



**waka ama**  
Aotearoa New Zealand

# PŪRONGO Ā-TAU

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# RĀRANGI UPOKO

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**Waka Ama - mā te katoa, mō āke tonu!**  
Waka Ama - for all, for life!



# PŪRONGO NĀ TE HEAMANA

## Board Chairperson Report

Kōrihi te manu, tākiri te ata,  
ka pō, ka pō, ka ao, ka ao, ka awatea.

Tēnā koutou katoa, ka rere noa ngā mihi ki a koutou te whānau o waka ama puta noa i te motu. Heoi anō rā, ka hoki mahara ai ngā whakaaro ki ō tātou tini mate kua riro ki paerau, kua mene ki te pō. Nō reira, e ngā mate haere, haere, haere atu rā. Ko rātou ki a rātou, ā, ko tātou ki a tātou tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa. E kore e mimiti te puna o mihi ki a koutou mō tō koutou aumangea kia whakarewa i tō tātou waka kia rere noa i ngā moana o te ao.



This year, like those before, has been another exceptional year for Waka Ama New Zealand. At all levels of our sport, from international competition, through to national championships, club regatta, have-a-go days, whānau days or social paddling, we are providing opportunities for more people to get in the waka, and contribute to our vision of 'waka ama for all, for life'. Our achievements are highlighted throughout this annual report, and it is a pleasure to be able to share these with our waka ama whānau.

The board is pleased with our financial position. We have ended the financial year with a significant surplus which provides us with some financial security. Our strategic and funding relationship with Sport New Zealand is sound and continues to develop.

We are leading the national sports sector with our youth advisory rōpū, Te Reo Taiohi, and the development of a youth specific strategy; Rautaki Rangatahi. A large percentage of our membership is under 19 and the Rautaki Rangatahi will ensure the voice of our young people is heard. We have begun the process of forming a disability working group, Te Rōpū Whaikaha, which will also contribute to the strategic focus of the board and the organisation.

This year has been a year of reset from the disruption that COVID-19 brought to the world, country and our sport. Without this distraction, we have been able to focus on building an even stronger foundation – with work happening on building the capacity and capability of the board as well as growing the team of staff to deliver on our strategic priorities.

The Board began work on Governance Mark this year, with the support of Sport New Zealand and we look forward to seeing how this process will strengthen the overall governance of Waka Ama NZ.

We have had a few changes on the board this year. We have said farewell to our Deputy Chair, Scott Linklater, who served on the board for five years, and we have welcomed Frances Piacun and Irene Cooper. We thank Scott for his contribution. We look forward to the unique skills and strengths that each of our new board members bring. We have also had a change in board chair, with Zalene Douglas standing down and Ngaire Pehi taking up that role. Turanga Barclay-Kerr has been elected Deputy Chair.

Along with the changes at the board we have also had growth in our staff with three new staff coming on board this year each with a specific focus on our strategic priorities.

The year has not been without its challenges, however, with several of our regions and communities affected by cyclones and flooding. The impact of climate change is impacting our sport now and will continue to do so. How we prepare and mitigate, as well as reduce our impact on the climate, are all active discussions for our sport.

As our sport grows, so does the age of our participants, with one of our largest groups of participants being the 50+ age group. We have had some serious medical events at different regattas this year and we are working on improving health and safety awareness and procedures at all levels of waka ama, especially events.

Through the Sport NZ Governance mark work that the Board has undertaken, we are in the process of reviewing our current strategic plan and our strategic intent to ensure measurable outcomes that can be monitored and achieved. We look forward to sharing this with the membership over the coming months.

Our small team deserves praise; as board chair feedback has been received from different external sources commending their work and productivity. Our organisation is fortunate to have the leadership and team members we do. They have continued to build on previous years' work, they are innovative and hard-working, and we as an organisation can see the results of the work they do. Thank you to Lara and the team; your work is appreciated. The board also wishes to thank our six regional bodies, all our club committees and the numerous volunteers who contribute to the sport- without all of you, none of these achievements would have been possible.

To all our kaihoe and whānau, enjoy your paddling and we'll see you on the water!

Nāku iti nei

Zalene Douglas & Ngaire Pehi  
Board Chair

# PŪRONGO NĀ TE MANAHAUTŪ

## Chief Executive Report

Tēnā koutou katoa,

There have been many highlights of the 2022/2023 year as we continue to develop waka ama throughout Aotearoa to achieve our vision; Waka Ama - mā te katoa, mō āke tonu! This annual report highlights our key activities, outstanding performances, and our overall outcomes.

Our sport has also faced some challenges over the past year and our waka ama whānau continue to show resilience through these times. It has become increasingly apparent that climate change, weather events and the effects on our treasured waterways are more concerning than ever. We are looking at ways to mitigate these impacts and provide leadership for our waka ama whānau in these spaces.

The Waka Ama NZ office continues to work towards achieving our strategic priorities; several strategic achievements are summarised below.

This year our organisation has transitioned into a new phase as we increased our workforce with new staff in three new roles. As a result of this process, our internal organisational policies and procedures have been strengthened. This process was heavily supported by Jocelyn Visser and the exceptional MyHR team. This increased capacity has already made an impact and will allow Waka Ama NZ to achieve more of our strategic outcomes and ultimately help our sport develop further.

We continue to champion waka ama and share our stories and our people, to not only raise the profile of waka ama but to recognise milestones and achievements of our waka ama clubs and whānau. We also celebrate waka ama through the delivery of outstanding national, regional and club events. We look forward to strengthening and resourcing this mahi in 2024.

In the performance space, Aotearoa was strongly represented at the recent IVF World Distance Championships; topping the medal tally across 27 countries. The event was not without its challenges, however, Aotearoa as a contingent embodied the values of our sport throughout the competition. At the international level, our people continue to support the governance and development of Va'a through the International Va'a Federation. We have strengthened our relationship with High Performance Sport NZ and with the support of the newly refreshed Performance Advisory Committee, and we have started to streamline our processes and policies in this space.

This year we signed our first major merchandise partner - Pure Athlete. Chris and the team have provided us with exceptional services and we look forward to working with them in the coming years. Financially we have ended the year with a surplus along with healthy reserves. This will ensure we have the means to implement our strategy over the coming years to achieve our vision. We have spent much time developing our budget for the next year along with fiscal forecasts for the future. With a robust business plan and with the help of current and potential partners we hope to build a sustainable organisation that can support our sport at all levels to achieve its potential.

We have continued to develop significant targeted projects that align with our strategic plan such as Te Reo Taiohi, Te Rōpū Whaikaha and the Aukaha Project. The roll-out of these projects will aim to strengthen our infrastructure, capacity and collaboration, ensure our sport is diverse, inclusive and equitable for all communities, and provide opportunities for Aotearoa whānui to engage in waka ama at all levels. The establishment of Te Rōpū Whaikaha (WANZ Disability Working Group) will enable us to have a dedicated focus on inclusion in waka ama for tāngata whaikaha.

Alongside the Rautaki Rangatahi, our Te Reo Taiohi Rōpū, and our implementation of Balance is Better principles, we will maintain our particular focus on Rangatahi and Tamariki who are the future of our sport. Our participation numbers are continuing to build with a positive increase of 43% from 2022 while highlighting there is work to be done with our clubs and regions to maintain growth and retain members.

At a sector level, our staff has continued to support and feed into Sport NZ initiatives and working groups. I would like to acknowledge our Sport New Zealand Relationship Manager, Andrew Corkill, who continues to support and advocate for our organisation and sport.

With the assistance of Sport New Zealand and our partnership with Storied Consultants, we have developed a revenue strategy to ensure sustainable income streams that align with our Waka Ama NZ values. This revenue strategy will aim to provide a targeted approach for new and current funders, partners, sponsors and philanthropists to achieve our strategic outcomes.

