



PICTURE - PUNA WATERFALL DOWN BY THE COWSHED

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**HUI A TAU 2025**  
**KAI A TE MATA MARAE**  
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## TOHU EXPLANATION

### Te Reo

Ka rongo ana au I te korero – “Ka whaangai I te iwi. Ahakoa ko wai”, ko te pohewa ka whakaarohia tuatahitia ko te ‘kai’. Moo te tohu kua taangia nei, kua whaarite ngaa rauemi a Ngaati Hauaa Tribal Trust ki te kai. Kia tutuki I te ia o ngaa korero kua whakamahia ko te ‘Paataka Kai’ hei ariaa. Ko te paataka kai e kii ana ki te kai he tohu hiirangaranga ki a Ngaai Maaori, he tohu e ora pai ana te iwi.

Peeraa ki te whare tupuna, kua whakaahuangia te paataka kai nei ki te tupuna a Hauaa. Ko te kooruru o runga, ko toona mata, ko ngaa maihi e toro whakararo ana, ko ngoona ringaringa e raahiri ana I te iwi, ahakoa ko wai, ki te kai I ngaa kai naana anoo I whakatupu, I penapena hei oranga tonutanga. Peeraa I a Ngaati Hauaa Tribal Trust, ka whaangai I te iwi, ahakoa ko wai, ki ngaa rauemi naana anoo I whakatupu, I penapena hei oranga tonu tanga.

### Tauiwi

*When I hear the mission statement – “Ka whaangai I te iwi. Ahakoa ko wai”, immediately, food is the image that appears in thought. As such, for the purpose of this design, Ngaati Hauaa Tribal Trust’s resources are likened to food. To capture the essence of the mission statement, the concept chose is that of the traditional ‘Food Store’. To Māori, a food store full of food is a great sign that a tribe is thriving and well.*

*Just like the ancestral house, this food store embodies Hauaa. The carved face on the gable is that of Hauaa, the bargeboards extending downwards symbolizes his arms and hands that welcome the tribe, no matter who, to gain sustenance from the food that he himself has grown and stored. Just like that of Ngaati Hauaa Tribal Trust who will provide for the tribe, no matter who, the resources grown and stored.*



## **CHAIRMAN REPORTING PERIOD: 1 APRIL 2024 – 31 MARCH 2025**

Teenaa koutou katoa

*He korooria ki te Atua*

*Me whakahoore ki Te Arikinui Kuiini Nga wai hono i te po*

*Ngaa manaakitanga te Atua ki runga kia ia, me te Tumuaki a Hone, te Kaahui Ariki whaanui hoki*

*Rire, rire hau, paimaarire.*

It is an honour and privilege to present the Chairman's Report for the Ngaati Hauaa Tribal Trust (NHTT) for the financial year ending 31 March 2025. Established as a Whenua Toopu Trust by order of the Māori Land Court on 19 June 2019, NHTT is mandated to hold and maintain trust property on behalf of its beneficiaries, safeguard core land assets and sites of cultural significance, and advance the collective interests of the Ngaati Hauaa iwi, hapuu, marae and whaanau in accordance with Section 218 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act, 1993.

The Trust continues to administer its portfolio of land assets in a manner that is prudent and culturally grounded, guided by the principles and tiikanga of Ngaati Hauaa and the provisions of its Trust Deed.

### **Strategic Milestones and Developments**

During the reporting period, the Trust achieved several significant milestones:

#### **Governance and Participation**

The Trust successfully convened its first online Annual General Meeting in November 2024, enhancing accessibility and engagement across our beneficiary base.

The ratification of two new trustees — Tangiwai Manihera Palmer (Kaiatemata Marae) and Tennille Wharewaka (Waimakariri Marae) — has stabilised our governance structure.

#### **Constitutional Advancement**

The Trust held its inaugural Special General Meeting (SGM) in March 2025 to consider amendments to the Trust Deed, including the establishment of a Custodian Trust. All resolutions were passed with support exceeding the required 75% threshold, reflecting strong beneficiary endorsement.



## **Asset Development and Investment**

A commercial loan facility was secured with ANZ to support the redevelopment of the Mamakumarū Station dairy operation.

Jim and Lizzie Tauroa were appointed as sharemilkers, bringing renewed energy and expertise to the station.

The farmhand's cottage at Mamakumarū was upgraded to improve accommodation standards.

## **Horticultural Performance**

The Ngaati Hauaa Kiwifruit orchard in Ōmokoroa recorded a 133% increase in fruit production, demonstrating the effectiveness of current management and the potential of our horticultural assets.

## **Housing Portfolio Management**

Selected properties within the Trust's housing portfolio were transitioned to professional property management, ensuring improved oversight and long-term sustainability.

## **Financial Overview**

The Trust remains committed to sound financial stewardship. Strategic investments undertaken during the year are expected to yield long-term benefits for the Trust and its beneficiaries. A detailed financial report will be presented separately for review and discussion.

