

**KIA MAHARA | NOTE:**

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**Hei kōrero whānui | General**

**1. Karakia | Prayer  
Whakatau | Welcome**

The Board collectively opened the hui with its karakia. The Chairperson welcomed hui participants and noted with regret that Shaun Barnett had resigned as a Board member on 3 April 2024. The Board acknowledged Shaun's significant contribution and that his expertise will be missed. The Board acknowledged Merata Kawharu's recent appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Māori at Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki Lincoln University.

**2. Te hunga i tae mai | Present  
Ngā whakapāha | Apologies**

It will be a hybrid hui with some participants attending virtually on MS Teams. With six Board members present, there was a quorum (until 3.30 pm).

The hui will be recorded to assist with preparation of the minutes. The recording will be deleted once the minutes have been confirmed.

<b>Board Members – Present (6)</b>	
Anselm Haanen, Chairperson	Surveyor-General, Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
Jenni Vernon	Minister for Land Information appointment
Adam Greenland (by Teams)	National Hydrographer, LINZ
Robin Kearns (until 3.30pm)	New Zealand Geographical Society nomination
Paulette Tamati-Elliffe (until 3.30pm)	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) nomination
Mahana Toka	Minister for Māori Development recommendation

<b>Board Members – Apologies (3)</b>	
Iaeen Cranwell	Local Government NZ nomination
Dr Cadence Kaumoana	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Merata Kawharu	Minister for Land Information appointment

<b>Board Secretariat (4)</b>	
Wendy Shaw	Secretary
Christopher Stephens	Customer Regulatory Specialist
Jill Remnant	Customer Regulatory Specialist
Joanna Barnes-Wylie	Senior Customer Regulatory Specialist

<b>Observers (4)</b>	
Tāne Karamaina (by Teams)	Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (TTWh)
Waihoroi Shortland (left at 12 noon)	Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK)
Charlotte Jones (by Teams until 11:10 am)	Communications and Engagement, LINZ
Philip Green (12.30 pm – 1.38 pm)	Te Arawhiti (Office for Māori Crown Relations)

<b>Observer Apologies (1)</b>	
Sheryll Johnson	Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai (DOC)

<b>Minute Taker (1)</b>	
Tanya Ashcroft	GBL Personnel

### 3. Rārangi take | Agenda He whākinga rongorua | Disclosure of conflicts of interest

#### 3.1. Rārangi take | Agenda

The Board confirmed the agenda, noting that the main decision items are scheduled at the beginning of the hui. The Chairperson indicated that he would like to discuss a new approach to suburb and locality boundary extents before discussing the proposals in agenda item 8.

#### 3.2. He whākinga rongorua | Disclosure of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared at the start of the hui. Any new conflicts can be declared at the time of the discussion.

### 4. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet

#### 4.1. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of its 3 October 2023 hui (Objective ID A6163764). The Board noted these minor errors to be corrected:

- Page 13, item 9.4, second paragraph, top of page 13, line 3. There should be a macron over the 'a' in Mangai, ie. it should read Te Kāhui Māngai not Te Kāhui Mangai.
- Page 17, first heading. Delete '(not a formal item)' from the heading 'Farewell to departing Board members (not a formal item)' as it was a formal item.

The Board discussed the inconsistent use of Board members' honorifics in the minutes. One member has requested that their honorific be used, however, other Board members with PhDs advised it was their preference not to include it. The Board agreed to discuss the matter when the relevant Board members are present. The Board thanked the Secretariat for the quality of the minutes.

The Board noted Shaun Barnett's significant contribution to the Board and acknowledged the extensive practical experience he had brought as the FMC<sup>1</sup> representative, including extra research and assistance provided for proposals. The Board agreed that he should be thanked in the usual way for departing Board members. The Secretary requested that Board members forward messages to be added to a card for Shaun.

### **Resolution**

*That the minutes of the hui held on 3 October 2023 be ratified with the specified changes.*

**Moved** Robin Kearns

**Seconded** Jenni Vernon

**All in favour**

**Carried**

### **Actions required**

- Board to discuss the use of members' honorifics at a later hui to arrive at a consistent approach.
- Board members to send messages to the Secretariat for inclusion in Shaun Barnett's card.

## **4.2. Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising**

The Board brought forward its discussion of agenda item 5 re the Minister's decisions, noting that several proposals are still awaiting the Minister for Land Information's final determinations, notably the proposal to alter Russell to Kororāreka which the new Minister has had since December 2023. The Board was concerned that delays on the final outcomes are unfair to the interested parties. The change of government and the time taken to appoint a new Minister for Land Information are contributing factors for the delay.

One option is for the Board to write to the Minister independently about its concerns in regard to timing. The proposers have contacted the Board several times seeking an update on the status of the proposals. However, the affected communities can write to the Minister or make requests under the Official Information Act. The Chairperson will advise the Chief Executive of LINZ of outstanding Ministerial decisions when they next meet.

As is the Board's normal practice, the Minister will be advised through the LINZ weekly report to him of the outcomes of its decisions made at today's hui on proposals with submissions.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the 3 October 2023 hui that aren't covered in the agenda.

### **Action required**

- Chairperson to advise of any outstanding Ministerial decisions when he next meets with the Chief Executive of LINZ.

## **4.3. Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet**

The Board reviewed its two actions from its 3 October 2023 hui, closing the first regrading writing to the Minister. The other regarding meeting with the Minister remains open.

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<sup>1</sup> Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand

The Chairperson was hopeful that a meeting with the new Minister would take place in the next month or so as the standing offer for the Minister to meet with the Chairperson and Secretary had not yet been accepted.

The Board is celebrating its centenary later in the year and it would still be desirable to have a parliamentary question put forward and recorded in Hansard to mark the event. The Board's work is far from new, and its 100-year story and role are still not fully understood by the wider public. However, due to increasingly considering name changes in urban areas, the Board is increasingly coming to the public's attention.

The LINZ Comms observer won't be present for the discussion in agenda item 16.1 Centenary, so the Board suggested a media release to promote the centenary be issued. Other avenues to promote the centenary are also being considered, including using social media.

Actions from 3 October 2023 minutes (excluding Secretariat actions)			
Agenda Item	Action	By Whom	Comments
5. Minister's decision   Whakatau a te Minita	Reconsider its suggestion to write to the Minister on any outstanding decisions not yet made as at the Board's April 2024 hui	Board	Covered under item 4.2. CLOSED
	Pursue meeting with the new Minister to advise on the Board's and Minister's roles	Chairperson	IN PROGRESS

## Ngā whakataunga noa | Standard decisions

### 5. Whakatau a te Minita | Minister's decision

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6166237), which it had discussed for the most part under agenda item 4.2 Matters arising above. The Minister had confirmed Mitiwai Stream as official. LINZ Comms had decided not to issue a media release, given the low level of public interest. The proposals for Kororāreka, Pūāwhē and Herwin Creek remain with the Minister for decisions. LINZ has indicated that the Minister appears to be generally supportive of the Board's work.

### 6. Tāpaetanga ki ngā tono | Submissions on proposals

#### 6.1. Meyer Pass and Meyer Creek

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6153727). The Board agreed with the recommendations commenting that they covered the issues.

#### Resolutions

*The Board **considered and rejected** the **four** submissions objecting to the proposal to assign **Meyer Pass** and **considered and rejected** the **one** objection to the proposal to alter Meyers Creek to **Meyer Creek**, based on the reasons given not outweighing the reasons that the Board originally accepted for the two proposals and new reasons, being:*

- *evidence of local use of the pass name, particularly Meyers Pass Road and Meyers Pass being already signposted at either end of the road, and being named in newspapers, local history books, online, etc, notwithstanding the use of the possessive [s] (whether Meyers or Meyer's),*
- *recognising the association of Herbert Meyer and his family with the area (as supported by documentary evidence),*

- dropping the possessive [s] as a standard good naming practice and confirming that the feature is named for the Meyer family, not Meyers, noting a different family with the Meyers spelling also lived in the area,
- officially naming the pass being useful for identification to emergency services, and
- consistency between all three Meyer place names for the pass, creek and hill,

**and**

**Confirmed** its earlier decisions to accept the proposals to assign **Meyer Pass** and alter **Meyers Creek** to **Meyer Creek** as official place names,

**and**

Will **report** its decisions to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determinations on the proposals.

