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

A summary of financial transactions for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 is included below, in accordance with the budgeted items approved by TMoK for the 2018/19 financial year:

**Summary of financial transactions for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019**

	Amount (\$) excl GST
Opening Balance - 1 July 2018	233,641.00
River Document printing, graphic design & advertising for the launch	17,939.00
Kaituna River Document Brochure	2,600.00
Stationary & Printing & Consumables	3,987.32
Consulting Fees (River Document / Action Plan)	19,053.09
Traffic management, sound, ablution facilities and admin support for River Document Celebration	1,427.04
Closing Balance – 30 June 2019	188,634.55

TMoK's end of financial year position as at 30 June 2019 is therefore \$**188,634.55**, plus any accrued interest.

For Te Maru o Kaituna's information, Bay of Plenty Regional Council covered the following administrative costs for the 8 meetings held over the same period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019:

	Amount (\$) incl GST
Catering	5,666.40
Koha	800.00
Venue costs	707.99
Public Notices	4,865.07
Total	12,039.46

Bay of Plenty Regional Council also contributed staff time (committee champion, governance, water policy, maori policy, communications and engagement) 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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**Te Maru O Kaituna River Authority Chairman**

On behalf of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority