
KIA MAHARA | NOTE:

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Hei kōrero whānui | General

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

The Board opened the hui with its karakia. The Chairperson welcomed hui participants.

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

The Chairperson noted apologies from Board member Adam Greenland and the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Communications observer, Charlotte Jones, who are both unwell. There was also an apology from the minute-taker who is overseas. The Board welcomed new Secretariat Advisor Ariarne Davy and noted that the Deputy Surveyor-General, Jeff Needham, would be observing at this hui. Board member Paulette Tamati-Elliffe will be late to the hui as her flight has been delayed. A photographer will be coming in at lunchtime and former Board member Chanel Clarke may also visit. This will be a hybrid hui with 14 attending in person and two observers online.

Dr Merata Kawharu requested leave for an hour at 1pm to attend another commitment.

The Chairperson congratulated Dr Merata Kawharu on behalf of the Board on her appointment to Te Āparangi The Royal Society of New Zealand.

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

Board members – present in person (9)	
Anselm Haanen, Chairperson	Surveyor-General, Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
Dr Cadence Kaumoana	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Mahana Toka (Away 2:27 pm -2:32 pm)	Minister for Māori Development recommendation
Jenni Vernon	Minister for Land Information appointment
Dr Merata Kawharu (Away 1:02 pm - 1:34 pm. Left at 3:58 pm)	Minister for Land Information appointment
Iaian Cranwell	Local Government New Zealand nomination
Dr Robin Kearns	New Zealand Geographical Society nomination
Paulette Tamati-Elliffe (From 9.25 am)	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) nomination
Dr Michael (Mick) Abbott	Federated Mountain Clubs nomination

Board member – apology (1)	
Adam Greenland	National Hydrographer, Toitū Te Whenua LINZ

Board Secretariat (4)	
Wendy Shaw	Secretary
Joanna Barnes-Wylie (Left at 3.58 pm)	Senior Customer Regulatory Specialist
Arianne Davy	Customer Regulatory Specialist
Christopher Stephens	Customer Regulatory Specialist

Toitū Te Whenua LINZ observer (1)	
Jeff Needham	Deputy Surveyor-General, Toitū Te Whenua LINZ

Toitū Te Whenua LINZ observer – apology (1)	
Charlotte Jones	Business Partner – Customer Engagement Toitū Te Whenua LINZ

Observers from other agencies (2)	
Tāne Karamaina (online)	Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (TTWh)
Sheryll Johnson (online 10.27 am - 10.47 am)	Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai

Minute Taker – apology (1)	
Jill Remnant	Contractor

9.25 am – Paulette Tamati-Elliffe joined the hui

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

3.1. Rārangi take | Agenda

The Board confirmed the agenda. These minutes are recorded in the order as discussed at this hui. Noting that the agenda uses loan words (transliterations) for English months of the year, the Board discussed whether loan words or the words created by Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (TTWh) should be used for days of the week in te reo Māori. The current official policy of TTWh is that the created 'rā' words, Rāhina, Rātū, Rātapu, etc be used. However, TTWh is reviewing its orthographic conventions, so that may change.

3.2. He whākinga rongorua | Disclosure of conflicts of interest

The Board requested that old conflicts of interest be removed from the document as they are no longer relevant. There were no conflicts of interest declared at the start of the hui. Any new conflicts are to be declared at the time of the discussion.

4. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes (26 August 2024, 15 October 2024) Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet

4.1. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes (26 August 2024, 15 October 2024)

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the 26 August 2024 hui (Objective ID A6729138) and 15 October 2024 hui (Objective ID A6767825).

In confidence | Kia noho matatapu

Resolution

That the minutes of the Board's hui held on 26 August 2024 be ratified.

Moved Dr Robin Kearns

Seconded Jenni Vernon

All in favour

Carried

The Board requested that these typographical errors be corrected in the 15 October 2024 minutes:

- Page 1, first sentence, last paragraph, insert 'hui' to read 'The Secretary recorded the hui to assist with the preparation of the minutes.'
- Page 18, section 10.1, first paragraph, line 2, insert 'the' to read 'The Board noted that it must agree whether to concur with the proposal or not, ...'
- Page 18, section 10.1, second paragraph, line 2, correct Tikakiriri Scenic Reserve to Tiakiriri Scenic Reserve.

Resolution

That the minutes of the Board's hui held on 15 October 2024 be ratified with the three specified changes.

Moved Dr Merata Kawharu

Seconded Paulette Tamati-Elliffe

All in favour

Carried

4.2. Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 26 August 2024 and 15 October 2024 Board hui that aren't covered elsewhere in the agenda.

4.3. Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheets

The Board noted that, with the exception of one action, all other actions from its 15 October 2024 hui have been completed and can be closed.

Board actions from 15 October 2024 hui			
Agenda Item	Action	By Whom	Comments
4.1 Previous minutes	Ratify the minutes of the online Board hui of 26 August 2024 at next available opportunity	Board	Actioned. CLOSED.
19.1 Centenary	Robin Kearns to follow-up with conference organisers about other Board members potentially attending the panel session	Board member Robin Kearns	Actioned. CLOSED.
	Provide photos, biographies if not yet provided, or updated photos/biographies for the membership timeline.	Board	Actioned. CLOSED.
20.4 Waitangirua Suburb Boundaries	Chairperson to make an executive decision on whether to delete the spatial boundary for Waitangirua from the Gazetteer	Chairperson	OPEN.
21. Secretariat's Update	Board members to send the Secretary any farewell messages for passing on to retiring Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori licensed translator	Board	Actioned. CLOSED.
22. Other Business	Submit expense claims to the Secretary as soon as practicable	Board	Actioned. CLOSED.
	Advise availability in 2025 for setting hui dates	Board	Actioned. CLOSED.

The Board noted that producing minutes to the high standard that it expects has been challenging because of the turnover in the contracted minute takers. The Secretariat had been spending significant time rewriting draft minutes. Jill Remnant, a former Secretariat Advisor, who has specific experience on how the Board's minutes should be presented, will now be preparing the minutes.

5. Poari kopou me te memaanga o komiti | Board appointments/reappointments and committee membership

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6879206).

Board

The Board noted that the terms of four members (Dr Merata Kawharu, Paulette Tamati-Elliffe, Dr Mick Abbott and Jenni Vernon) concluded on 24 February 2025. The Board noted they would remain members until the Minister for Land Information makes new appointments or reappointments. There was no indication when the Minister might do this.

