

**Te Awa Tupua
and
Te Pou Tupua**



**Annual Report
for the
Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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TE AWA TUPUA AND TE POU TUPUA

Statement of Responsibility

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Te Pou Tupua is a key element in Te Pā Auroa nā Te Awa Tupua, the new legal framework for the Whanganui River that is established under Ruruku Whakatupua (the Whanganui River Deed of Settlement) and given legal effect through the Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act 2017 (the Act).

Te Pā Auroa is centred on the legal recognition of Te Awa Tupua as an indivisible and living whole, comprising the Whanganui River and its tributaries from the mountains to the sea, and incorporating all its physical and metaphysical elements. The new status is supported by in Tupua te Kawa, the innate values of Te Awa Tupua, set out in the Act.

Te Pou Tupua is the face and voice of Te Awa Tupua and must uphold Tupua te Kawa at all times. In addition to this overarching obligation, Te Pou Tupua must also uphold its legal responsibilities and liabilities as a landowner for riverbed vested in Te Awa Tupua.

The functions of Te Pou Tupua are to:


- act and speak for and on behalf of Te Awa Tupua
- uphold the Te Awa Tupua Status; and Tupua Te Kawa
- promote and protect the health and well-being of Te Awa Tupua
- perform the landowner functions for any land vested in Te Awa Tupua
- administer Te Korotete
- maintain the Te Awa Tupua register (of suitably qualified hearing commissioners)
- authorise the use of the name “Te Awa Tupua” for commercial purposes
- enter into relationships with the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Department of Conservation, the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment and relevant local authorities
- take any other action reasonably necessary to achieve its purpose and perform its function.

Te Pou Tupua accepts responsibility for

- the preparation of the annual financial statements,
- the judgements used in these financial statements and
- delegating to others (‘management’) the establishment and maintenance of a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the financial reporting.

It is the opinion of Te Pou Tupua and management that the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2021 fairly reflects the financial position and operations of Te Awa Tupua and Te Pou Tupua.

Te Pou Tupua authorised these 2021 financial statements for issue on 9th March 2022.



Te Pou Tupua - Keria Ponga



Te Pou Tupua - Turama Hawira

TE AWA TUPUA

Entity Information

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Legal Name

Te Awa Tupua

Entity Type and Legal Basis

Te Awa Tupua is an indivisible and living whole, comprising the Whanganui River from the mountains to the sea, incorporating all its physical and metaphysical elements.

Te Awa Tupua has legal personhood deriving from section 14 of Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act 2017 (The Act).

Entity Structure

Te Pou Tupua is the office established to act on behalf of Te Awa Tupua by subpart 3 of the Act.

Main Sources of Entity's Cash and Resources

Interest and investment income.

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services

Te Awa Tupua places no reliance on volunteers and receives no donated goods or services.

Physical Address

C/- 357 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui, Aotearoa 4540.

Postal Address

P.O. Box 323, Whanganui, Aotearoa 4541.

TE AWA TUPUA

Statement of Financial Performance

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		\$	\$
REVENUE			
Other revenue		-	-
Interest, dividends and other investment income		568,805	960,261
TOTAL REVENUE		568,805	960,261
Expenses			
Audit		4,250	4,250
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		564,555	956,011

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Investments	1	32,912,909	32,344,105
Liabilities			
<i>Current Liabilities</i>			
Accrued liabilities	2	(8,500)	(4,250)
NET ASSETS		32,904,409	32,339,855
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Accumulated surpluses	3	32,904,409	32,339,855
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		32,904,409	32,339,855

TE AWA TUPUA

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
Cash flow from Operating Activities			
Cash was received from			
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts		749,830	1,286,320
Other revenue		-	-
Cash was applied to			
		-	-
Net cash flow from Operating Activities		749,830	1,286,320
Cash flow from Investing Activities			
Cash was received from			
		-	-
Cash was applied to			
Te Pou Tupou Operations		(5,488,822)	(290,434)
Net cash flow from Investment Activities		(5,488,822)	(290,434)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash		(4,738,994)	995,886
Opening cash and cash equivalents		31,798,511	30,802,625
Closing cash and cash equivalents		27,059,517	31,798,511
CLOSING BANK BALANCE		27,059,517	31,798,511

TE AWA TUPUA

Statement of Accounting Policies

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Basis of Preparation

Te Awa Tupua has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than \$2,000,000 per annum. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Measurement Base

Unless otherwise stated the accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on an historical cost basis have been followed by Te Awa Tupua

Revenue

Revenue is recorded on the occurrence of a recognition event. This is when there is a legal right to receive cash either now or sometime in the future. The following specific recognition criteria must be met before revenue is recognised.

