

Ngāpuhi ki Waitematā – Pānui Update (2026 April Hui)

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we head into our Takiwā hui this Thursday, here's a quick update on what's been happening since we last met, along with some whakaaro on where we're heading. We're really keen to hear your feedback, ideas, and where you see opportunities for our people.

1. NAHC – New CEO

We've recently welcomed **Matthew Mudford** as CEO of Ngāpuhi Assets Holding Company. He brings strong experience from KPMG and NZTE, and from being part of the recruitment process, it was clear there was a high calibre of candidates. This gives confidence in the direction NAHC is heading.

What this means for us:

We'll be looking to engage directly with Matthew around:

- Business and investment opportunities
- Employment pathways for our whānau
- How our Takiwā can actively participate in Ngāpuhi's economic future

2. Te Ohu Kaimoana

Ngāpuhi had a strong presence at the recent AGM.

Key kōrero:

- Ngāpuhi intends to be more vocal as the largest shareholder
- There's real opportunity to influence outcomes for all iwi
- Representation was strong and balanced

For us in Waitematā:

- More say in how our assets are managed
- Opportunities to build capability and pathways into governance
- A need to grow and use our Takiwā database to support future leaders from here in Waitematā

3. Special General Meeting (SGM)

Our Takiwā stood alongside **Ngāpuhi ki te Tonga** leading into the SGM in Kaikohe – big mihi to our Chair Norma for representing us.

Outcomes:

- All proposed changes were adopted
- Approval of a new commercial arm
- Strong confidence in NAHC leadership

What's next:

- Understanding how this new structure works for us
- Identifying local businesses and investment opportunities

- Working collaboratively across Takiwā

4. Community – Barry White Show @ Te Māhurehure Marae

We supported a table at the Barry White Show alongside THOON, NISS and TRAION. Despite some last-minute changes, it turned into a great night:

- Awesome kai
- Mean vibes and music
- Strong whakawhanaungatanga

These are the moments where we connect kanohi ki te kanohi – just as important as the formal mahi.

5. Deputy Chair Update

I've been involved in a number of national-level kaupapa:

- Sitting on recruitment panels attracting strong talent
- Representing Ngāpuhi on the Kahui Ārahi (Oranga Tamariki)
- sites visits to Orewa and Pukekohe and planning Te Tohu o Te Ora o Ngāti Awa (specialised call centre)

We're actively looking for Ngāpuhi caregivers

Key message:

Our tamariki are mostly Ngāpuhi – we need Ngāpuhi caring for Ngāpuhi.

6. Online Presence – Our digital reach is building fast:

- 250,000+ views last month
- 52,000+ engagements
- 900% growth in followers

Everything is now in one place – including feedback forms and monthly reports:

- Added a blog to the website
- Linked our old site (photos, history back to 2014)
- Made zoom links and updates easy to access on our calendar

We Want to Hear From You

This is your Takiwā.

We're looking for:

- Ideas for economic development
- Opportunities for our whānau
- Feedback on what we're doing well (and what we're not)
- People who want to step up and be involved
- Caregivers

Join our hui, have your say and help shape the direction for Ngāpuhi in Waitematā.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ngāpuhi ki Waitematā