



Te Motu a Hiaroa Charitable Trust

Te Motu a Hiaroa Management Trust

Role Description

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"We aim to achieve meaningful mahi that restores the mauri of Te-Motu-a-Hiaroa and reconnects whanau to this whenua. The journey of restoration begins by restoring whaanau to whenua."

Introduction:

Te-Motu-a-Hiaroa Charitable Trust is the landowning entity for the Te-Motu-a-Hiaroa (Puketutu Island). It was established to hold and protect this whenua on behalf of mana whenua. The Trust comprises Te Aahiwaru Trust, Te Kawerau Iwi Settlement Trust, and Waikato-Tainui. Together three entities are focused on the long-term regeneration and care of the island. Te-Motu-a-Hiaroa Trust aspires to become the working hands of restoration, supporting the return of life, connection and purpose to this treasured taonga.

The island is rich with cultural history and traditions, with strong links to the surrounding mountains in the area and is protected by several ancestral taniwha. The name Te- Motu-a-Hiaroa is in reference to the landing of the Tainui waka around the year 1350. The island became the first home for the crew of the Tainui waka in Aotearoa and was named after Hiaroa, a significant tohunga who then chose to live on the island. From then on, the island became known as the island of tohunga and was respected as a place of worship, burial, and a place of spiritual learning by the Tainui and Te Waiohua iwi.

Te-Motu-a-Hiaroa Charitable Trust was formed in July 2011. There are three Iwi Representative groups (Waikato-Tainui, Makaurau Marae and Kawerau-a-Maki). Each representative group are entitled to appoint up to three members.

Te-Motu-a-Hiaroa Management Trust was also formed in July 2011. It is managed under a co-management agreement with Mana Whenua and the Auckland Council. There are twelve trust members

- Four Taangata whenua representatives
- Four Auckland Council representatives and,
- Four Watercare representatives

Purpose/Vision:

The Vision for Te-Motu-a-Hiaroa Charitable Trust is to protect and enhance the island for the benefit of Mana Whenua owners and the people of Auckland as a special place of cultural significance and provide more pathways to meaningful reconnection to whanau and manuhiri who wish to visit and connect. Our focus is on caring for the whenua, uplifting our stories, and creating a place for people and nature to thrive.

Expectations

Committee members are expected to:

- make themselves available to attend and participate in meetings;
- contribute the time necessary to study and understand the papers provided;
- apply good analytical skills, objectivity and judgement;
- express opinions, frankly, ask questions that go to the fundamental core of the issue and pursue independent lines of enquiry.

Term of Appointment

- Three years

Key Responsibilities

- Constructing on the Marae Precinct a Marae and associated facilities for the benefit of the beneficiaries of Te Kawerau Iwi, Makaurau Marae Maaori Trust, and Waikato - Tainui and making those facilities freely accessible to the public.
- Acting as Kaitiaki of the island
- Educating and informing the public about the Maaori and European history of the Island and places of historical and cultural significance on the island and; (iv)
- Such other charitable purposes may facilitate or further the foregoing purposes.

Skills and Competencies Sought

Essential

- Knowledge or understanding of tikanga and maatauranga Maaori.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Previous governance experience.
- Strategic relationship building with elected officials, council staff, and agency partners
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- Excellent communication skills
- Sensitivity to local Mana Whenua relationships.
- Staying kaupapa-driven while being adaptable and politically astute.

Preferred

- Strategic thinking and the ability to set strategic plans and guide implementation.
- Environmental and conservation knowledge
- Financial Acumen
- Asset Management experience
- Stakeholder Engagement- The ability to represent community interests, liaise with local stakeholders, community and public
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Time Commitment and Remuneration

- Trust members receive an honorarium for their membership on Te-Motu-a-Hiaroa Charitable Trust
- Te-Motu-a-Hiaroa Charitable Trust meets every 2 months (6 x meetings a year). Meetings are held in person and online.
- Te-Motu-a-Hiaroa Management Trust meets quarterly meetings are held in person and online.