Committees

The Board discussed membership on its Antarctic Names Committee (ANC) and Undersea Feature Names Committee (UFNC). The purpose of these committees is to provide the Board with scientific and technical expertise on naming features in Antarctica and on the ocean floor which the Board wouldn't otherwise have. Noting that five of the UFNC's 12 members are Board members, the Board agreed that it is important not to overpopulate the committees with Board members. However, it still needs to balance the priority for guidance specific to good place naming and to maintain consistency. The Board noted that its membership on the committees facilitates a better exchange between the committees and the Board.

ANC

The Board discussed how it can influence New Zealand's global position and interests through the naming of features in its area of interest in Antarctica. The Board agreed that it needs to be proactive in how it brings wider attention to New Zealand's presence and culture. New Zealand needs a strong voice in Antarctica and place naming is a way to have that voice. The Board noted that the ANC has done a significant amount of work in the last 10 years to correct and improve entries for existing place names in Antarctica. However, it could be more strategic, including proactively naming features and ensuring that any new naming reflects current New Zealand values.

The Board agreed that its membership on the committees needs to be strong enough to guide discussions in line with the Board's strategic role. While it isn't good for the committees to be dominated by Board members, when information comes to the Board it needs to have some understanding of the technical advice to guide its final decision making. The Board noted that changing committee members can mean a loss of continuity and institutional knowledge.

UFNC

The UFNC's discussions are very particular as they involve clarification of both the feature's precise geomorphology and the naming of it, which brings together the technical knowledge with the appropriateness of naming. The Board members on the committees can also provide expertise that perhaps technical experts can't, such as advising which iwi to contact when seeking alternative names for undersea features. The UFNC has its own momentum playing an active hand with strong representation from its members. The Board acknowledged the importance of Te Ao Māori in undersea feature naming.

The Board noted the duplication aspect of naming undersea features with associated land features and wondered if the technical drive has preference over strategy. The Board agreed that it can be a challenge to find sufficient names, therefore it is important to have a strategic focus.

Committee membership

The Board noted that while the number of members required for a quorum is at least two Board members, it needs to consider being able to meet that quorum with sufficient Board members on committees. However, a smaller group might mitigate the logistics of getting people together.

The Board noted that the ANC, which currently has four Board members, works well. However, the Secretariat having enough time to complete projects is the difficulty.

The Board noted that it will be making decisions on its membership on the committees under agenda items 15. and 16.1 and agreed that it needs to have a proactive stance in setting out its strategic roles in those spaces. The Board wondered if it should have an alternative approach to naming undersea features by having a reserve list of names, such as worthy New Zealanders rather than being reactive to proposals.

The Board noted there has been huge public interest in place naming resulting from the United States unilaterally altering the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America, which brings the geopolitics of place naming to a previously unknown level of public interest. It is likely that the existence and work of the Board's committees isn't well known so the Board could take advantage of media opportunities as part of its broader strategic approach. This could bring public awareness to the Board honouring the kaupapa of carefully deliberating over place names.

The Board accepted the resignations of Dr Merata Kawharu from the ANC, and Mahana Toka from the UFNC and thanked them for their contributions.

Resolutions (resolved during later discussion during Agenda item 15)

The Board:

Agreed that each Committee would have between two to four Board members,
and

Agreed to **accept** the **resignations** of Dr Merata Kawharu from the ANC and Mahana Toka from the UFNC,

and

Agreed that the Chairperson can attend Committee hui when needed to meet the quorum of two Board members,

and

Agreed that the MFAT observer on the ANC and UFNC should be elevated to a member of the committees.

Moved Anselm Haanen

Seconded Jenni Vernon

All in favour

Carried

Ngā whakataunga noa | Standard decisions

6. Whakatau a te Minita | Minister's decisions

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6879210). The Chairperson advised that the Minister for Land Information is grateful for the Board's work. The Board acknowledged the Minister's decisions to confirm:

- Maewa (suburb of Feilding)
- Pūāwhē (peak) (changed from The Cone on Pirongia Mountain)
- Te Tōangaroa (area in central Auckland)
- Waimarino (village) (changed from National Park)

And to reject:

- Abbots Creek
- Herwin Creek
- Manawatū District (replacing his original decision to confirm this proposal)
- Pito One (suburb)
- Rangitikei District
- Takaanini (suburb)
- Takaanini Railway Station
- Waimarino Railway Station

The Board noted that its legislation¹ was set up in such a way that even minor corrections to district and region names, are required to go through Cabinet and the Governor-General, which seems excessive. This would be required for finalising the process for standardising the orthography of Manawatu District and Rangitikei District. However, making decisions on spelling corrections that need to go to Cabinet may not be a priority for the Minister. The Board agreed that it should continue its role in making decisions for which the Minister's final outcomes may be frustrating. The Board noted that the Minister's decisions on Manawatu District and Rangitikei District are final, and fresh proposals would need to be made to alter them. A new Minister could not reopen the original proposal.

¹ New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008

The Board noted the subsequent action for Manawatū Gorge to be updated in the Gazetteer and remain a recorded name, and a request to LINZ to update with a macron on topographic maps.

The Board noted the Komiti Taunahatanga Māori's perspective that traditional knowledge is not going to go away and there may be an opportunity at another time to correct the orthography of or restore, Māori place names. The Board wondered if the Minister's recent decisions would send a message that people should delay making proposals. However, the Board agreed that it should still encourage people to make proposals. In the meantime, the section 24 approval programme, which doesn't require decisions from the Minister, can still proceed.

The Board noted that the Minister isn't required to give reasons for his decisions but expressed its disappointment with the decisions. The Board noted that the Minister is yet to make a final determination on the Kororāreka proposal.

The Board noted that media coverage had not accurately reported the Minister's role as the final decision maker and agreed that the Board's announcements should always be clear when it was the Minister who had made the final decisions and not the Board. There had been many Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) requests to both the Board and the Minister following his decisions, some of them asking for the reasons for the decisions. The reasons were not formally provided to the Board, though media did report comments from the Minister which are noted by the Board.

The Board noted that once a final decision is made, its Submissions Reports are proactively released online for public transparency and so that people can see the advice and recommendations the Board made to the Minister. The Board also proactively publishes its briefings to the Minister publicly, if they are requested under the OIA. As a result of the various OIAs, nearly every briefing to the Minister for the 12 decisions would be available online shortly. The Board noted that compiling information for an OIA request causes a substantial amount of work for the Secretariat.

The Board would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Minister. The Minister had been invited to this hui, but he was not able to attend. The Board agreed that it would be happy to meet at a time that was convenient to the Minister. Items to discuss could include the Kororāreka proposal, naming in Antarctica and seeking his guidance on the Board's strategic direction.

Actions required

- *Chairperson to continue to seek an audience with the Minister.*
- *Chairperson to also consider inviting the Minister to the next Board hui.*

10:25 am – 10:45 am – Kaputī | Morning tea

10:27 am – Sheryll Johnson joined the hui

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

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6908578). The Board noted a correction to the report that Ototara Scientific Reserve had been surveyed three years ago. The Minister of Conservation's decision had been gazetted by the Board on 20 March 2025 [*Secretariat note: also gazetted by the Department of Conservation (DOC) on 7 July 2025 following an Order in Council*]. The Board noted that on 1 April 2025, Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki (formerly Egmont National Park) became official without the English generic term, National Park.

DOC has sent the report for Tiakiriri Kūkupa Scenic Reserve to the Minister of Conservation, who has asked for more information. The DOC observer is following up and will update the Board's Secretary once she has more information. The Secretariat is liaising with DOC on outstanding queries relating to

macrons on CPA names and will shortly be gazetting several CPA names (amendments and additions of macrons).

The Board agreed that no changes need to be made to the *Standard for Crown protected area names* to take account of a national park being named without an English generic term, noting that the decision for Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki occurred through the Treaty settlement process.

10:47 am – Sheryll Johnson left the hui

7. Ngā Whakatau a te Toihau | Decisions made by Chairperson

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6924355). The Board noted that the first 'Supporting information' reference in the report should be the signed delegation report for Rukuwai and not Aratika Reef.

The Board noted that the Chairperson had made the decisions for Rukuwai and Aratika Reef under delegation as neither proposal had received objecting submissions. Ngāti Kuia had initially requested information on proposing their own name for Aratika Reef but hadn't made an objecting submission.

8. Tāpaetanga ki ngā tono | Submissions on proposals

8.1 Handling substantial submission numbers

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6906700). The Secretary provided a recap of the decisions from the last hui on the format for submissions reports, how submissions would be counted, and the Secretariat's categorisation process.

The Secretary advised of progress on using artificial intelligence (AI) to assist with processing large numbers of submissions. The Secretariat is working on defining submission categories and using the tool to retrospectively analyse data from the submissions received for the Pito One proposal. The Board agreed that the use of an AI tool will need to consider security, privacy and the ethics of using an automated process to analyse submissions. Advice from Toitū Te Whenua LINZ's Chief Architect is that AI is a tool to assist with, and not replace, analysis.

The Board noted that to date the results have been impressive and if there is a 90-95% accuracy rate (still to be quantified), the tool may be adopted in the future. However, the Secretariat would still need to do a certain amount of analysis and provide the Board with a summary spreadsheet of all submissions. The Board noted that having an analysis of every single submission in detail will assist its function to consider all submissions and consequently assist in its decision making.

The Board noted that every proposal is different, so the nature of feedback may be different. While the reasons in submissions are important, the Board still needs to take the numbers into account. While many submissions generally fall into standard categories, submitters still need to be reassured that the Board takes their individual submissions into account. The Board noted that the tool could be used to identify submissions that make important points.

The Board noted that it need only report a summary of submissions to the Minister.

The Board noted that one of the points made by a recent draft Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Regulatory System Assessment was that there doesn't appear to be enough rationale provided in the Board's briefings to the Minister when it does not uphold objecting submissions.

The Board is aware of the pressures on the Secretariat's time when analysing submissions and acknowledged that using an AI tool could be a very positive direction, but it needs to be aware of any reputational damage if submissions are not read. The Board wondered if there are examples of other naming jurisdictions using AI tools and noted that the Secretary will be attending UNGEGN in New York at the end of April 2025 where there will be a panel discussion on the use of AI tools.

The Board wondered if the existing AI tools could be trained on a subset of submissions with labelled data to produce a model more specific to the accurate assessment of other submissions and ensure nothing is missed. The Board suggested that the model could also be trained on a decision matrix, which could also inform people about what happened to their submissions.

The Board noted that the government has indicated that it wants AI tools to be used. Depending on what tool the Board uses, there would be ongoing costs which would need to be factored in. Toitū Te Whenua LINZ currently has a corporate licence for Microsoft Copilot, but it isn't as sophisticated as Anthropic's Claude which is being used by parts of LINZ. Although there hasn't been any comparisons or analysis done yet, the Board appreciated the initial trial the Secretariat has undertaken. The Board noted that more comprehensive results will be provided at its next hui.

The Board noted that the AI tool may have the capacity to provide more qualitative insights and to enable expertise rather than just providing a summary at the end. By using word cloud prompts it could provide information easily, for example 'what are people saying'. It is possible it could be used to provide information for OIA requests. Qualitative analysis could also potentially be used for the Board's reports to the Minister.

8.2 Kā Pūtahi (stream)

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6850691). The Board considered the one objecting submission which proposed removing the macrons and including the generic term 'Stream'. In response the Board noted advice from mana whenua and a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator that a generic term was not necessary. It is the Board's policy to apply Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori standardised orthography to Māori names which uses macrons.

The Board noted the stream, which flows past an urupā, is in a suburban area and not particularly prominent. However, it had come to public attention when a refrigeration company discharged coolant into it and 2000 eels died. The Board noted the small number of submissions, and that the relevant council had made the proposal. It agreed the name change was straightforward. The Board noted that Kā Pūtahi is already in local use for the stream and agreed that no media release is required.

Resolution

*The Board **considered** the submissions and their reasons for the proposal to alter the unofficial recorded place name Kaputone Creek to be officially **Kā Pūtahi**,*

and

***rejected** the objecting submission making an alternative proposal for 'Ka Putahi Stream' based on the reasons provided in the objection not outweighing the reasons that the Board previously accepted for the proposal, being:*

- 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,*
- The Board's responsibility to examine cases of doubtful spelling,*
- Evidence in Kā Huru Manu that Kā Pūtahi is the correct name of the stream,*
- Ngāi Tūāhuriri and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu supporting the proposal without a generic term, and*
- Not including a generic term being unlikely to impact on emergency services as they generally rely on digital technology to locate an emergency,*

and

Noted prior advice from a Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori licensed translator that Kā Pūtahi is the correct standardised orthography of the name, and that macrons aid meaning and pronunciation. Also noted that a generic geographic term was previously agreed by the Board as unnecessary.

and

Confirmed the Board's earlier decision to accept the proposal to alter the unofficial recorded name from Kaputone Creek to be officially Kā Pūtahi,

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.

