

Āperira 2025



Te Whenua, Te Tāngata, Te Ao Āmua  
*The Land, The People, The Future*

# Tū Tama Roto, Tū Tama Waho



To know oneself, is to know others



Ngā kupu a  
Anaru Smiler me  
Liz Mellish

Huihuinga hunga whaipānga  
ki Ōtautahi - Owners  
meeting in Christchurch

Te Rā o Waitangi -  
Celebrating  
Waitangi Day



# Te kupu a Anaru Smiler

## Te Amokura o Te Kāhui o Ngā Tekau

Message from Chairman Wellington Tenth Trust, Anaru Smiler



### Tēnā tātou

On behalf of myself and Trustees, I hope you and your whānau managed to get some rest, relaxation, and had time to reset and reconnect over the summer break. I wish to also acknowledge the leaders in Māoridom who have left us during this time and since we last met.

It is hard to believe that we are already well into March and heading at pace towards the end of our financial year on 31 March. The audit process begins of our annual financial accounts in preparation for our Annual General Meeting in Wellington on 6 September 2025.

Wellington Tenth Trust of course supported Hīkoi mō te Tiriti at Waitangi Park, Wellington Waterfront in mid-November and

subsequently submitted our written response and complete objection to the Principals of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill. The Hīkoi demonstrated support for te Tiriti and how Māori play a major part in the future of Aotearoa. The Treaty Principles have been developed over time to assist Māori to overcome laws that do not serve Māori communities particularly with the development of our land for the benefit of our whānau.

Whilst a time-consuming exercise to research and prepare, it has been important for us along with our sister trust to ensure we added our voice to recommend this bill be rejected in its entirety. Liz and I had the opportunity to appear before the select committee to present our oral submission, along with many other prominent academics, lawyers and peoples of Aotearoa. We were impressed with the number of submissions reported to have been received and thank you for your unwavering support of our submission.

Our Waitangi Day celebrations on Waitangi Day Eve 2025 created an opportunity to connect with the people and organisations that have supported us over many years with the aim of strengthening our position in Wellington. During the afternoon

our Wharewaka Tours team were extremely busy along with our rōpū raranga who shared their mātauranga raranga with manuhiri at Te Raukura. You can read more about our Waitangi celebrations in this newsletter edition.

We welcome Kelly Hinaki who joins our team at Hīkoiko and whom you will meet at our Annual General Meeting 2025. Kelly will be your point of contact for all matters relating to our database and is a valuable member of our team. In addition, Matiu Jennings has joined us at Hīkoiko and taken the role of Kaihautū Rautaki Māori Advisor – Māori Strategy, a position we have sought for many years.

Another busy year ahead whānau.

**Ngā mihi ki a tātou**

**Anaru Smiler**

**Amokura o Te Kāhui o Ngā Tekau**

# Te kupu a Liz Mellish, MNZM

## Te Amokura o Te Kāhui o Hūnuku Whenua

Message from Chairman Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust, Liz Mellish, MNZM



**“I muri nei, kia pai aku taonga Māori, taonga Pākehā, kia tae ake te haruru o to reo ki au i Te Reinga”**

“After I have gone, be good to my Māori people and my European people, let the thunder of your voice reach me in the spirit land.”

**Ōhākī O Te Wharepōuri, 1842**

**Tēnā koutou, Tēnā koutou, Tēnā tātou katoa**

As we begin to navigate 2025, I would just like to take an opportunity to reflect and think about the dramatic year we have just had in 2024. The loss of Kīngi Tūheitia Potatau te Wherowhero VII and crowning of Ngā wai hono i te pō was certainly a significant moment in time.

2025 has been further affected by the loss of Tāriana Turia and her mokopuna Pākaitore Turia, Dame Iritana Te Rangi Tāwhiwhirangi, and Toni Huata, an Aotearoa music legend and wife of Adrian Park (Wagner). A heavy loss to us all. Each of these wahine and mokopuna had huge talent in their chosen fields, and we will feel this immensely. Moe mai rā, moe mai rā, moe mai rā.

The personification of mounga Taranaki was an outstanding conclusion to many years of seeking a resolution to the colonising of all we hold dear. Thank you all for the hard yards reaching this milestone.

In this current worldwide political turmoil this achievement was made even more poignant.

Which brings me to seeing that in the uncertainty of our times, we can see a shining beacon of aroha me te tūmanako. Love and hope. Whilst times are uncertain, we have resilience and will as Māori be flexible working collectively to manaaki each other and our whānau. The years since the signing of te Tiriti has taught us many things and managing our way through all adversity is our superpower.

The Ahu Whenua Trusts are in good shape and quietly we continue to build and grow our Māori Land and its assets. Our dividends have been based on sound business practise and strong relationships with our advisors and trustees making good decisions based on solid business knowledge.

Participating in the governing processes of Aotearoa especially exercising our voting rights and being seen during the census ensures we are loudly heard, and clearly it is important to ensuring our success as indigenous people.

Further ensuring we are well educated in te ao Māori and te ao Pākehā gives our superpower an energy burst. At our Executive Office at Hikoikoiko, we have a strong team of staff and continue to keep building the wellbeing for us all.

**E mihi ana**

**Liz Mellish, MNZM**

**Amokura o Te Kāhui o Hūnuku Whenua**



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The Wellington Tenths and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trusts have been established since 1839 and 1866 respectively and are Ahu Whenua Trusts (Te Ture Whenua Māori Act, 1993).

The Trusts administer Reserved Lands on behalf of the land owners.

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## Hui ā-Tau

### Annual General Meetings 2025

Save the date below and join us at our 2025 Hui a-tau. Further details will be posted in our July newsletter and on other media channels.



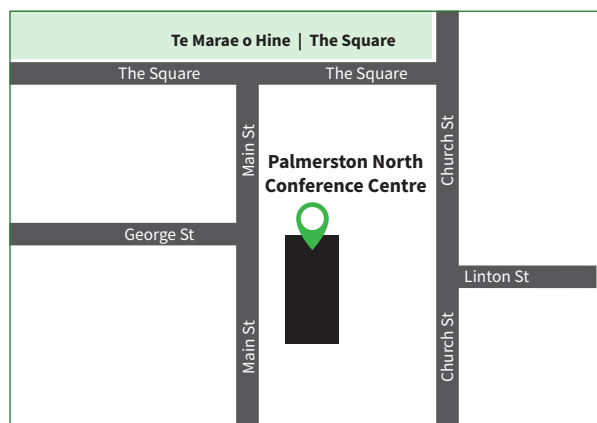
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**Te Kāhui o Hūnuku Whenua - PNMRT**

**Date** | Saturday 30 August 2025

**Venue** | Palmerston North Conference Centre  
354 Main Street, Palmerston North

**Time** | 10am – 12 noon



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#### Te Kāhui o Ngā Tekau - WTT

**Date** | Saturday 6 September 2025

**Venue** | Te Raukura, Te Wharewaka o Pōneke,  
Mākaro Room, 2 Taranaki St, Wellington Waterfront

**Time** | 10am – 11:30am



# Tāpaetanga Kōrero Pire Mātāpono

## Treaty Principles Bill Submission

Below is an excerpt we wish to share from Amokura Liz Mellish and Anaru Smiler's oral submissions, made to address the Coalition Government's Treaty Principles Amendment Bill which we anticipate will not be supported to the second reading.

'Firstly, we strongly oppose the Bill and in fact, we find the need for us to be here to discuss this offensive. This Bill does not do anything it proports to do and instead has been a catalyst of division, racism and hatred since its inception. It is a racist dog whistle that has seen some of the most reprehensible, uneducated views on our constitutional arrangements to the fore. In the short space between the first reading to today, our communities are already seeing the effects of this harmful legislation. This is not beneficial for our country, our history or our perception on the world stage. Frankly, this is a national embarrassment.

We are Mana Whenua and hold Mana Whakahaere in the takiwā of Wellington, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt cities. We represent the descendants of the original owners of the whenua in the transaction with the New Zealand Company in September 1839. Our iwi were the first peoples of Aotearoa to deal with the New Zealand company in order to negotiate trade agreements and for what we thought was the protection of our people through gaining a powerful ally, unfortunately this did not happen as we can see today through the taking of land, alienation from culturally significant sites, and prejudicial laws effecting mana whenua within their own takiwā as well as many other specific actions undertaken by various governments to further the aspirations of colonisation.

Our Ahu Whenua Trusts, operate under laws that are restrictive (Te Ture Whenua Māori Act) whilst other organizations are not beholden to the same such laws. Despite the difficulties placed on us through legislation as a measure of control. We have had to be more resilient than non-Māori entities. Despite this, our Trusts have continued to be successful in various aspects. Including economically, socially, culturally and environmentally. We are strong contributors to the community and economically within this country, our contribution is significant.

Our responsibility to the environment, and all people within, is paramount and is deeply rooted in the te ao Māori concept of kaitiakitanga, or stewardship of the people and land. This message is reinforced by the ōhākī or dying wish of one of our Rangatira, Te Wharepōuri, who signed te Tiriti and was part of the original negotiations with the New Zealand Company.

On his deathbed in 1842, he said:

**“I muri nei, kia pai ki aku taonga Māori, taonga Pākehā,  
kia tae ake te haruru o tō reo, ki ahau i Te Reinga.”**

**“After I have gone, be good to my Māori people  
and my European people, let the thunder of your voice  
reach me in the spirit realm.”**

These words guide us today in all that we do, it is vitally important that we live and breath the final wish of our tupuna.



# Pōhiritia mai a Matiu Jennings

## Introducing Matiu Jennings

Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Rārua  
Kaihautū Rautaki Māori | Advisor Māori Strategy

He uri tēnei nō Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Mutunga, Ngāti Rārua mai tō tātou tauheke mouna, a Taranaki, tae noa atu ki Te Taihū o Te Waka. Arā, ko Tokomaru, ko Tainui ngā waka, ko Ngāti Te Whiti, ko Ngāti Tāwhirikura, ko Ngāti Tūparikino, ko Ngāti Puketapu, ko Ngāti Rāhiri Pakarara, rātou ko Ngāti Pare Te Ata ngā hapū. Ko Matiu Pōhatu Jennings ange au.

### Pai mārire ki a tātou katoa

Matiu is currently the Kaihautū Rautaki Māori | Advisor Māori Strategy as part of the Leadership Team at Hikoiki Management Limited, responsible for a group championing and driving Māori worldview thinking, strategy, and capability building to deliver to the needs of our two Ahu Whenua Trusts and their associated entities.

Matiu's core focus is on weaving our mana whenua kawa and tikanga throughout all areas of the organisation and ensure that the ōhākī (final instructions) of our tupuna, Te Wharepōuri Te Kakapi o Te Rangi, in 1842 remain at the forefront of our actions and our decision making, as the founding message of the Ahu Whenua Trusts.

Matiu spent the first part of his career working for the betterment of our children as a Head of Department Māori, teaching in several secondary schools and the PLD sector throughout Aotearoa for 13 years, before moving into Local Government. As the first Māori Liaison Officer at Upper Hutt Council in 2019 and then Chief Māori Officer at Hutt City Council, these roles focused on enabling Council to achieve better outcomes for Māori living and working in our cities by responding to our mana whenua aspirations and values. Ensuring that the right relationships and processes are in place to enable effective participation and a shared decision-making focus that is meaningful, timely, and inclusive. Mana whenua bring critical value to our takiwā.

