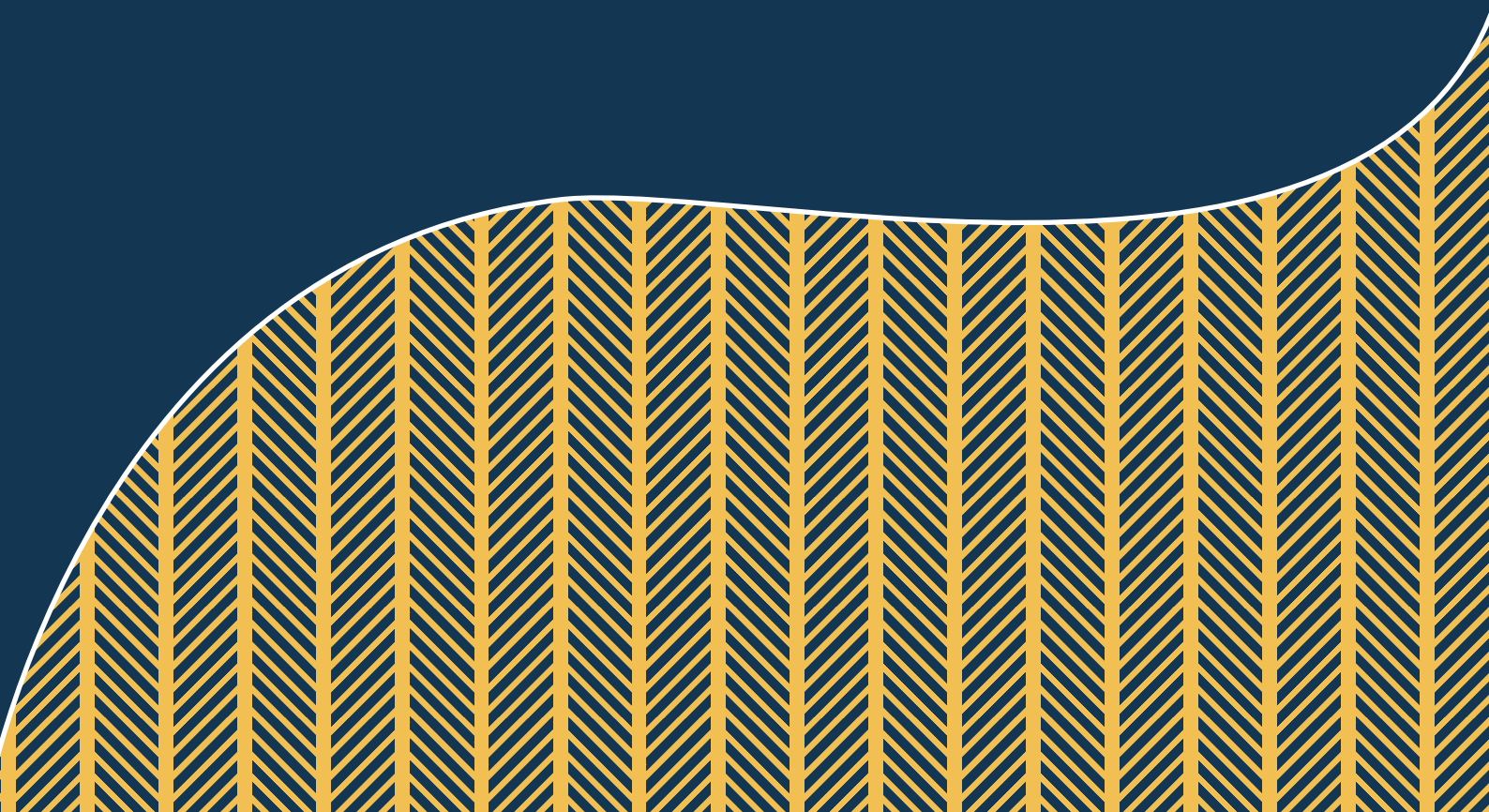




Te Wai Māori

QUARTER REPORT TWO
1 JANUARY 2021 - 31 MARCH 2021



He reo tō te wai

He reo tō te tangata

Kotahi tonu te whakapapa

Whakakotahia!



