



# CAPABILITY STATEMENT

TAIAO ORA  
MAURI ORA



Te Pu-a Nga Maara : Rangatahi-led Taiao Innovators Collective



## **Join the Movement – Taiao Ora:Mauri Ora**

Collaborate with us on our mission to Revive, Reconnect, and Regenerate the environment for a sustainable future.

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## **Our Charitable Purpose**

Established in 2017, Te Pu-a-Nga Maara is a Rangatahi-led Taiao Innovators collective born from the shared aspirations of Makaurau Marae, Manurewa Marae, and Papatuaanuku Kookiri Marae.

We deliver environmentally sustainable and culturally grounded solutions to ensure the health and wellbeing of our whanau, hapu, rangatahi, and mokopuna. Our mission focuses on reviving indigenous knowledge, reconnecting with nature, and regenerating our environment for a thriving future.

## **Our Vision and Mission**

### **Our Vision:**

Taiao Ora: Mauri Ora – Nature is Life!

### **Our Mission:**

Revive – *Ngā Kōrero Tuku Iho*

Reconnect – *Ki Te Ao Tūroa*

Regenerate – *Ngā Tai o te Ao*

### **Our Pou**



#### **Rangi**

Reviving Maramataka and developing local calendars through workshops, taiao observations, and cultural practices.



#### **Whenua**

Reconnecting with maunga and supporting ngahere regeneration through pest control, planting, and maintenance.



#### **Moana**

Enhancing waterway health through quality monitoring, compliance reporting, and monthly Tangaroa Giveback Days.



#### **Tangata**

Reconnecting communities through innovative projects, training and enterprise and engagement opportunities.



## Our Mahi

We provide ecological restoration services aimed at achieving Taiao Ora while uplifting and enhancing our local ecosystems. Operating within our takiwā, we partner with you to deliver effective and efficient solutions that enhance and rejuvenate the environment.

- 1. Pest Plant and Animal Control:** We offer comprehensive solutions for ecosystem balance. They include pest plant removal and setting and maintaining traplines for pest animals.
- 2. Native Plant Sourcing and Maintenance:** Land preparation, native seed collection, eco-sourcing of plants, planting and ongoing maintenance of native flora.
- 3. Corporate Training and Cultural Responsiveness:** We offer customised packages for businesses and organisations to build cultural competency. These include Taiao-focused volunteer days and community events.
- 4. Back Office Support:** Our support system helps you develop the skills to employ staff, set up legal entities, apply for receive financial support and market your organisation. We also offer assistance with enterprise creation that helps our young people develop their business ideas.





## **Our Performance**

### **Puhinui Stream Projects:**

Since 2019, we have been dedicated to restoring and revitalising the Puhinui Stream and Reserve. Over an area of 22,840 sqm, we have implemented effective pest control strategies to eradicate invasive species such as gorse, privet, woolly nightshade and various invasive vines. In their place, we have planted 51,000 native plants, achieving an impressive 80% survival rate.

These efforts have significantly enhanced biodiversity, creating thriving habitats and promoting the growth of native flora and fauna. Our work has also improved water quality and flow, contributing to the ecosystem's overall health and ensuring the sustainability of this precious taonga for future generations.

This project is scheduled for completion in 2030.

### **Community Engagement:**

We believe in the power of collective action and regularly host Giveback days to involve local communities, schools and corporate groups in environmental restoration. These events provide hands-on opportunities for participants to connect with the environment by planting native species, removing invasive plants and cleaning waterways. Our work in the Puhinui and surrounding ecosystems fosters a deeper understanding of ecological challenges and empowers individuals to become active kaitiaki (guardians) of their environment. The engagement strengthens community bonds and ensures the success of our restoration projects through collective care and stewardship.

### **Innovation:**

As leaders in environmental restoration, we employ innovative approaches to address ecological challenges. We ensure efficient and sustainable solutions by combining traditional Māori knowledge with cutting-edge technologies, such as drones for pest monitoring and water quality assessment. Our development of Tuuhono ki Taiao, a rangatahi-led resource kete, exemplifies our commitment to fostering creativity and innovation among future generations.