**AND**

**Noted** that **no submissions** were received for the proposal to approve **Meyer** (hill) as an official place name, therefore the final determination can be made by the Board or the Chairperson (under delegation),

**and**

**Deferred** the Board's (or Chairperson's) final determination for **Meyer** (hill) until the Minister's final determinations are made for the associated names.

**and**

**Noted** that should the Minister **modify** the Board's decisions for **Meyer Pass** and **Meyer Creek** and instead make **Meyers Pass** and **Meyers Creek** official, then the Board would need to decide whether to make **Meyer** (hill) official, withdraw the proposal and leave it as unofficial recorded name, or make a new proposal (which would mean renotification) to alter it to **Meyers** (hill) for consistency.

For these options, the Board would be requested to choose via round robin email.

**and**

**Noted** that should the Minister **reject** the Board's decisions for **Meyer Pass** and **Meyer Creek** the Board could still make the final determination to **approve Meyer** (hill), withdraw its proposal leaving it as an unofficial recorded name, or alter the name for consistency with Meyers Creek. Meyers Creek would remain an unofficial recorded name and Meyers Pass would remain a name in local use and not in the Gazetteer.

**Moved** Jenni Vernon  
**Seconded** Paulette Tamati-Elliffe  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

#### **Action required**

- Board or Chairperson to make the final decision on Meyer (hill) pending the Minister's final determinations (confirm, modify or reject) on the proposed Meyer Pass and Meyer Creek.

## **6.2. Manawatū District**

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6150845). The Board noted that this is a straightforward proposal which is about consistency between all of the Manawatū names.

#### **Resolution**

The Board **considered** the total **86** submissions supporting and objecting to the proposal to alter the official local authority district name from Manawatu District to **Manawatū District**, and their reasons,

**and**

**Noted** the reasons in the **72** supporting submissions generally align with the reasons why the Board originally accepted the proposal,

**and**

**Rejected** the **14** objecting submissions based on the reasons provided not outweighing those reasons that the Board previously accepted for the proposal, being:

- the resolution of Manawatu District Council to alter its district name,
- the Board meeting its statutory duty and function to 'enable certain administrative needs of government to be met',
- Manawatū being the correct standardised orthography as advised by an expert licensed translator,
- consistency with Manawatū-Whanganui Region and the district's namesake Manawatū River,
- evidence of support from several marae and several iwi and hapū groups,
- evidence of support from six neighbouring territorial authorities and the relevant regional council,

and these additional reasons in response to the submissions:

- not considering Manawatu to be an English word, or exonym of Manawatū, just out of date relative to current orthographic standards,
- alternative names for local authorities not being allowable in terms of the Standard for Altering Region and District names,

**and**

**Confirmed** the earlier decision of the Board to accept the proposal to alter the official local authority district name from Manawatu District to **Manawatū District**,

**and**

Will **report** the decision of the Board to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

**and**

**Noted** that should the Minister confirm the proposal, the Board must **request** the Minister to recommend to the Governor-General to make an Order in Council under section 260 of the Local Government Act 2002 to amend the name of the relevant local authority in Schedule 2 of that Act, to give effect to the alteration. The Board would gazette the official name on the date of effect specified in the Order in Council.

**Moved** Paulette Tamati-Elliffe

**Seconded** Robin Kearns

**All in favour**

**Carried**

### **6.3. Franz Joseph Glacier / Kā Roimata-o-Hinehukatere and Franz Joseph / Waiau (village)**

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6036246). The proposer's research was very thorough. There had been a strong response from the local community to the proposals. The Board agreed that it should have a consistent and principled approach to correcting spelling, whether for Māori or non-Māori place names. Unlike the 'McKinnon' proposals and Māori place names, the Austrian emperor had no connection to the land. It is unlikely that there are any of his living descendants in New Zealand so no family would be offended.

The Board weighed the impacts on, and the objections of, the local community to the name changes. Given that publications for use by travellers and tourists are official documents in terms of the Board's legislation, and it is a tourist destination, they would potentially have to be corrected. However, the Board can take a practical approach so there would be no onus on businesses or organisations to immediately change their signs or promotional material. Such changes could be done over a long period of time (10-20 years) or as part of regular maintenance and replacement cycles so that the costs of correcting the spelling from Josef to Joseph and using the official dual names would be minimised or absorbed.

The Board was concerned that council and NZTA<sup>2</sup> signage is currently non-compliant as the Māori parts of the official dual names established by the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act more than 25 years ago are still not being used.

The Board considered that the objecting submissions didn't outweigh the importance of having the spelling of Josef corrected, or warrant setting a precedent of not correcting non-Māori place names. The Board confirmed its intention to correct the spelling of Josef to Joseph for both dual names, correct the orthography of the Māori part of the glacier's dual name, and update the dual name format to have a space either side of the forward slash. As its decisions no longer match the recommendations in the report, the Board agreed to resolve to support this in principle until the Secretary redrafted a resolution to be circulated by email for acceptance by the Board.

### Resolution

The Board **agreed** that it supports the original proposals to correct the spelling in both dual names from Josef to Joseph, **noting** that the Secretary will redraft the recommendations for the Board to formally agree to by email.

**Moved:** Anselm Haanen

**Seconded:** Jenni Vernon

**All in favour**

**Carried**

### Further discussion

Any media release on changing the names will need to convey the message around the requirement to use official dual names. It will also need to reassure local businesses that signage to reflect the correct spelling would not need to be changed immediately but can be made over a long period of time so that costs are minimised. The Board noted that as agreed at its 3 October 2023 hui, the correct spelling of Franz Joseph has already been entered as a note in the *Gazetteer*.

### Resolutions [final wording agreed by email voting in early May 2024]

The Board **considered** the submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter the official dual name of the village Franz Josef/Waiau to **Franz Joseph / Waiau** and **reject** the objecting submissions (including those that proposed alternative names),

### AND

The Board **considered** the submissions and their reasons on the proposal to alter the official dual name Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere to **Franz Joseph Glacier / Kā Roimata-o-Hinehukatere** and **reject** the objecting submissions (including the one that proposed an alternative name),

**Based on** the objecting reasons provided and summarised in the submissions report not outweighing the reasons that the Board originally accepted for the proposals, being:

- the updated legal opinion of 7 July 2023 that place names in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 can be proposed to be altered through the process set out in sections 16-21 of the NZGB Act 2008,
- the Board's statutory obligation under sections 11(1)(b) and 10(1)(c) of the NZGB Act 2008 to examine and correct the spelling of place names,
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu confirming they have no issues with correcting the non-Māori part of the dual names, ie Josef to Joseph, and
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu confirming the corrected orthography of Kā Roimata-o-Hinehukatere (from Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere) for the glacier,

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<sup>2</sup> New Zealand Transport Agency

*Plus, additional reasons, being:*

- *maintaining a consistent and principled approach to correcting spelling, whether for Māori or non-Māori place names, and*
- *the impact of the change on businesses and tourism, as indicated in many objections, being lessened and mitigated by allowing updates to be done over a long period of time or as part of regular maintenance and replacement cycles. This should enable the costs of correcting the spelling from Josef to Joseph and of using the official dual names to be minimised or absorbed.*

**Noting** that the current official dual names appear not to have been complied with (as required by section 32 of the NZGB Act 2008).

**and**

**Confirm** the Board's earlier decision to alter the official dual names of:

- *the village of Franz Josef/Waiau to Franz Joseph / Waiau, and*
- *Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere to Franz Joseph Glacier / Kā Roimata-o-Hinehukatere.*

**and**

**Will report** the Board's decisions to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determinations on the proposals.

**Moved:** Anselm Haanen

**Seconded:** Jenni Vernon

**All in favour**

**Carried**

#### **6.4. Waimarino (village) and Waimarino Railway Station**

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6214557). There are some similarities to the submissions in the previous agenda item 6.2, where although many supporting submissions were received, the local residents generally objected to the proposals.

The Board considered its role is to assign place names with a long-term view, sometimes despite the concerns of the community. At the same time, the Board acknowledged the validity of the sentiment in the objecting submissions regarding their connection to the existing place names.

Any potential effect on businesses could be minimised as existing 'National Park' branding would still be relevant in relation to Tongariro National Park. However, the impending alteration of Egmont National Park to Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki, which while still a national park, would no longer refer to it as such. There would also be quite different governance arrangements for that national park. A similar arrangement for Tongariro National Park at some point in the future was possible.