Finally, I would like to thank those who have had a significant impact on our organisation in the past year. Ngā mihi nui to the Waka Ama NZ Board for their support and leadership over the last year. A special thanks to Zalene Douglas for her guidance over her time as Board Chair. Our wonderful whānau of sponsors, partners and funders who supported Waka Ama NZ in the past year, we look forward to continued work moving into 2024. To the amazing staff of Waka Ama NZ; Amiria, Deb, Tara, Aroha, Jo & Trevor. Your dedication and professionalism ensure that our operations are seamless and that our whānau are at the centre of all that we do.

Thank you to all of our regions, clubs, volunteers and waka ama whānau for your continued support and dedication. It is the people involved and all those who have given their time over the decades that have gone before us, who have helped to make waka ama what it is today.

We look forward to 2024 as we build new partnerships and initiatives to continually grow and develop waka ama. Bring it on! Waka Ama – mā te katoa, mō āke tonu!

Nō reira, tēnā koutou katoa.

Lara Collins  
Chief Executive



# TE POARI

Waka Ama NZ Board



**Zalene Douglas**  
Board Chair



**Ngaire Pehi**  
Board Member



**Turanga Barclay-Kerr**  
Board Member



**Kiwi Campbell**  
Board Member



**Fole Finau**  
Board Member



**Frances Piacun**  
Board Member



**Irene Cooper**  
Board Member

# NGĀ KAIMAHI

Waka Ama NZ Staff



**Lara Collins**  
Chief Executive



**Amiria Mita Marshall**  
General Manager



**Debbie Sellar**  
Office Manager



**Tara Ikinofu**  
Projects & Development  
Manager



**Aroha Lynch**  
Events Manager



**Trevor Meiklejohn**  
Aukaha Project Manager



**Joanne Thompson**  
High Performance  
Administrator

# TE TARI

Waka Ama NZ Office

**The Waka Ama NZ office has experienced some recent growth and changes with the hiring of three new staff in newly established roles and role changes with current staff.**

The Waka Ama NZ office was established in 2012 and has doubled in staff since then. We are grateful for the opportunity to grow the Waka Ama NZ office and be able to continue to lead the operation of our strategic plan to develop waka ama throughout Aotearoa. We look forward to the mahi ahead and the opportunities the increase of kaimahi brings.

## Amiria Mita-Marshall

Amiria was appointed General Manager at the end of 2022 after previously being the Events and Development Manager. Within this executive role, Amiria is responsible for driving operational excellence, streamlining policies and processes, and enhancing productivity in alignment with the Waka Ama NZ vision, values, and strategic direction. Amiria has been a part of the Waka Ama NZ office since the establishment; joining as a university graduate and transitioning through a variety of roles over the past ten years. Amiria brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from the waka ama world to this role.

## Tara Ikinofu

Tara transitions into the Projects and Development Manager role after previously being the Events and Projects Manager for three years. Tara will focus on managing and assisting with specific Waka Ama NZ projects, lead the development of waka ama in Aotearoa, and lead marketing and communications.

## Aroha Lynch

Aroha joined Waka Ama NZ in August in the newly established Event Manager role (fulltime). Aroha will lead the planning, coordination, and delivery of Waka Ama NZ events and courses as well as lead the sanctioning of regional and club events. Aroha is an experienced event manager and brings with her a wealth of knowledge from the education system and local, regional, and national sport organisations.

## Trevor Meiklejohn

Trevor joined Waka Ama NZ in September in the newly established Aukaha Project Manager role (fulltime). Trevor will lead the planning, management, and delivery of the Aukaha Project; a project to strengthen the capability and capacity of waka ama at a regional and local level so that our sport can continue to grow, thrive and adapt. Trevor has an extensive professional background and experience in the sport sector and education sector, working in sport development, marketing and facility management, and sport management.

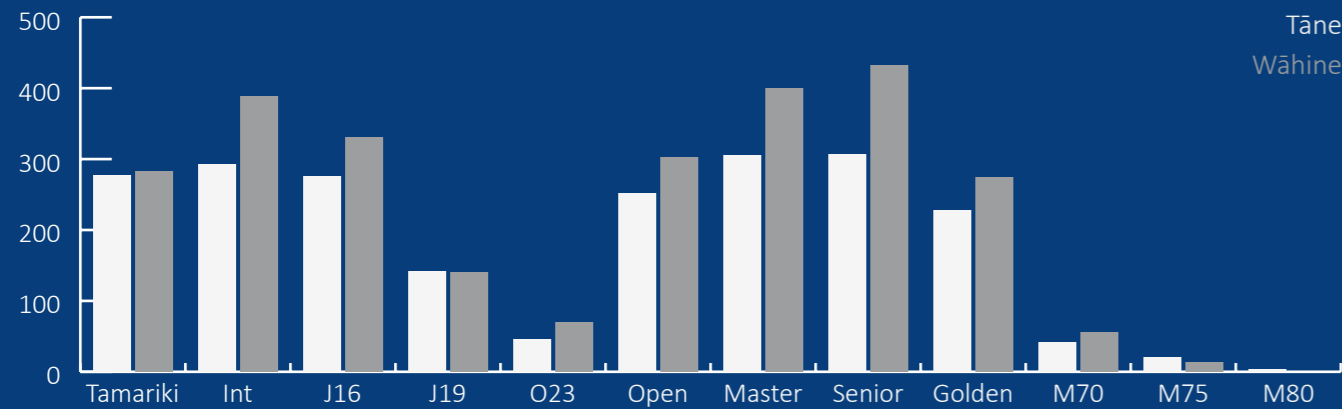
## Joanne Thompson

Jo joined Waka Ama NZ in September in the newly established High Performance Administrator role (part time). Jo will lead the planning, administration and logistics coordination of Waka Ama NZ high performance activities. Jo has a vast range of skills including experience running logistics, administration and all the behind-the-scenes mahi to ensure organisations and operations are running effectively.

# TAUANGA O TE TAU

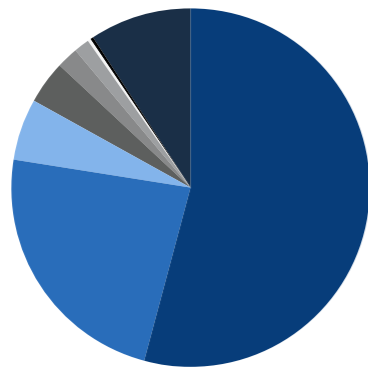
2023 Statistics

## Affiliated Paddlers by Age Division



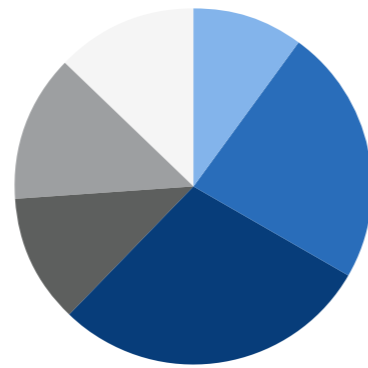
Taitamariki	277	282	Master	305	399
Intermediate	293	389	Senior Master	307	432
Junior 16	275	330	Golden Master	227	274
Junior 19	142	140	Master 70	42	55
Under 23	46	70	Master 75	20	14
Open	252	302	Master 80	4	0

## Affiliated Paddlers by Ethnicity



54.3%	Māori
23.3%	NZ European
5.6%	Cook Island Māori
4.0%	Samoa
1.8%	Tongan
1.3%	Niuean
0.4%	Chinese
0.3%	Indian
9.0%	Other

## Affiliated Paddlers by Region



501	Tai Tokerau Polynesian Canoe Assoc
1126	Auckland Region Outrigger Canoe Assoc
1411	Te Puku o te Ika
575	Te Uranga o te Ra
646	Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka Ama Assoc
621	Te Waka o Aoraki

Statistics calculated as at 1 October 2022- 30 September 2023.  
Percentage statistic based on comparison to 2022 statistics.