This work then led Matiu to a role as Principal Advisor Māori-Crown Relationships at Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga (the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development), responsible for strengthening Māori-Crown relationships, co-ordinating activity relating to housing outcomes derived from the Crown's Treaty settlement commitments, and building organisational capability to enable it to operate as an effective Treaty partner in better understanding the Crown's obligations to Māori under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Matiu lives in our tribal takiwā with his wife, Lisa, and intends on spending this next chapter empowering and strengthening our people towards a sustainable, tupuna-driven, mokopuna-focused future.



# Pōhiritia mai a Divya Malemutt

## Introducing Divya Malemutt

Ko Divya Malemutt tāku ingoa  
Kaitatau | Accountant

Divya is one of our accountants working in the Executive Office at Hikoiki Management Limited. With a diverse background, she has held various roles, most recently as a Finance Officer in the education sector. Divya is committed to maintaining the accuracy and integrity of the Trust's financial statements, ensuring that Trustees and stakeholders can rely on them to effectively monitor progress and make informed decisions.





# Pōhiritia mai a Kelly Hinaki

## Introducing Kelly Hinaki

Ko Whetumatarau te maunga  
Ko Awatere ko Karakatuwhero ngā awa  
Ko Horouta te waka  
Ko Ngāti Porou raua ko Rongomaiwahine ngā iwi  
Ko te whānau a Te Aopare ko te whānau a Hinerupe ngā hapū  
Ko Hinerupe ko Paerauta ngā marae  
Ko Ngatau Waitoa me Polly Ormond oku mātua  
Ko Kelvin Hīnaki taku tāne  
Ko Kelly Hīnaki tōku ingoa

Kelly is our Kaiwhiriwhiri (Kaupapa Ake) | Administrator Database and Facilities. Kelly is responsible for bookings of our facilities (Raumati/Manaia) here at Hīkoikoi and accommodation bookings for Whare Mahana on Matiu Somes Island. Kelly's main role is to maintain and update the Shareholders Database and successions for the Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust. She looks forward to hearing from whānau to update their details or help with successions.



# Huihuinga hunga whaipānga ki Ōtautahi

## Owners meeting in Christchurch

In December 2024 our Hīkoikoi team joined Trustees to visit owners in Ōtautahi, Christchurch at the Crowne Plaza.



What a fabulous evening and opportunity to reconnect, update and share time together whānau. Our owner's hui have been well received and we look forward to inviting you to the next gathering planned for Whanganui in May and another later in the year at a venue to be determined. These hui are for whānau who may not be to join us at Annual General Meetings in Papaioea and Te Whanganui a Tara. As soon as venues are determined Kelly will be sure to let you know.











# Ngā Tekau o Te Upoko o te Ika

## Alcohol and Other Drugs Service Addiction Service

Our Ngā Tekau Alcohol and Other Drugs Service has been proudly operating on behalf of the Ahu Whenua Trusts for over twenty years at Hikoikoi. The service is dedicated to providing a holistic and integrated approach that incorporates Māori perspectives. The purpose of the service is to improve health, prevent harm and reduce the health risks associated with alcohol and drug misuse as well as gambling harm.

Recently our service was gifted a pounamu 'Te Rama' that will welcome whaiora, providing and shining a light on ways to heal, a light that in many cases has dimmed over time.



Te Rama (The Light) is a māreikura, a sacred pounamu that embodies maternal wisdom, protection, and aroha. She is an āhuru mōwai (haven) of nurturing energy, offering warmth, reassurance, and a deep sense of belonging to all who seek her guidance.

Te Rama absorbs the healing power of light, drawing strength from Te Taiao (the natural world)—Te Rā (the sun), Te Marama (the moon), and Te Waiora (the ever-flowing waters of Papatūānuku). She channels this energy into a force of safety, resilience, and empowerment, radiating a gentle yet unwavering presence that uplifts and guides those who connect with her.

The two sides of Te Rama symbolise the challenges and growth that shape every journey. On one side, she still displays rough, raw, and weathered elements – her worn and fractured surface reflecting life's struggles, the scars we carry, and the hardships we endure. Though more polished and refined, the other side still holds traces of its past – representing healing, growth, and the ongoing transformation work towards a bright future. This contrast serves as a visual kōrero, acknowledging our resilience while offering a vision of a future shaped by light, renewal, and hope.