## **Recognition**

Our dedication to excellence has been acknowledged through prestigious awards, including: *Mayoral Conservation Award (2019)*: Recognised for our outstanding contributions to conservation and the sustainable future of our waterways and ecosystems.

*Kūmara Award (2024)*: Honoured for our innovative methods and community-driven approach to ecological restoration, highlighting our role as a leader in environmental sustainability.

These accolades reflect our unwavering commitment to achieving Taiao Ora and ensuring the health and vitality of our natural environment.

## **Review - Feedback**

Participants and stakeholders frequently commend our innovative approach and the meaningful outcomes of collaborative efforts. Here is what some of our past participants have said about their experience with Te Pu-a-Nga Maara led Giveback days.

*“Participating in the project was incredibly rewarding. We planted numerous trees, helping to restore the local ecosystem. It was a great way to connect with nature, learn about environmental conservation and contribute to a sustainable future.”*

*“While planting and digging into the earth, you can feel a connection to the environment and see what the soil is like, and how much effort was needed to clear away the pest trees and plants. Looking at the other areas planted you can see the differences it makes afterwards.”*

*“It made me so conscious of how little attention we pay to the world around us. It filled my cup to slow down and give some love back to our beautiful country.”*

### **From our sponsors Sustainable Business Network**

*“TPNM immediately made a great impression on our project team as being a highly reliable, impactful and dedicated team. Progress towards milestones has exceeded expectations and reporting has been on time and thorough. TPNM has been very patient during times of project initiation and found ways to keep delivering when there were challenges. TPNM is a highly sought-after entity for delivery in South Auckland so we are blessed to have them onboard.”*

### **From Minister Willow Prime 2023**

*“Your informative tour of the site enabled me to see in person how strong an impact this project is having, both in conservation outcomes and for the local community. It is clear Te Pu-a-Nga Maara’s hard work is helping make the Puhinui Regeneration Project the success it is.”*



## Certifications and Affiliations

### **Tōtika Supplier Listing Certificate**

Tōtika is a single framework that brings all health and safety pre-qualifications under one umbrella.

### **Sitesafe certificate**

Improves our health and safety culture; to control hazards and reduce injuries.

### **Amotai**

Independently verified to be at least 50% Māori and/or Pasifika-owned.

### **Whariki**

*We proudly maintain a zero-serious incident record within our Taiao Ranger team and are committed to continuous improvement.*

## **Affiliations**



## Key Partners

**Iwi Mana Whenua - Te Waiohua**

**Department of Conservation**

**Auckland Council Parks & Reserves**

**Foundation North**

**Sustainable Business Network**



## Structure and Team

Our team comprises skilled Taiao Rangers and environmental specialists with a deep understanding of indigenous practices and contemporary sustainability methods. CVs and profiles are available upon request.

### TAIAO RANGERS KI TAMAKI KI TE TONGA



**Rakena Morgan**  
Pou Tiaki Taiao



**Keri Olsen**  
Taiao Ranger



**Nikki Pihema**  
Taiao Ranger



**Rhythm Awheto**  
Taiao Ranger



**Tangaroa Wall**  
Taiao Ranger



**Waiora Wall**  
Taiao Ranger



**Hohepa Mohi Henare**  
Taiao Ranger



**Naumai-Aria Wall**  
Taiao Ranger

### TAIAO RANGERS KI TAURANGA MOANA



**Kahurere Pomare**  
Taiao Ranger



**Akaroa Motutere**  
Taiao Ranger

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## TE HAAPAI OO - BACK OFFICE SUPPORT

### Te Pu-a Nga Maara Management

**Krissy Bishop** - *Mana Whakahaere*

**Nadine Inia** - *Kaikokiri Te Hapai ō*

**Zara Motutere** - *Kaikōkiri - Projects Manager*

### Te Pu-a Nga Maara Specialist Support

**Sophia Olo-Whaanga** - *Taiao Advisor* **Darcelle Bell-Ataata** - *Creative / Design Support*

### Te Pu-a Nga Maara Board of Trustees

Errin Henare, Colleen Smith, Anaru Ah Kew, Andy Wang, Kowhai Olsen