Summary

This briefing for Iwi provides an overview of Te Wai Māori's work against the 2020/21 Annual Plan and covers the period 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.

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Karakia

Ko Rangi

Ko Papa

Ka puta ko Rongo

Ko Tāne Mahuta

Ko Tangaroa

Ko Tūmataunga

Ko Haumia-tiketike

Ko Tāwhirimātea

Tokona te Rangi ki runga

Ko Papa ki raro

Ka puta te ira tangata ki te whai ao,
ki te ao marama

E Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga, Kia Tina! Tina!

Haumi e! Hui e, Taiki e!



Chair's kōrero

Tēnā koutou,

I'm pleased to present the second quarterly (Q2) report and my first as Chair, on the activities of Te Wai Māori against our 2020/21 Annual Plan, which covers the period 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.

This quarterly report has been developed to give iwi more regular insight into the work the Trust undertakes on behalf of Mandated Iwi Organisations.

The key strategic priorities for Te Wai Māori Trust for the year are:

- Protect Māori rights and interests in freshwater and freshwater fisheries;
- Advance Māori interests in freshwater fisheries; and
- Build and maintain effective strategic relationships.

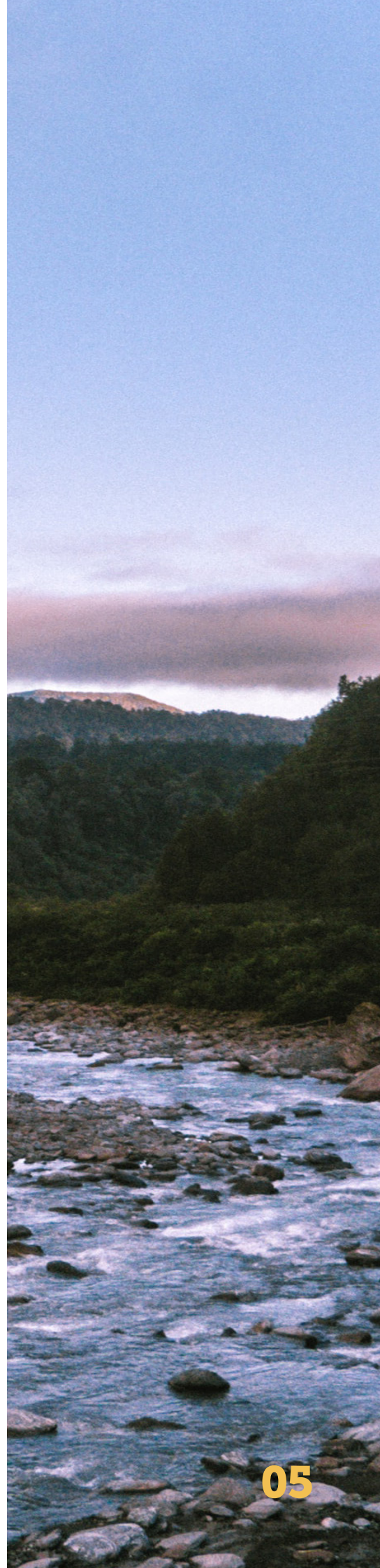
We welcome your feedback on the structure and content of our reporting.