More than a beautiful object, Te Rama is a beacon of hope – illuminating pathways forward, restoring balance, and embracing those in need with the boundless aroha and commitment of whānau. She is a reminder that even in the darkest moments, there is always light, strength, and the unbreakable ties of whakapapa to guide the way.





# Whakanuia a Ann Reweti

## Celebrating Ann Reweti

Friends, colleagues, and whānau recently farewelled Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trustee Ann Reweti from her role as Māori Customers Librarian at Wellington City Libraries. A pioneering figure in the library profession, Ann made significant contributions, particularly in supporting Māori customers and initiatives.

Since rejoining the Wellington team in 1992, Ann established the Māori Reference collection, a vital resource for study and reflection. She led the Ngā Tupuna publications with the Wellington Tenth Trust and played a key role in creating the first te reo Māori online catalogue.

Ann's dedication to te reo and tikanga Māori was widely recognized. She received the inaugural Robin Hakopa Te Reo Māori award in 2003, and her mana was acknowledged internationally when she was invited to attend a University of Wisconsin forum on Indigenous knowledge organization.

In 2010, she was awarded a LIANZA Fellowship for outstanding leadership and contribution to the profession, and in 2011, she received the Meri Mygind Wahine Toa award for her dedication to Māori Services in libraries. Ann's legacy includes advancing bicultural competencies and advocating for Mana Whenua recognition in library membership. As she embarks on new projects and spends more time with whānau, her contributions will continue to inspire the library community in Aotearoa and beyond.



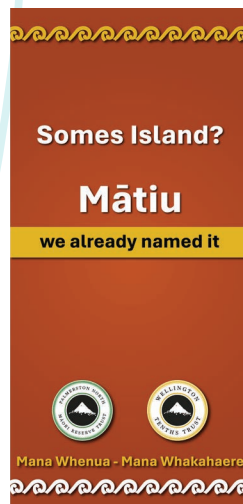
# Īpapapānui korahi

## Digital Billboard

In late 2023, we opposed a resource consent application for a digital billboard at 47 The Esplanade, Pito One. The Resource Management Act requires the relationship of Māori and their ancestral lands to be recognised and provided for as a matter of national importance, and for those exercising the functions and powers under the Act to have regard to kaitiakitanga and to take into account the principles of the Tiriti o Waitangi.

Our main concern was the billboard's location on Pito One Pā, a site of cultural and historical significance, and the applicant's lack of consultation with Mana Whenua. With most of our cultural landscape already erased, we believed the sign would further diminish our connection and increase the loss of our sense of place to Pito One. Richard Te One presented our submission to the Hearing Panel, where the Chairman asked if billboard space might address our concerns. Following discussions with the applicant, we were offered 2.5% of weekly display time to promote Māori cultural and spiritual values. We agreed, and this is now a consent condition which allows us to enhance our historical and cultural presence.

We think this is an excellent outcome. Our first set of images will go up in March, focusing on correcting key place names like changing "Petone" back to "Pito One." Here's an example of our first images.



# Ara whiwhi mahi

## Employment Opportunities

If you are looking for a new role or change in career why not check out vacancies at some of our properties and Joint Ventures below:

### Metlifecare, Palmerston North

7 Fitchett Street, Central Palmerston North, Palmerston North 4410  
Reception Phone: (06) 350 6400 Email: palmerstonreception@metlifecare.co.nz  
Hours: 8am - 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. No weekends or public holidays

### Village at the Park, Wellington

130 Rintoul Street, Berhampore, Wellington 6023  
Phone: (04) 380 1361

### Mitre 10 MEGA, Palmerston North

250-270 Featherston Street, Palmerston North  
Phone: (06) 354 4087

# Ngā Paetukutuku me Ngā Whārangi Pukamata

## Websites and Facebook Pages

Both Trusts have their own dedicated websites and Facebook pages. Please remember to FOLLOW us on Facebook to ensure you receive all notifications. Whilst some information will be applied across both Trusts, we can now bring you updates that are focused on each Trust's assets.