Moved laean Cranwell

Seconded Jenni Vernon

All in favour

Carried

8.3 Brückner Glacier, Hess Glacier, Penck Glacier

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6905176). The Board agreed that three submissions (one supporting and two objecting) would not be considered because they don't meet the legal threshold of being 'a submission with reasons' whether supporting or objecting to the proposals. The three submissions were comprised of random paragraphs copied from online publications irrelevant to the proposal.

The Board noted that the remaining objecting submission was from the person who had made the recent proposals to alter Takanini (suburb) and Takanini Railway Station.

The Board noted that the objecting submitter had provided reasons for their objection. The Board had concerns that the submission did not wholly relate to the proposals.

The Board noted that it had never had to deal with a submission like this before. The Board therefore agreed that before making any decision it would seek advice on whether to accept the submission.

8.4 Pukekōwhai, Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe, Puketihia (peaks)

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6917428). The Board noted that they are complex proposals which are interrelated. The Board can make decisions on the two names that had only supporting submissions (Pukekōwhai and Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe). This would leave the peak previously named Te Māipi as an unnamed feature and therefore available to be named Puketihia. However, because the Board had received a submission objecting to that proposal, the Minister will be required to make the final determination.

The objecting submitter supports Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe being applied to the middle peak, but they don't support Puketihia 'because they had always known it as Te Māipi'. To seek clarification, the Secretariat had contacted the objecting submitter, but they didn't respond. The Board wondered whether the objecting submitter may have been confused because of the complexity of the online submission forms.

The Board noted that the trustees of the post-settlement governance entity, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust, have now confirmed in writing that they agree with the proposals. This written consent from the trustees was a requirement for the alteration (name and position) of Te Māipi, it having been made official through their Treaty settlement legislation. The Trust's previous letter of support was not signed by the trustees themselves, or the Trust Chairperson on their behalf, so the Secretariat had gone back to the Trust to ensure the legal requirements were met to alter the name Te Māipi.

Resolutions

The Board **considered** the 22 supporting submissions received for the Pukekōwhai proposal and 23 supporting submissions received for the Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe proposal, **and**

Noted that no objecting submissions were received for these two proposals, **and**

Noted that the submitter who objected to the Puketihia proposal offered support for the proposal for Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe, **and**

Agreed to **notify** final determinations to:

- **alter** the unofficial recorded name Pukekowhai to **Pukekōwhai** and **correct its position** to an unnamed peak ~1km southwest at spot height 376m, and
- **alter** the official name Te Māipi to **Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe** and **correct its position** to the peak with the unofficial recorded name Pukekowhai, ~1km southwest at spot height 501m.

Noting the letter of support from the Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua Settlement Trust with their trustees' written consent being a requirement to alter Te Māipi.

AND

Advise the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Geodetic team that Ngā Māipi-e-Waru-a-Kupe and Pukekōwhai have become official in their corrected positions and encourage them to update the two trig names in their system, for consistency and to avoid confusion.

Report the decision of the Board to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal to assign Puketihia, making it very clear that the proposal is not a name change from Te Māipi,

Noting that if the Minister rejects the proposal, the Board **agrees** to collect Puketihia in the NZ Gazetteer as the original Māori name for the now northernmost unnamed peak at spot height 511m.

Moved Dr Merata Kawharu
Seconded Paulette Tamati-Elliffe
All in favour
Carried

Further discussion

The Board noted that should the Minister reject the proposal, it can collect Puketihia in the Gazetteer as an unofficial original Māori name.

9. Tono Taunahatanga | Name Proposals

9.1 Railway Station names to be discontinued

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6926476).

9.2 Castle Cove, Windward Bay, Lee Shore, Northwest Bay, Cathedral Bay

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6920978). The Board questioned the proposer's relationship with mana whenua, noting that the Department of Conservation may also want to discuss the proposals with iwi. The Ngāi Tahu Board member has had some feedback from the southern rūnanga and suggested that more time is needed to consider the proposals. Although the islands are widely advertised as being 860km southeast of Stewart Island/Rakiura, they are closer to the Otago Peninsula.

The Board agreed that the proposals need more work. The Board noted that the proposals are colonially influenced, with references to castles for example, and suggested that there could be more appropriate names considering the unique ecology and flora and fauna of the area. It could be an

opportunity for the features to be assigned names that signal Aotearoa New Zealand's unique identity given that Antipodes Island Group is one of the furthest outposts of the country.

The Board also considered whether the relatively generic names proposed are appropriate, noting that new names should be both distinctive and unique and not duplicated elsewhere (there is extensive duplication of Northwest, Cathedral and Castle). Although new names can be descriptive, the proposed names are too general and there are no compelling stories attached to their selection. The Board considered whether the features need to be named at all and noted that it isn't critical for emergency services that they be named.

The Board agreed to decline all five proposals and to encourage the proposer to consult with the appropriate papatipu rūnanga and interested parties including the Department of Conservation and submit fresh proposals. The Board noted that the rūnanga will want to talk to the proposers to understand their experience, knowledge and connection to the features. Some of the existing names on the island are descriptive English names, so it may be that through this process some of the names are proposed again, with greater depth given to the story, and could ultimately be successful.

Resolutions

The Board **declined** the proposals to assign **Castle Cove, Cathedral Bay, Lee Shore, Northwest Bay and Windward Bay** as official place names, based on:

- the Standard for New Zealand Place Names stating that new names 'should be distinctive and preferably unique', that names 'already in use throughout New Zealand should be avoided'. There is extensive duplication of the specific terms 'Northwest', 'Cathedral', and especially 'Castle' throughout the Board's jurisdiction, notwithstanding that the nearest duplications are geographically distant as there are none at Antipodes Island,
- that descriptive names shouldn't be 'too general', the names 'Castle' and 'Cathedral' not being uniquely descriptive to the rocky features at each bay (hence the extensive duplication elsewhere),
- the proposed Northwest Bay, while on the northwestern shore, is at nearly the northernmost part of Antipodes Island, and may be confusing for location identification and emergency services,
- multiple duplications of the name Northwest Bay, North-west Bay, North West Bay, throughout New Zealand,
- Insufficient evidence of consideration of the views of other parties with interests in the Antipodes Island Group.
- the Board not being convinced of the significance of the proposed names.

and

Agreed to **request** that the proposer submit fresh proposals to the Board, after consultation with other relevant interested parties.