The Board considered whether dual or alternative names would be helpful to transition. However, this would be very confusing, ie, Waimarino / National Park could easily be mistaken as the name of the national park. For potential alternative names the Board still considered a gradual transition over time to be unlikely. The people in favour of either name would continue to use one name or the other as they are already doing.

The Board considered commenting on dual or alternative names in its report to the Minister, as the Minister might be inclined toward modifying the Board's decision. The Board agreed that it should continue to make firm decisions. In terms of the process, the Minister can make his own inquiries before confirming, modifying or rejecting the Board's decisions on the proposals. This might include getting independent advice from LINZ on other decision options.

The Board noted that on page four of the report, 19<sup>th</sup> century should be corrected to 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The Minister for Land Information will be required to make the final determinations, but there is no set timeframe for those decisions.

### **Resolutions**

The Board **considered** the **1,634** supporting submissions and **453** submissions objecting and the **two** neutral submissions to the proposal to alter the village name National Park (unofficial recorded) to an official name **Waimarino**,

### **AND**

**Rejected** the **453 objecting submissions**, including those proposing alternative names, based on the reasons given not outweighing the reasons that the Board originally accepted for the proposal, being:

- the Board's function to encourage the use of original Māori names, and recognising the traditional narratives and cultural values associated with the name Waimarino and the area as it originally applied to,
- the existing name National Park not being suitable for a village and creating confusion, as there are many actual national parks,
- evidence of support from:
  - Ōwhango-National Park Community Board,
  - Ruapehu District Council (the relevant Local authority),
  - Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand,
  - Tongariro-Taupō Conservation Board,
  - KiwiRail,
  - Visit Ruapehu.
- some evidence of local support (i.e. those living in the area), noting there is also significant local opposition, and
- evidence of longstanding confusion about the name of the village is partly because no name was made official through a statutory process,

And these additional reasons following the statutory notification process:

- some additional evidence of some local support, notwithstanding that most of the resident population of the village objected to the proposal, and further objections were received from others in the surrounding area,
- recognising a large percentage of supporting submissions came from outside the community,
- evidence of additional iwi support from Ngāti Hāua, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Rangi, and Patutokotoko,
- considering that the alternative proposal to alter National Park to National Park Village would not resolve concerns around confusion and ambiguity of the existing name,
- not considering the existing use of the name Waimarino by a Tauranga business to be a relevant reason not to proceed with the proposal,
- a softer compliance approach will be taken by the Board, giving people ample time to change (more than a decade), recognising that they have other priorities, and
- that the Board has already considered the evidence (oral and documentary) regarding the history of Waimarino as an original Māori name, its relationship to the location of the original settlement further south, and its 20th century application to the name of the railway station and 'Town of Waimarino' survey, noting no new information emerged in the submissions other than noting a submission from the descendants of Peehi Tūroa also stating that there was no particular Māori settlement at the site of National Park village.

### **and**

**Confirmed** the Board's earlier decision to alter the unofficial National Park (village) name to **Waimarino**,

### **and**

Will **report** the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

**AND**

The Board **considered** the **159** supporting submissions and **332** objecting submissions and the **two** neutral submissions, to the proposal to **alter** National Park Station (unofficial recorded) to an official name **Waimarino Railway Station**,

**Rejected** the **332 objecting submissions**, including those proposing alternative names, based on the reasons given not outweighing the reasons that the Board originally accepted for the proposal, being:

- the Board's longstanding consideration that railway stations should typically be named for the destination they service, for consistency and to prevent confusion for travellers and tourists,
- ensuring standard and consistent generic terminology for official railway station names, ie. 'Railway Station' not 'Station',
- KiwiRail's agreement to the proposal, being the rail operator, which is a Board requirement for railway name proposals, and
- support from Ōwhango-National Park Community Board and Ruapehu District Council, and likely support from the other institutions which specifically supported the proposed name of the village,

**and** this additional reason following the statutory notification process:

- that railways did not exist prior to European settlement in New Zealand is not a reason not to use te reo Māori for the names of railway stations, being an indigenous and official language of this country,

**and**

**Confirmed** the Board's earlier decision to alter the unofficial National Park Station name to **Waimarino Railway Station**,

**and**

**Will report** the Board's decision for **Waimarino Railway Station** to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

**Moved** Mahana Toka  
**Seconded** Adam Greenland  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

### **Further discussion**

The Board noted the large number of submissions and thanked the Secretariat for thoroughly reviewing and summarising them. The Board noted that the submission reports no longer have numbers for the categories of submissions, but they are still available in the supporting information.

10.15 am to 10.31 am – Kaputī | Morning Tea

## **7. Tono kua tārewatia | Deferred proposals**

### **7.1. Abbotts Creek and Nicols (hill)**

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6196736). The Board wondered if Nicols (hill), which is not currently named on maps, is of sufficient priority to warrant going through the official naming process to correct it from Nicholl (recorded) to Nicols (official). The hill is visible from Featherson and the wider area, and officially naming it would lead to the name being shown on maps again. However, the proposal doesn't include any wider evidence of community support or the views of local iwi or hapū.

The Board discussed other options to ensure that the correct spelling is recorded in the Gazetteer, and potentially on maps, without going through the statutory proposal process. The Board noted that this is still possible under the LINZ-NZGB Agreement of 2013.

The Board agreed to leave Nicholl (hill) as a recorded unofficial place name in the Gazetteer, with a note that Nicols is the correct spelling.

### Resolutions

The Board **accepted** the proposal to **alter** the official place name Abbots Creek to **Abbotts Creek**, based on:

- a principal function of the Board being to correct the spelling of geographic names,
- evidence that the feature is named for William Abbott, noting his association with the area,
- retaining the possessive form due to long term use and low public value,
- retaining the generic term 'Creek' due to long term use,
- the feature being relatively large and following a well-used portion of SH2, and so warrants being correctly spelled, and
- the proposed alteration not impacting emergency services.

**Noting** that:

- the National Library description accompanying an 1868 painting by Charles Barraud (1822-1897) titled 'Torohonga Creek, Rimutaka Road. Nov. 27th, 1868' indicates that Abbots Creek may have an original Māori name, Torohonga Creek, and
- the iwi groups the proposer contacted have not responded, though they will have the opportunity to provide their views during the notification period,

**and**

Will **notify** as a proposal to alter for one month.

### AND

**Declined** the proposal to alter the unofficial recorded place name Nicholl to **Nicols** for a hill feature and make it official, based on:

- the name originally being for a trig station on prior topographic maps, which the Board does not have naming jurisdiction over,
- the hill (to which the name Nicholl has subsequently been applied through recording in the Gazetteer) being a relatively minor feature, and
- the cost and resource implications noting the Board's other priority work,

**Noting** that Nicholl (hill) will still be discoverable in the Gazetteer as an unofficial recorded place name, with the History/Origin/Meaning statement clarifying that the feature is named after William Nicols (1815-1890).

**Moved** Jenni Vernon  
**Seconded** Adam Greenland  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 8. Tono taunahatanga | Name proposals

As mentioned under agenda item 3.1 Agenda, the Chairperson elaborated an alternative approach that the Board could take to boundary extents of suburbs and localities before discussing any of these name proposals under agenda item 8.

When the Board considers proposals for suburbs and localities it gets side-tracked by concerns about defining their boundary extents, when the Board's mandate is to name places and geographic features. The Board noted the challenges it has had in dealing with the boundaries for several recent proposals such as Hillpark, Whangamarino, Rangiriri and Te Kamo.

The Chairperson provided an overview of LINZ's management of the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset, which it took over from Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) in 2023.

The new approach, such as for the Pito One proposal, would involve notifying the extent, but not including it in any final gazette notice. When the Board decides on any boundary extents, they can be included in the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset and managed as part of the dataset going forward – along with any minor boundary adjustments. The main benefit would be that future changes to boundaries wouldn't require another formal proposal to the Board. These arrangements would need to be set out formally as it isn't desirable to divest the Board's statutory responsibilities entirely to LINZ. There is a summary of this potential approach on page four of agenda item 18 Secretariat's update.

