

Te Awa Kōrero

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IWI AUTHORITY

Pānui-a-marama
Whiringa-a-Nuku

He wā nui kei mua ia tātou
An important time ahead

Kia ora e te iwi,

We are heading into an important few months for Ngāi Tai. Our Deed of Settlement has been initialled, our AGM is coming up in November, and we are now preparing for the next major phase of our settlement journey; ratification. This is the process where eligible Ngāi Tai iwi members vote to accept or reject the proposed Treaty Settlement and the establishment of the Post-Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE).



AGM | 21st November 2026



Our 2026 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 21 November. This is our opportunity to report back to the iwi on the year that has been and the mahi ahead.

The AGM will cover our:

- 2025/26 Annual Report
- audited financial statements
- progress against our Annual Plan
- fisheries reporting
- 2026/27 Annual Plan
- appointment of our auditor
- wider iwi mahi and priorities ahead

There are no Trustee elections this year. Full details, including the time, venue and AGM information, are available on the Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority website under Events → Annual General Meeting. Nau mai, haere mai e te iwi.

Our Settlement Journey

From initialling to ratification

On 17 September 2026, our Deed of Settlement was initialled. This was an important milestone, but initialling does not mean Ngāi Tai has approved the settlement. That decision belongs to our uri through ratification. We are now moving into the period where our people need the opportunity to understand what has been negotiated, ask questions, kōrero together and consider the proposed Post-Settlement Governance Entity that will receive and manage settlement assets.



What happens next?

Learn & Kōrero → Ratification Hui → Vote → Signing & Implementation.

Over the coming months we will provide more information about:

- the proposed Deed of Settlement
- the financial, cultural and commercial redress
- the proposed PSGE
- ratification hui
- voting
- who is eligible to vote
- how to participate if you live outside the rohe or overseas.

There will be plenty of information to come. You do not need to know everything now, but now is the time to make sure you are connected.



Are you Registered?

With ratification ahead, a major focus is making sure our Uri Register is current and accurate. At the end of September, we had 2,253 approved members on the register — up 11.8% over the past year.

If you are already registered, please check that your details are up to date, especially your:

Email address • Postal address • Date of birth

If you have never registered, now is the time.

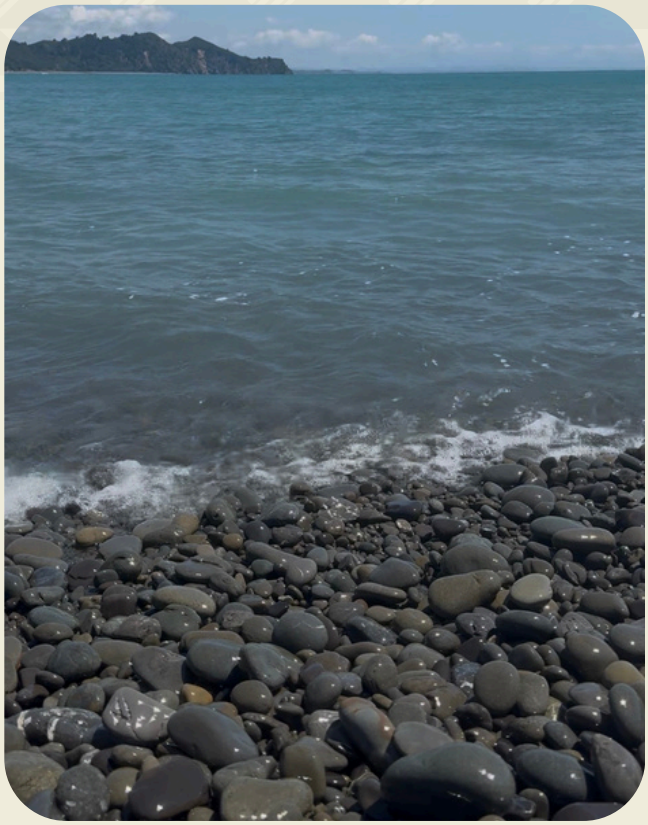
Being registered helps us keep you informed and, if you are eligible, ensures you can take part in formal iwi processes such as ratification.

Register or update your details:

register@ngaitai.iwi.nz

And please encourage your whānau to do the same.

Ngai Tai-Ao



Growing our own taiao capability

The next stage of Ngāi Tai-Ao will include the Ngāi Tai Maramataka and Rangatahi Taiao Leadership Programme. The programme will support 4–6 rangatahi to grow practical taiao capability across freshwater, eDNA, tuna, repo and rocky-shore monitoring.

The kaupapa will also continue the restoration of maramataka as a living environmental tool, with contemporary science sitting alongside our own knowledge — not replacing it.

The long-term goal is to build capability within Ngāi Tai so that knowledge about our taiao remains with our own people and is carried forward by future generations.

More information and opportunities to participate will be shared as the programme develops.

Looking Ahead 2026/2027

Ratification will be a major focus for NIA over the coming year, alongside preparing Ngāi Tai for the transition into a post-settlement environment. But our wider mahi continues.

Our priorities will also include: **Taiao** - Continuing our environmental mahi, including the Ngāi Tai Maramataka and Rangatahi Taiao Leadership Programme. **Reo & Mātauranga** - Growing Te Reo o Ngāi Tai, supporting reo pathways for whānau and rangatahi, and strengthening the capture of our kōrero tuku iho. **Fisheries & Aquaculture** - Building customary fisheries capability and progressing decisions about future aquaculture opportunities. **Whānau & Uri** - Strengthening our register, our communications and our understanding of whānau needs and service pathways. **Governance & Transition** - Making sure our governance, systems, finances and people are ready for the responsibilities that come with settlement.

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