

# ANZAC DAY

*Lest We Forget*

25 APRIL



## *He Kōrero uā te Toihau*

### CEO's Te Whakahou Korero

**He Honore, he Kororia, he Maungarongo ki te whenua  
He Whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa.  
Ka mihi atu ki to tātou Kaihanga, nāna nei ngā mea katoa  
Ka mihi hoki ki a ratou kua wehe atu ki te pō,  
Haere, haere, haere whakangaro atu  
Ko tātou ēnei te hunga ora e mihi tonu, e tangi tonu ki a rātou  
Tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou katoa.**

This is our first quarterly pānui since our last AGM and on behalf of the Board, we hope you're all as safe as possible given the recent weather events experienced through Cyclone Vaianu.

Since the AGM, the Board has reconfirmed John O'Brien as chair of Māori Investments Ltd (MIL) with Kiriwaitangi Rei Russell as the deputy chair, and I look forward to continuing working with them both, and the full board as they lead MIL into the future.

These latest weather events have been challenging in many ways, especially as we're right in the middle of our Kiwifruit harvest season but most importantly all our staff are safe and with a bit of luck (and some fine weather) we should be able to complete our kiwifruit harvest soon.

### Tarawera Forest Land

Some of you might recall we purchased back the Tarawera forest land just over 20 years ago, to achieve that we borrowed money from the ASB bank which was secured on our only asset of adequate value at that time, the underlying land within Tarawera itself. As I mentioned at the AGM we have been working hard over the last few years to investigate ways to release or transfer the debt security off the land which we've always considered as a Taonga.

Through our growing banking relationship with BNZ we've been able to complete that recently, with the remaining debt for the original purchase transferred from ASB to BNZ and most importantly, the debt security has been removed off Tarawera land and onto our commercial assets, namely the kiwifruit orchards. It's a significant milestone and one we had highlighted in our 10-year strategy, the next stage of that process is to prioritise the repayment of the remaining debt for the original Tarawera land re-purchase as a key priority.

I want to acknowledge both ASB for their historical support which enabled the return of Tarawera forest and to BNZ for their innovation in finding a way to make this happen.

### Ngā Maunga Kaitiaki Trust – Pūtauaki Maunga

There's a few updates to communicate in terms of developments on Pūtauaki Maunga where it's been a busy time since the start of the year with the removal of the radio masts off the summit of Pūtauaki, the associated equipment has been largely removed off by road with the final removal of the radio towers to be completed by helicopter down to the forestry compound which those living locally might be able to see, weather permitting.

Following the radio masts removal, we will also start the harvesting of the pine trees off the Maunga itself. This is significant for a number of reasons given that it's the first harvest of our own "owned" trees within MIL which will be followed by replanting in native plants with the end goal being to recloak Pūtauaki completely in indigenous flora and fauna. The final part of the strategy to remove the Kordia tower off the summit of Pūtauaki is still ongoing through the Māori Land Court.

So, lots going on as we head into the final quarter of our 2026 financial year.

Finally, if you've changed your address or key contact details recently could I please ask you to contact the office and let us know of the changes to ensure we're able to update our system and stay in communication.



**Noho Ora Mai**

*Tiaki*

**CEO**

**Māori Investments Limited**



## Important Dates

Key dates to note over the upcoming months include;



**Anzac Day**  
Public Holiday  
to be observed on  
**Mon, 27 April**



**MIL Tertiary Grants**  
Applications are  
open until  
**Friday 5 June**



**Secondary Schools Kapa Haka National Competition**  
at Baypark, Mount Maunganui from  
**Mon 29 June – Friday 3 July**



**Matariki**  
Public Holiday  
to be observed on  
**Friday 10 July**



**Kaumātua Grants**  
Applications are  
open until  
**Friday 7 August**

## Kaumātua Grant



Kaumātua Grant applications are available on our website at [www.maoriinvestments.co.nz](http://www.maoriinvestments.co.nz) or by calling the office to request a hard copy on 07 323 8146 / 0800 645 123. Alternatively, we can send you an electronic copy by email.

All applications **MUST** be received by **Friday, 7 August.**

### Eligibility

Kaumātua Grants are available to all shareholders and beneficiaries of a registered whānau trust of MIL who are 65 years of age and over. Applications must be returned to the office by the closing date as set out above.

### Previous Applicants

For those who applied for a Kaumātua Grant in 2025, a letter was sent to you in March. Please ensure you check your letters and the details outlined. If your details remain the same as per the previous year, please tick the box, sign page 2, and return it to the office at your earliest convenience.

Please know that since the release of these letters, staff have received a number of calls from shareholders advising us of their change of details. We cannot express enough how important it is to ensure you update your details as soon as possible. So please call the office if your details have changed from the records we keep.



## Tertiary Grants

Tertiary Grants are now available on our website at [www.maoriinvestments.co.nz](http://www.maoriinvestments.co.nz) and will close on Friday, 5 June 2026. Please be advised that no late submissions will be accepted. We encourage you or your whānau to apply.



Please be aware that Tertiary Grants are for shareholders and their descendants only. If applications are missing key documents upon submission, your application may be delayed from being processed.

If you would like to check the criteria before applying, please contact our office on 07 323 8146 / 0800 645 123 or by email at [info@maoriinvestments.co.nz](mailto:info@maoriinvestments.co.nz)

## Project Partnership

Staff had the opportunity to join our pest eradication partners, Ian Tarei and his team from Ōmataroa Rangitaiki No. 2, in the special release of a kiwi.

With the continued mahi we have on Pūtauaki and surrounding Tarawera forest we hope that 1 day we are able to achieve the releasing of kiwi on our maunga and our forest, however, we still have a long way to go.

The extent of mahi that is undertaken in these projects does not go unnoticed so thank you Ian and your team for the invitation.



## Shareholders Details

If the following apply, please contact the Office as soon as possible.

- ▲ Change of Address
- ▲ Change of Phone Number
- ▲ Change in Email Address
- ▲ Change in Bank Account

For us to have the correct details we need you to contact us. If you do not have an address filed with your information, we are then required to flag this as part of our missing shareholders list.



## Missing Shareholders

We still have a large number of missing shareholders in our system. A list is available on our website [www.maoriinvestments.co.nz](http://www.maoriinvestments.co.nz)

If you are one of those missing shareholders and/or notice one of the names, please make contact with us. **It is important that we find these missing shareholders.**





# MIL Board of Directors and CEO

If you have changed your email or residential address – please let us know.



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