Moved Anselm Haanen

Seconded Jenni Vernon

All in favour

Carried

10. Kāheti kupu whakaatu | Gazette notifications

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6927366), summarising Gazette notices of Board decisions and corrigenda published since the Board's last hui on 15 October 2024.

12:10 pm – 1:02 pm – Kai o te rānui | Lunch

1:02 pm – Dr Merata Kawharu left the hui

Whakaaetanga kia mana ngā ingoa Māori kua takoto | Approval of recorded Māori names as official

13. Far North District Council section 24 recorded names

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6909423). The Board noted that not all iwi in the district have completed their Treaty settlements with the Crown and so they would have other priorities. Their proposals for settlement may also include some of the names. If it isn't appropriate for the Board to be engaging with iwi because they are going through the Treaty settlement process, then it can move on to another region or district.

The Secretariat has made a start on contacting iwi groups directly. Initial responses from Te Roroa and Kahukuraariki Trust (Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa) are that they are happy to engage with the programme. The Board noted that because of the downturn in the number of proposals (Treaty and standard), the section 24 and *Kā Huru Manu* programmes should be prioritised by the Secretariat.

14. Ngārimu Bay (locality), Ngārimu Recreation Reserve

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6909670). Based on the feedback that the original Māori name for Ngarimu Bay is Ōtohi, the Board agreed that the Secretariat should encourage the relevant iwi (individually or jointly) to make a proposal to alter Ngarimu Bay (locality). The Board agreed not to approach the Department of Conservation at this stage about altering the name of the recreation reserve and noted that the name of the reserve did not necessarily have to match the associated locality name.

Resolution

The Board **replaced** the decisions made at its 15 October 2024 hui to:

- approve the unofficial recorded locality name Ngarimu Bay as the official locality name, standardised with a macron to Ngārimu Bay, and
- amend the official CPA name from Ngarimu Recreation Reserve to Ngārimu Recreation Reserve.

Noting that both decisions were based on a number of reasons including that the expert orthographic advice from a licensed translator had confirmed the macron and that the Board was aware of Ōtohi.

With:

The Board **requested** that the Secretariat encourage the relevant iwi to individually or jointly make a proposal to the Board under the standard process to alter Ngarimu Bay (for the populated locality) to Ō-tohi or O-tohi. Noting that a proposal would be subject to confirmation of the orthography of Ō-tohi or Ō-tohi by an expert licensed translator.

Moved Paulette Tamati-Elliffe
Seconded Dr Cadence Kaumoana
All in favour
Carried

Ngā Komiti | Committees

15. Komiti Ingoa mō Te Tiri o te Moana ki te Tonga | Antarctic Names Committee

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6932302). The Board referred to its earlier discussion regarding membership of its committees under Agenda item 5, noting that Dr Merata Kawharu had agreed to withdraw from the Antarctic Names Committee (ANC) and Mahana Toka had agreed to withdraw from the Undersea Feature Names Committee (UFNC). The second point under recommendation #3 for the ANC Terms of Reference was now superseded by the earlier

discussion. The Board noted the legislative requirement is for two Board members to form a quorum and agreed that overpopulating the committees with Board members should be avoided. Both committees also currently have previous Board members with significant and relevant experience in their fields (David Barnes on the ANC and Michael Roche on the UFNC).

The Board noted that to implement its strategies and give guidance on making good place naming decisions it needs Board members to sit on its committees. The Board considered its committees need to be strategic about how they function and considered whether this would be achieved by the committees proactively naming features rather than being reactive to miscellaneous proposals. The Board discussed putting in place a framework or an approach on how its committees work with the Board.

The Board agreed that if it is to have an active hand in its committees, it should have strong representation and agreed that the ANC's Terms of Reference (TOR) should be updated to keep Board members' representation at between two and four. This would also allow the Board to be more flexible in succession to the committees.

The Board concluded its discussion on Agenda item 5, formally resolving to a): accept the resignations from the ANC and UFNC, b): that there would be between two to four Board members on each committee with the Chairperson stepping in to meet a quorum when necessary, and c): the recommendation that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) observer become a full member of the ANC and UNFC.

Resuming discussion of Agenda item 15 the Board agreed to park the ANC's Chair's request to have an in-person hui later in the year as it will need to be considered on its merits (length and substance of the agenda) and the cost of bringing members together from across the country. The Board also noted there was to be no Antarctic Science Conference this year.

The Board agreed to assign Runyon Ridge. It noted the complexities of the new proposal it had received for Langhorne Bank, which is on the ocean floor under the Ross Ice Shelf. Noting that it's unlikely that enough bathymetric data would ever be collected for SCUFN² to accept the proposal, the Board discussed whether the ANC or UFNC should consider the proposal. The Board concluded that the proposal wouldn't meet the naming criteria in its *Standard for Undersea Feature Names*, because it is for a person who is still alive. However, it could meet the criteria in the *Standard for Antarctic place names in New Zealand's area of interest*. Therefore, the Board agreed that the ANC should consider the proposal. The Board agreed that it did not need to comment further on whether its standards were fit for purpose, given this proposal was atypical.

The Board agreed to the changes to the ANC ToR for consistency with the UFNC ToR, again noting the additional changes to specify Board membership as 'between two to four members' and the inclusion of MFAT membership.

1:34 pm – Dr Merata Kawharu rejoined the hui

Resolution

The Board agreed to assign Runyon Ridge as the official name of an unnamed ridge on Mount Payne in Stever Range, Victoria Land, based on:

- *honouring Jennifer Runyon's long involvement with Antarctica serving as Chief of Staff for the Antarctic Geographic Names Program of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for 25 years, noting her role internationally as part of SCAR³ and SCAGI⁴ and US-ACAN's advice that her service was*

² Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names

³ SCAR - Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research

⁴ SCAGI – Standing Committee on Antarctic Geographic Information

'dedicated, exceptional, selfless, and above and beyond what would be expected', therefore meeting the Board's naming criteria for living persons in Antarctica, and similar criteria in the International Principles and Procedures for Antarctic Place Names⁵

- *the generic term 'Ridge' accurately describing the feature,*
- *no concerns about naming the northern ridge of Mount Payne and noting the theme of naming after US-ACAN people in this vicinity,*
- *no evidence of existing names for the ridge on official maps or in scientific publications, and*
- *most of the ANC having advised its support for the proposal by email.*

Noting that USBGN⁶ has already assigned Runyon Ridge as an official name, publishing it in GNIS⁷ on 21 January 2025.

