As an organisation it is appropriate that we undertake an independent analysis and assessment of potential security threats and/or risks, including areas of vulnerability where controls should be considered. In the meantime we have put in place interim security measures at a number of Ngāi Tahu premises in Ōtautahi.

When we have clarity of our risk profile with the benefit of a customised security awareness and protection analysis, we will then develop a Security Risk Management programme for the organisation. This will include supporting all our offices and there may also be safety aspects that papatipu rūnanga wish to apply within their own site operations.

The safety of our staff, whānau, contractors and community in which we operate is of paramount importance. This is reflected in our health and safety vision: “Kia hoki ora atu tātou katoa ki te kāika - Everyone home safe and well every day.”

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into the attack on Christchurch Mosques is to investigate events leading up to the attack, and the performance of State sector agencies in relation to those events. The purpose is to reassure the New Zealand public, including our Muslim communities, that all reasonable measures are being taken by State sector agencies to ensure their safety and protection. The Royal Commission is to report by 10 December 2019.

The Commission has approached Te Rūnanga as a key entity (outside of the State sector agencies), to provide input into the inquiry and ensure our voice is heard. We were delighted by the news that former Te Rūnanga staff member, Jacqui Caine, has been appointed as one of the two commissioners for the inquiry.
CLIMATE CHANGE

Te Rūnanga recently welcomed Antonio Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, while he was visiting Christchurch.

The Secretary-General was keen to learn about the Ngāi Tahu Climate Change Strategy, launched by the Kaiwhakahaere in November. Discussions focused on indigenous peoples’ values in development of a strategic response to climate change, and on agricultural greenhouse gas emissions. The Secretary-General was accompanied by ministers, Hon James Shaw and Hon Damien O’Connor. We were surprised and delighted that he sought to visit Te Rūnanga specifically, having heard about the work we have already undertaken in this area.

Additionally, we have been engaging with papatipu rūnanga around their natural disaster preparedness. While not evidenced, Civil Defence believes the increasing number of natural events occurring is related to climate change. It is important that the rūnanga have measures in place for dealing with the risks and impacts because, dependent on the severity, there is every possibility that they may be cut off from outside support.

HAEA TE AWA

Eight Haea Te Awa presentations focused on the investment strategy and regional development have now been completed with the following papatipu rūnanga: Puketeraki, Moeraki, Koukourārata, Ōnuku, Taumutu, Ngāi Tuāhuriri, Ngāti Waewae, Arowhenua and Awarua.

In specific regard to regional development, the presentations have invited a wide range of questions and interest among whānau. Some papatipu rūnanga are already well underway with their own commercial activity and are most interested in how Haea te Awa could help them develop new opportunities more expediently. Others are at an earlier stage and are focused on prioritising set up, planning, structure and risk awareness. Key to the development of regional investment is having the right people and the right decision-making structure in place. This will enable the best possible outcomes across financial, economic and cultural objectives.

GROWING WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Te Rūnanga was recently approached by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to provide a female Ngāi Tahu leader to speak at an APEC Rural Development Seminar and Workshop in Chile in late June this year.

This is a wonderful opportunity to promote and develop one of our young and emerging female leaders, and I am delighted to support Kelly Barry from the Tribal Economies team to represent us on this kaupapa. Kelly will be speaking on “strengthening the culture and identity of places.”

MPI has a strong working relationship with Chile through ODEPA (their Ministry of Agriculture). They have expressed an interest in learning and sharing Māori development insights.

TE KURA TAKA PINI

Articulating our core principles of ownership, exercising tino rangatiratanga in our takiwā, understanding customary rights (the role of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu) and where the responsibilities sit, along with defining a tailored economic model, have been the priorities for the governing Te Kura Taka Pini committee.

At an operational level, the focus to date has been on the development of the freshwater strategy being considered by Te Rūnanga in June. The strategy will be led from a political and legal perspective and informed by information gathering in the areas of communications, history, economics and science. Once approved by Te Rūnanga, further development and implementation of the strategy will commence.
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Ngāi Tahutanga
Culture and Identity

Whakapapa
The Whakapapa team continues to streamline its processes and create tools that enable ease of registration and greater accessibility for whānau. The whakapapa registration booklet designed to assist whānau with registration, especially when dealing with difficult registrations such as adoptions, IVF, has now been completed. The whakapapa website project is ongoing. Its purpose is to enhance the whānau experience when researching their whakapapa as well as enhancing their understanding of Ngāi Tahu whakapapa and history.