The Board endorsed this approach – that its focus should remain on the correct naming of places and features and leave the maintenance of boundaries to LINZ. LINZ would need to consult with the appropriate local authorities (and in turn the community) about any wider implications should boundary changes, whether major or minor, be sought going forward.

### 8.1. Pito One (suburb)

#### Additional information tabled

- Letters of support (in English and te reo Māori) from Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust, dated 26 April 2024 (Objective ID A6247430).

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6224805). The Board noted that the proposers, Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust, were established to manage particular reserved lands and are associated with Taranaki Whānui. The New Zealand Company's Deed of Purchase for the sale of Wellington lands stated that one tenth of the land would be reserved and held in trust for the benefit of the Māori sellers.

The Board discussed the kōrero the proposers had provided for the name, which refers to the burial of the umbilical cord in the sand and noted the frequently cited and more literal meaning of 'end of the beach'. The Board agreed that it is up to mana whenua to advise of the meaning they give to their place names. The TPK observer noted that Te Ātiawa should be able to provide a fuller explanation and that he, as far back as the 1960's, recalled [Sir] Ralph Love's kōrero on Pito One.

There is a long history of the use of the name Pito One in the area, with documentary evidence, and no doubt the name is correct. The Board has itself stated so several times since the 1930s.

#### Resolution

*The Board **accepted** the proposal to officially **alter** the existing unofficial recorded suburb name Petone to **Pito One**, including the proposed extent, based on:*

- *the Board's functions to determine the correct spelling of place names, with evidence of the provenance of the name and its correct spelling from the proposers as mana whenua,*
- *the long-term use of the spelling as Petone not outweighing using the correct orthography for an original Māori name,*
- *advice confirming the orthography for Pito One as two words, and not Pito-one or Pitoone, directly from Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori,*
- *the Board having recognised the incorrectness of the existing name several times, notwithstanding it has previously considered 'Pito-one' or 'Pitoone' to be the correct spelling, and*
- *evidence of support from Hutt City Council and mana whenua, and*
- *the extent as supplied by Hutt City Council being appropriate, noting it is also mostly identical to the existing unofficial extent from the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset, and that public notification will enable the Board to consider any feedback on the extent,*

***Noting** it isn't intended that the detailed boundaries be included in any final gazette notice. This would enable minor adjustments to continue to be made in the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset without having to go through the statutory process again,*

***and***

Will **notify** as a proposal to alter for three months.

**Moved** Paulette Tamati-Elliffe

**Seconded** Robin Kearns

**All in favour**

**Carried**

### Further discussion

There have already been media enquiries requesting the Board's decision. However, it won't be made public for another month when the proposal is publicly notified.

## 8.2. Te Riu-a Māui / Zealandia

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6178793). The Secretariat had met online with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT) on 18 April 2024 to discuss the proposal. MFAT was concerned that given the jurisdictional/sovereignty considerations it should have been broached at a diplomatic level rather than with the scientific communities and place naming authorities in the respective neighbouring countries. In other words, the Board could take a role in implementing a name if it was first agreed internationally.

This is a complicated proposal and the Board considered whether it should decline it outright. While the proposed area to be named doesn't cross international boundaries, only being within New Zealand's Extended Continental Shelf (ECS), the full geographical/geological extent of the continent does. While the Board can see the rationale for naming at least what is within its jurisdiction (noting that a quarter of the feature is beyond the Board's naming jurisdiction) the recognised international convention is to have one name for the entire feature. Naming only part of the feature could lead to different names being applied to the other parts. The Board also does not want to exceed its remit, particularly given this could cause a diplomatic issue.

The Board's Undersea Feature Names Committee (UFNC) had also noted the proposal and considered that there is some urgency to it being considered as Zealandia is already widely used in scientific literature. Part of the UFNC's concern was that the dual name would never be used if Zealandia continued to become embedded.

The Board noted that GNS Science's recently published poster maps use Te Riu-a-Māui / Zealandia. These recent publications are in part to promote the use of the dual name. However, its use on the maps may not be sufficient reason to officially dual name the feature.

The Board agreed to defer considering the proposal until it received MFAT's written views and to await a formal response from New Caledonia [France] and the Australian Government. The Board acknowledged the extensive work behind the proposal and agreed that waiting until it receives MFAT's views would be in good faith, keeping the proposal on the table.

### Resolution

*That the Board **agreed to defer** considering the proposal to **assign Te Riu-a-Māui / Zealandia** as the official dual name of the part of the mainly submerged geological continent that lies inside New Zealand's Extended Continental Shelf to:*

- *obtain the views of New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Pacific team, and*
- *await a formal response on the proposal from New Caledonia [France] and the Australian Government.*

### Noting:

- *the potential significant implications and related geopolitical risks for the three countries involved, and*

- *that the advice back to the proposer regarding the deferral should provide full details of the Board's reasons.*

**Moved** Jenni Vernon

**Seconded** Adam Greenland

**All in favour**

**Carried**

11:10 am – Charlotte Jones left the hui

### 8.3. Takaanini (suburb) and Takaanini Railway Station

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID: A6198061). The rationale and evidence for the proposed alteration is very robust, including prior discussion from the time of the Honorary Geographic Board.

The recommendations include publicly notifying the proposed boundaries of the suburb. The Board noted the issue of Conifer Grove and its relationship to the proposed Takaanini (suburb), and that the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset has a limited hierarchy and cannot show subordinate suburbs and localities. Both Takanini and Conifer Grove are represented as separate suburbs in the dataset, rather than Conifer Grove being treated as part of Takanini. Noting its earlier discussion on not defining exact final boundaries, the Board considered discussion on Conifer Grove a distraction. The main point of the proposal is to correct the spelling of Takanini to Takaanini.

The TPK observer advised that he had visited the area as a child and made some observations about the locality at that time, specifically in regard to Conifer Grove – that it was not really a suburb, just a recent subdivisional development. The Board discussed whether setting the boundaries remained desirable, and whether the resolution could instead be subject to Papakura Local Board's input on the boundaries. However, based on prior experience, such as with the recent Auckland section 24 place names programme, it is unlikely the Local Board would engage on defining suburbs' boundaries.

The Board noted the new processes for the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset that LINZ are establishing. While there is good collaboration with the Secretariat on setting the way forward, it is still early days, and the processes are untested. The Board still has a statutory role and needs to provide leadership in this area. The alternative would likely be the continued proliferation of small 'vanity' suburbs as LINZ might just respond to complaints and change requests, without taking a strategic view of suburb and locality naming.

The Board agreed it would modify the resolution and not consult on the proposed boundaries. However, there still needs to be some indication of what and where the proposed Takaanini (suburb) applies to. The Board noted that it could formally decline the proposed boundaries but agreed to modify the wording of its resolution to specify 'and not the proposed extent', removing the other notes relating to the effects of the proposed extent as they are no longer relevant.

The Board agreed that the Secretariat should work with LINZ to formalise the protocols for defining boundaries in the Suburbs and Localities dataset. This will need to be formally set out in writing, perhaps as part of a Memorandum of Understanding. The Board wondered if the relevant staff from LINZ who manage the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset should observe at Board hui to get a wider understanding of the issues.

#### Resolutions

*The Board **accepted** the proposal to **alter** the existing official locality name Takanini to **Takaanini**, updating the feature type to suburb, but not including the proposed extent, based on:*

- the Board's functions to determine the correct spelling of place names, with evidence of the provenance of the name and its correct spelling, and with Takaanini being an orthographically correct compound word (and not Takaānini), and
- discounting long term use of the misspelled name,
- noting the Geographic Board acknowledged Takaanini was correct in 1951 after having altered to the incorrect name to accord with 'established use' and based on erroneous orthographic advice,
- endorsement from Te Ākitai Waiohū who are mana whenua and noting their long-term desire for the spelling correction,
- Papakura Local Board having been consulted, noting it 'wished the proposer all the best with his application to the Board',
- support from Ngāti Tamaterā, and
- support from Auckland Transport,

**and**

**Noting** it isn't intended that detailed boundaries be included in a final gazette notice. This would enable minor adjustments to be made in the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset without having to go through the statutory process.

**and**

Will **notify** as a proposal to alter for three months.