**4880**

Affiliated Paddlers  
43% increase

**2688**

Wāhine  
46% increase

**2192**

Tāne  
39% increase

**1241**

Under 13  
182% increase

**2128**

Under 19  
106% increase

**2752**

Open +  
16% increase

**88**

Clubs  
3% increase

**63**

Events  
5% increase



# SPRINT NATIONALS

15 - 21 January 2023  
Lake Karāpiro, Cambridge

The Waka Ama Sprint Nationals took place at Lake Karāpiro in January, supported by manawhenua Ngāti Koroki Kahukura and Ngāti Haua.

## Event Overview

The event was welcomed back by 2700 paddlers from 63 clubs throughout Aotearoa after the event was cancelled in 2022. The event was inclusive of tamariki (children), rangatahi (youth), pakeke (adults), and kaumātua (elders), ages 5yrs-81yrs, adaptive paddlers, and paddlers of all ethnicities and cultures. There were 338 races over the seven days including heats, semis, and finals in W1, W6, and W12 categories.

The vendor lane, spectator bank, corporate race, and medal ceremonies were all notable inclusions at the event that added to the inclusive and whānau atmosphere. The vendor lane provided kai stalls, health stations, merchandise, and interactive activities for whānau and the corporate race provided some exciting racing for spectators from mostly novice paddlers representing their various organisations as they battled it out for the corporate champs title.

The racing on the water for the duration of the event was exceptional and the Waikato weather provided some great racing conditions. The level of skill, sportsmanship, and whanaungatanga throughout the event was impressive. There was however a decrease in participation numbers of 800 paddlers compared to the 2021 event statistics, specifically across the taitamariki and intermediate divisions (6-13yrs). The lingering effects of covid have continued to impact our sport as well as ongoing socio-economic pressures.

## Ngā Mihi

Waka Ama NZ would like to thank manawhenua Ngāti Koroki Kahukura and Ngāti Haua for supporting the event and the 150 kaimahi for their time and energy to make the event possible. Thanks to sponsors and partners for their contributions, including waka fleet sponsor Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, merchandise partner Pure Athletic, and broadcast sponsors Whakaata Māori. Lastly, thank you to all waka ama whānau who participated and supported the event.

## Ace Cuthers Memorial Club Spirit Award

Taranaki Outrigger Canoe Club

## Club Points Trophy

Horouta Waka Hoe Club



**"Ko te pakanga ki tai, ko te maungaarongo ki uta.**  
Battle on the water, peace on the land."

- Karaitiana Tamatea, Ngāti Koroki Kahukura

## Event Statistics

**2699**

Paddlers  
23% decrease

**1484**

Wāhine  
19% decrease

**1214**

Tāne  
27% decrease

**63**

Clubs  
4% decrease

**994**

Paddlers U/13  
30% decrease

**1496**

Paddlers 5yrs-19yrs  
34% decrease

**5yrs**

Youngest Paddler

**81yrs**

Oldest Paddler



Percentage statistic based on comparison to 2021 event statistics.



# SECONDARY SCHOOL NATIONALS

28 - 31 March 2023  
Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua

The Secondary School Nationals took place at Lake Tikitapu in March, hosted by Te Waiariki Pūrea Trust with support from Waka Ama NZ. The event, supported by manawhenua Ngāti Whakaue and Tūhourangi, was welcomed back by 1600 paddlers from 105 schools from throughout Aotearoa after the event was cancelled in 2022.

## Event Overview

There were 170 races over the four day event including heats, semis, and finals across Te Ihu, Te Kei, and Te Takere divisions. The inclusion of multiple divisions provides more racing for rangatahi participating in the event.

Rotorua provided some clear, but at times chilly, conditions for the kaihoe (paddlers) as they battled it out on the water. The paddling skills displayed on the water was impressive but the sportsmanship and whanaungatanga between the rangatahi on land was even better. Our rangatahi make this event an exciting one and it was further amplified by our awesome announcing crew keeping them hyped with commentary and music.

## Rautaki Rangatahi

Additionally, the Waka Ama NZ Rautaki Rangatahi (Youth Strategy) was officially released at the event by Te Reo Taiohi rōpū (youth advisory group) members; a strategy co-designed with our Te Reo Taiohi rōpū, to contribute to the development of waka ama for rangatahi, as advised by rangatahi.

## Te Pou Tautokohia

For the first time the Laurie Durand Memorial Award - Te Pou Tautokohia was awarded at the event. This award pays homage to the late Laurie Durand, a stalwart of Te Waiariki Pūrea Trust, Waka Ama, and the National Secondary School Event.

## Ngā Mihi

Waka Ama NZ would like to thank manawhenua Ngāti Whakaue and Tūhourangi for supporting the event and Te Waiariki Pūrea Trust for hosting and delivering the event. Thanks to sponsors and partners for their contributions, including waka fleet sponsor Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, merchandise partner Pure Athletic, and broadcast sponsors Whakaata Māori, Ignite Studios, Bayleys, Caltex, NZ Carbon Farming, and Apollo. Lastly, thank you to kaimahi and kaiako for their time and energy to make the event possible, and to all paddlers and schools who participated and attended the event.



## Event Statistics

**1600**

Paddlers  
10% decrease

**105**

Kura  
7% decrease

**820**

Wāhine  
15% decrease

**704**

Tāne  
14% decrease

Percentage statistic based on comparison to 2021 event statistics.

## Putu Mihaka Trophy

Te Wharekura o Mauao

## Te Tohu Tautokohia (Laurie Durand Memorial)

Napier Boys High School

# LONG DISTANCE NATIONALS

21 - 23 April 2023

Te Whanganui-a-Hei, Whitianga

The Waka Ama Long Distance Nationals took place at Whitianga on the waters of Te Whanganui-a-Hei (Mercury Bay) in April, supported by haukāinga Ngāti Hei.

## Event Overview

The event was organised and delivered by Te Puku o Te Ika Region, Whitianga Waka Ama, Hauraki Waka Ama, Te Āputa Tira Hoe and Te Whānau Waka Ama o Whangamata, in association with Waka Ama NZ. The event boasted a record number of participants with 1050 paddlers from 56 clubs participating across the three days of racing.

The windy conditions provided paddlers with some challenging conditions as they showcased their skills around a circuit course and launching from the beach was an exciting start to races as paddlers manoeuvred through breaking waves. There was some tough competition out on the water as teams and W1 paddlers were vying for a spot in the Aotearoa team for the International Va'a Federation World Distance Champs in Samoa.

## Ngā Mihi

Waka Ama NZ would like to thank manawhenua Ngāti Hei for supporting the event and event hosts Te Puku o Te Ika Region, Whitianga Waka Ama, Hauraki Waka Ama, Te Āputa Tira Hoe and Te Whānau Waka Ama o Whangamata for organising and delivering the event. Thanks to sponsors and partners for their contributions, especially Thames Coromandel District Council and the local community of Whitianga. Lastly, thank you to all kaimahi for their time and energy to make the event possible, and to all paddlers and waka ama whānau for participating and attending the event.

## Event Statistics

**1045**

Paddlers  
6% increase

**54**

Clubs  
11% decrease

**476**

Wāhine  
7% increase

**551**

Tāne  
4% increase



Percentage statistic based on comparison to 2022 event statistics.

# ELITE TRAINING CAMP

22 - 23 July 2023

Ōkahu Bay, Tāmaki Makaurau

Aotearoa Waka Ama representative paddlers gathered at Ōkahu Bay, Tāmaki Makaurau, in July to take part in the Waka Ama NZ elite training camp in preparation for the 2023 IVF World Distance Champs in Samoa in August. The camp was focused on training preparation ahead of the world event and whanaungatanga within our Aotearoa contingent. The weekend included on the water training sessions, waiata and haka practice, and an official uniform presentation for each representative. Waka Ama NZ would like to acknowledge manawhenua Ngāti Whātua ki Ōrākei, sponsors Pure Athletic and Tai Paddles, Hyundai Marine Sports Centre and staff, coaches and management, paddlers, and our wider waka ama whānau for supporting this training camp.





International Va'a Federation

# WORLD DISTANCE CHAMPS

10 - 18 August 2023  
Apia, Samoa

The 3rd International Va'a Federation (IVF) World Distance Championships took place at Apia, Samoa, in August and was hosted by Samoa Outrigger Canoe Association with support from the IVF.

