

# ANNUAL REPORT

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2023 - 2024

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RANGATAHI TAIAO INNOVATORS



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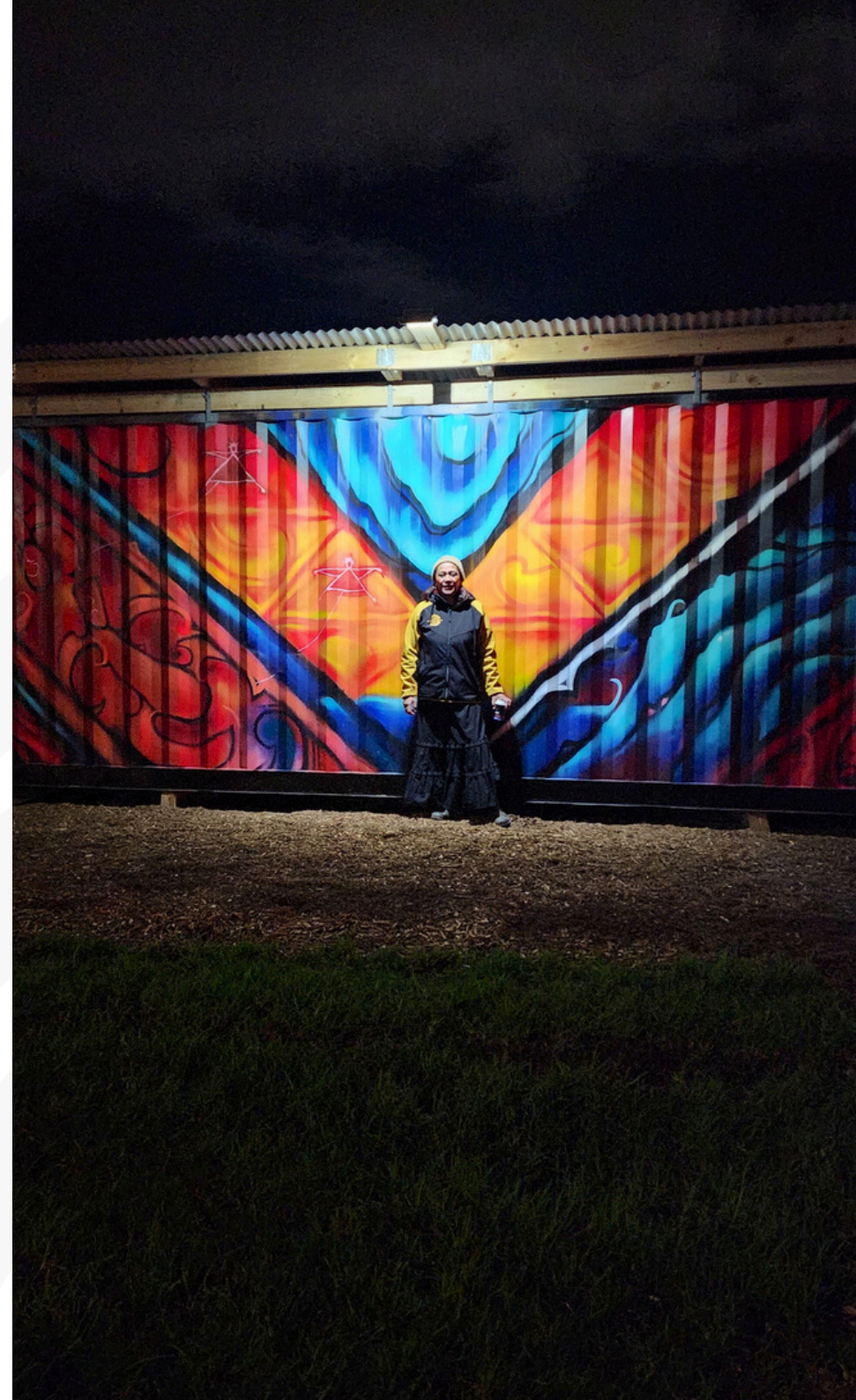
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# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Errin Henare

The Board reflects on 2024 as a year where Te Pu-a-nga Maara demonstrated both capability and alignment to its kaupapa. The organisation delivered consistent outcomes while remaining grounded in its values and purpose.