- (a) Funds received for service contracts are recognised as a liability on receipt. As the conditions of the service contract are met, the liability is reduced, and revenue is recorded.
- (b) Grants and donations received are recognised as revenue on receipt, unless a 'use or return' condition is attached. In these circumstances, the grant or donation is treated as a liability on receipt. As the conditions of the grant or donation are met, the liability is reduced, and revenue is recorded.
- (c) Interest received is recognised as interest accrued, gross of refundable tax credits received.

Accounts Payable

Payables are carried at amortised cost and due to their short-term nature, they are not discounted. They represent liabilities for goods and services provided prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid.

Expenses

Expenses are stated at cost.

Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Income Tax

Te Awa Tupua is exempt from Income Tax by the Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act 2017 (The Act).

Assets and Investments

Te Pou Tupua are the persons elected by the people to act on behalf of Te Awa Tupua. The Investments of Te Awa Tupua are held and managed by Te Pou Tupua.

Investments are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where in the opinion of Te Pou Tupua there has been a permanent reduction in the value of the Investments this has been brought to account in the current period.

Audit

These financial statements have been subject to audit, please refer to the Auditor's Report.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There has been no changes in accounting policies in the year. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis.

TE AWA TUPUA

Notes to the Performance Report For the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Investments

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Investments and assets comprising Te Korotete Fund		
TSB Bank	27,059,517	26,415,088
KiwiBank	-	5,383,423
Total Investments	27,059,517	31,798,511
Accrued Interest	74,136	255,160
Loan Receivable – Te Pou Tupua	5,779,256	290,434
Total Te Korotete Fund	32,912,909	32,344,105

The funds held by Te Pou Tupua comprise Te Korotete funds established by Subpart 6 of the Act and is the balance of the Crown contribution and accumulated net investment income from fund investment.

2. Current Liabilities

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Liabilities	8,500	4,250
Total Current Liabilities	8,500	4,250

3. Accumulated Funds

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance	32,339,855	31,383,843
Crown Contribution	-	-
Accumulated surpluses	564,554	956,011
Total Accumulated Funds	32,904,409	32,339,855

4. Related Parties

Administrative services were provided by Ngā Tāngata Tiaki during the period from inception at no charge (2020: nil).

5. Commitments

There are no material commitments at year end (2020: nil).

6. Contingent Liabilities

There are no material Contingent Liabilities or Guarantees given (2020: nil).

7. Subsequent Events

There have been no significant events subsequent to year end.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organisation declared the outbreak of a coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic. As a result, ongoing economic uncertainties have arisen which could negatively affect our operations and services due to the restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of the virus.

The New Zealand Government announced a COVID-19 nationwide lock down on 17 August 2021 and on 7th of September 2021 the restrictions were reduced to COVID level 2 (Auckland region will remain at level 4).

Trustees have not yet had an opportunity to determine the full financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic that may affect the Trust.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF TE AWA TUPUA'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Te Awa Tupua. The Auditor-General has appointed me, Cameron Town, using the staff and resources of Silks Audit, to carry out the audit of the financial statements of the Trust on his behalf.

Opinion

We have audited

- the financial statements of Te Awa Tupua on pages 4 to 8 that comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2021, the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Cash Flow for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Trust on pages 4 to 8:

- present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 March 2021; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with *Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting Standard – Accrual (Public Sector)*;

Our audit was completed on 09 March 2022. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis for our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Trust and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements, and we explain our independence.

Basis for our opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the auditor section of our report.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Trustees for the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for preparing financial statements that are fairly presented and that comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Trustees are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material





misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, The Trustees are responsible on behalf of The Trust for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless the Trustees intend to wind-up the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers taken on the basis of these financial statements.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.





We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on pages 2 to 3, but does not include the financial statements, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independence

We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised): *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with, or interests in, The Trust.

Cameron Town
Silks Audit
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Whanganui, New Zealand

Date: 09 March 2022



TE POU TUPUA

Entity Information

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Legal Name of Entity

Te Pou Tupua

Entity's Purpose

Te Pou Tupua is the human face of Te Awa Tupua established by subpart 3 of Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act 2017.