The event returned after the last event was held in 2019 and boasted a record number of approximately 900 paddlers from 27 different countries; the biggest ever world distance championships!

### Aotearoa Team

The Aotearoa contingent consisted of 91 paddlers and was represented in the team (V6) events from the Junior 16 to Master 70 divisions and in single-person (V1) events from the Junior 16 to Master 75 divisions; tāne and wāhine categories. This also included our Para Mixed V6 team and 3 Para Men V1 paddlers. Aotearoa showcased a strong performance throughout all races for the duration of the event and topped the overall medal tally with a total of 24 medals (8 gold, 13 silver, 3 bronze). Medal or not, we are so proud of the achievements of our paddlers at this event and it is a true reflection of the high calibre of paddlers we have here in Aotearoa.

### Event Overview

The event took place in Apia Harbour and the Samoa sunshine provided some hot conditions for the paddlers. The event wasn't without its challenges with some rough water conditions affecting the scheduling and canoes for a number of the days, however a resilient Aotearoa contingent displayed a high level of paddling skill and sportsmanship. The manaakitanga displayed by the Samoan event hosts was second to none and was a great display of their culture and connection to us here in Aotearoa.

### Ngā Mihi

Waka Ama NZ would like to acknowledge and thank all kaihoe (paddlers) for representing Aotearoa with pride. Thanks to paddlers and their whānau who dedicated time, trained hard, and fundraised their way to Samoa. Thank you to all the coaches, management, and supporters of the Aotearoa representatives who continue to do the mahi behind the scenes to allow our paddlers to do what they need to do on the water. Thanks to sponsors and partners for their contributions, including Pure Athletic and Tai Paddles. And a big thanks to the event hosts, Samoa Outrigger Canoe Association, and the beautiful people of Samoa for their hospitality.



## Waka Ama NZ Team Selections

### J19 Men

Jaksyn Hepi-Ngarongo, Kaitawhiti Kereopa, Mahaki Albrett-Tureia, Pharrel Grbic, Samuel Lees, Tamati Heta, and Xenon Herbert. Patrick Rimene (Coach). Kath Rimene (Manager).

### J19 Women

Abigail Liufalani, Adrianna Gezstey, Aislinn Tahiwī, Cheidan Moetara, Eternity Williams Harris, Mercy-River Fariu, and Taylynn Morete. Sieda Tureia (Coach). Florrie Brooking (Manager).

### Open Men

Kacey Ngataki, Jake Suitauloa, Manutea Millon, Narada Bury, Simon Wolfgram, Teremoana Tere, and Tupuria King. Tupuria King (Coach). Irene Cooper (Manager).

### Open Women

Jasmin Stevenson, Marianna Hodges, Ngatuire Hapi, Nicky Kingi, Raanj Rapana, Te Rina Leubert and Tui McCaull. Roni Nuku (Coach). Teress Nuku (Coach).

### Para Mixed

Karl Hobman, Miimama Pepe, Wayne Trott, Marcus Thompson, Christine Walters and Makuini Johnson. Corina Gage (Coach). Nathan Tuuta (Coach). Marinna Millanta-Lowrey (Manager).



## Event Statistics

**91**  
NZ Paddlers

**900**  
Overall Paddlers

**27**  
Countries

**24**  
NZ Medals





# WHAKATAETAE WHAIKAHA

## Para Events

### Overview

It was a busy year for our para athletes as they competed in various world championship events around the world. One para mixed team and three V1 para athletes took part in the International Va'a Federation World Distance Championships in Samoa (10- 18 August). It was awesome to see our para athletes representing Aotearoa on the world stage and we were fortunate enough to come away with a medal in each of the events that were entered.

### Peter Cowan

Peter Cowan travelled to Sezged, Hungary, with coach Myk Nuku for the ICF ParaCanoe World Cup (11- 14 May). Peter performed well and progressed through the heats and semis, and then placed 4th in the VL3 200m final. Peter then spent a five weeks training in Italy and France ahead of the world champs in August. The ICF ParaCanoe Sprint World Championships was held in Duisburg, Germany (23- 26 August), and was also a qualifying event for the 2024 Paralympics in Paris. Peter again performed extremely well with some of his fastest recorded times, placing 2nd in VL3 200m for both the heat and semi races and finishing 9th in a very competitive final race. Peter now sets his sights to the next qualification chance at the World Champs in Hungary in May for the 2024 Paralympics. Peter continues to be a great ambassador and role model for our sport not only for para athletes, but for our whole waka ama community. We would like to acknowledge Peter's coach Myk for his continued support and guidance, the team at Canoe Racing NZ, and High Performance Sport NZ for all the support that you continue to provide.

### Development

We continue to explore how to provide more opportunities and experiences for para paddlers. With the newly established Waka Ama NZ Te Rōpū Whaikaha (Disability Working Group), we hope to further grow and develop waka ama for tāngata whaikaha (disabled people).



# WHAKATAETAE Ā-KARAPU

## Club Events

### Overview

Waka Ama regional and club events filled up the Waka Ama NZ events calendar with 11 regional events and 52 club events in the 2022-2023 season. It was great to see so many events happening throughout the motu and our paddlers engaging in the events. The inclusion of series within some regions was a highlight for the season as this provided paddlers with multiple paddling opportunities; namely, Hoe Tonga Paddler Series (Hoe Tonga clubs), Rotohoe Series (Ruamatā Waka Ama Club), and Hard and Fast Series (Ngā Hau Maiangi collective).

Event hosts continue to engage in the Waka Ama NZ sanctioning process for the events; a process in place to support events to meet relevant health and safety standards. A notable statistic regarding club events show that only 19% of the 52 club events catered to taitamariki and intermediate divisions, with the other 81% of events catering to rangatahi (youth) and pakeke (adult) divisions. Weather and environmental challenges had some major impacts on events in some regions, especially Te Uranga o Te Rā.

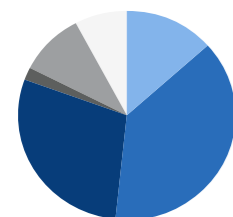
### Development

A key focus for the 2023-2024 season is identifying ways to support regions and clubs to provide more participation opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi, including local events. The development of regions through the Aukaha project and the development of a club and school connection are two key activities that will support this.

### Ngā Mihi

Waka Ama NZ would like to acknowledge and thank club and regional event kaimahi for the ongoing work put in to organise and deliver events for our waka ama whānau.

## Events Per Region



7	Tai Tokerau Polynesian Canoe Assoc
20	Auckland Region Outrigger Canoe Assoc
15	Te Puku o te Ika
1	Te Uranga o te Ra
5	Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka Ama Assoc
4	Te Waka o Aoraki

Statistics calculated as at 1 October 2022- 30 September 2023.



# KAITŪAO

## Volunteers

Waka Ama kaitūao (volunteers) continue to contribute to our sport throughout Aotearoa by assisting in the ongoing operations of regions, clubs, activities, and events. Our kaimahi are the backbone of waka ama and their contributions towards our sport ensures the longevity of paddling for our kaihoe. We have hundreds of kaitūao from all over the motu that give their time and energy to organising and delivering waka ama events, ongoing club administration and operations, training and coaching club paddlers, and engagement in governance boards.

### Ngā Mihi

Waka Ama NZ would like to thank all kaitūao who continue to contribute to our sport throughout Aotearoa. We appreciate all the time and energy you give to our sport. A special thank you to kaitūao of our national events; our National events would not be possible without the helping hand of our kaitūao, some of whom volunteer their time in between racing and cheering on their whānau!