Ngā mihi,



Pahia Turia

Chair - Te Wai Māori



Our Board



Pahia Turia

Chair



Lisa te Heuheu

Director



Miria Pomare

Director



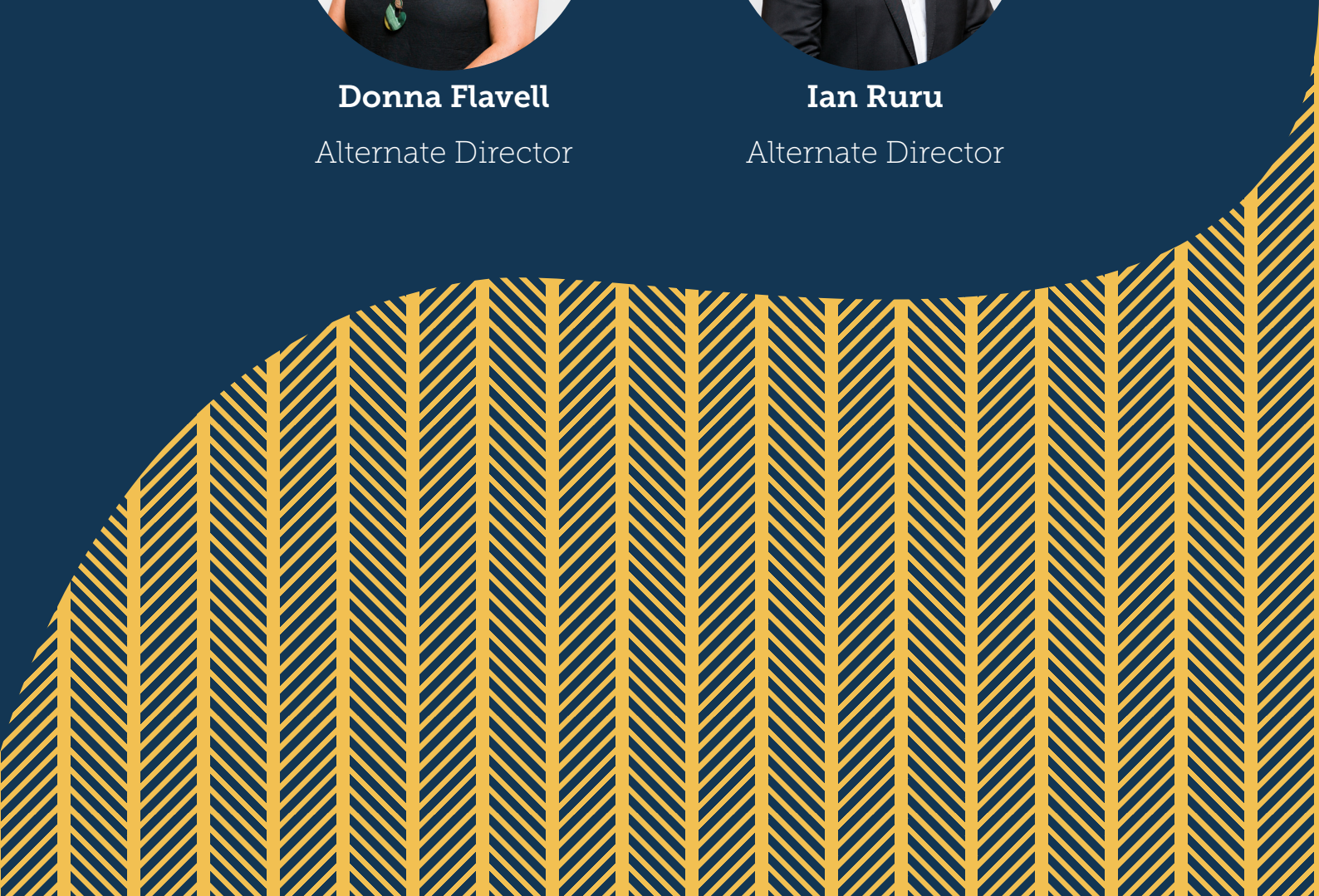
Donna Flavell

Alternate Director



Ian Ruru

Alternate Director



Operational performance against annual plan 2020/21

Protect and enhance Māori rights and interests in freshwater fisheries



Supporting iwi and hapū to protect and enhance their rights and interests in freshwater fisheries

Response to He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission draft for consultation

The Trust developed a response to the Climate Change Commission's consultation document noting that we support in principle the Commission's position that provides the inclusion of treaty obligations and the importance of an equitable transition to a climate resistant economy and lifestyle, and the need to resource and support Māori in that process. The Commission also recognised the need to give effect to the Treaty partnership.

Notwithstanding the high level support, we noted in our response that it did not appear that comprehensive engagement with iwi and hapū had occurred, and that there remains a need to provide a role for iwi and hapū in implementation, and to provide for improved outcomes for taonga species and the environment.