**AND**

The Board **accepted** the proposal to **alter** the official name Takanini Railway Station to **Takaanini Railway Station**, based on:

- receipt of the consent/support from Auckland Transport in line with the Board's policy for railway feature names,
- consistency with the proposed name of the suburb and the Board's view that generally railway stations should be named for the populated places that they serve, and
- the Board's functions to determine the correct spelling of place names, with evidence of the provenance of the name and its correct spelling, and with Takaanini being an orthographically correct compound word,

**and**

Will **notify** as a proposal to **alter** concurrently with the proposal for **Takaanini** (suburb) for three months.

**Moved** Anselm Haanen

**Seconded** Jenni Vernon

**All in favour**

**Carried**

## 8.4. Rangitikei District

### Additional information tabled

- Three letters of support addressed to Kevin Ross (Chief Executive) at Rangitikei District Council (RDC) (Objective ID A6241424) from:
  - Manawātū-Whanganui Regional Council (trading as Horizons) dated 16 April 2024,
  - Manawatu District Council dated 18 April 2024, and
  - Hastings District Council dated 22 April 2024.

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6161219). The Board noted the proposal as straightforward to correct the orthography and consistency with the name of the river.

## Resolution

The Board **accepted** the proposal to **alter** the official name Rangitikei District to **Rangitikei District** for the district (as defined in Section 5 and listed in Schedule 2 Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2002), based on:

- the resolution of RDC to alter its district name,
- the Board meeting its statutory duty and function to 'enable certain administrative needs of government to be met',
- Rangitikei being the correct standardised orthography as advised by an expert licensed translator,
- consistency with the district's namesake Rangitikei River,
- evidence of support from iwi/hapū/marae via Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa, a Māori liaison committee convened by RDC, and
- evidence of support from Manawātū-Whanganui Regional Council, Hastings District Council, and Manawatu District Council,

**and**

Will **notify** as a proposal to **alter** for one month.

**Moved** Robin Kearns  
**Seconded** Paulette Tamati-Elliffe  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## Further discussion

The Board questioned whether this kind of change could be progressed faster, perhaps by being actioned as part of the Treaty settlement process. The Board noted that this kind of standardisation with macrons is possible for place names that go through the section 24 approval process, but for local authority names the public consultation process is prescribed in legislation. The Board noted that while the 2018 proposal for Ōtorohanga District to be corrected with a macron had been initiated by the Maniapoto Treaty settlement, it still had to go through the prescribed public notification process. The Board considered that some discretion under place naming legislation to make trivial or non-controversial alterations to correct district and region names would be desirable.

## 8.5. Maewa

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6132011). The Board agreed that the public consultation period should be two months.

Regarding the boundaries, this is different to agenda item 8.3 Takaanini as the extent that the council has provided is defined for the first time and should be notified with the proposal. However, it wouldn't be included in a final gazette notice, but added to the LINZ Suburbs and Localities dataset and its future management arranged under the new processes previously discussed.

The Board noted that Ngāti Kauwhata had gifted the name to the council.

## Resolution

The Board **accepted** the proposal to **alter** the unofficial recorded locality name Maewa to **Maewa** as the official name of a new suburb under development in Feilding, based on:

- the proposal with its extent having been made by the council itself (which the Board encourages<sup>3</sup>),
- the new suburb needing its own name with separate identity, noting that there are no other named suburbs in Feilding,
- the new suburb meeting the NZGB Act 2008 definition of 'an identifiable area within a local authority area, usually urban in character, with facilities such as those for education, transport, and shopping',
- Maewa being an original Māori name that has a strong association with the area,

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/place-naming/propose-place-name/suburb-and-locality-names>

- recognising the traditional narrative and cultural values associated with the name,
  - evidence of support for the proposal from mana whenua and residents of the existing Maewa (locality), and
  - giving effect to the Board's strategic goal to officially name and define all suburbs and localities,
- and**

Will **notify** as a proposal to alter for two months.

**Noting** that public notification will need to specify the extent so that the public know what is being proposed, ie., that Maewa (locality) is to become considerably larger and changes from being rural to urban in nature. However, it isn't intended that the detailed boundaries be included in a final gazette notice. This would enable minor adjustments to be made in the future without having to go through the Board's full statutory process. The boundaries would be depicted in the NZ Suburbs and Localities dataset.

**Moved** Adam Greenland

**Seconded** Mahana Toka

**All in favour**

**Carried**

## 8.6. Te Tōangaroa

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6171237). The Board noted Waitemata Local Board's support for the proposal. The Board agreed with the recommendation, noting that 'Paekaka' on page three of the report should be corrected to Paekākā.

### Resolution

The Board **accepted** the proposal to **assign Te Tōangaroa** as the official name of an unnamed area (not a suburb) on the waterfront of Auckland's CBD bounded by Britomart Place, Beach Road, Ronayne Street, The Strand and Quay Street, based on:

- the Board's functions to investigate and determine the priority of the discovery of a geographic feature, and to collect and encourage the use of original Māori names on official charts and maps,
- Auckland Council's Waitemata Local Board supporting the proposal, and
- Ngāti Tamaoho and Ngāti Whātua, who have overlapping interests, supporting the proposal,

**and**

Will **notify** as a proposal to assign for one month.

**Noting** that Te Ākitai Waiohū have no issue with the name, but don't support the kōrero, and the proposers 'want it to be on Google Maps™ so that people are able to easily find where Te Tōangaroa is.' However, as an area and not a suburb it may not be shown on official maps and online tools such as Google Maps™.

**Moved** Jenni Vernon

**Seconded** Paulette Tamati-Elliffe

**All in favour**

**Carried**

## 8.7. Mount Novara

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A5971709). The Board considered the merits of accepting this proposal. The spelling error is relatively minor, and the feature was named after a ship (the SMS Novara) not a person, so the incorrect spelling isn't causing disrespect.

If there is just one submission objecting to the proposal, then the Minister for Land Information will be required to make the final determination. The Board agreed that it should consider the benefits of a proposal in light of the resources needed to change a place name, and this proposal would require significant effort, resources and investment to put into effect. The Board agreed that correcting the

spelling would be more of a technical exercise as there was no evidence that the incorrect spelling is affecting anybody or causing issues for emergency services, noting the location is remote and not easily accessed.

The Board considered using the agreement it has with LINZ where it can ask them to update unofficial recorded place names on maps with the correct spelling. However, the Board did not support this.

The Board agreed to decline the proposal and add a note about the correct spelling against the name in the Gazetteer. The Board requested that the Secretary draft the final wording of the resolution and circulate it by email for confirmation by the Board.

**Resolution** [final wording agreed to by email in early May 2024]

*That the Board **decline** the proposal to **alter** the unofficial recorded place name Mount Novaro to an official place name **Mount Novara**, based on:*

- *the feature being named for a ship (the SMS Novara) and not relating to a person, therefore the current spelling not causing any disrespect,*
- *it being a relatively minor feature in a remote area not commonly referenced by the public,*
- *there being no compelling reasons in terms of New Zealand's culture and heritage to alter the name,*
- *it not being a significant enough spelling anomaly to warrant change nor causing any issues for emergency services, and*
- *the proposal requiring significant effort, resources and investment to effect,*

**and will record** the correct spelling as a note in the Gazetteer.

**Moved** Anselm Haanen  
**Seconded** Adam Greenland  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 8.8. Roimata

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6185017). The Board had concerns with the proposal. The Board's TRONT member relayed the views of Te Maire Tau (former Board member) and the local hapū Ngāi Tūāhuriri that Roimata could not be substantiated as an original, historical, traditional Māori name in the area.

It was unclear what this proposal was trying to achieve and how the name might actually be used. In comparison to Wellington City Council's Paekākā proposal, the council uses Paekākā in conjunction with its parks and botanical garden. While the proposed area name Roimata wouldn't replace any existing suburb names, it was likely to be confusing. People may still think it was intended to replace the suburb of Woolston and other suburb names.

The Board acknowledged some modern provenance for the name Roimata, so far as it was used for the 19<sup>th</sup> century subdivision but agreed to decline the proposal.