Ngaa Koorero Tuku Iho was evident in the way the organisation carried out its work. The Board observed a strong commitment to ensuring that maatauranga Maaori remained central to delivery, not secondary to it. This provided a clear point of difference and strength.

Ngaa Tuuhonohono strengthened across all areas of the organisation. Relationships with mana whenua, partners, funders, and communities were built through shared experience and trust. The Board acknowledges the importance of these connections in sustaining the work of TPNM.

Ngaa Ringa Atawhai was reflected in the dedication of the team. Delivery remained strong and consistent, supported by a workforce that continues to grow in capability and leadership. The Board recognises the effort required to maintain this level of performance.

Ngaa Mahi Auaha began to emerge as a key consideration for governance. As the organisation grew, the need for stronger systems and clearer operational structures became more apparent. The Board supported early discussions around Te Haapai oo as a response to this.

The financial result for the year was positive, with a surplus achieved. This assured the Board that the organisation is operating from a stable base.

This year confirmed that Te Pu-a-nga Maara is well-positioned. The focus now is to ensure that growth is supported by the systems and structures required to sustain it.



## OUR VISION

Taiao Ora: Mauri Ora

*Nature is Life!*

# OUR FOUNDATION

Founded in 2017, Te Pu-a-nga Maara is a rangatahi-led collective of Taiao Innovators, born from the shared vision of Makaurau Marae, Manurewa Marae, and Papatuuuanuku Kookiri Marae. We are dedicated to fostering environmentally sustainable and culturally grounded tikanga-based practices, ensuring the health and well-being of our whaanau, hapuu, rangatahi, and mokopuna for generations to come.

## OUR MISSION

Revive – Ngaa Koorero Tuku Iho

Reawaken and elevate ancestral knowledge and practices.

Reconnect – Ki Te Ao Tuuroa

Restore and enhance our connection with the natural world.

Regenerate – Ngaa Tai o te Ao

Renew and enrich our environments.

## OUR VALUES

### **Ngaa Koorero tuku iho (Ancestral knowledge)**

Reviving and elevating indigenous knowledge and practices to achieve  
Taiao Ora Mauri Ora.



### **Ngaa Tuuhonohono (Reciprocal relationships)**

Growing reciprocal relationships and meaningful connections with  
nature to achieve Taiao Ora Mauri Ora.



### **Ngaa mahi Auaha (Innovation)**

Rangatahi Innovating Indigenous Solutions to achieve Taiao Ora Mauri  
Ora.



### **Ngaa Ringa Atawhai (Leadership)**

Supporting kaitiaki and nurturing the growth of an environmental  
regeneration movement to achieve Taiao Ora Mauri Ora.

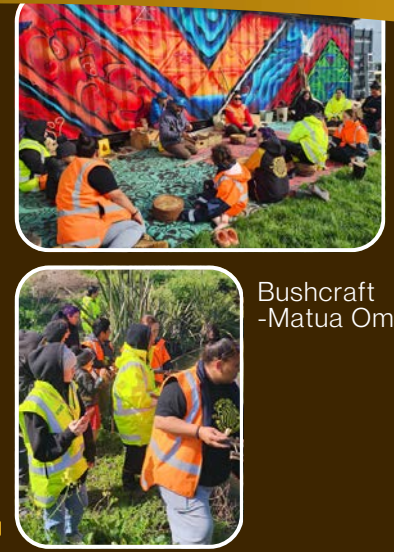


MOKO Project  
 Kura Taiao Co-design  
 Puhinui planting  
 Te Rawenga Waananga  
 Te Maatahi o te Tau mo te Manurewatanga

Conservation Week 2023  
 Hineira Waananga  
 Ministry for the Environment - Site visit  
 Tawhiti Kiore 2

August

June



Bushcraft  
 -Matua Om

July

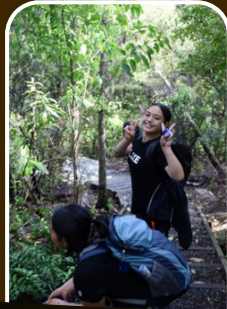
OPENING Manu Tangi Ata  
 Corporate GB Days  
 Ihumaatao Planting Day  
 Puawaananga Symposium

September



Ihumaatao Clearing  
Glenveagh Trapping  
Healing People and Place  
Blake Leadership