Freshwater rights and interests and Resource Management Reform

As noted in the last report the Trust has made provision to support the Freshwater Iwi Leaders Group and technicians in their engagement with the Crown on Māori rights and interests in freshwater and resource management reform. The Trust is actively supporting the iwi technicians in their parallel process and engagement with the Crown, and we have formally withdrawn from the former collective known as Te Tai Kaha.

The Minister for the Environment is moving at pace to reform the resource management system, using the 'Randerson report', released in 2020, as the basis for a new resource management regime. In parallel, the Government has undertaken to address iwi and hapū rights and interests in freshwater.

Department of Conservation work programme

The Trust continues to engage with DOC and MPI on a regular basis in regard to their freshwater species work programmes, in particular piharau/Kanakana.

During the period the Trust has engaged with DOC and MPI officials following the most recent mass mortality/Lamprey Reddening Syndrome (LRS) event in mid-October last year in Southland. The Trust and mana whenua from Murihiku have also sought updates on DOC funding and research priorities that could advance research and protection of the species and its habitat.

02

Seek better recognition and status for Tuna

Te Mana o Ngā Tuna

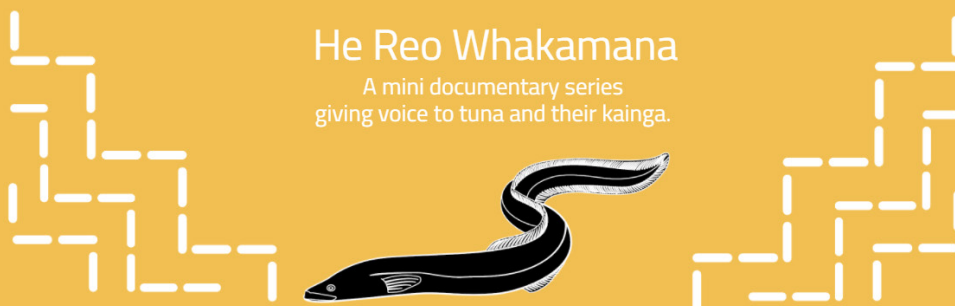
Te Wai Māori Trust continues to support the national body for tuna – Te Mana o Ngā Tuna. During the period, Te Mana o Ngā Tuna met to discuss the Committee's interactions with central Government agencies, discuss Iwi aspirations for Tuna and a forward work programme for the Trust.

National review for longfin Tuna

The Trust continues to contribute to the development of a Long Fin Eel Strategy being led by Fisheries New Zealand and including a number of agencies and entities that have an interest in tuna, including commercial eel industry, hydro dam operators, forest and bird, fish and game, iwi, and Te Ohu Kaimoana. This exercise aims to develop a Long Fin Eel strategy addressing all of the fishing and non-fishing pressures facing this taonga.

Tuna documentaries

The Trust has developed '[He Reo Whakamana](#)' – a series of short documentaries highlighting the pressures facing tuna, the third and final documentary was released in February 2021. The Trust will develop a further work programme to address some of the issues identified in the documentaries.



03

Assist Iwi and hapū to develop and implement initiatives to enhance the status of taonga freshwater species

Piharau/kanakana

The Trust has funded a project with Southland kaitiaki to support their research, that was delayed as a consequence of COVID-19. The research involves the undertaking of pheromone sampling in two catchments and analysis of the data with mana whenua to identify the existence and abundance of Kanakana in their takiwa.

01

Building and supporting Iwi and hapū capability and capacity in freshwater fisheries

Wai Ora and Tiaki Wai funds

The Trust continues to work with 2019/2020 [Wai Ora funding](#) recipients to complete their project milestones. During FY19/20 Te Wai Māori supported 11 projects through the Wai Ora Fund. Q2 of this financial year saw the completion of the Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa project, bringing the total to seven completed projects. The Trust opened the new funding round for the Wai Ora fund on 3 March 2021 and closed on 23 April 2021.

The Trust continued to work with [Tiaki Wai funding](#) recipients to complete their project milestones. The Trust also added an additional funding priority for the Tiaki Wai Fund, to provide funding to iwi, hapū and Māori groups to support wānanga or facilitated hui to develop project plans for freshwater fisheries related projects. This new funding purposed was launched in March.