Ngāi Tahu Funds March Funding Outcomes

Ngāi Tahu Fund

73 applications received seeking a total of $773,272
56 applications approved to the total of $327,794

Mahinga Kai Enhancement Fund

3 applications received and approved
Total funding approved: $139,538

Marae Development

2 applications received
Wairewa Rūnanga $20,000
Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke $62,000
Total funding approved $82,000

Kotahi Mano Kāika
Engagement in our reo programmes continues to grow with increased numbers driving demand for new and creative initiatives. Two 12-week Hai Reo Tuku Iho pilot programmes have been added to the suite of initiatives on offer and are currently running in Ōtautahi and Ōtepoti with a total of 84 participants. These are 10 week beginner courses for whānau wanting to use te reo Māori in their everyday lives. The focus is on language in the home as a language of conversation for whānau with their children.

3,141 records completed
1,800 requiring further research
The database will be launched at Hui-ā-Tau in November 2019

Online registration video launched at recent Auckland road show

840 Whakapapa registrations received at recent Auckland road show

3 applications received and approved
Total funding approved: $139,538

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Mātauranga
Knowledge

There are now 10 Kaitoko Mātauraka employed by Te Rūnanga and four Kaitohutohu employed directly by papatipu rūnanga.
These positions are an essential aspect of our regional development, both paving the way in local schools for greater iwi representation and growing the visibility of our Ngāi Tahu culture and identity among the community. An evaluation of the role and the impacts is currently being undertaken. The results will be shared with Te Rūnanga in the next CEO report.
Te Kawa o te Hoiho
The Hoiho Governance Group has commenced work on “Te Kawa o te Hoiho” - a strategy to address the decline of the Yellow-Eyed Penguin. Furthermore, the Kakariki Karaka (Orange Fronted Parakeet) Governance Group had its first meeting. The Office is also working with Ngāi Tahu species representatives and Department of Conservation directors regarding governance arrangements for other taonga species with recovery groups.

Ngāi Tai Ruling
A joint Te Ao Tūroa and Strategy & Influence project team are putting together the tribal response to the Supreme Court’s ruling on Ngāi Tai and Section 4.

Te Waihora
The Te Waihora management arrangements have been put on hold to allow space for kaitiaki rūnaka to make future-focused decisions on management.

Environment Court Appeals
It is concerning that our papatipu rūnanga are engaged with so many Environment Court appeals. While it is the role of the Office to assist and support our papatipu rūnanga we need to be addressing this at a Ministerial level, especially where our Treaty partnership is not being honoured.

Akaroa Waste Water Discharge
The Christchurch City Council has indicated that 100 percent beneficial reuse of waste water is a potentially viable alternative to discharge to the harbour. A period of further technical feasibility investigation is now being progressed. It is unknown whether Councillors will support alternatives to harbour discharge.

Rangitata River
The Irrigation Company has maintained its need for 100 percent of the new 10m3/s take from the Rangitata River, which was granted consent by Environment Canterbury in 2018. As a result the appeal by papatipu rūnanga and Te Rūnanga is now likely to head to a court hearing later in the year. This is likely to cause relationship tensions with Environment Canterbury.

Southland Water and Land Plan
Te Rūnanga and our Murihiki papatipu rūnanga have filed evidence ahead of a hearing in June 2019 on significant matters of appeal. Other matters are likely to proceed to mediation later in the year and this is likely to cause potential relationship tensions with Environment Southland.

West Coast Regional Policy Statement
Papatipu Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga participated in mediation in March with further mediation planned for the final week of May. The purpose of the mediation is to ensure better recognition of Poutini Ngāi Tahu values in the new West Coast Regional Policy Statement.

An update on the outcome will be provided in due course.

Dunedin City District Plan
Te Rūnanga has secured standing in court processes to support the position of papatipu rūnanga and take targeted action on tribal properties.

Alliance Consent Decision - Mātaura
As a result of the action by papatipu rūnanga and Te Rūnanga, we have secured better recognition of Ngāi Tahu values in the future management of Alliance’s existing hydro-generation scheme at Mātaura Falls.

Canterbury Water Management Strategy Fit For Future Project
i) Papatipu Rūnanga representatives have developed new targets for Kaitiakitanga actions that will inform regulatory and non-regulatory action by Regional, City, and District Councils.

ii) The recommendations are due to be presented to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum in April 2019 and will address the next 10 years of implementation.

Braided River Bed
A recent High Court decision (Dewhirst prosecution by Environment Canterbury) that narrows how the bed of a river is determined under the Resource Management Act 1991 has potentially serious implications for Ngāi Tahu whānui. Environment Canterbury has appealed to the Court of Appeal; however, Te Rūnanga has very limitedoptions to act.
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Oranga
Health & Wellbeing

Oranga Tamariki
Work is being undertaken within Oranga to look at the best approach to strengthening our relationship with Oranga Tamariki.