# AKOMANGA KAIWHAKAAKO

## Coaching Courses

### Courses

There were 11 coaching courses delivered throughout Aotearoa in the past year by two facilitators. Attendance at each of the courses was good and there were 192 participants overall across all the courses. The amount of courses delivered and participants that attended doubled from the previous year which is a positive, however we still want to improve and provide more coaching and learning opportunities. Having enough facilitators to deliver our Waka Ama NZ coaching courses and on a frequent basis continues to be a challenge for us. This year, the world championships again had a massive impact on our ability to deliver courses as the majority of our facilitators were busy coaching or paddling as part of that campaign. We are aware of this challenge and continue to explore options to increase our number of quality facilitators.

### Ngā Mihi

A big thank you to our coaching facilitators for their continued work within this space to deliver coaching courses to our waka ama whānau; Corrina Gage and Todd Jago. Thank you to our waka ama whānau for engaging in the available courses and for your contributions towards coaching within your hapori (community).

### New Course

A new development level coaching course was initiated, Ngā Hapori o Waka Ama (communities), and is in the final stages of completion. This course provides participants with information and tools to understand, engage, and empower paddlers from diverse communities within Waka Ama. This course will be made available online through our newly established online learning platform Sport Tutor.

### Sport Tutor

We are in the initial stages of launching our e-learning platform, Sport Tutor; a Sport NZ funded project that uses an online learning management system. This e-learning platform will enable us to provide online learning opportunities to help upskill our waka ama whānau throughout Aotearoa.

Foundation courses: 6  
Development courses: 5  
Total courses: 11

Foundation participants: 146  
Development participants: 46  
Total participants: 192



# TE REO TAIOHI

## Youth Advisory Group

Te Reo Taiohi is our Waka Ama NZ youth advisory group providing a voice for rangatahi who are involved in waka ama in Aotearoa.

### Overview

The purpose of the rōpū is to inform, advise, and provide insights to the Waka Ama NZ Board and Waka Ama NZ office from a rangatahi perspective. Te Reo Taiohi has been in operation for two years now and the first cohort, rōpū tuatahi, finished their two-year term in August. The rōpū continue to meet on zoom for hui and engage in kōrero via messenger; both of which seem to work well given the geographical circumstances of the rōpū members.

### Tuākana Rōpū

Through the advice from the rōpū, we implemented a Tuākana Rōpū from members of rōpū tuatahi. The purpose of the tuākana is to assist and support Waka Ama NZ Te Reo Taiohi Rōpū activities alongside Waka Ama NZ Project Manager and foster a tuākana-teina relationship with Te Reo Taiohi Rōpū members.

### Rōpū Tuarua

Rōpū tuarua, was established in September and was selected by way of online applications that was promoted online. This approach was different to the previous recruitment process, however proved to be successful with multiple rangatahi applicants from around Aotearoa bringing a diverse range of rangatahi perspectives to the rōpū. We look forward to working with the new rōpū and making progress towards achieving our Rautaki Rangatahi through their guidance.

### Ngā Mihi

Waka Ama NZ would like to thank Te Reo Taiohi rōpū tuatahi for their contributions and being the founding rōpū members. It has been our privilege to engage with you all and we value the input you gave to the kaupapa, especially the legacy of developing the Rautaki Rangatahi. Thank you to rōpū tuarua for putting your names forward to be a part of this kaupapa and we look forward to bringing the Rautaki Rangathi to fruition with your guidance.



**TE REO TAIOHI**  
NGĀ KAIHOE O AOTEAROA

### Key Activities

Te Reo Taiohi made an impactful contribution over the past year with a key achievement of developing the Waka Ama NZ Rautaki Rangatahi (youth strategy); a strategy to contribute to the development of waka ama for rangatahi, as advised by rangatahi.

Some of the other many key achievements, driven by rangatahi voice, include:

- Increased and improved social media presence
- Development of a Tuākana Rōpū for rōpū tuarua
- Funding for kura affected by the cyclone to attend Secondary School Nationals
- Rangatahi engagement survey at Secondary School Nationals
- Inclusion of a Te Reo Māori and tikanga in the Waka Ama NZ newsletter

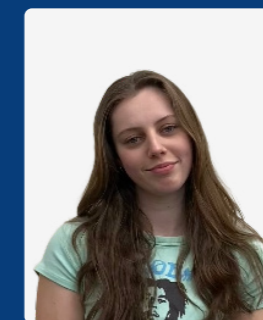
## Te Reo Taiohi - Rōpū Tuarua



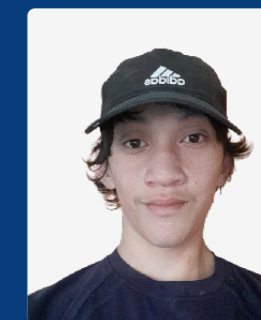
**Anton**  
Tasman



**Okeroa**  
Hamilton  
Te-Whānau-a-Apanui,  
Ngāti Porou, Tuhoe, Maniapoto



**Ahi**  
New Plymouth  
Ngāti Porou



**Izayah**  
Whanganui  
Ngāti Apa



**Matthew**  
Tauranga  
Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahu ki  
Whangaroa



**Judy**  
Kaitiaki  
Muriwhenua, Waikato



**Lily**  
Gisborne  
Te Aitanga a Hauiti



**Te Ruapounamu**  
Christchurch  
Ngāti Kuri, Te Aupouri,  
Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi

## Tuākana Rōpū



**Elite**  
Kaitiaki  
Te Uri o Tai, Muriwhenua,  
Ngāpuhi



**Ngatuire**  
Rotorua  
Te Arawa, Ngāti Awa,  
Ngāti Raukawa



**Manawa**  
Hamilton  
Te-Whānau-a-Apanui,  
Ngāti Porou, Tuhoe, Maniapoto



# SPORT NZ YOUTH SPORT HUI

## Overview

Waka Ama NZ was invited to be a part of the annual Sport NZ Youth Sport Hui held in Tāmaki Makaurau in March. General Manager, Amiria, spoke to the audience of over one hundred kaimahi from the sport sector in regards to developing a rangatahi advisory group. The presentation focussed on the processes we undertook to establish the rōpū, our current experiences engaging with rangatahi, key learnings from our experience so far, and helpful tips for developing rangatahi rōpū.

## Te Reo Taiohi Engagement

Additionally, two of our Te Reo Taiohi rōpū members, Ngatuire and Manawa, took part in a youth discussion panel with three other rangatahi. The discussion panel focussed on providing insights from a rangatahi perspective of the importance and impact of rangatahi voices in organisations, their experiences in a rangatahi rōpū, and what the future of sport looks like with rangatahi input. Ngatuire and Manawa did an amazing job and we thank them both for attending the hui, presenting to the audience, and representing Te Reo Taiohi and Waka Ama NZ so positively.

Waka Ama NZ are committed to engaging with rangatahi to support the development of waka ama throughout Aotearoa, and we hope that opportunities to share our knowledge with the sector inspire other organisations to engage with rangatahi too.



# RAUTAKI RANGATAHI

## Youth Strategy

### Overview

The Waka Ama NZ Rautaki Rangatahi is a Youth Strategy, co-designed with our Te Reo Taiohi rōpū, to contribute to the development of waka ama for rangatahi, as advised by rangatahi. Te Reo Taiohi rōpū contributed to the development of this Rautaki Rangatahi through wānanga, online hui, and feedback via surveys and emails. The Rautaki Rangatahi was released in March at the Secondary School Nationals by four Te Reo Taiohi members during a prizegiving.

On average, our yearly affiliated waka ama membership consists of at least 50% under 19. Waka Ama NZ recognises the importance of rangatahi participation and engagement in waka ama, and the ongoing development required to ensure rangatahi needs are being met. This Rautaki Rangatahi sets the direction for Waka Ama NZ to be guided by our rangatahi and their voice.

### Rautaki Rangatahi

The Rautaki Rangatahi is guided by our Waka Ama NZ Strategy and underpinned by our Waka Ama NZ values of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Hauora, and Tū Tangata. The rautaki has a strategic goal of increasing rangatahi involvement in waka ama; explained by the rangatahi as involvement in all aspects of waka ama, not just paddling. The four pou, strategic priorities, set the direction of the strategy; whakamana (empower), whakatairanga (promote), whakatuarā (support), and whakawhanake (grow). The rautaki will guide the rōpū moving forward and provide aligned discussion points for rangatahi wānanga.