# October



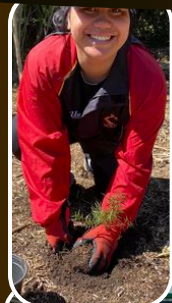
# February 2024

Give back Days  
Mana Whenua & Sustainable Schools



# April 2024

MPI  
Te Reo workshops



# November

Matukutuureia Clean-up  
Glenveagh  
Ihumaatao  
Repotting Seedlings



Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards  
Ngā Tohu Pou Kōhure o Aotearoa



L'OREAL Site Maintenance

# May 2024

# March 2024

Bee Keeper Training - Apiculture L2  
Introduced hives to Puhinui site  
Eye on Nature  
Kuumara Awards  
Rangipo Young NZer of the Year semi-finalist AGAIN!





# HIGHLIGHTS & OUTCOMES 2023-2024

Te Pu-a-nga Maara's mission is to revive Koorero tuku iho by reconnecting people with nature, creating a movement of Taiao Regeneration for the future.

Key highlights and outcomes from Te Pu-a-nga Maara 2023/2024:

- Revived ancestral Maramataka knowledge and local oral histories through dedicated Taiao Giveback Days and enviro-cultural events engaging corporate and community groups to support in our regeneration efforts.
- Reconnected communities by running waananga and community kaupapa, providing opportunities for people to contribute to environmental restoration with TPNM and other environmental groups.
- Regenerated the Puhinui Awa through planting, trapping, plant maintenance, bee keeping, water monitoring and seed collection.
- Led a community 3 day community waananga to celebrate Te Maatahi o te Tau (Maaori new year), building local capabilities to run Matariki celebrations effectively.
- Established a dedicated base, "Manu Tangi Ata," on the Puhinui Awa, serving as an operational hub for TPNM rangers and a future centre for education and community events.
- Officially commenced regeneration of Matukutuureia — a long-term goal pursued by Te Pu-a-nga Maara.
- Kura Taiao Pilot for Rangatahi and Community taiao training opportunity
- Received the Kuumara Award 2024 from Placemaking Aotearoa, recognising outstanding placemaking and community-driven environmental mahi (honoured specifically for looking back to ancestral learnings as a foundation for future work).
- Hosted high-profile visitors, including Labour MP Arena Williams and Minister of Conservation Willow-Jean Prime, highlighting recognition at governmental and political levels.

This period marked a significant shift and expansion in TPNM's impact, blending cultural revival, hands-on regeneration, community empowerment, and broader acknowledgment of the organisation's contributions.