**Resolution**

*The Board **declined** the proposal to **assign Roimata** to an unnamed area, based on the proposal being unclear as to its purpose and geographical extent, and insufficient information to support that is a traditional, original Māori name for the area, as advised by the TRONT Board member.*

**Moved** Jenni Vernon  
**Seconded** Robin Kearns  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

### Action required

- *TRONT Board member to provide the Secretariat with correspondence from Te Maire Tau for the Board's records.*

12 noon – Waihoroi Shortland left the hui

## 9. Ngā taunahatanga e tiakina ana e te Karauna | Crown protected area names

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6168583). The Secretary summarised the report for the Board, with further discussion on these items:

### Ototara vs Ōtōtara Scientific Reserve

The final decision is still with the Minister of Conservation, Hon. Tama Potaka and until made, there is no further action.

### South East Marine Park

TRONT has confirmed the proposed six names, and the Secretary has concurred with them all under delegation. There was an issue with the preferred orthography for Te Umu Kōau Marine Reserve, but it had been finalised as Te Umukōau Marine Reserve. All six marine reserves are subject to survey before they can be classified and named in the *NZ Gazette* by DOC. The National Hydrographer noted that once finalised, the marine reserves will be depicted on LINZ's hydrographic charts.

### NaPALIS

The Secretariat migrated the extents of all CPA names from NaPALIS into the Gazetteer a few years ago. However, there is no automatic mechanism for the boundaries to be maintained, for example, an alert or flag about changed boundaries. Nor has an audit been done since the initial data migration. This means there is a risk that many of the CPA extents in the Gazetteer are out of date. The Secretariat has considered whether it could use NaPALIS as a Web Feature Service for up-to-date boundaries, but DOC has advised that NaPALIS is out of date relative to its internal GIS system. The report has some potential options, which the Secretariat is currently working through.

The Board noted that its Gazetteer isn't the authoritative source of CPA boundaries and doesn't determine them. Similarly, the Board doesn't usually gazette the final CPA names. The Board's role is to consider and concur (or not) with the names and it is legally required to enter official CPA names into the Gazetteer. This is effectively reproducing information from DOC as the authoritative source, therefore, a method to instead pull the most up to date boundaries from the authoritative source is desirable. The Chairperson advised that the Board should not be too concerned about CPA boundaries, possibly removing them from the Gazetteer.

12.15 pm – 1 pm Kai o te rānui | Lunch

12.30 pm – Philip Green arrived

## He kupu āwhina mō te Tiriti | Treaty advice

**Kia noho matatapu | In confidence**

1.38 pm – Philip Green left the hui

## Whakaaetanga kia mana nga ingoa kua takoto | Approval of recorded names as official

## 11. Far North District – 1806 Māori names

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6198419). A Board member suggested that Ngāpuhi be contacted to ensure they are aware of this work in light of their upcoming Treaty settlement. It is important that the work doesn't create any conflicts and works for them in terms of timing. The Board wondered if the Secretariat's approach should be modified to ask iwi upfront whether the timing is appropriate and if not, move to another district or region.

The Board noted that the Far North District Council's Mayor had contacted the Secretariat in 2022 and indicated he was supportive of this work.

## Ngā Komiti | Committees

### 12. Komiti Ingoa mo nga Tarainga Takere Moana | Undersea Feature Names Committee

#### 12.1. Recommendations

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6183128).

##### 1. East Chatham Gap

The feature is approximately 500km east of the Chatham Islands, so there is no requirement to seek the views of iwi.

##### Resolution

*The Board **reviewed** the existing unofficial undersea feature name **East Chatham Gap** and **adopted** it as an official undersea feature name based on it being published in official documents and being in long term use in scientific research (30 years) and confirmation that it is a gap feature type.*

***Noting** that Chatham Island from which this feature is named, is to be given alternative Māori and Moriori names through joint Treaty redress at some future date,*

***and will submit** a fast-track proposal to SCUFN as the feature is beyond the 12NM territorial limit, noting that the feature is not named in the GEBCO<sup>4</sup> Gazetteer and SCUFN will require sufficient bathymetric data.*

**Moved** Adam Greenland

**Seconded** Robin Kearns

**All in favour**

**Carried**

##### 2. Fantail Terrace

The Board questioned naming an undersea feature for a bird but noted that the feature is shaped like the tail feathers of a fantail.

##### Resolution

*The Board **reviewed** the existing unofficial undersea feature name **Fantail Terrace** and **adopted** it as an official undersea feature name based on it being published in official documents and in common use in scientific research since 2006.*

***Noting** that the UFNC has confirmed that the generic term is correct.*

***and will submit** a fast-track proposal to SCUFN in 2026 when Fantail Terrace will have been in use for 20+ years, noting that the feature is not named nor is the name duplicated in the GEBCO Gazetteer, and that SCUFN will require sufficient bathymetric data.*

**Moved** Adam Greenland

**Seconded** Jenni Vernon

**All in favour**

**Carried**

##### 3. La Rose Fracture Zone, Le Petit Prince Fracture Zone and Le Renard Fracture Zone

France wasn't required to consult with the Board at the time it originally named these features.

##### Resolution

*The Board **reviewed** the existing undersea feature names **La Rose Fracture Zone, Le Petit Prince Fracture Zone** and **Le Renard Fracture Zone** and **adopted** them as official undersea feature names,*

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<sup>4</sup> General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans

*based on them being published in the GEBCO Gazetteer since 2011 and the New Zealand Gazetteer since February 2023 and there being no other recorded names for the features.*

**Noting** that because SCUFN has already accepted these names the Board is not required to consult with other national naming authorities.

**Moved** Adam Greenland  
**Seconded** Paulette Tamati-Elliffe  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

#### 4. Petrel Spur

This is another bird name, but it was named for *RV Petrel*. The name is being reconsidered by the Board as SCUFN had argued it is a ridge. SCUFN's representative from the New Zealand, Kevin Mackay, had been outvoted 11:1 that the feature is a spur. The UFNC has reconsidered the name and confirmed that it is a spur.

#### Resolution

*The Board **confirmed Petrel Spur** as the official undersea feature name based on:*

- *the feature having the attributes of a spur and the generic term 'Spur' effectively describing the feature,*
- *long term use in scientific publications (26 years), and*
- *no concerns with potential confusion with Petrel Spur offshore from the coast of Alaska,*

**Noting** that it won't harmonise with the name for this undersea feature in the GEBCO Gazetteer which is Petrel Ridge, and the Gazetteer will note this difference.

**Moved** Adam Greenland  
**Seconded** Mahana Toka  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

#### 5. Moa Seamount

This is the first of a group of three undersea features northeast of New Zealand towards the edge of the Extended Continental Shelf. The proposed names for the three features were chosen for the Māori names of fish species found in the area. The Board noted that 'Ahipataha' may correctly be 'Ahiparaha', in line with the Hawaiian 'Ahipalaha' for albacore tuna. 'Ahipa[t]aha' may be a mistranscription in the 30-year-old fisheries publication.

#### Resolution

*The Board **deferred** altering Moa Seamount to **Ahipataha Knoll** as an official undersea feature name, based on the Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator being unable to confirm the orthography of 'Ahipataha'.*

**Noting** that:

- *there is evidence that albacore tuna ('ahipataha') are found near the feature,*
- *the UFNC has confirmed that 'Knoll' is the correct generic term, and*
- *the UFNC may reconsider and recommend a different specific Māori name at its 2025 hui.*

**Moved** Adam Greenland  
**Seconded** Robin Kearns  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 6. Kiore Seamount

At its 22 April 2024 hui the Komiti Taunahatanga Māori agreed that as the nearest iwi, Ngāti Porou should be contacted for an opinion on whether Mangō Pounamu or Poutini is the more appropriate name for an undersea feature northeast of New Zealand.

### Resolution

The Board **deferred** altering Kiore Seamount to **either Mangō Pounamu Seamount or Poutini Seamount** as an official undersea feature name, based on the UFNC being unable to confirm which name is the most relevant to the area.

### Noting that:

- there is evidence that mangō pounamu, poutini (blue shark) are found near the feature,
- a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator has confirmed the orthography 'Mangō Pounamu' (as a place name) and 'Poutini',
- at its 22 April 2024 hui the Komiti Taunahatanga Māori recommended that Ngāti Porou be contacted for its opinion on which name was more relevant, and
- the UFNC has confirmed that 'Seamount' is the correct generic term,

**And** if the Board accepts another Māori name, **submit** a proposal to SCUFN as the feature is beyond the 12 NM territorial limit, noting that SCUFN will require sufficient bathymetric data.

