



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2025
MATAORA INCORPORATION

Ko Tai Whakarunga Ko te Oneroa tapu O Mataora
Ko Tai Whakararo Ko Nga Wai Ronaki a Harataunga
Ko Whaita te tapae toto
Oreore Kau ana nga uri a Paikea-Moana-Ariki
Ki te Tara O te Ika a Maui

Tēnā tātou ngā uri o Porou Ariki. Tēnā hoki tātau i ngā tini aitua e whakangaro atu nei ki te pō. Tātau kei muri nei, tēna koutou, otira, tēnā tātou katoa.

INTRODUCTION

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It is a privilege that I present the Mataora Incorporation's Annual Report for the year 2024/2025. This report reflects our collective efforts, achievements, and ongoing commitments to our whenua, our taonga, and our community. Steeped in tikanga Māori and dedicated to the wellbeing of our whānau and future generations, we continually strive to uphold our values while navigating the complexities of land management, cultural preservation, and development.

Over the past year, we have engaged in vital discussions and initiatives across a broad spectrum of areas, including governance and the advancement of our long-term strategic plans. We have also addressed practical issues concerning our assets, infrastructure, and security, ensuring that our operations remain sustainable and aligned with our aspirations.

This report aims to provide a comprehensive overview of our endeavors, challenges, and future directions, fostering transparency and accountability as we work together to achieve our shared goals.

Mataora Matters: 50-Year Plan & Annual Investment Plan (AIP)

The Mataora 50-Year Plan continues to guide our long-term vision, focusing on sustainable development, cultural preservation, and environmental stewardship. Our Annual Investment Plan (AIP) and Budget have been aligned with this overarching strategy, prioritizing projects that deliver tangible benefits to our community. Regular reviews ensure that our progress remains on track, and we remain committed to transparent financial management.

Papakainga Applications

Papakainga developments have been made with careful consideration of our whanau needs and aspirations. We are committed to facilitating housing solutions that respect our cultural values and promote whānau wellbeing, while complying with regulatory frameworks. Ongoing consultation with applicants has occurred over the past year.

Events

Mataora Whakapapa Wānanga & Mokopapa Wananga

The whakapapa wānanga held from 9-12 January 2025 was successful, strengthening our cultural connections and whānau ties. On the 7-9th March 2025 we hosted the Mokopapa Wananga which saw our whānau, hapū and iwi come together and experience the art of moko, enhanced by karakia, waiata, and kōrero.

These events are integral to celebrating our identity and connection to whakapapa alongside preservation of our traditional arts and practices, whanau bonding and intergenerational knowledge sharing.

Whenua Ora

Primary focus has been on planting native species along waterways to naturally filter and protect water quality from grazing and feral animals. John Douglas continues to lead significant efforts in planning, reforestation, fencing, and labeling, with about 50 hectares being transitioned back to pasture. The land is also moving toward whanau management, with a 15-year lease with Warwick Matthes, after which whanau will take over management as part of a succession plan. This process is supported by the settlement of Treaty Claims, which will strengthen their position.

Forest management strategies and plans to align environmental and economic goals will be presented by JD in his report to the Whanau.

Health and Safety

There has been concern over damaged security cameras and unrecognised vehicles entering the block via the old Churches Road exit. Recent incidents, such as locals attempting to access the block for fishing, highlight the need for clear access protocols and signage. This committee will have no hesitation in trespassing people that in the knowledge of these things show no respect for their whenua.

Recent instances of alleged individuals being bailed or paroled directly to Mataora without trustee awareness pose concern. Local police, district courts and department of corrections have been advised by the Committee that no persons are bailed or paroled to Mataora blocks.

Infrastructure

The Committee continues to expend a lot of resource on maintaining all of our infrastructure on our land. We propose appointing a committee member to oversee the use, cleanliness, and operational rules of the Wharekura and Woolshed. This role will ensure the space is maintained appropriately and used respectfully, reflecting our values, are available for whanau events whether it's from 21st birthdays, weddings through to first aid. As with all halls and the like there is a fee payable for the maintenance and upkeep of that building should you wish to use it. The woolshed and our wharekura are not doss down areas, they are areas that are to be used by the multiple of whanau that whakapapa. They are not there to be used by the few in the name of the many.

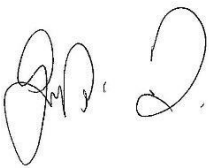
Sub Committees & Working Groups

Whanau Representatives are being called to sit on the Papakainga Committee, the Safety Repairs and Maintenance Committee and on the Marae Construction Committee. The Marae Trustee AGM may also put out a request for their working groups.

Conclusion

In closing, I wish to acknowledge the dedication of our trustees, kaumātua and whanau whose efforts sustain and advance our collective interests. I look forward to working together into another productive year, guided by our tikanga, values, and vision.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J H Tamihere', written in a cursive style.

J H Tamihere
CHAIRPERSON