# 2023 - 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



**RANGI**

TE MAATAHI O TE  
**TAU**  
MO TE MANUREWATANGA  
WAANANGA  
INAUGURAL ANNUAL  
MATARIKI EVENT

**74**

TIROTIRO TAIAO  
TOHUTAKA  
COMPLETED

**6**

LOCAL KURA

AT TE WIKI O TE REO 2023  
PUURAAKAU KAUPAPA WITH MANA  
WHENUA PARTNERS

**500**

MARAMATAKA RESOURCES  
DEVELOPED & DISTRIBUTED



**WHENUA**

**8**

REGENERATION SITES  
ON PUHINUI & GLEVEAGH  
+ AGREEMENT FOR TPNM TO  
MANAGE MATUKUTUUREIA

**MAHI  
TIAKI  
TAIAO**

CLEARING, PLANTING,  
TRAPPING, MAINTENANCE,  
BEE KEEPING

**74,913**

SQM PEST PLANTS CLEARED

**17,034**

NATIVES PLANTED

**12**

RANGATAHI BEE  
KEEPERS & 5 HIVES



**MOANA**

**WaiTiaki  
Project**

WATER QUALITY  
MONITORING BY THE  
MARAMATAKA

**8**

WAI MONITORING SITES  
ON PUHINUI &  
GLEVEAGH

**SHMAK**

TKW, WAICARE  
PROTOCOLS, TOHUTAKA &  
TIROTIRO

**TE WHAKAORANGA  
I TE PUHINUI**  
REGENERATION PROJECT

SUPPORTING MANA WHENUA  
ASPIRATIONS FOR THE AWA



**TANGATA**

MANU TANGI  
**ATA**

TAIAO INNOVATION HUB,  
TPNM RANGERS BASE &  
EDUCATION SPACE ON  
PUHINUI AWA OPENED

**16**

TAIAO GIVEBACK DAYS  
WITH CORPORATES &  
COMMUNITY

**KUUMARA  
AWARDS**

2024 RECIPIENT

**42**

TRAINING OPPORTNITIES & KURA  
TAIAO PROGRAM PILOT

OVER  
**60%**

TPNM EMPLOYEES WERE  
RANGATAHI



# PROGRAMME & PROJECT REPORT 2023-2024

Krissy Bishop

## **Kaikokiri Te Amorangi**

*Tuia ki te Rangī, Tuia ki te Whenua, Tuia ki te Moana, Tuia te herenga Tangata e rongo te pō e rongo te ao Tihei Mauri Ora  
E ngaa mana, e ngaa reo, e ngaa rau rangatira  
maa teena koutou teena koutou teena koutou katoa*

This year, we strengthened our foundation as a kaupapa-driven organisation. Our mahi across the Puhinui and surrounding spaces continued to bring together people, place, and purpose. We did not approach restoration as a set of tasks. We approached it as a practice of reconnection, grounded in koorero tuku iho and carried through the hands of our Rangatahi.

**Koorero Tuku Iho** guided our work. We embedded maramataka into delivery and created space for our communities to engage with ancestral knowledge in a practical way. Our giveback days, waananga, and community activations created opportunities for people to step into taiao with understanding, not just participation. The whenua became a classroom, and the work became a way of remembering.

**Nгаа Tuuhonohono** continued to grow. Relationships with partners, funders, and the community strengthened through shared experience rather than transactional engagement. The number of people engaging in our mahi increased, but more important was the depth of connection formed. We saw communities return, bring whānau, and begin to see themselves as part of the restoration journey.