**Moved** Adam Greenland  
**Seconded** Robin Kearns  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 7. Tuatara Seamount

### Resolution

The Board **deferred** altering Tuatara Seamount to **Paea Knoll** as an official undersea feature name, based on it being in a group of three named under a 'fish' theme, with the other two (recommendations 5 and 6 above) being deferred.

**Moved** Adam Greenland  
**Seconded** Robin Kearns  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 12.2. Items to Note

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6182643) and these items:

- SCUFN<sup>5</sup> has deferred considering proposals for undersea feature names in the South China Sea, probably indefinitely.
- The next SCUFN meeting is in the Republic of Korea in June 2024. SCUFN requires that proposals be submitted two months prior to its meetings, so the Board's proposals will be submitted in 2025.
- SCUFN has accepted 95% of the original list of over 400 undersea feature names beyond 12NM supplied by NIWA in 2009. The names left are the difficult ones, either lacking bathymetric coverage or having other issues.
- The SCUFN *Cookbook* authored by UFNC members Kevin Mackay and Vaughan Stagpoole continues to be well received internationally, as it has very detailed guidance on determining undersea feature types. The *Cookbook* won't be published as it is a living document. The Board agreed to formally thank Kevin Mackay and Vaughan Stagpoole for their efforts.

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<sup>5</sup> Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names

- For the longstanding item to apply names to a group of fifteen undersea feature to the south and southeast of the Chatham Islands, the Secretariat has now sent separate letters to Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori asking if they wish to engage. They have been asked to respond by the end of June 2024. Te Arawhiti approved the letter and wishes to be kept informed of progress.

The Board thanked the UFNC's Chair and the Secretariat for their work.

### 13. Komiti Taunahatanga Māori

#### Additional information tabled

- Summary of the Komiti hui held on 22 April 2024 (Objective ID A6240910).

Komiti Acting Chair of the 22 April 2024 hui gave a verbal update of the Komiti discussions, which are summarised in the additional information tabled. He acknowledged the Secretariat for preparing the Komiti papers and tabled document.

Some Komiti matters have been discussed under previous agenda items at today's hui. These include the proposal to rename Kiore Seamount, anticipated updates to the TTWh orthographic conventions in 2024/2025, and feedback from Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust on the *Tangata Whenua Place Names* maps. The Komiti membership document has been updated following the appointments made at the October 2023 Board hui and confirmation that former Board member Shane Te Ruki would not be staying on as a Komiti member. The Board acknowledged the efforts of Shane Te Ruki while on the Komiti.

The Board noted the issue of potential doubling up of orthographic advice for Māori place name proposals. This happens when the Secretariat has asked for advice from the Board's contracted orthographic advisor and the proposer has also sought advice directly from TTWh or from a licensed translator. These translators are authorised by TTWh to give orthographic advice because they are trained in its orthographic conventions. The outcome of the Komiti discussion was that the Secretariat will continue to seek its own orthographic advice, noting that the TTWh observer on the Board is able to provide further advice as appropriate during the proposal process. The TTWh observer noted that it is good practice to get a second pair of eyes to consider the orthography, as the second reviewer may note additional considerations. This is especially relevant to the advice given under sections 2 and 3 of the current TTWh conventions *Guidelines for Māori Language Orthography*, which can sometimes appear to contradict.

The Komiti reiterated its desire to have its hui minutes translated into te reo Māori. The Board's contracted orthographic advisor has provided an estimate of the cost to do this. While translating the minutes isn't currently budgeted for, the cost isn't great, noting the Komiti only meets for one hour up to three times a year. However, the Board considered it appropriate for the Komiti to have its minutes translated.

#### Resolution

*That the Board **supports** the request from the Komiti Taunahatanga Māori to have its minutes translated into te reo Māori.*

**Moved** Jenni Vernon

**Seconded** Robin Kearns

**All in favour**

**Carried**

## 14. Komiti Ingoa mo te Tiri o te Moana ki te Tonga | Antarctic Names Committee

### Additional information tabled

- A print copy of the International Bathymetric Chart of the Southern Ocean v.2.

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6206040). The Board noted:

- The Secretariat intention to hold an Antarctic Names Committee (ANC) hui in 2024/25 to progress longstanding projects to review and improve New Zealand's Antarctic names and rationalise them with the international Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) Composite Gazetteer.
- Committee membership still has a quorum despite two Board members having left (Chanel Clarke and Shaun Barnett). The long-standing Chair, Graeme Blick, has retired, leaving three positions vacant – a LINZ representative, Royal Society | Te Apārangi representative, and the Chair. While Graeme Blick could continue on the Committee like former Board member David Barnes and could also remain Chair, the Committee would need to decide. New people will also be required for the other vacancies. Alternatively, the Terms of Reference could be amended.
- The ANC accepted a proposal for McMurdo Shear Zone and is now awaiting final confirmation from the United States. This proposal raised an issue about the definition of McMurdo Ice Shelf, which may be multiple ice shelves. ANC member Clive-Howard Williams is consulting with glaciologists on a possible proposal.
- The ANC will shortly consider a new United States proposal for Cayette Bluff.
- An overview of the progress on the data improvement project and SCAR rationalisation project.
- The increased coverage and greater resolution of version 2.2 of the Polar Geospatial Centre's Reference Elevation Model of Antarctica (REMA) has revealed some new discrepancies. Some heights on old topographic maps differ markedly, in some cases by over 300m to the REMA data.
- Last year the Secretariat discussed updating the Antarctic basemap with the LINZ Geospatial team. Updating the map is looking unlikely. The Board was given a demonstration of what could now be achieved with the latest Antarctic data, noting the possibility for improvements in undersea bathymetry.
- The Board noted that the Gazetteer's Antarctic basemap was created to provide the spatial context for Antarctic place names as there is little in the way of accurate published topographic mapping.

The Board expressed some concern regarding succession of the ANC membership. The Board's preference is that its committee's Chairs are Board members, to facilitate reporting back to the Board. The Board suggested that when the ANC meets to consider its membership, it also reviews its Terms of Reference. The Board noted that it isn't mandating that the Chair of the ANC must be a Board member. It noted the current arrangement for the Komiti Taunahatanga Māori which has co-Chairs, although that arrangement is more about providing succession before Matanuku Mahuika finishes. The current and longstanding scientific experts on the ANC, Clive-Howard Williams and Megan Balks, have also expressed an interest in stepping down at some point. The Board acknowledged ANC member Dr Megan Balks' receipt in the New Years Honours list of the New Zealand Antarctic Medal (NZAM).

## Ngā Kaupapa here | Policies

### 15. Ngā Kaupapa here | Policies

#### 15.1. Te Rautaki | Strategic Plan progress and planning for the next five years

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6177444). The Board's *Te Rautaki | Strategic Plan 2020-2025* was finalised in April 2020 and will soon need to be reviewed/renewed. The

Board noted the progress against its strategic goals and the Secretariat's operational work programme.

Several factors will inform the revised Strategic Plan:

- UNGEGN<sup>6</sup>
- The Australasian Place Names Working Group's recent work on its own strategic plan
- Government priorities
- The Minister's priorities
- LINZ's strategic intentions document
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- The Board's new branding and a communications plan going forward.

The Board noted that the current Strategic Plan appears to be structurally sound, so the Board's first review of it should cover what it considers will be the relevant issues for the next five years. The current plan was developed with a strong focus on outreach and the Board wondered if this should continue. The Board expects the revised Strategic Plan to be completed by mid-2025. The first discussion to possibly be included at the Board's 18 June 2024 hui.

## 15.2. Standards

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6065056).

## Toronga | Outreach

### 16. Toronga me to Whakawhanaunga | Outreach and Engagement

#### 16.1. Centenary

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6179484). The Board noted that the centenary timeline was published on LINZ's website in March 2024.

Given the constraints on public sector spending any expenditure relating to the centenary will need to be modest. The Board's list of possible centennial events has been reduced further due to cost savings. A parliamentary question would remain as useful to mark the milestone by being published in Hansard reports, but other items such as the parliamentary breakfast won't go ahead.

The Secretariat has produced a series of brief articles with images for the centennial timeline and will continue to add to it as capacity allows. Mike Roche has also been providing articles. At the end of the centenary, the timeline could be published as a digital record. A record of all previous Board members is also being compiled and may be published to make that information more widely known. Noting the first female Board member was Tilly Reid in 1976.

