

TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI RĒHIA

ME

TE KAUNIHERA O TE HIKU O TE  
IKA - FAR NORTH DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

HE

TE ARO MANATU

MEMORANDUM  
OF  
UNDERSTANDING



## 1. Parties

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1.1 Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia is a registered charitable trust that delivers a range of services on behalf of our hapū within our community and tribal boundaries Te Riu o Ngāti Rēhia;

- Te Whare Mātauranga o Ngāti Rēhia (Ngāti Rēhia Education Services)
- Te Whare Ora o Ngāti Rēhia (Ngāti Rēhia Health Services)
- Te Whare Ngā Toi o Ngāti Rēhia (Ngāti Rēhia Arts, Culture & Heritage)
- Te Whare Taiao o Ngāti Rēhia (Ngāti Rēhia Environmental Unit)
- Te Whare Take Tiriti o Ngāti Rēhia (Ngāti Rēhia Crown Relationships)
- Te Whare Tū Kainga o Ngāti Rēhia (Ngāti Rēhia Housing Ltd)
- Te Whare Toko i Te Ora o Ngāti Rēhia (Ngāti Rēhia Social Services)

Ngāti Rēhia claim Ahi-Kā over their rohe. Ngāti Rēhia acknowledge the overlapping interests of other Ngāpuhi hapū, just as Ngāti Rēhia overlaps the rohe of others. Such overlap comes from the closeness of their relationships, and shared stories of whakapapa, marriage, alliances and conquests. Ngāti Rēhia prefer to think of these overlaps as areas of common interest rather than areas of conflict. Ngāti Rēhia (Ngāpuhi) tikanga is ably equipped to allow them to discuss and reaffirm their relationships.

1.2 Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o Te Ika - The Far North District Council is a local authority under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA02) with statutory responsibilities under a range of legislation, including the LGA02 and the Resource Management Act 1991.

These responsibilities include an obligation to establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of Council and foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of Council.

Council recognises it needs to establish meaningful and enduring relationships with Māori to enable effective participation in decision making while at the same time achieving mutually beneficial outcomes.

## 2. Purpose - Kaupapa

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2.1. To establish, confirm and strengthen an enduring relationship between Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o Te Ika - The Far North District Council (**the Council**) and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia (**the Rūnanga**) on behalf of Ngāti Rēhia hapū.

For Council and the Rūnanga to work together, investing in an intergenerational relationship that is based on mutual respect, is enduring and provides continuity through a shared vision, purpose and goals for mutually beneficial outcomes.

### 3. Vision – Moemoeā

- 3.1. The Council works in collaboration with the Rūnanga, to establish and build upon a functional relationship that provides adequate processes and policies, functions and duties to support the aspirations of Ngāti Rēhia;
- 3.2. The Rūnanga assist Council in meeting its statutory duties under the Resource Management Act 1991 by providing meaningful input on matters relating to the relationship of Ngāti Rēhia whānui and their culture and traditions with ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu, and associated taonga and the kaitiakitanga responsibilities of Ngāti Rēhia.
- 3.3. Ngāti Rēhia are enabled to make decisions over matters within Te Riu o Ngāti Rēhia.