### Activity Plan

The Year 1 activity plan from this strategy is currently being carried out and will lead the focus for the Te Reo Taiohi rōpū. Waka Ama NZ looks forward to the continuation of implementing this strategy and engaging with rangatahi to support waka ama development.

# RANGATAHI ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

The purpose of the survey was to gather insights from a captured audience at the 2023 Waka Ama Secondary School Nationals about Rangatahi Engagement in Waka Ama to further support the implementation of the Waka Ama NZ Rautaki Rangatahi (Youth Strategy).

The survey was conducted digitally on an iPad, led by a Te Reo Taiohi rōpū member, at Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua. The survey received 100 responses from secondary school aged rangatahi.

**100**  
Responses

**97%**  
want more waka ama  
events for rangatahi

**65%**  
paddle for a waka  
ama club



# AUKAHA

## Strengthen & Adapt Project

### Overview

Aukaha is our Waka Ama NZ development project as part of the Sport NZ Strengthen and Adapt funding. Waka Ama NZ was a successful candidate after a thorough consultation period with our waka ama whānau and the submission of our Aukaha project plan. Aukaha will be implemented over the next 3-5 years with the support of Sport NZ. The Aukaha Project aims to strengthen the capability and capacity of waka ama at a regional and local level so that our sport can continue to grow, thrive and adapt.

### Project Manager

In August 2023, Waka Ama NZ employed our Aukaha Project Manager - Trevor Meiklejohn. Trevor brings with him a wealth of knowledge from the sporting sector and we are very excited to have him on board leading this project. Late September Trevor, with the support of our CEO, started facilitating sessions with each of our Waka Ama NZ regions. The purpose of these sessions were whanaungatanga and to gain valued input from our regions to ensure that the roll-out and shape of the project in each region aligns with the current and future needs of our sport.

### Development

Over the next year, Aukaha will focus on strengthening regional entities in various areas, developing a regional support model, improving regional and club relationships, support funding opportunities for future growth, and develop capacity and capability of the kaimahi workforce. Aukaha has the potential to create positive change within our sport throughout Aotearoa and we look forward to the mahi ahead.



# KIA TAU, KIA ORĀ

## Balance is Better

We continue to promote and embody the philosophies of Balance is Better (BiB); to support quality sports experiences for all rangatahi regardless of ability, needs and motivations and ensure rangatahi stay in sport for life.

### Balance is Better Champion

Waka Ama NZ is proud to announce that Peter Cowan is now a Balance is Better Champion. The purpose of the BiB Champions Programme is to engage champions (influential people) to carry BiB messages, speak about the value of sport in their lives, raise awareness of BiB, and advocate for change in youth sport and/or the value of sport to youth. In April, Peter attended a one day BiB Champions hui in Tāmaki Makaurau; to create connections between champions, ensure messaging and mahi is aligned, and identify future support needs. Peter is already a great role model for our waka ama whānau and we look forward to his additional impact through this programme.

We look forward to our continued mahi in this space to promote BiB within our waka ama whānau, merging opportunities between BiB and Te Reo Taiohi, and Peter's journey as a BiB Champion.

### Key Activities

This year we have also completed the following:

- Engagement in Sport NZ Sport Development Parent Reference rōpū
- BiB posters are published and have been shared
- BiB information on WANZ website updated and simplified
- Promotion of BiB logo, messages, article, webinars on WANZ website and social media
- Attendance of BiB webinars by waka ama whānau
- BiB discussions with Te Reo Taiohi rōpū
- BiB inclusion in Waka Ama NZ Rautaki Rangatahi with a dedicated focus area to promote and encourage the BiB philosophies

# TE RŌPŪ WHAIKAHA

## Disability Working Group

Waka Ama NZ is proud to establish Te Rōpū Whaikaha o Ngā Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ Disability Working Group) for our Waka Ama whānau. Te Rōpū Whaikaha is a working group providing a voice for tāngata whaikaha (people with disabilities) who are involved in waka ama in Aotearoa. This working group, alongside Waka Ama NZ, will assist in increasing the access to and participation in waka ama for tāngata whaikaha in Aotearoa.

In September 2023 Waka Ama NZ called for expressions of interest from our waka ama whānau to establish the inaugural rōpū. In 2024 the rōpū will begin to meet and establish a plan to achieve the above objectives. Waka Ama NZ is excited to engage in this kaupapa and be a part of the development in the tāngata whaikaha space.

### Te Rōpū Whaikaha Purpose

- Provide an opportunity for tāngata whaikaha to voice their own experiences and perspectives on waka ama in New Zealand and advocate on behalf of the Waka Ama tāngata whaikaha membership
- Inform, advise, and provide feedback and insights to Waka Ama NZ Staff and Waka Ama NZ Board from a tāngata whaikaha perspective
- Advocate on behalf of the Waka Ama tāngata whaikaha membership throughout New Zealand
- Create and implement a Rautaki Whaikaha (Disability Plan) for Waka Ama in Aotearoa in collaboration with Waka Ama NZ
- Where necessary, provide delivery assistance for the Rautaki Whaikaha



# MĀTAURANGA RARAUNGA

## Data and Insights

Data and Insights is an important part of the development of our sport; it helps with reviewing past trends, showcasing current achievements, and supports future planning within the Waka Ama NZ office. This information is important for us to understand and utilise to ensure our mahi is relevant and aligned to the needs of our waka ama whānau. We are in a space of learning and development in regards to understanding and utilising data and insights.

### Survey

In April this year, we conducted a data and insights online survey. The purpose of this survey was to gather information from our Waka Ama NZ clubs and regions regarding our Waka Ama NZ statistics. The results from this survey will help us identify solutions to share for improving usage of data and insights.

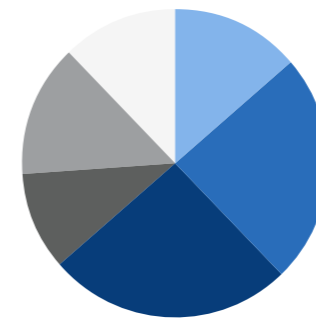
We received a good number of responses, with 58 responses from 51 different clubs across Aotearoa. With the results of the survey we are now developing possible solutions and/or resources to support our clubs and regions in regards to understanding and utilising data and insights.

**58**

Responses

**51**

Different Clubs



### Responses Per Region

Tai Tokerau Polynesian Canoe Assoc	8
Auckland Region Outrigger Canoe Assoc	14
Te Puku o te Ika	15
Te Uranga o te Ra	6
Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka Ama Assoc	8
Te Waka o Aoraki	7



# TAUTOKOHIA

## Cyclone Support

At the beginning of 2023, parts of Aotearoa were severely affected by wet weather events and Cyclone Gabrielle. Unfortunately, this had massive impacts on some of our waka ama whānau and their personal assets, as well as waka ama equipment and the taiao (environment), meaning access to paddling was restricted for some.

### Support

Te Urunga o Te Rā, Te Tai Tokerau, and Coromandel were impacted the most. Waka Ama NZ responded by checking in on our Waka Ama whānau and staff, assessing damage with affected clubs and sharing info with Sport NZ, shared cyclone assistance information, and connected with Regional Sports Trusts to access information for those requiring support. Additionally, Waka Ama NZ, with the guidance of Te Reo Taiohi, provided financial assistance to kura affected by the cyclone to attend the 2023 Secondary School Nationals by way of removing fees and providing a travel assistance koha for those kura in the most affected areas- Hawkes Bay, Tūranganui-a-Kiwa and the East Coast.



### Long Distance Nationals

With the Long Distance Nationals scheduled to take place in the Coromandel only months after the weather events, consultation took place with all regional stakeholders and it was confirmed the event would go ahead in Whitianga with the full support of the council and community. The local organising crew worked with Thames Coromandel District Council to provide a roadmap to Whitianga including information for our whānau towing waka and driving to the event.