Board members may want to add the Board's amended logo, which has had '100 years' added to it, to their e-signatures. The centenary's physical printed publication will no longer be produced due to costs.

The Board discussed to what extent it could proactively contribute to the centenary and considered that members could prepare articles. The Secretariat and LINZ Comms team would need to review and finalise them. The Board noted the media release planned for 12 September 2024 (date of the first Honorary Board meeting), which it had discussed earlier.

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<sup>6</sup> United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

### Action required

- Board members to each consider drafting an article for the centenary.

## 16.2. Other outreach and engagement

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6181490). There has been some progress with outreach. However, the Senior Outreach Lead role was disestablished due to costs cuts. This role was to have driven centenary events and content. Many of the initiatives in the original outreach plan, such as a separate Board website, will not proceed.

Recent high-profile proposals have helped to raise awareness of the Board's work, as noted by the 1,000s of submissions received for some proposals. The goal of increasing outreach is to promote and educate about the Board's work and increase responses from the public, rather than to raise awareness of the Board itself. The Board recognised that as awareness is raised it puts pressure on its limited Secretariat resources and reputational delivery expectations.

3.00 – 3.12 pm – Kaputī | Afternoon tea

## Ngā mahi, ngā Kaupapa | Project, initiatives

### 17. Ngā mahi, ngā Kaupapa | Projects, initiatives

#### 17.1. Tangata Whenua Place Names maps – feedback

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6181791). The Secretariat is keeping track of errors, but the success of the maps needs to be celebrated. There has been a lot of great feedback, especially from schools.

The Board has benefited from TRONT's partnership in the development of the Te Waipounamu map and extensive contributions from other key iwi contacts. However, responses to consultation had not been as high from iwi for the Te Ika-a-Māui map.

#### 17.2. Gazetteer refresh

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6189357). These relatively small pieces of work are underway with Datacom to refresh the Gazetteer website for:

- accessibility,
- consistency of appearance with other LINZ spatial web applications, and
- to show corrigenda against the notices they are correcting.

Three separate statements of work have been prepared and the development is planned to be completed by the end of the 2023-2024 financial year.

#### 17.3. Other projects and initiatives

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6191526). The Board noted:

- There is still some work to do to improve accessibility to some of the images on the Geographic Features website, but this has been parked.
- 268 stories prepared by Mike Roche have now been published in the Gazetteer. The Secretary is looking to renew his contract for the 2024/2025 financial year.
- 5,799 Māori place names now have a pronunciation audio in the Gazetteer. For consistency, Te Haumihiata Mason will remain as the voice, although there will be some local dialectical differences in how names are pronounced. A technical solution to download all of the audio files in bulk is under development.

- An article was prepared for UNGEGN Bulletin #66. The United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032 is ongoing, so further contributions could be made.
- Peter Dowling is producing a new book on 1,000 place names.
- A new book on Lyttelton Harbour / Whakaraupō, *Living Between Land & Seas* was tabled.
- A reprint of the *Māori Oral History Atlas* is underway as stocks have run out. A second edition has been postponed. It is hoped the reprint will be sufficient for the next five years, when the Board may produce a new edition.
- An annual hui with TRONT is planned to discuss future plans.

## Kōrero hou a te Hekeretari | Secretariat's update

### 18. Kōrero hou a te Hekeretari | Secretariat's update

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6201735). The Board noted:

- Possible future proposals.
- Corrigenda and notifications.
- The Board's Annual Report will soon be prepared. The Board will need to report on progress of its Treaty settlement commitments in Te Haeata. There has been some direction from LINZ that it will reduce the scope of its Annual Report, but no changes are planned to date on the format of the Board's report. Board members are requested to advise the Secretary of any items they would like covered in the Annual Report.
- The International Bathymetric Chart of the South Ocean v.2 noted under agenda item 14 'Antarctic Names Committee' includes a Russian name, Somov Sea, in New Zealand's area of interest in the Ross Sea region. This name has not been considered or accepted by New Zealand. The map was published by Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI) in Germany and is available at [https://ibcso.org/current\\_version/](https://ibcso.org/current_version/).

The Board noted that Somov Sea has been in long term use by Russia, being the water body from which Leningrad Station was accessed, and the name was published on its old hydrographic charts. The publisher at AWI justified including the name and other 'sea' names based on their use in Russian and Chinese scientific publications.

The Board requested the Secretariat to report back with a proposed course of action.

Consultation to occur with AWI first then IHO<sup>7</sup>. The Board member responsible for hydrographic standards to provide the Secretary with some contact information in regard to IHO's naming of the seas.

3.30 pm – Paulette Tamati-Elliffe and Robin Kearns left the hui.

There was no longer a quorum, with only four Board members still present: Anselm Haanen, Adam Greenland, Mahana Toka and Jenni Vernon. No decisions were made beyond this point.

- Railway Station versus Rlwy Stn and other abbreviations. The compliance provisions of the Board's legislation don't allow for abbreviations, similarly the *Standard for New Zealand place names* states that names shouldn't be abbreviated.  
While there are legal requirements that abbreviations aren't to be used, it would be unreasonable to expect a place name to always include the generic term in full, therefore, the Board should take a practical approach. At the same time, some abbreviations are obvious while others aren't. The Board noted that it is happy with LINZ taking a pragmatic approach but couldn't resolve to support this formally as there was no longer a quorum.
- Enquiries since the Board's last hui.
- Official Information Act requests.

<sup>7</sup> International Bathymetric Chart of the Southern Ocean

- A hoax media release was circulated on 31 March 2024, purporting to be from the Board's Secretary. Fortunately, media had checked with the Secretariat before using the hoax information. Further investigations are underway to identify the source.
- In February 2024 Minister Penk requested a one-page information sheet on the Board's work and statutory requirements, the annual budget since 2017 and staff numbers.
- The Board's social media statistics, following increased effort to engage on social media both for consultation and occasional topical posts. There has been an increase in the number of submissions received since the increase in the Board's social media presence.
- The online proposal form was updated mid-March 2024 to make supporting information mandatory and therefore align with the hardcopy proposal checklist.
- A question around the Minister delegating powers to LINZ's Chief Executive will be put on hold until she returns at the end of June 2024.
- The Secretary continues to work closely as a rapporteur for UNGEGN's Bureau. She has requested that the Core Bureau reduce its expectations on rapporteurs at Sessions so they can focus on their report writing and have time to fully represent their own countries.
- PNWG<sup>8</sup> (formerly ANZ WGNP). The Secretary has made it clear that the strategy and principles document they are seeking ICSM<sup>9</sup>'s support for doesn't need to include New Zealand, as the Board has its own strategy, standards, guidelines, etc. However, the Secretary will offer advice to the Australians on good naming practice.

#### **Action required**

- *Board members to provide the Secretary with items they want covered in the Annual Report 2023/2024.*

## **He take atu anō | Other business**

### **19. He take atu anō | Other business**

The Board noted that Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira had recently emailed support for the Pito One proposal and Radio New Zealand had run a news item on Pito One this afternoon.

There was no other business. The Chairperson thanked everyone for their mahi and attendance.

The hui closed at 3.42 pm with a karakia led by Mahana Toka.

Certified as a true and correct record of the hui:

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Anselm Haanen, Chairperson

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Date

<sup>8</sup> Place Names Working Group

<sup>9</sup> Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping

Actions from 30 April 2024 minutes (excluding Secretariat actions)			
Agenda Item	Action	By Whom	Comments
4.1 Previous minutes	Discuss the use of members' honorifics at a later hui to arrive at a consistent approach.	Board	
	Send messages they would like to have included in Shaun Barnett's card to the Secretary.	Board	
4.2 Matters arising	Advise of any outstanding Ministerial decisions when next meeting with LINZ's Chief Executive.	Chairperson	
6.1 Meyer Pass and Meyer Creek	Make the final decision on Meyer (hill), pending the Minister's final determinations (confirm, modify or reject) on the proposed Meyer Pass and Meyer Creek.	Board or Chairperson	
8.8 Roimata	Provide the Secretariat with correspondence from Te Maire Tau, for the Board's records.	TRONT Board member	✓
16.1 Centenary	Each consider drafting an article for the centenary.	Board	
18 Secretariat's update	Provide the Secretary with items to be covered in the Annual Report 2023/2024.	Board	