02

Increasing the quality and range of information available to Iwi and hapū on freshwater fisheries and habitat

Cawthron Institute Endeavour Bid

The Trust has worked with Cawthron Institute to develop a proposal for a multi-year research programme that will look at understanding how freshwater fish (including introduced/pest species) are valued across Aotearoa and how fish, their ecosystems, and our relationships with them might change into the future.



Bioheritage National Science Challenge

The Trust has commissioned Kāhui legal to prepare a report that will be co-funded through the challenge looking at legislative and policy development by Crown entities and implications for iwi and hapū aspirations and environmental outcomes. This research seeks to build a picture of what would be the best process and governance model for freshwater – a process and model which upholds tikanga Māori, Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations, is compliant with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ensures the flourishing of Indigenous freshwater species.

Strategic relationships



Relationship building and reporting

As noted in the previous report Te Wai Māori have established a pilot study using a kaupapa Māori approach to freshwater assessment with a Wairarapa marae group; Kohunui marae.

The final workshop, facilitated by project researcher and Te Wānanga o Raukawa lecturer Caleb Royal, was delayed due to COVID19 alert level changes, but will be held in May. The workshops will focus on the development of a training programme for the monitoring of mahinga kai and stream health, centred around the collection and processing of tuna and a pest fish monitoring exercise.



Provide governance, oversight and resources to enable the Trust to operate effectively



The Te Wai Māori Board maintain and regularly review a register of strategic and operational risks. Management and Directors receive regular reports on the performance of Te Wai Māori funds managed by Portfolio Management Services Limited and Cambridge Associates.

Communications



Promote the work of the Trust and our stakeholders and educate our audience on freshwater fisheries

Over the course of the second quarter the Trust posted about a range of kaupapa about the advancement or protection of taonga species and habitat on its digital channels, including; the Trust's third and final tuna documentary, stories about Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, Horizon's Regional Council team, freshwater rāhui and the announcement of the Wai Ora Fund for 2021.

Due to community outbreak of COVID-19, the Trust made the decision to postpone its [freshwater fisheries conference](#) until the 2nd and 3rd of November, still to be held at the Great Lake Centre in Taupō. The theme for this year's conference is Ngā Waiherehere – the binding waters and explores the intrinsic relationship between Māori, taonga and water.

The opening of the [Wai Ora Fund](#) was announced in March via e-newsletter and social media. The campaign promoting the availability of the fund has reached approximately 30,000 people and applications close on 23 April 2021.

The [Tiaki Wai Fund](#) will be open for applications in the third quarter of the 2020/21 Financial Year.

Promote Te Wai Māori as a source of expert advice and information

During the second quarter the Trust has received two media enquiries. The first in February was from Radio New Zealand enquiring about Te Wai Māori's involvement in the newly formed Māori collective. The Trust deferred comment to the collective's Co-Chair Rukumoana Schaafhausen. The second enquiry was from Māori Television regarding the release of the Trust's third tuna documentary. Unfortunately due to a scheduling clash, the journalist was unable to film the story.

Keeping stakeholders involved and informed

The Trust is keeping a high level of engagement with its stakeholders via its e-campaigns (e-newsletters) with a 49% open-rate and 11% click-through-rate. The average rates for similar sized and type of organisations are a 25% open rate and a 2% click through rate.

[Five news stories](#) were published on our website during the second quarter regarding kākahi, the Wai Ora and Tiaki Wai funds, tuna and funding for waterway restoration. We also published our report against the first quarter, which can be found in the resources section of our website: waimaori.maori.nz. The Trust's section in the Te Ohu Kai Moana Group Annual Report can be found on Te Ohu Kaimoana's website under publications: teohu.maori.nz

The Trust continues to attend fortnightly kāhui communications meetings with Te Ohu Kaimoana, Te Pūtea Whakatupu, Moana New Zealand Sealord to advise of news from the Trust and keep connected with the kāhui. It also continues to attend weekly national Iwi Communications Collective hui to report the Trust's news and opportunities to iwi and hapū representatives.