### Ngā Mihi

Waka Ama NZ would like to thank the clubs for their communication during that time, our affected waka ama whānau for their resilience, and to our wider waka ama whānau for the support given.

# TE TOHU TĀKARO O AOTEAROA

## Māori Sports Awards

The 32nd Aotearoa Māori Sports Awards, hosted by Te Tohu Taakaro o Aotearoa Charitable Trust, was held at Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaruawahia, Saturday 26th November 2022. The awards are held annually to celebrate and acknowledge Māori sporting achievements.

Waka Ama world champion athletes were acknowledged and presented medals for their achievements at the 2022 International Va'a Federation World Sprint Championships, held in London. Congratulations to all our waka ama whānau who were acknowledged and received awards.



**Te Tama-ā-Ranginui**  
Junior Māori Sportsman  
**Maia Campbell**  
Ngāi Tūhoe, Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau a Apanui



**Te Toi Huarewa**  
Māori Para Athlete  
**Peter Cowan**  
Ngāti Kahungunu

## Māori World Champions

### Team

- Aotearoa Women V6 500m
- Aotearoa Women V6 1500m
- Aotearoa Women V12 500m
- Aotearoa Men V6 500m
- Aotearoa Junior Women J19 V6 500m
- Aotearoa Junior Women J19 V6 1000m
- Aotearoa Junior Men J19 V6 500m

### Individual

#### Taylynn Morete

- Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairoa
- J16 Women V1 500m

#### Maia Campbell

- Ngāi Tūhoe, Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau a Apanui
- J16 Men V1 500m

#### Ngatuire Hapi

- Te Arawa, Ngāti Awa, Ngati Raukawa
- J19 Women V1 500m

#### Kacey Ngataki

- Waikato, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāi Tūhoe
- Open Men V1 500m

#### Akayshia Williams

- Te Aitanga a Hauiti
- Open Women V1 500m

#### Jason Reti

- Ngāti Wai
- Master 40 Men V1 500m

#### Turi Hodges

- Ngāpuhi, Te Rarawa, Ngāti Whātua ki Kaipara
- Master 50 Men V1 500m

#### Jo Beverland

- Ngāti Tūwharetoa
- Para Women VL3 V1 250m

# PAE PĀPĀHO PĀPORI

## Social Media

Our social media platforms, facebook and instagram, continue to be our key platforms of communication and engagement with our waka ama whānau.

We maintain an active presence on these platforms to share important and relevant information, share good stories, inform of events and coaching courses, share relevant kaupapa, and promote our amazing sport through photos and videos.

### Development

With the guidance of our Te Reo Taiohi rōpū, we have increased our understanding of each of the platforms, the audiences of each, and the content relevant for each. Through this engagement and development, we also contracted a videographer for our national events to create video montage content for our social media platforms. A great way to summarise and highlight events in a visual way and these were well received by our waka ama whānau, especially our rangatahi.

### Growth

Our social media platforms maintain a steady growth in audience numbers with an increase of over a thousand followers across both instagram and facebook in the past year. We continue to underpin our social media content with our Waka Ama NZ values to ensure our social media platforms are a safe and positive space for our whānau. We hope to further grow our social media presence, develop and post more content, and develop more mechanisms to maintain safe and positive spaces.

**32,033**

Facebook  
5% increase

**5,714**

Instagram  
20% increase



Percentage statistic based on comparison to 2022 statistics.

# NGĀ RANGAPŪ

## Partnerships

Waka Ama NZ would like to acknowledge and thank all our partners and sponsors for your ongoing support and contribution towards waka ama and our waka ama whānau. We recognise and appreciate the positive impact these relationships and contributions have towards our sport. Thank you also to all the organisations and funders who continue to support our sport at a regional and club level too.

### Partners & Sponsors



### Funders





**waka ama**  
Aotearoa New Zealand

# TAUĀKĪ PŪTEA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ended 30 September 2023

# Approval of Financial Report

The Committee are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of Waka Ama NZ / Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa Inc for year ended 30 September 2023.

## Approved



Ngaire Pehi  
Chairperson  
6 December 2023



Irene Cooper  
Board Member  
6 December 2023

# Statement of Service Performance

What did we do? When did we do it?

Description of Entity's Outcomes: Our goals include organizing successful events that meet the needs of our membership and increasing participation in the sport of Waka Ama. Effective governance of the sport of Waka Ama including representing New Zealand at the World Club and Elite Championships.

	2023	2022
<b>Description and Quantification of the Entity's Outputs</b>		
Participation (number of affiliated individuals)	4,880	3,403
Participation (number of affiliated member clubs)	88	85
<b>Participation by Gender</b>		
Male	2,192	1,566
Female	2,688	1,837
<b>Total Participation by Gender</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>3,403</b>
<b>Participation by Age</b>		
Under 19s	2,128	1,029
Over 19s	2,752	2,374
<b>Total Participation by Age</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>3,403</b>
<b>Number of sanctioned events held</b>		
Events Held	69	59
Cancelled due to COVID	-	36
Cancelled due to adverse Weather	4	-
<b>Total Number of sanctioned events held</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Number of participants in</b>		
National Sprint Championship	2,699	-
National Long Distance Championships - October 2023	1,050	-
National Long Distance Championships - April 2023	993	-
National Secondary School Championships	1,524	-
Takapuna Beach Cup	-	-
<b>Total Number of participants in</b>	<b>6,266</b>	<b>-</b>
Number of Coaches upskilled through the Waka Ama NZ Coaching Framework	216	49

# Statement of Financial Performance

How was it funded? What did it cost?

	NOTES	2023	2022
<b>Revenue</b>			
Funding, grants and sponsorship revenue	1	964,861	628,267
Members fees, subscriptions and other event revenue	1	787,988	391,242
Revenue from providing services	1	209,117	182,829
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	18,988	3,395
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>1,980,954</b>	<b>1,205,733</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	504,115	393,728
Costs related to providing goods or service	2	1,276,232	697,027
Other expenses	2	111,354	69,719
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>1,891,701</b>	<b>1,160,474</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>89,253</b>	<b>45,259</b>

# Statement of Financial Position

What the entity owns? What the entity owes?

	NOTES	30 SEP 2023	30 SEP 2022
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank accounts and cash	3	690,729	498,881
<b>Debtors and prepayments</b>			
Trade receivables		13,112	135,828
Prepayments		17,014	104,841
<b>Total Debtors and prepayments</b>		<b>30,126</b>	<b>240,669</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>720,855</b>	<b>739,550</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	17,521	8,282
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>17,521</b>	<b>8,282</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>738,376</b>	<b>747,832</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Creditors and accrued expenses</b>			
Trade payables	4	16,901	13,828
Accrued Expenses	4	-	3,661
Goods and services tax	4	19,217	20,350
Employee costs payable	4	58,356	29,728
Income in Advance	4	25,122	173,238
Unused donations and grants with conditions	4	22,500	-
<b>Total Creditors and accrued expenses</b>		<b>142,095</b>	<b>240,805</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>142,095</b>	<b>240,805</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>142,095</b>	<b>240,805</b>
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b>		<b>596,281</b>	<b>507,027</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	6	596,281	507,027
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>		<b>596,281</b>	<b>507,027</b>



# Statement of Cash Flows

How the entity has received and used cash.

	2023	2022
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Funding, grants and sponsorship receipts	1,042,261	756,133
Members fees, subscriptions and other event receipts	905,878	377,543
Receipts from providing services	226,669	223,110
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	18,988	3,395
GST	(71,997)	(92,935)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,919,803)	(1,287,021)
<b>Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>201,995</b>	<b>(19,775)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>		
Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment	2,262	554
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(12,409)	-
<b>Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>	<b>(10,147)</b>	<b>554</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>191,848</b>	<b>(19,221)</b>
<b>Bank Accounts and Cash</b>		
Opening cash	498,881	518,101
Closing cash	690,729	498,881
<b>Net change in cash for period</b>	<b>191,848</b>	<b>(19,221)</b>

# Statement of Accounting Policies

How did we do our accounting?