This includes looking at foster care services with credible whānau services that can possibly take on a training and support role of whānau-in-kin care. Progress is looking promising in addressing how we can positively impact on the lives of the over 200 Ngāi Tahu tamariki in care. As an organisation that was once hesitant about sharing information, this is an exciting step forward in building relationships with these tamariki in care who were once disconnected.

Whai Rawa

$85.5m managed funds (as at 31 March 2019).
$11m withdrawn by members since inception.
$950,583 withdrawals between Jan - April 2019.

External Appointments
The annual reporting has been completed for external governance appointments. Seventy-two percent of representatives completed report and of these 88 percent reported that they were satisfied with the support received from the Office.

Three new appointments were confirmed in April to the Nelson/Marlborough Department of Conservation board and HSNO Komiti. An appointment will be made to the NZ Geographic Board in June.

Pūreirei
A contract for service model has recently been implemented for the Pūreirei - Ngāi Tahu Careers Kickstarter mentor programme. This is a new way of working and will require a continuous improvement approach.

Five mentors are actively working with whānau in this space. Amendments are being made to their administration requirements to lighten the load for our mentors.

Te Pou Here
Focus groups have been held with registered businesses to ensure that the priorities are aligned as follows:

a) Supporting Ngāi Tahu in business
b) Creating a culture of Ngāi Tahu supporting Ngāi Tahu

With Haea Te Awa coming on line it is essential we find ways of enabling whānau to be well positioned to engage in regional development including within our Ngāi Tahu commercial entities. We have had positive engagement with the Ngāi Tahu Holdings subsidiaries who are all very interested in positioning whānau in their businesses. In particular we have commenced discussions with Ngāi Tahu Property specifically around Ngāi Tahu business owners and procurement for upcoming projects.

New Whai Rawa Administration Provider
Whai Rawa Funds Ltd (WRFL) has appointed Mercer as its new Whai Rawa administration provider (effective late 2019) and expansion to investment choice for members in 2020.

Sorted Smart Investor
The Sorted Smart Investor has ranked the Whai Rawa Conservative Fund with the lowest fees across all New Zealand Managed Investment Schemes (MIS) at 0.55%. The average fees for New Zealand MIS is 1.22%. https://smartinvestor.sorted.org.nz/get-started/

Environmental Capability
The Oranga team have been engaging with Environment Canterbury and the Untouched World Foundation to map out potential development opportunity pathways for whānau in the taiao space.

Manawa Tītī
Two Manawa Tītī wānanga have been held at Ītākou and the final one held at Rāpaki 7-9 June. The focus for the final wānanga was on key strategic issues for the iwi and papatipu rūnanga and how we build leadership components around these.

325 Te Pou Here Kaupapa (connecting your business with the iwi)
764 Te Pou Here Takata (keeping connected with your iwi)
236 Te Pou Here Pūreirei (connecting you with a career mentor)

Manawa Nui
Recruitment for the next intake will focus on recruiting wāhine. This will be open for applications to be received in May 2019.
Education Reviews
We are currently awaiting the Ministry of Education reports on the Ngāi Tahu response to the Early Learning Strategic Plan, Tomorrow’s Schools review and the Vocational Education review.

National Education and Learning Priorities
The Ministry is also currently preparing a statement of National Education and Learning Priorities, which sets out the government’s priorities for all education schools and services. Te Rūnanga has requested a hui with the Ministry to discuss this draft with them.

High Country Pastoral Leases
Te Rūnanga has provided its response to LINZ on the proposed reforms of the Crown Pastoral Leases regime and the ending of tenure review. A hui was held with LINZ on 30 April at Otākou to discuss the response in greater detail – in particular our relationship with them. Another hui is scheduled for 24 May to discuss the draft legislative framework.

Relativity Mechanism
During Arbitration 4, the Crown withdrew an argument from proceedings. As a result, Ngāi Tahu are entitled to be paid in relation to the item in question. Te Rūnanga have received the Crown’s calculation on the sum due, and are currently seeking advice as to whether we agree with how it has been calculated. We expect the arbitrators award on the remaining issues this month.

Tahu Taxi
Funding has been received from Te Māngai Pāho for Tahu Taxi, a 10 episode interview/entertainment show featuring Ngāi Tahu and non Ngāi Tahu personalities.

Road Shows
The 2019 road show series is now underway with events held in Tauranga and Tāmaki Makaurau. We had very good attendance at both with 260 in Tauranga and 289 in Tāmaki Makaurau. Particularly pleasing has been the positive feedback from the whānau who came along and the growing numbers who continue to engage with their Ngāi Tahutanga. Another nine road shows are to be held in the North Island and Australia between now and October. Baby Angus pictured here with the Kaiwhakahaere is only seven weeks old. His parents came along just as our event was coming to a close. Their specific purpose was to register him with Whai Rawa.