Entity's Functions

The functions of Te Pou Tupua:

- 1) to act and speak for and on behalf of Te Awa Tupua;
- 2) to uphold
 - a. the Te Awa Tupua status; and
 - b. Tupua te Kawa;
- 3) to promote and protect the health and well-being of Te Awa Tupua; and
- 4) to except as otherwise provided for in this document, exercise landowner functions in relation to any land vested in Te Awa Tupua;
- 5) to administer Te Korotete o Te Awa Tupua;
- 6) to maintain the Te Awa Tupua register; and
- 7) to take any other action reasonably necessary to achieve its purpose and perform its functions;
- 8) to develop appropriate mechanisms for engaging with and reporting to iwi and hapū on matters relating to Te Awa Tupua;
- 9) from time to time may report publicly on matter relating to Te Awa Tupua;
- 10) Te Pou may engage with relevant agencies, decision-making or other bodies to assist those groups in it understanding, application and implementation of the Te Awa Tupua status and Tupua te Kawa including, the development or review of relevant guidelines or policies; and
- 11) may participate in relevant statutory processes.

Entity Structure

Te Pou Tupua is the office established by subpart 3 of Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act 2017.

Main Sources of Entity's Cash and Resources

Interest, government grants and annuities and services.

Main Methods Used by Entity to Raise Funds

Te Pou Tupua does not fundraise.

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services

Te Pou Tupua places no reliance on volunteers and receives no donated goods or services.

Physical Address

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Postal Address

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TE POU TUPUA

Statement of Service Performance

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Tina toka te manawa ora o tēnei Pou
He Pou nō tawhitorangi
He Pou nō tawhitonuku
He Pou nā Tupua Kawa
He manawa ora, he manawa ora.

E ngā uri o Te Awanui a Ruatupua,
Ngā Kawau o Uta
Ngā Torea o Tai
Tēnā koutou, tēnā tātau.

Whati ngarungaru ana te tai ki Te Matapihi,
Tēnā te tai mapu o te arōhā mō te tini,
Kua mōnenehu atu ki te koroirangi o Aituā.
Oti atu koutou ki te pō, nau mai te tau hōu.

The management strategy for Covid-19 implemented by the New Zealand Government had a significant impact on the ability of Te Pou Tupua to engage with Hapū and the Iwi of Te Awa Tupua in this period. It also impacted on the term of Office for Te Pou Tupua which was meant to end on 3 September 2020. The restricted activity during lockdown meant the Iwi and Crown were unable to complete the necessary processes and engagement required of the joint process, accordingly an extension of term was granted until 3 June 2021.

Te Pou Tupua continue to receive enquiries by whānau, hapū and landowners seeking to engage in respect of the landowner functions. During this year discussions progressed the development of the relationship agreement with the Commissioner for Crown Lands and LINZ regarding the landowner functions. A workshop has been held to look at the development of processes and tools that provide clarity to the Office of Te Pou Tupua on matters that relate to the landowner functions, enquiries, use and other requests.

A process is also required to clarify the nature and extent of boundaries that include both Crown Lands and Department of Conservation Lands. A relationship agreement will be formed with the Department of Conservation as well and a meeting between all three organisations will occur in the next year.

There continue to be some good examples of community groups engaging early on activities that are planned for the Whanganui River. In these examples people/organisations engage early and proactively. There are still some significant matters that need to be addressed particularly where people or organisations default directly to the Regional and Territorial Authorities for consent.

The Office of Te Pou Tupua are committed to strengthening the communication approach to whānau, Hapū, Iwi and communities of Te Awa Tupua to ensure they understand the ability and process to engage.

Once lockdown was completed Te Pou Tupua were able to attend hui with the Rūnanga o Te Awa Tupua at Koroniti, a Te Kāhui o Paerangi hui at Mangamingi Marae and with te Iwi o Ngāti Haua. The Iwi remain supportive of Te Pou Tupua, they are interested in remaining current so have requested ongoing communication, they also want processes and tools that can be used by them to engage on matters concerning the Riverbeds.

The Office of Te Pou Tupua has been strengthened with a dedicated role. Mitch Roderick-Hall was appointed as Te Tai Tūara for Te Pou Tupua. Mitch will provide executive support to the Office of Te Pou Tupua.

Finally Te Pou Tupua wish to acknowledge the service of Dame Tariana Turia. Dame Tariana has confirmed that she will not be standing for reappointment as Te Pou Tupua at the completion of this term.

I runga i te hurihanga o te tauhou, e tika ana hoki kia mihi atu au ki a koe,

E Te Kahurangi, e te whaene Tariana.

Nā tāua tēnei waka o Te Pou Tupua i hoea ka whakaekengia i ngā ngaru pukepuke

o ngā tau e toru kua pahure nei.

Tēnā, waihotia mai te kakau o tau hoe i runga i te mihi aroha o tōu Iwi ki a koe me tōu whānau.