Ngāti Rēhia Mata Momoe

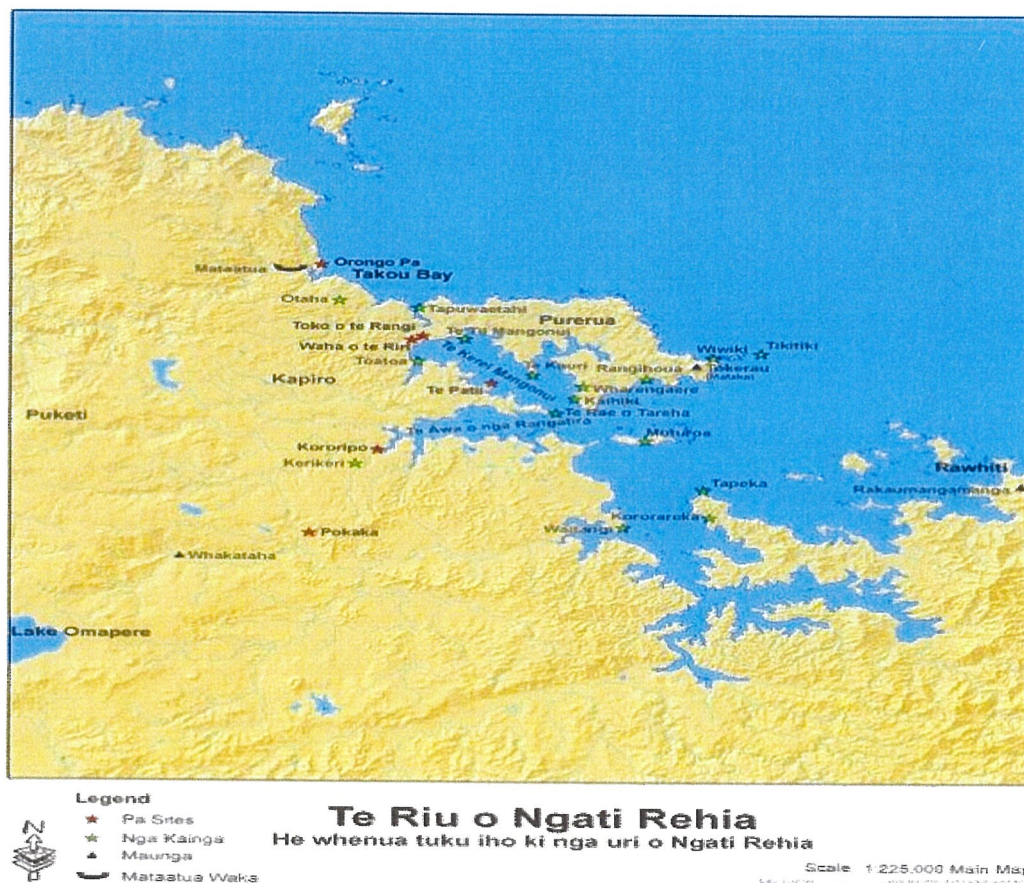
Ngāti Rēhia Mata Kakā

Tiakina ngā maunga, ngā awa, ngā moana me ngā whenua tapu o Ngāti Rēhia

Ngāti Rēhia the sleeping Giant

Ngāti Rēhia faces all challenges, when awakened

Ngāti Rēhia protects your sacred mountains, rivers, seas and land.



## 4. Values and Principles – Ngā Mātāpono

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- 4.1. Kotahitanga: Council and the Rūnanga will come together for matters of importance and that underpin the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU);
- 4.2. Whanaungatanga: Acknowledge the roles and responsibilities of both the Council and the Rūnanga; A kanohi ki te kanohi relationship will support this MOU;
- 4.3. Manaakitanga: Council and the Rūnanga will work together for mutual benefit. Council will ensure appropriate resourcing is applied to enable the Rūnanga to participate in decision-making by Council where appropriate.;
- 4.4. Mana Whenua: Ngāti Rēhia retain rangatiratanga over their resources and taonga and the Crown's duty of active protection;
- 4.5. Tino Rangatiratanga: Acknowledge hapū as holders of Mana i te Whenua;
- 4.6. Mātauranga Māori: Acknowledge hapū as holders of Mātauranga as it pertains to their respective boundaries;
- 4.7. Tikanga: Acknowledge He Whakaputanga o Te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tirenī me te Tiriti o Waitangi. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia consider He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tirenī 1835 (He Whakaputanga) me Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840 (Te Tiriti) as the constitutional documents of Aotearoa and should be read together. These two documents provide the platform for hapū, iwi and the kāwanatanga in decision making. He Whakaputanga is our first constitutional document, it reaffirms and asserts the mana of hapū through whakapapa to the whenua, to exercise our authority in applying tikanga to uphold the mana and well-being of hapū as we had for thousands of years prior to the arrival of Pākehā. For ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi, there is no question that He Whakaputanga is a clear statement that mana resides solely with the hapū and marae. He Whakaputanga established Aotearoa as a sovereign nation, which later provided the platform for a treaty. Te Tiriti was signed 5 years later and once again reaffirms the mana and rangatiratanga of hapū and iwi and invited the kāwanatanga to have a relationship with us and provide an avenue for Pākehā to govern themselves not us as hapū. Te Tiriti became the founding document defining the partnership between Britain and the independent Rangatira of Aotearoa. It is through these foundational documents that Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia will practise their Kaitiakitanga in Te Riu o Ngāti Rēhia and expect this is respected by those wishing to live and utilise the Kerikeri Waipapa area to either their benefit or the wider community.