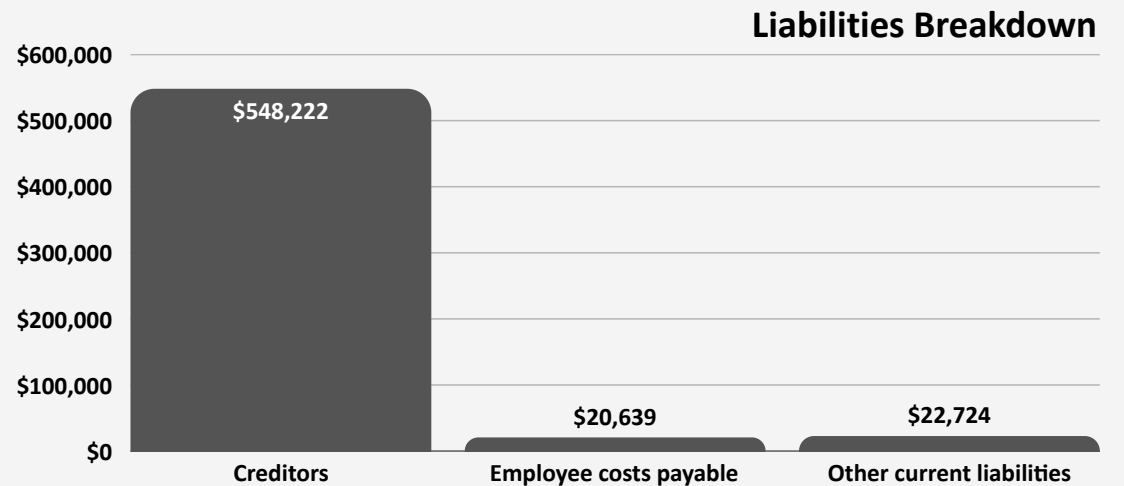
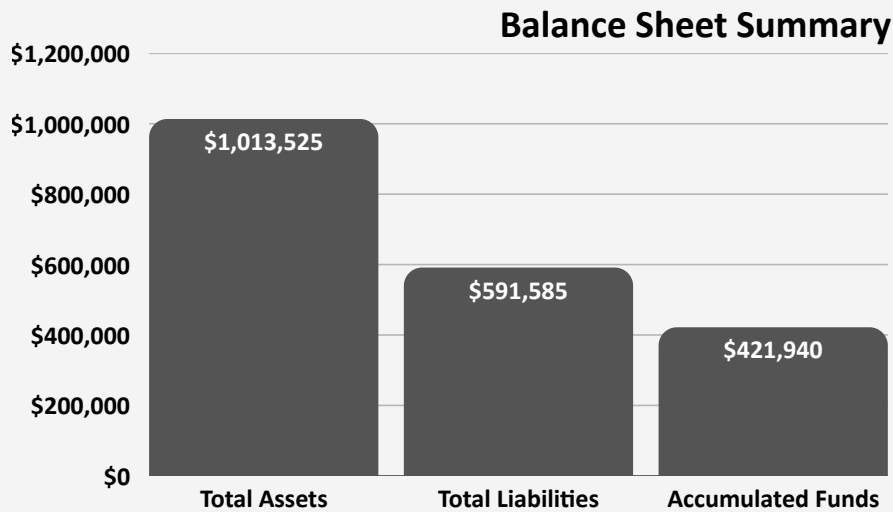
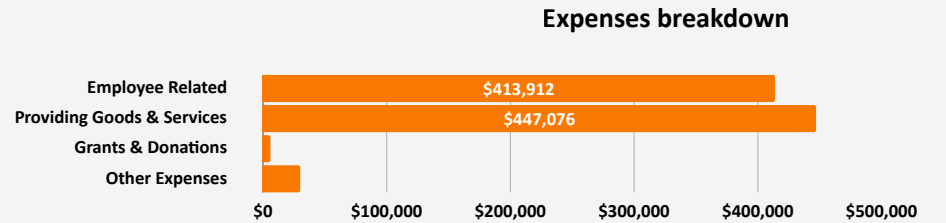
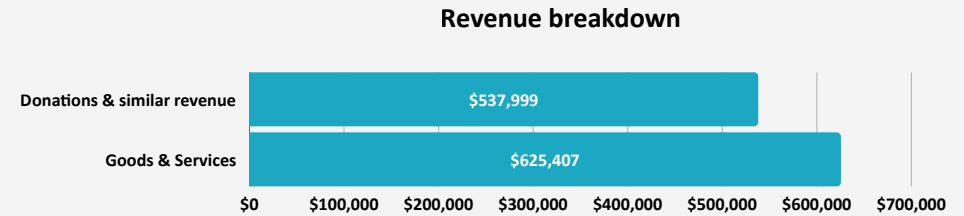
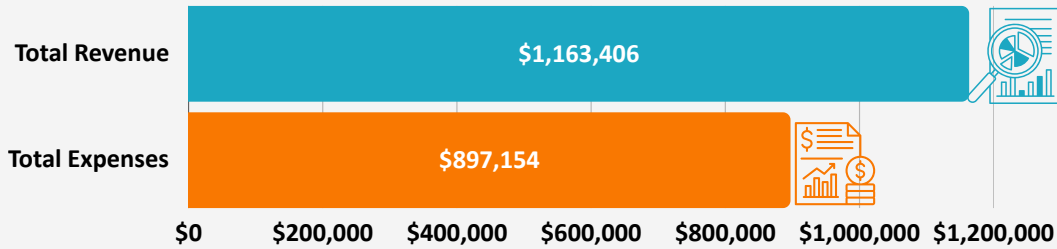
**Nгаа Mahi Auaha** began to emerge as a necessity. As delivery increased, it became clear that the way we were operating needed to evolve. The pressure on systems, leadership, and coordination highlighted a gap between the work we were doing and the infrastructure required to sustain it.

**Nгаа Ringa Atawhai** was visible through the consistency of our Ranger workforce. Our team carried the mahi with care and discipline, restoring significant areas of whenua and waterways while holding the wellbeing of each other and the spaces we worked in. The scale of delivery was strong, but it was the intention behind the work that defined the year.

*Financially, the organisation remained in a strong position, delivering a surplus of \$266,252. This provided stability and confidence, but also signalled that future growth would require a different approach. This year confirmed that our model works. It also made clear that to sustain and grow this work, we needed to invest in how we operate, not just what we deliver. The foundations of Te Hāpai Ō were formed from this understanding.*

# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT YEAR END JUNE 2024

Nadine Inia



# OUR TEAM 2023-2024

## *Board of Trustees*



## *Te Haapai oo \$ Specialty Advisors*



## *Taiaro Rangers over the period 2023-2024*



# AFFILIATIONS FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS

*E mihi ana ki a koutou katoa.*

Our Te Pu-a-Nga Maara Whaanau extends heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support, which empowers us to connect our Taiao and Rangatahi, inspiring others to engage in this vital work. We are grateful and acknowledge



# TAIAO ORA : MAURI ORA