

TAKAHIWAI MAORI COMMITTEE. Est 10.11.1977

‘doing something amazing’.



17 January 2024, TMC Working Bee at Takahiwai School. Credit: Mere Kepa

Toi Takahiwai—Community Arts, Crafts, Gardens & Conservation Hub

Not-for-profit association

Westpac Bank, Ruakaka

Triennial Election Meeting, Sunday 1 October 2023

(Dr) Mere Kepa, Chair, Patrick Hilton, Treasurer, Davina Duke, Corinthia Kepa, Diane Kepa, Hiria Rata, Shilane Shirkey, Tauwira Hita & Tom Paki.

COMMITTEE PORTFOLIOS

- Mere Kepa—Chair/Secretary & Designer-Developer-Writer, Conservation Strategist
- Patrick Hilton—Treasurer, Conservation Strategist, & Cultural Consultant
- Corinthia Kepa—Garden Manager & Conservation Strategist
- Shilane Shirkey—Financial Projects Manager & Budget Consultant
- Lynda Harris—Senior Arts Associate & Conservation Strategist.
- Tom Paki, Davina Duke, Diane Kepa & Tauwira Hita, & Hiria Rata.

AREA—Te Tai Tokerau East, New Zealand Maori Council.

STATUTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT — The New Zealand Maori Council (NZMC) is a statutory organisation, constituted through the Maori Community Development Act 1962. As a national body, the Council is mandated to represent Maori throughout Aotearoa New Zealand to work for the wellbeing of Maori through health, education, employment, housing as set out in section 18 of the Maori Community Development Act 1962.

BREAM BAY SAND EXTRACTION PROJECT

12 June 2026

Keely Paler

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Tena koe,

I realise the working week is close to ending; consequently, on behalf of the Takahiwai Maori Committee, I acknowledge the Fast-Track Panel's intention to engage with the "selected entities who submitted invited comments" on the Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project. Firstly, though, let me point out that the Maori terminology "Hui" refers to people meeting collectively rather than the "in-person" meeting with an individual or individual entity; that is, one by one. That is the gatherings are culturally different.

This morning (12 June 2026), I sent out the following electronic message to Pari Wlaker, Marina Fletcher, Margaret Kay, Opania George, Mira Norris, Deb Harding, David Milner, Ari Carrington, Hollie Kereopa, Maria Smith, Peter & Eva Vaughn, Hinemoa Apetera, Rina Tahitahi, Nicki Wakefield, Druis Barrett, Finnisha Tuhiwai, & Lorraine Norris

Kia ora koutou,

This is a courtesy email to advise the Whanau, Hapu and Community that Takahiwai Maori Committee is considering 2 options to meet with the Fast Track Panel (re: Minute 12):

- a) Face to face Takahiwai Maori Committee and the Fast Track Panel at the former Takahiwai School, 4km approximately from Te Aakau, Bream Bay.
 - b) Hui to be held at the Takahiwai 9A Marae Reservation, Takahiwai Rd, Takahiwai 017. Approximately 4km from Te Aakau, Bream Bay.
- Ngamihinui o te whakawhetai.
Noho ora mai na Mere

Marina Fletcher and Pari Walker have responded respectively:

My votes for Takahiwai Marae.

Ng mihi Mere.

and

Kapai thank you Mere

Mauri ora Pari

Therefore, I invite the Fast Track Panellists to meet with the Takahiwai Maori Committee, at a time and date suitable to both parties, at the former Takahiwai school, Takahiwai. In the event, that the other selected entities indicate their willingness to meet at Takahiwai 9A Marae Reservation, that is a commendable engagement too.

Naku noa na Mere

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(Dr) T.M.A Kepa

Chair, Takahiwai Maori Committee. Est. 1977. 2026-2020

Te Parawhau Hapu, Takahiwai, Te Tai Tokerau