Moved Jenni Vernon
Seconded Dr Cadence Kaumoana
All in favour
Carried

AND

*The Board **noted** the proposal for **Langhorne Bank** for a large undersea feature under the Ross Ice Shelf and **agreed to refer** the proposal to the Antarctic Names Committee.*

Moved Jenni Vernon
Seconded Dr Mick Abbott
All in favour
Carried

AND

*The Board **noted** the changes agreed to by the ANC to its ToR,
and*

*The Board **agreed** to amend the Antarctic Names Committee terms of reference to specify that Board representation on the Antarctic Names Committee be 'between two to four members'.*

and

*The Board **accepted** the other changes to the ANC ToR as shown in the draft for consistency with the UFNC ToR.*

Moved Jenni Vernon
Seconded Dr Cadence Kaumoana
All in favour
Carried

Further discussion

The Board noted that MFAT has established a new senior-level Antarctic strategy group in order to drive increased commitment to Antarctic matters from various government agencies. The Board agreed to approach MFAT to discuss whether its representative on the ANC, which the Board had agreed should be a member of its committees rather than an observer, should be someone from that level.

The Secretary advised that a Toitū Te Whenua LINZ representative had attended the first meeting of the group in February 2025 and that LINZ considers that it needs to be directly involved in the group. The Board did not want to underestimate the importance of New Zealand's presence in Antarctica and that the Board's voice on place naming needs to be heard.

⁵ <https://scar.org/~documents/route%3A/download/5729>

⁶ **USBGN** – United States Board on Geographic Names

⁷ <https://edits.nationalmap.gov/apps/gaz-antarctica/public/search/names/2832461>

He kupu āwhina mō te Tiriti | Treaty advice

Kia noho matatapu | In Confidence

Ngā Komiti | Committees (continued)

16. Komiti Ingoa mō ngā Tārainga Takere Moana | Undersea Feature Names Committee

16.1 Undersea Feature Names Committee's (UFNC) recommendations

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6897959). The Board noted that the UFNC's ToR have been updated, particularly the actions the UFNC will take to fulfil its purpose have been separated out from its purpose. Most of the changes to the ANC ToR under Agenda item 15 were for consistency with these changes. The UFNC's ToR will be reviewed again in 2028.

To be consistent with its earlier discussion of the ANC's ToR, the Board earlier agreed under Agenda item 5 that its representation on the UFNC be '*between two to four members*'. The Board also agreed under Agenda item 5 that the ToR should specify the new role of the representative from MFAT on the UFNC.

The Board noted that when considering appropriate names for undersea features, the UFNC takes into account the requirements of the international undersea feature naming body, SCUFN⁸. Therefore, the UFNC had decided the names for the three features northeast of East Cape with inappropriate fauna names should follow a theme of fish species that are associated with the area. A fish species may not necessarily be found on the feature itself but can be found on the water column that extends from the feature to the water's surface. The Board noted that SCUFN has a very high threshold for accepting undersea features names.

Resolutions

The Board **ratified** changes to the UFNC's Terms of Reference **subject to** the requested edits.

AND

The Board agreed to **accept** the proposal to **assign Te Puaitaha Canyon** as the official name for the unnamed undersea canyon feature west of Te Puaitaha / Breaksea Sound and within the 12NM limit, based on:

- *there being extensive bathymetric survey data for the feature confirming its significant size and extent, warranting naming,*
- *its geographical association with Te Puaitaha / Breaksea Sound,*
- *no objection being raised by Papatipu Rūnanga, local mana whenua,*
- *confirmation of the correct orthography, and*
- *there being no other known names recorded for this undersea feature.*

and

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

AND

The Board agreed to **discontinue** the existing recorded undersea feature name **Karetu Canyons** as the feature does not exist.

AND

The Board agreed to **alter** the existing unofficial recorded undersea feature name Mascarin Seamount to **Mascarin Ridge**, ridge being a more appropriate generic term for the feature **and** agreed to **defer** submitting a proposal to SCUFN until there is better multibeam bathymetry survey coverage over the ridge.

AND

⁸ Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names

The Board agreed to **assign Marquis de Castries Seamount** as the official name for an unnamed undersea feature at the east-northeast of the proposed Mascarín Ridge and northeast of Matahourua Ridge, based on:

- its geographical association with Mascarín Ridge, which is named for the other of Marion du Fresne's exploration ships, and
- the UFNC having confirmed that 'Seamount' is the correct generic term.

and agreed to **submit** a proposal to SCUFN as the feature is beyond the 12NM territorial limit, **subject** to there being sufficient bathymetric data, noting that the feature isn't named in the GEBCO Gazetteer.

AND

The Board agreed to **alter** Moa Seamount to **Ahiparaha Knoll** as an official undersea feature name, based on:

- orthographic advice from a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator confirming the origin of the word,
- evidence that ahiparaha (albacore tuna) are found near the feature, and
- the UFNC having confirmed that 'Knoll' is the correct generic term.

Noting pending advice from Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori on accepting it as a new kupu in the te reo Māori lexicon.

and agreed to **submit** a proposal to SCUFN as the feature is beyond the 12NM territorial limit, **subject** to there being sufficient bathymetric data, noting that the feature isn't named in the GEBCO Gazetteer.

AND

The Board agreed to **alter** Kioie Seamount to **Matawhā Seamount** as an official undersea feature name, based on:

- evidence that matawhā (blue shark, mango pounamu, poutini) are found near the feature,
- Ngati Porou having advised that 'Matawhā' is the locally used kupu Māori for blue shark,
- a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator having confirmed that 'Matawhā' is the standardised orthography, and
- the UFNC having confirmed that 'Seamount' is the correct generic term.

and agreed to **submit** a proposal to SCUFN as the feature is beyond the 12 NM territorial limit, **subject** to there being sufficient bathymetric data, noting that the feature isn't named in the GEBCO Gazetteer.

AND

The Board agreed to **alter** Tuatara Seamount to **Paea Knoll** as an official undersea feature name, based on:

- evidence that paea (swordfish) are found near the feature,
- a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licensed translator having confirmed that 'Paea' is the standardised orthography, and
- the UFNC having confirmed that 'Knoll' is the correct generic term.

and agreed to **submit** a proposal to SCUFN as the feature is beyond the 12NM territorial limit, **subject** to there being sufficient bathymetric data, noting that the feature isn't named in the GEBCO Gazetteer.

