

Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

Annual Activity Report for the 2019/20 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 for the 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 period, building on the mahi outlined in last year's Annual Activity Report. The Act requires appointing organisations with TMoK membership to review the performance of the Authority not later than one year after the Kaituna River Document is approved for the first time. Appointing organisations 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.

[Te Tini a Tuna](#) (the Kaituna Action Plan) was approved in September 2019.

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

This report outlines key activities fulfilled by Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority during the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. The activities listed below relate to the Authority's purpose and the following functions.

- A. *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; and*
- B. *Activities focussed on monitoring the effectiveness of the river document; and*
- C. *Activities supporting the integrated and collaborative management of the river and to facilitate the participation of iwi in the management of the river.*

- Te Maru o Kaituna hui held on 28 June 2019, 27 September 2019, 28 February 2020, 29 May 2020 zoom meeting, 26 June 2020 workshop at Bay of Plenty Regional Council and zoom – [agenda and minutes available here](#)
- Te Maru o Kaituna Annual Report 2018/2019 approved and released to TMOk appointing organisations for feedback
- Development of draft Te Tini a Tuna - Kaituna Action Plan 2019-2029
- Targetted engagement on the draft action plan priority actions and projects
- Approval and publication of [Te Tini a Tuna – Kaituna Action Plan 2019- 2029](#)
- 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
- Various submissions and feedback made about mahi relevant to the Kaituna including:
 - Submission to Government on the Action for Healthy Waterways package October 2019
 - Submission in support of the Okere Adventures application for a zipline at Okere
 - Independent advice and workshop recommendations to Bay of Plenty Regional Council regarding draft Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement
 - Submission on the applications by Affco Limited for various discharges to the Kaituna River
- Request to consent authorities reporting on how regard is being had to the river document when processing resource consents
- Requested and received consent and compliance activity in the Te Maru o Kaituna rohe report
- Received and provided feedback on a number of projects and works proposed in the Kaituna including the Waiari Project, Kaituna Sedimentation Maintenance, Ōhau Channel gates etc
- Created an induction pack for new TMOk members

- Welcomed new members – Vince Brown - alternate Te Tahuu o Tawakeheimoa Trust, Cr Heidi Hughes – Tauranga City Council, Cr Grant Dally – Western Bay District Council, Cr Te Taru White - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and appointment of new Deputy Chair Cr Matemoana McDonald – Bay of Plenty Regional Council.
- Appointed leads for each of the TMOk led Kaituna Action Plan actions.
 - Project 3. Consented takes and discharges project (co-led with council's)
 - Project 9. Pataka kai project
 - Project 10. Kaituna community connection project
 - Project 13. Kaituna cultural and historical heritage project.
- Recognised the national award received for both the Te Arawa Cultural Values Framework and the Kaituna re-diversion project from the New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI)
- Worked with Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Trust on the Green Projects bid which sought funding to accelerate implementation of the Kaituna Action Plan

The coming years key focus is:

- Implementation of Te Tini a Tuna, including exploring possible funding sources for actions not currently funded
- Continued active participation providing advice and support to Bay of Plenty Regional Council to progress Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement. It's purpose is to recognise and provide for the vision, objectives and desired outcomes in *Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho – a treasure handed down* – the Kaituna River Document within the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement.
- Continued governance role in the Kaituna freshwater policy work Toi Moana are progressing to implement the National Policy for Freshwater Management.

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,—

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

A summary of financial transactions for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 is included below, in accordance with the budgeted items approved by TMOk for the 2019/20 financial year:

Summary of financial transactions for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

	Amount (\$) excl GST
Opening Balance - 1 July 2019	192,415.32
Last payment of consultants fees to develop the draft Kaituna Action Plan, undertake key stakeholder engagement, workshop feedback received and finalise Te Tini a Tuna – the Kaituna Action Plan 2019-2029	5057.25

Consultants fees for review, advice and recommendation on draft Change 5	4,200
Consultants fees for writing submissions	1725
Interest received	4,200 (income)
Closing Balance – 30 June 2020	187,985.76

Bay of Plenty Regional Council covered the administrative costs for the 4 meetings and one workshop held for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. Bay of Plenty Regional Council also contributed staff time (committee champion, governance, water policy, maori policy, communications and engagement as well as design and publication of Te Tini a Tuna) 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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On behalf of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