TE POU TUPUA

Statement of Financial Performance

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		\$	\$
REVENUE			
Revenue from providing goods or services	1	200,000	200,000
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	4,581	6,926
Other revenue	1	-	43,344
TOTAL REVENUE		204,581	250,270
EXPENSES			
<i>Volunteer and employee related costs</i>	2	173,657	193,299
<i>Costs related to providing goods or services</i>	2	24,122	54,017
<i>Other Expenses - Audit fees</i>	2	4,250	4,750
TOTAL EXPENSES		202,029	252,066
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		2,552	(1,796)

TE POU TUPUA

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Bank accounts and cash	3	5,908,024	414,507
GST	3	1,382	4,082
Total Current Assets		5,909,406	418,589
<i>Non-Current Assets</i>			
Property, plant and equipment	4	3,717	4,565
Total Non-Current Assets		3,717	4,565
TOTAL ASSETS		5,913,123	423,154
LIABILITIES			
<i>Current Liabilities</i>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5	13,094	14,456
Employee costs payable	5	2,663	2,706
Trust Funds Held for Te Awa Tupua	5	5,779,256	290,434
Total Current Liabilities		5,795,013	307,596
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,795,013	307,596
NET ASSETS		118,110	115,558
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses	6	118,110	115,558
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		118,110	115,558

TE POU TUPUA

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Interest, dividends and other investment activities		4,581	6,926
Cash receipts from other operating activities		200,000	243,344
GST		-	-
Payments to suppliers and employees			
To suppliers and other operating expenses		(29,363)	(56,008)
To Employees		(173,657)	(193,299)
Net GST		2,700	2,797
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities		4,261	3,760
Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities			
Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment		435	-
<i>Movements in Trust Assets</i>			
Funds received for Te Awa Tupua		5,488,822	290,434
Funds invested for Te Awa Tupua – TSB		-	-
Funds invested for Te Awa Tupua – KiwiBank		-	-
Total Movements in Trust Assets		5,489,257	290,434
Net Increase or (Decrease) in Cash		5,493,518	294,194
Cash Balances			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		414,507	120,313
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		5,908,024	414,507
Net change in cash for the period		5,493,517	294,194

TE POU TUPUA

Statement of Accounting Policies

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Basis of Preparation

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Measurement Base

Unless otherwise stated the accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on an historical cost basis have been followed by Te Pou Tupua.

Accounts Receivable

Receivables are stated at their estimated realisable value. Bad debts are written off in the year in which they are identified.

Accounts Payable

Payables are carried at amortised cost and due to their short-term nature, they are not discounted. They represent liabilities for goods and services provided to Te Pou Tupua prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid.

Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Expenses

Expenses are stated at cost.

Property, Plant and Equipment and Depreciation

The entity has the following classes of property, plant and equipment:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Depreciation Rates</i>
1. Furniture & Fittings	16%-100% Diminishing Value
2. Office & other equipment	16%-60% Diminishing Value

All property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of the assets has been calculated at rates to depreciate cost of fixed assets over their useful lives to estimated residual value. The rates used are shown above.

Equipment less than \$500 are expensed.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except

for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST. The basis of accounting for GST is payment basis.

Income Tax

Te Pou Tupua is exempt from income tax by the Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act 2017.

Investments

Investments are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where in the opinion of Te Pou Tupua there has been a permanent reduction in the value of the Investments this has been brought to account in the current period.

Revenue

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- (c) Interest received is recognised as interest accrued, gross of refundable tax credits received.

Te Awa Tupua

Te Pou Tupua is the office of Te Pou who are the human faces of Te Awa Tupua. The funds of Te Awa Tupua are held and managed by Te Pou Tupua.

Audit

These financial statements have been subject to audit, please refer to Auditor's Report.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There has been no changes in accounting policies in the year. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis.

TE POU TUPUA

Notes to the Performance Report For the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Analysis of Revenue

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<i>Revenue from providing goods or services</i>		
Treaty Settlement	200,000	200,000
Contribution to Te Karewao	-	18,334
Other revenue	-	25,000
Total Revenue from providing goods or services	200,000	243,344
<i>Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</i>		
Interest income	4,581	6,926
Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	4,581	6,926

2. Analysis of Expenses

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
<i>Volunteer and employee related costs</i>		
Te Pou Remuneration	148,840	152,706
Te Karewao Remuneration	24,167	30,000
Travel – National	650	10,593
Total Volunteer and employee related costs	173,657	193,299
<i>Costs relating to providing goods and services</i>		
Consultancy	14,843	28,757
General Expenses	1,889	8,283
Depreciation	1,283	1,534
Engagement	-	8,878
Insurance	-	2,336
Koha	907	289
Office Expenses	4,626	3,245
Telephone & Internet	574	695
Total Costs relating to providing goods and services	24,122	54,017
Other Expenses		
Audit Fees	4,250	4,750

3. Analysis of Assets

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Bank accounts and cash	5,908,024	414,507
GST	1,382	4,082

Te Pou Tupua has a KiwiBank credit card with a limit of \$3,000 (2019: Nil).