Moved Dr Mick Abbott

Seconded Dr Robin Kearns

All in favour

Carried

16.2 Undersea Feature Names Committee's (UFNC) items to note

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6898178). The Board has had a high degree of success with SCUFN accepting New Zealand's undersea feature name proposals, but a lack of bathymetric data has prevented some from being accepted. UFNC members have been actively trying to source more data, especially when ships are going to be in the location of a feature.

The Board noted that the UFNC had deferred considering a proposal for Aotearoa Seamount for further consultation due to issues in naming after military vessels and the potential repercussions with assigning the name Aotearoa.

The Board noted advice that the hapū at Moeraki in North Otago might have an alternate name for Moeraki Canyon, which is duplicated offshore from the West Coast of South Island or Te Waipounamu. The Board noted that there is a risk of someone naming a feature within its jurisdiction that is 'pending' with SCUFN because of insufficient data. However, due to the consultation requirements of the B-6 standard, they would first have to consult with the Board. The SCUFN member from New Zealand advises the Board if someone has made a proposal within the Board's naming jurisdiction.

17. Komiti Taunahatanga Māori

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6907987).

Additional information tabled

- One page summary of the Komiti hui held on 25 March 2025 (Objective ID A6975372).
- Komiti Taunahatanga Māori Terms of Reference (ToR) (Objective ID A7000514).

The Board noted that the Komiti and not the Board ratifies the Komiti's minutes, which are available to the public if requested.

Komiti Co-Chair Paulette Tamati-Elliffe provided a verbal update of the Komiti hui held on 25 March 2025, noting these items:

- Paulette Tamati-Elliffe and Matanuku Mahuika agreed to remain as co-Chairs for another two-year term.
- The Komiti had reviewed its ToR and agreed they are still relevant and don't require updating.
- The Secretariat had provided a brief report on the history of the Komiti, which Tā Tipene O'Regan may review. The Komiti will share the final report with the Board.
- The Komiti had a brief discussion on the Board's fast-track section 24 programme.
- The Komiti acknowledged the valuable contribution of Tāne Karamaina (TTWh) who is a full member of the Komiti, not just an observer.
- The Komiti expressed tautoko (*lit.* support) and pride that Paulette Tamati-Elliffe will be presenting in New York at UNGEGN on 30 April 2025 on the importance of naming to cultural identity (subject to approval by the Minister of Foreign Affairs). The presentation will be livestreamed, recorded, and published.

2:27 pm – 2:32 pm Mahana Toka briefly left the hui

The Board noted that in the past it had learned important lessons from former Board member Tā Tipene O'Regan on researching and ratifying the authenticity of Māori place names and their stories and requested that this be included in the report on the history of the Komiti.

Resolutions

*The Board **confirmed** the appointment of Paulette Tamati-Elliffe and Matanuku Mahuika as Co-Chairs of the Komiti Taunahatanga Māori for a further two-year term, through until 31 March 2027.*

AND

*The Board **ratified** the existing Komiti Taunahatanga Māori Terms of Reference (last ratified 22 July 2022) with no changes.*

AND

*The Board **noted** that the Komiti will provide a short report on its history at a future Board hui for its information.*

Moved Paulette Tamati-Elliffe

Seconded Iaeen Cranwell

All in favour

Carried

Ngā Kaupapa here, ngā paerewa | Policies, Standards

18. Te Rautaki | Strategic Plan 2025-2030

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6902113). The Board discussed edits to its draft Strategic Plan 2025-2030 and suggested under these headings:

- 'What do we do': 'We value and promote the naming of features in New Zealand, on its sea floor and in Antarctica'. This comes from the need to value and promote place naming. It may link into the virtual field trips and other ways the Board promotes its work to the public.
- 'How will we do it better': rather than having tasks, it should have outcomes and suggested 'Support the strategic value by showcasing on the global stage New Zealand's naming on land, the ocean floor and in Antarctic territories', so it is the purpose, rather than outlining how it will be done.

The Board wondered if it should do a stocktake and be taking a more mindful perspective. The issue is not so much naming features on land. Naming features on the ocean floor and in Antarctica is an increasing area of interest. For example, mapping and the need to name features for mineral exploration, fishing, etc. There is a role for the Board to play in encouraging features to be named and setting up programmes to do so. However, it should be mindful of not over-naming features in wilderness or pristine areas. The Board agreed that to advance the value of place naming it needs to promote and celebrate it. It should also be looking at ways of strengthening relationships with groups it liaises with, beyond asking for their advice in an ad-hoc fashion.

The Board requested that Te Arawhiti be replaced with its new name 'Te Tari Whakatau' in the new Strategy.

Ultimately the purpose of the Strategy is to outline where Board needs to put its energies. The Board will share the Strategy with Toitū Te Whenua LINZ's Chief Executive and the Minister once it is finalised.

The Board noted that under the 'How we will do it better' heading, it needs to emphasise working in partnership with mana whenua, not just at the post-Treaty settlement level.

The Board requested that 'embracing best practice in UX design' be deleted from the 10th bullet point under 'How will we do it better' and adding reference to using AI as appropriate be included under the 'How will we do it better' heading.

The Board discussed how it might announce its Strategic Plan 2025-2030 once it's finalised and agreed that it should be covered in its Annual Report this year, which will tabled in Parliament and published online. The Board agreed that it wouldn't develop a communications plan.

The Board requested these further edits under the 'How will we do it better' heading:

- 13th bullet point replace 'leverage' with 'encourage'
- 14th bullet point replace 'react' with 'act on'
- 16th bullet point replace 'enable' with 'promote'.

The Secretary will update the Strategic Plan 2025-2030 with the edits suggested at this hui and make it a shared document for Board members to provide any further suggested edits. The Strategy will need to be finalised by the end of June 2025.

19. Contemporary Māori place names policy/guideline/reference

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6913204). The Board noted that it had discussed needing a policy or guideline on naming features with contemporary Māori place names in 2021, but nothing had been finalised. The Board suggested that the draft policy be referred to the Komiti Taunahatanga Māori for the right guidance. The document is a good foundation to work from; however, many of the high-level reasons could apply to both Māori and non-Māori place names.

The Board noted that a difficulty in applying contemporary Māori names in territorial New Zealand was that generally, there may already be an original Māori name relevant to the area, in which case engagement with mana whenua was key. The Board usually only asks iwi to advise of traditional Māori names, so this could encourage wider engagement. There is a risk that seeking contemporary Māori names could become political and cause friction between iwi, ie, 'naming is claiming'. The initial process is critical – whoever proposes a contemporary Māori name must undertake consultation with all relevant mana whenua. The Board noted as an example that an observer from a Taranaki iwi had been involved in proposing contemporary Māori names for undersea features offshore from the Chatham Islands without consulting with mana whenua: Ngāti Mutunga o Wharekauri and Moriori.