### Wellington Tenth Trust

[www.wtt.maori.nz](http://www.wtt.maori.nz)  
[www.facebook.com/wttznz](https://www.facebook.com/wttznz)

### Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust

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# Pātaka Whenua

## Māori Land Court Portal

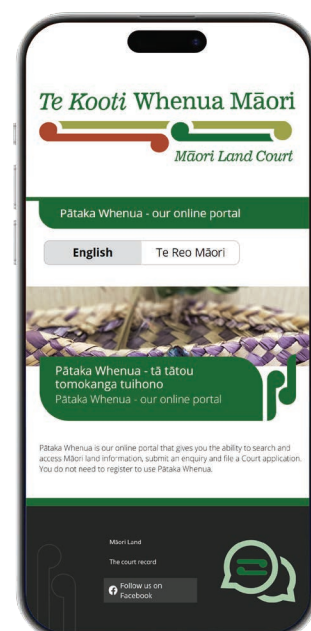
### Māori Land Court online portal

Whenua is part of the identity of tangata whenua.

It is tūrangawaewae – the place where we come from, the place we belong to, the place where we can stand.

You can contact Māori Land Court through their online portal, Pātaka Whenua, or by phone, email, or post to discuss successions, manage your land and find out about your whenua.

[www.maorilandcourt.govt.nz](http://www.maorilandcourt.govt.nz)





## Ngā Karahipi Mataura

### Education Grants & Scholarships

**Did you know whānau can access the Generosity website to gain information about potential grants and scholarships?**

**www.generosity.org.nz gives you access to more than 4,000 scholarships and awards for individuals through the givME service. It is a valuable tool.**

To access the grants and scholarships you must be a shareholder or a descendant of a shareholder. Email us at [info@tekau.maori.nz](mailto:info@tekau.maori.nz) with your shareholder number and we will provide you with our link.

Once registered, enter your details and the tool will provide you with a list of grants and scholarships that best fit your study. Some schools and many universities also subscribe to the service.

[www.generosity.org.nz](http://www.generosity.org.nz)

## He mana tō te kōwhiri

Your choice has mana!

**Are you enrolled to vote in this year's Local Body Elections on 11 October 2025!**

In 2025 you will be asked to have your say on Māori Wards by way of referendum. The referendum was spurred by the ruling National-led coalition government's passing of the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024, reinstating the requirement that councils must hold referendums before establishing Māori wards that the previous Labour government had removed.

If you're of New Zealand Māori descent, you can choose to enrol on the Māori roll or the general roll. The roll you choose may affect who you can vote for at local elections.

If you choose the Māori roll and your council has a Māori ward or constituency, you will vote for candidates in the Māori ward or constituency. If you choose the general roll, or your council does not have a Māori ward or constituency, you will vote for candidates in a general ward or constituency.

No matter which roll you're on, you will choose from the same list of candidates when making your vote for mayor.

## Wātaka

### Events Calendar

**Te Kāhui o Hūnuku Whenua  
Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust AGM  
Palmerston North Convention Centre  
354 Main Road, Palmerston North  
30 August 2025**

**Te Kāhui o Hūnuku Whenua  
Wellington Tenths Trust AGM**

**Te Raukura, Te Wharewaka o Pōneke  
2 Taranaki St, Wellington Waterfront  
6 September 2025**

**Ngā Tekau Alcohol and Other Drugs Service  
Hikoikoi, 24D Marine Parade, Pito One  
Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm**

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**Kia takatū  
ki te rēhita,  
ki te pōti hoki**

**ELECTORAL  
COMMISSION  
TE KAITIARI TAKE KŌWHIRI**

The poster features a stylized orange figure with a ballot box icon on its chest, set against a background of orange and yellow gradients. The text is in bold, sans-serif fonts.

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