4. Property, Plant and Equipment

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Furniture, fittings and equipment	3,717	4,565
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	3,717	4,565

2021

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Value	Purchases	Current Year Depreciation	Closing Carrying Value
Furniture Fittings & Equipment	4,565	435	1,283	3,717
Total	4,565	435	1,283	3,717

2020

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Value	Purchases	Current Year Depreciation	Closing Carrying Value
Furniture Fittings & Equipment	6,099	-	1,534	4,565
Total	6,099	-	1,534	4,565

5. Current Liabilities

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Accounts Payable and accrued liabilities	13,094	14,456
Employee costs payable	2,663	2,706
Trust Funds Held for Te Awa Tupua	5,779,256	290,434
Total Accumulated Funds	5,795,013	307,596

6. Accumulated Funds

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	115,558	117,354
Accumulated (deficit)/surplus	2,552	(1,796)
Total Accumulated Funds	118,110	115,558

7. Related Parties

Administrative services provided by Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui during the year and in the year to 31 March 2020, the value at which could not be accurately determined.

Cultural Services were provided by Indigidigm Ltd \$1,500 (2020: \$9,061).

There were no other transactions involving related parties in the 2021 financial year.

8. Commitments

There are no material Commitments entered into at year end (2020: Nil)

9. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

Te Pou Tupua are not aware of any material Contingent Liabilities or Guarantees given at year end (2020: Nil).

10. Subsequent Events

There have been no significant events subsequent to year end (2020: Nil).

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organisation declared the outbreak of a coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic. As a result, ongoing economic uncertainties have arisen which could negatively affect our operations and services due to the restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of the virus.

The New Zealand Government announced a COVID-19 nationwide lock down on 17 August 2021 and on 7th of September 2021 the restrictions were reduced to COVID level 2 (Auckland region will remain at level 4).

Trustees have not yet had an opportunity to determine the full financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic that may affect the Trust.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF TE POU TUPUA'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Te Pou Tupua (the Trust). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Cameron Town, using the staff and resources of Silks Audit, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of service performance of the Trust on his behalf.

Opinion

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Trust on pages 14 to 21, that comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2021 the Statement of Financial Performance, and Statement of Cash Flow for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements, including a Statement of Accounting Policies; and
- the statement of service performance of the Trust on pages 12 to 13.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Trust on pages 14 to 21:
 - present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 March 2021; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with *Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting Standard – Accrual (Public Sector)*; and
- the statement of service performance of the Trust on pages 12 to 13 presents fairly, in all material respects, the Trust's achievements measured against the performance targets adopted for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Our audit was completed on 09 March 2022. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis for our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Trustees and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements and the statement of service performance, and we explain our independence.

Basis for our opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the auditor section of our report.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



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Responsibilities of the Trustees for the financial statements and the statement of service performance

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for preparing financial statements that are fairly presented and that comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Trustees are also responsible for preparing a statement of service performance for the Trust that is fairly presented. This responsibility arises because the Trust has elected to prepare performance information in accordance with *Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting Standard – Accrual (Public Sector)*.

The Trustees are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable them to prepare financial statements and a statement of service performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error

In preparing the financial statements and the statement of service performance, the Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless the Trustees intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Trustees' responsibilities arise from Part 2, Subpart 3 of the Te Awa Tupua (Whanganui River Claims Settlement) Act 2017.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements and the statement of service performance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and the statement of service performance, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers taken on the basis of these financial statements and the statement of service performance.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements and the statement of service performance.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements and the statement of service performance, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.





- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of the reported service performance within the Trust's framework for reporting its performance.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements and statement of service performance, or if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements and the statement of service performance, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements and the statement of service performance represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Our responsibilities to audit the financial statements arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Because we have agreed to audit the statement of service performance that the Trustees have elected to prepare for the Trust, we are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the statement of service performance in this auditor's report.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on pages 3 and 11 but does not include the financial statements and the statement of service performance, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements and the statement of service performance does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements and the statement of service performance, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements and the statement of service performance or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.





Independence

We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised): *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Trust.

Cameron Town
Silks Audit
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Whanganui, New Zealand