## 5. Common Goals – Ngā Whāinga Ōrite

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- 5.1. Operate in a manner that is tikanga compliant which builds understanding, respect, honesty and open communication.



## 6. Resourcing and Funding Arrangements – Ngā Rauemi me ngā whakaritenga Pūtea

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- 6.1. Work together on the allocation of resources each quarter starting March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 providing clarity regarding what will be required to support this MOU and their relationship approach to the economic, social and cultural well-being of the Rūnanga across all the relevant duties and functions of Council that fall within Te Riu o Ngāti Rēhia.

## 7. Work programmes/Plans – Ngā Mahere Kaupapa

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- 7.1. Council commits to designing a work programme that is reflective of the Rūnanga aspirations and contributes to the overall community aspirations;
- 7.2. Work plans will be negotiated with the Rūnanga and will form the basis of the Relationship between the Rūnanga and Council.

## 8. Face to Face understanding – Māramatanga Kanohi ki te Kanohi

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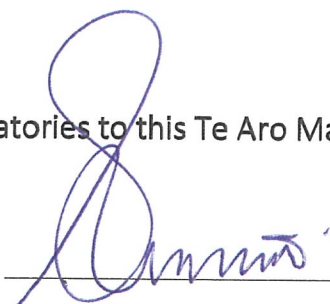
- 8.1. Council and the Rūnanga agree to meet annually on a face-to-face basis to discuss the learnings and opportunities brought about through this MoU;
- 8.2. Council and the Rūnanga agree that any dispute that may arise will be dealt with appropriately and effectively through this formed bond/relationship based on a Kanohi ki te Kanohi approach;
- 8.3. Council and the Rūnanga acknowledge that Council as a local authority under the Local Government Act 2002, has a wide range of statutory functions and obligations and that nothing in this MOU can restrict or limit Council's discretion and powers in undertaking its statutory functions and obligations.

## 9. Disputes Resolution Process – Huarahi Whakatau Take

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- 9.1. Any dispute that arises in the implementation or operation of this MOU shall be resolved through Rangatira ki te Rangatira communication.
- 9.2. Any matter of dispute will be immediately highlighted as an issue requiring resolution through Rangatira ki te Rangatira communications between organisational leadership, and a written record of the concern will be created, to be shared between the Council and the Rūnanga.
- 9.3. The Council and the Rūnanga, through their respective leaders and governors, will seek to reach a good faith agreement on the most appropriate pathway and timeframe for resolution of the dispute, which will be recorded in writing, which will reflect a Te Tiriti/Treaty approach to the enduring nature of the relationship, whilst meeting the nature of the relationship, whilst meeting the requirements of any duties, functions or processes affected by the dispute.

Signatories to this Te Aro Manatu



**Kipa Munro**

Chairperson

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia Charitable Trust

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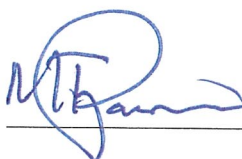


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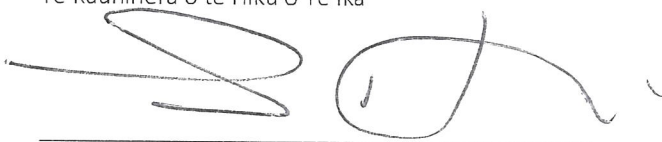


**Moko Tepania**

Kahika

Te Kaunihera o te Hiku o Te Ika

Date: 11/12/2024



**Guy Holroyd**

Te Tumu Whakarae

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