## **Looking Forward: Summary of Future Goals (F26/27)**

In the next financial year, the Trust will pursue the following strategic objectives:

### **1. Governance Enhancement**

- Finalise and implement the Custodian Trust framework
- Strengthen trustee induction and governance training

### **2. Asset Development**

- Advance the redevelopment of Mamakumarū Station
- Explore diversification opportunities within the kiwifruit and agricultural portfolios

### **3. Housing and Property Strategy**

- Develop a long-term housing strategy to address beneficiary needs

- Improve asset performance through professional management and maintenance

#### **4. Cultural and Environmental Stewardship**

- Identify and protect sites of significance
- Integrate tiikanga and environmental sustainability into all operational activities

#### **5. Beneficiary Engagement and Communication**

- Enhance digital communication platforms
- Increase transparency and accessibility of Trust activities

#### **6. Capacity Building and Partnerships**

- Build strategic relationships with iwi, government, and commercial partners
- Invest in capability development for staff and trustees

The Trust remains committed to honouring the legacy of our tuupuna and ensuring that our actions today lay a strong foundation for future generations.

## **Acknowledgements**

I wish to acknowledge the dedication and service of our trustees, staff, advisors, contractors and partners. Their collective efforts have enabled the Trust to navigate challenges and seize opportunities with integrity and purpose.

To our five Marae, I extend my sincere gratitude for your continued engagement, support, and trust.

Your participation is vital to the success and sustainability of the Trust.

*Maa te Atua hei manaaki, hei tiaki.*

Ngaa mihi

John Te Maru  
Chairman  
Ngaati Hauaa Tribal Trust

## **STRATEGIC OVERVIEW**

### **VISION**

A sustainable operation that optimises long term whenua use, maximises puutea, and minimises taiao impacts. Hei whakaoranga mo te iwi.

### **MISSION**

*To safeguard and improve existing land holdings and focus on continual asset growth to enable the Ngaati Hauaa Tribal Trust to develop and implement sustainable initiatives capable of delivering better financial and social outcomes for Ngaati Hauaa stakeholders.*

### **VALUES**

#### ***Whenua***

Land is the backbone of Maaori. NHTT acknowledge the importance it has played in shaping the Trust to where it is today. The Trust will never willingly enter any type of development that has the potential to cause harm to the whenua, the resources and to our people.

#### ***Kaitiakitanga***

The Trust acknowledge that we are merely kaitiaki of the land/assets and will never sacrifice the health of the land and resources. Kaitiakitanga is an important philosophy that will always be at the fore front of land use today and any development in the future.

#### ***Manaakitanga***

The ability and responsibility to embrace and to value. The Trust will work towards embracing and valuing those who we have relationships both old, new and yet to be forged.

#### ***Aroha***

To be caring and sincere

#### ***Whakapono***

To be honest, loyal and act with integrity

### *Tumanako*

To adopt a strong, positive and proactive approach

## TRUSTEES

Name	Marae	Portfolio	Hui attendance
John Te Maru	Rukumoana	Chair	11/12
Teddy Wharawhara	Te Iti o Hauaa	Dep Chair	12/12
Linda Raupita	Waimakariri	Trustee Accountant	12/12
Endine Dixon-Harris (resigned April 25)	Rukumoana	Board Secretary	11/12
Trish King	Raungaiti	Mamakumaruru	11/12
Roddy Gillett	Raungaiti	Omokoroa	5/12
Gail Thompson-Ngati	Kai a te Mata		7/12
Tangiwai Neha Manihera-Palmer	Kai a te Mata	Omokoroa	10/12
Tennille Wharewaka	Waimakariri	Finance	3/6
Trevor Hotene (resigned in November 24)	Te Iti o Hauaa		2/8
New members			
Mandy Hotene	Te Iti o Hauaa	Board Secretary	3/4
Sonny Karena	Rukumoana		
Tumohe Clarke	Kai a te Mata		

### Special General meeting Proposed changes to the Trust Deed held 23 March 2025

The following Trust Deed variations were over 75% approved by Ngaati Hauaa marae members.

- a) Changing the Marae Election process; approved
- b) Changing Beneficiary Class; approved
- c) Providing for the ability to finance; approved
- d) Providing for online meetings and attendance; approved
- e) Changing the level of support for 'reserved matter resolutions'; approved
- f) Providing for the ability to appoint a custodian trustee; approved
- g) The Trust seeking approval through a reserved matter resolution the approval for a \$1 million dollar loan; approved



## UPDATES

The Maaori Land Court backlog has not been helpful and meant we had to wait a further 6 months (September) for approval of the variations. Therefore, the brief updates are as follows: -

### **Mamakumar Development loan**

Since the Special AGM held in March 2025 and the approval of a \$1m loan, the Trust did not require the \$1m due to changing from a Contract Milker model to that of a 50/50 Shareholder with Jim Tauroa.

The Trust has successfully secured a development loan for the Mamakumar project of \$300,000. This funding will support the next phase of development, including planning, and construction, Detailed timelines and allocation of resources are communicated to Trustees as the project progresses and is part of Darren McNae's report. **(Pictures below)**

### **Custodian Trustee**

The Trust executive met with our legal counsel to go through next steps.

- (a) Register Custodian Trustee company;
- (b) Prepare Custodian Trust Deed;
- (c) Submit Custodian Trust Deed to Māori Land Court for approval; and
- (d) Transfer Trust properties,

Once the company is set up, it will need to sign a Custodian Trust Deed with the Trust, setting out the terms on which it will operate. This trust deed will include terms like:

- (a) Acknowledgement that the custodian trustee holds the assets on trust, and not for its own benefit;
- (b) The directors and shareholders of the custodian trustee will be the trustees of the Trust (which will change over time);
- (c) The trustees retain all powers and discretions over the use and management of the assets; and
- (d) The custodian trustee must comply with any direction of the trustees.

## MAMAKUMARU DEVELOPMENT PHOTOS – BEFORE/AFTER

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