

HUI TAUMATA

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WHAKAMOEMITI, A TONO &
FUTURE WHAKAARO



PROJECT ROOPU



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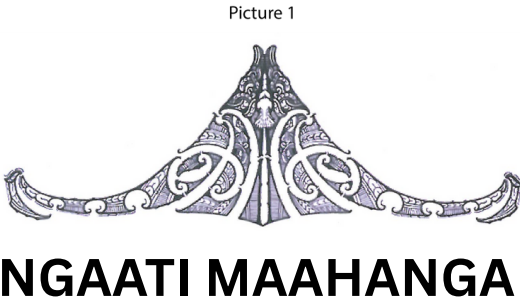


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PROJECT KAIRURUKU



YOUR TOOLS

- Tools were tailored uniquely by each iwi, hapuu, trust, and whaanau.
- Apps now reflect tikanga, methods, and strengths of each group.
- Outcomes went beyond freshwater — because te taiao is interconnected.
- Flexibility created multiple wins for the roopuu.



YOUR TOOLS

Dashboards

- Incorporate diverse datasets (spatial, monitoring, app-based).
- Real-time collection and visualisation.
- Transformational in decision-making and transparency.
- Excitement for workshops to grow capacity and use.

Rongo

- Includes tracking of mauri and maramataka.
- Expanded to include taonga species presence, rongoaa, mahinga kai, and tohu.
- Over 150 observations recorded in recent months.
- Creates long-term value for both roopuu and te taiao, moving toward data equity.



STAKEHOLDERS



- Funding and resourcing remain the biggest barriers.
- Stakeholders present to witness kaitiaki commitment.
- Stakeholders rely on kaitiaki for maatauranga, advice, and partnerships.
- Tono to stakeholders – find ways to fund and contract kaitiaki directly to enable their mahi.

AI



NO TO NEG-AI – YES TO AI OUTCOMES

- Adoption must be highly targeted and outcome-driven.
- Avoid frivolous or siloed use cases.
- Ensure alignment with Māori outcomes, reo, mātauranga, and tikanga.
- Focus on affordability and enabling people to fulfil their purpose.



OPPORTUNITIES

- Maaori-led AI means governance and design
- AI tools can be built for Maaori organisations' use.
- Enables Maaori to be navigators, not just observers.
- Positions Maaori as global leaders in ethical AI use.

Now: governance of the sometimes intangible and invisible (AI).

- Requires skillsets that enable governors to manage risks and opportunities.
- Courage is essential — to find solutions and create thriving futures, work through barriers.



PROBING PAATAI

- **Self-determination:** Who controls this AI if it uses Māori knowledge?
- **Guardianship:** Does it restore and protect taonga or exploit them?
- **Cultural integrity:** Does this this AI uphold tikanga or distort it?
- **Collective benefit:** Who gains — iwi and hapuu or offshore corporations?



TE AO MAARAMA

- AI is the new tide — powerful and relentless.
- If ignored, it could overwhelm us.
- If feared, it may pass us by.
- If guided by self-determination and tikanga, it can carry us to a thriving future.