The Board considered more examples of contemporary Māori place names should be added to the document.

Resolution

*The Board **deferred** for the Komiti Taunahatanga Māori to review and provide feedback on the draft Contemporary Māori place names policy/guideline/reference.*

3:06 pm – 3:16 pm – Kaputī | Afternoon tea

20. Suburb and locality name boundary extents policy/guideline/reference

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6924604, A6924608). The Board agreed that its policy/guideline/reference on suburb and locality name boundary extents could be embedded in proposal reports as appropriate (ie for populated place name proposals). The Board agreed to these corrections in the policy/guideline/reference document:

- page 6, 3rd bullet, final sentence to read 'The external boundary polygon will not be added to the Board's *Gazetteer* after the final boundary extent is included in the *Dataset*'.
- page 6, 'Risk' section, final sentence to read 'Noting that the Board's *Gazetteer* will not include those boundary extents...'
- page 6, 'Risk' section, add this new final sentence 'The *Dataset* will be the single authoritative repository for boundary extents'.

The Board noted that it won't be agreeing to the official extents of suburbs and localities as they won't be included in any final NZ *Gazette* notices. The *Suburbs and Localities Dataset* covers all (addressable) suburbs and localities, whether the Board has dealt with them or not. This will need to be conveyed, including through the *Gazetteer*, so that if people want to find out where boundaries are, they are directed to that *Dataset*. The Board noted that while the final extent of Maewa, for example, won't be shown in the *Gazetteer*, there could be a hyperlink to the full *Dataset* layer, not the specific name and its extent.

The Board agreed that the document should become an operational guidance for the Secretariat as part of the proposal process. The Board noted that the Secretary had already discussed the policy/guideline/reference with the Toitū Te Whenua Addressing team, to update their online guidance for the *Suburbs and Localities Dataset*.

Toronga | Outreach

21. Toronga me te Whakawharaunga | Outreach and Engagement

21.1 Centenary

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6928790). The Board acknowledged the work of the Secretariat in putting the information together, especially with a very limited budget. Outstanding actions include an article on the role of Tā Apirana Ngata in influencing orthography, a timeline of the Board's Secretaries and a social media post.

21.2 Virtual Field Trip

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6929321). The Board requested that Maniatoto on page 1 of the report be corrected to Maniapoto.

The Secretary has previously asked Tātai Aho Rau Core Education group that Kororāreka should be avoided in the virtual field trip because the Minister for Land Information hasn't yet made the final decision. However, the group is intent on including Kororāreka, so the Secretary has asked if they will share the video first and requested that they at least omit comment on the current proposal and the Minister's pending decision. Filming is next scheduled for 22 and 23 April 2025 [*Secretariat note: delayed to later in 2025*]. Not all names to be used are currently in the *Gazetteer* and some stories are still to be added.

The Board discussed whether including Kororāreka could compromise the Minister's decision making. The virtual field trips are a resource for recording authentic place names and their stories and it is Tātai Aho Rau Core Education's prerogative to tell the stories.

Actions required

- Secretary to advise Tātai Aho Rau Core Education that the Board does not support Kororāreka being used in the virtual field trips so long as the statutory process is ongoing. [*Secretariat note: with the Minister having made his decision in early May there was no need to ask that Kororāreka be omitted from the virtual field trip. However, it was subsequently decided to exclude it anyway.*]

3:58 pm – Dr Merata Kawharu left the hui

3:58 pm – Joanna Barnes-Wylie left the hui

Ngā mahi, ngā kaupapa | Projects, Initiatives

22. Ngā mahi, ngā kaupapa | Projects, initiatives

22.1 Mountaineer commemorative place names

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6909935). The Board agreed that there is no urgency to have the names made official. Some of the features are well known in the mountaineering community, who would want to know that the names are appropriate from a Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and kaitiaki rūnaka perspective. The Board agreed to leave the 18 names as unofficial recorded place names, add their stories to the History/Origin/Meaning field in the *Gazetteer*, and to publish the 16 available biographies on the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ website on ANZAC day along with a news story and social media post.

22.2 New Oratia Media place names publication

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6930068). The Board noted with thanks, the generosity extended by Oratia Media to include the Board's work in this 'New Zealand Place Names' publication. The Board noted that its release is scheduled for later in 2025.

22.3 Gazetteer refresh

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6937533). The Secretariat gave a brief demonstration of the refreshed *Gazetteer* which is hoped to go live by 4 April 2025. There will be better accessibility, a modernised user interface, and public visibility of sub-events, such as corrigenda, which weren't previously available.

22.4 Regulatory System Assessment

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6929992). The Board noted that Toitū Te Whenua LINZ was close to completing the report, The Board understood why this work was being done and that it would be provided with the final report once completed.

Kōrero hou a te Hekeretari | Secretariat's update

23. Kōrero hou a te Hekeretari | Secretariat's update

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6937854). The Board noted the numerous items in the report, which is used to inform the Board of relevant matters not covered elsewhere on the Agenda. The Board noted that the government has requested that Annual Reports be a lot more succinct. They should be focused on 'what you are supposed to do, what have you done, how much have you done and how much did it cost', with no images. Therefore, the Board will be publishing a very basic Annual Report for 2024/25. However, as per the Board's earlier request, its updated Strategy 2025-2030 will be included.

He take atu anō | Other Business

24. He take atu anō | Other Business

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6930070). The Board is unlikely to have a mid-year hui as there are no proposals at this stage. Any urgent matters can be dealt with online. The Secretary reminded Board members to submit their expense claims.

Karakia | Prayer

Mahana Toka closed the hui with a karakia at 4:17 pm.

Actions for Board from 31 March 2025 hui			
Agenda Item	Actions	By Whom	Comments
6 Ngā Whakatau a te Minita Minister's decisions	Continue to seek an audience with the Minister.	Chairperson	
	Consider inviting the Minister to the next Board hui.	Chairperson	

Actions for Board from 15 October 2024 hui			
Agenda Item	Action	By Whom	Comments
20.4 Waitangirua Suburb Boundaries	Chairperson to make an executive decision on whether to delete the spatial boundary for Waitangirua from the Gazetteer	Chairperson	OPEN