## Basis of Preparation

Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama New Zealand) Incorporated has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting- Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

## Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

## Income Tax

Waka Ama NZ / Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa Inc is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

## Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

## Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.

# Notes to the Performance Report

2023 2022

## 1. Analysis of Revenue

### Funding, grants and sponsorship revenue

Aotearoa Gaming Trust	25,000	-
Bluesky Community Trust	2,000	-
Far North District Council	8,850	-
Four Winds Trust	20,000	-
Grassroots Trust	15,000	5,000
INTERNET NZ	40,000	40,000
Maritime New Zealand	63,000	-
New Zealand Community Trust	90,000	5,000
New Zealand Lottery	-	25,000
North & South Trust	2,900	-
Northland Incorporated	75,000	-
One Foundation Limited	10,000	-
Pub Charity	20,000	-
Sport New Zealand	535,111	474,267
Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Maori	31,000	29,000
Te Wananga o Aotearoa	-	25,000
Thames-Coromandel District Council	7,000	-
Trust Waikato	-	25,000
Waipa District Council	20,000	-
<b>Total Funding, grants and sponsorship revenue</b>	<b>964,861</b>	<b>628,267</b>

### Members fees, subscriptions and other event revenue

Sprint Nationals Entry Fees	135,533	-
Sprint Nationals parking, merchandise and other	211,034	-
School Nationals Entry Fees	40,989	-
School Nationals parking, merchandise and other	53,234	-
Long Distance Nationals Entry Fees	118,446	-
Long Distance Nationals parking, merchandise and other	74,575	-
Worlds - Campaign Income	124,817	325,511
Worlds - Other Income	28,292	51,498
Takapuna Beach Cup	1,068	14,233
<b>Total Members fees, subscriptions and other event revenue</b>	<b>787,988</b>	<b>391,242</b>

### Revenue from providing services

Affiliation Fees	49,992	27,991
ID Card	9,261	591
Administration, Coaching Courses & Other	149,865	154,247
<b>Total Revenue from providing services</b>	<b>209,117</b>	<b>182,829</b>

### Interest, dividends and other investment revenue

Interest Income	18,988	3,395
<b>Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</b>	<b>18,988</b>	<b>3,395</b>

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## 2. Analysis of Expenses

### Volunteer, contract services and employee related costs

Salaries	483,898	379,730
Contract Services	20,217	13,999
<b>Total Volunteer, contract services and employee related costs</b>	<b>504,115</b>	<b>393,728</b>

### Costs related to events and providing goods and services

Sprint Nationals	377,371	935
Long Distance Nationals	246,442	-
School Nationals	131,989	-
World Campaign	263,231	522,596
Membership cards	8,140	789
Special Projects (Coaching course delivery, contract event delivery & other)	233,260	157,654
Takapuna Beach Costs	15,799	15,054
<b>Total Costs related to events and providing goods and services</b>	<b>1,276,232</b>	<b>697,027</b>

### Other Expenses

Advertising	3,398	376
Auditor Fees	5,665	4,871
Bank Fees	158	133
Bank Revaluations	28	(99)
Consulting & Accounting	6,670	4,679
Depreciation - Office Equipment	2,262	554
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	908	1,076
Entertainment	-	387
General Expenses	(803)	1,489
Gifting	1,151	-
Insurance	10,823	10,058
IRD Penalties	-	136
Motor Vehicle Expenses	26,469	15,381
NKOA Meeting Expenses	14,400	5,158
Office Expenses	6,650	5,677
Printing & Stationery	2,304	436
Professional Development-Staff	3,837	22
Rent	8,788	8,350
Repairs and Maintenance	60	-
Subscriptions	4,102	2,168
Telephone & Internet	6,995	7,359
Travel - National	7,490	1,507
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>111,354</b>	<b>69,719</b>

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### 3. Analysis of Assets

#### Bank accounts and cash

Kiwibank - Operations Bank Account	167,215	43,147
Kiwibank - Savings Account	16	16
Kiwibank - Term Savings Account	522,796	453,808
Visa Credit Card	702	1,910
<b>Total Bank accounts and cash</b>	<b>690,729</b>	<b>498,881</b>

#### Debtors and prepayments

Accounts Receivable	13,112	135,828
Prepayments	17,014	104,841
<b>Total Debtors and prepayments</b>	<b>30,126</b>	<b>240,669</b>

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### 4. Analysis of Liabilities

#### Creditors and accrued expenses

Accounts Payable	16,776	13,703
GST	19,217	20,350
Old Mastercard	125	125
Accrued Expenses	-	3,661
<b>Total Creditors and accrued expenses</b>	<b>36,117</b>	<b>37,838</b>

#### Employee costs payable

Holiday Pay Provision	42,143	15,253
PAYE Payable	14,902	14,460
Wages Payable - Payroll	1,311	15
<b>Total Employee costs payable</b>	<b>58,356</b>	<b>29,728</b>

#### Other current liabilities

Funding in Advance	22,500	-
Income in Advance	25,122	173,238
<b>Total Other current liabilities</b>	<b>47,622</b>	<b>173,238</b>

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### 5. Property, Plant and Equipment

#### Office Equipment

Office Equipment	64,786	52,377
Accumulated depreciation - Office Equipment	(52,175)	(49,913)
<b>Total Office Equipment</b>	<b>12,611</b>	<b>2,464</b>

#### Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment	42,417	42,417
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Accumulated depreciation - Plant and Equipment	(37,507)	(36,599)
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>5,818</b>

<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>17,521</b>	<b>8,282</b>
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### 6. Accumulated Funds

#### Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance	507,027	461,769
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	89,253	45,259
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>596,281</b>	<b>507,027</b>

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### 7. Commitments

#### Commitments to lease or rent assets

Office Lease - No fixed term	-	4,113
<b>Total Commitments to lease or rent assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,113</b>

The lease for the use of shared office space in the Royal Akarana Yacht Club is \$100/wk per person (4 people). This lease agreement is for an open term commencing 1st October 2023, hence there is no commitment for the entity.

### 8. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at 30 September 2023 (Last year - nil).

### 9. Related Parties

There were no transactions involving related parties during the financial year. (Last Year - Nil)

There are no outstanding related party balances at the end of the period and no related party balances have been written off during the year (Last Year - nil).

### 10. Events After the Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report (Last year - nil).

### 11. Ability to Continue Operating

The entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.



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## AUDIT REPORT

Report on the Performance Statement

## WilliamBuck

ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

### Nga Kaihoe Aotearoa (Waka Ama New Zealand) Inc.

Independent auditor's report to the Members

### Report on the Performance Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the performance report of Nga Kaihoe Aotearoa (Waka Ama New Zealand) Inc. (the entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023, the entity information, statement of service performance, statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 September 2023, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion:

- a. the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, in the statement of service performance are suitable.
  - b. the accompanying performance report gives a true and fair view of:
    - the entity information for the year ended 30 September 2023
    - the service performance for the year then ended
    - the financial position of Nga Kaihoe Aotearoa (Waka Ama New Zealand) Inc. as at 30 September 2023 and of its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended
- in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

#### Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information and statement of service performance in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised).

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the entity.

## Responsibilities of the Board for the Performance Report

The Board is responsible for:

- a. Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance.
- b. the preparation of a performance report on behalf of the entity that gives a true and fair view, which comprises:
  - the entity information
  - the statement of service performance
  - the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and

- c. for such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the Board are responsible on behalf of the entity for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Obtain an understanding of the process applied by the entity to select what and how to report its service performance
- Evaluate whether the service performance criteria are suitable so as to result in service performance information that is in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Board and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the performance report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the entity information, financial statements and service performance information, including the disclosures, and whether the entity information, financial statements and service performance information represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.

The engagement director on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Bonita Swanepoel.

## Restriction on Distribution and Use

This report is made solely to the entity's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the entity's members those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the entity and the entity's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

*William Buck.*

**William Buck Audit (NZ) Limited**

Auckland  
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