

Date: Monday 12 May 2025
Time: 4.00pm
Meeting Room: Ōrākei Marae
Venue: 59b Kitemoana Street
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Auckland

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Reserves Board

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Monthly report - April 2025

Monthly Report



Item 5

Attachment A

Operation Manager Te Puna Sellers

1. Executive Summary: High-level overview of what was achieved in the last month and any milestones met.

Whai Maia Board Visit:

The Whai Maia Board visited Te Pourewa and were extremely impressed with the high standard of operations. We received excellent feedback, particularly around our health and safety procedures, which were highlighted as a real strength.

Team Overview:

Across all teams at Te Pourewa, there has been a strong and consistent focus on standardizing procedures and maintaining a high standard of health and safety. Health and safety practices have become more formalized across the site, from the landscape team right through to the turf and nursery teams.

- Turf Team: Sticking to all scheduled maintenance cycles, ensuring the whenua continues to look beautiful and well cared for.
- Native Nursery Team: Working extremely hard on up-potting and reorganizing the nursery yard to improve operations and workflow.
- Māra Kai (Food Garden): Outstanding results, harvesting between 200–300kg of kai, which is a huge achievement for the team.

Ko te Pūkaki 2040 Launch:

On the 26th of March, we celebrated the launch of Ko te Pūkaki. It was incredible to see strong support from the local community and whānau members. As an original kaimahi, it is exciting and heartening to see how we continue to protect and enhance the whenua. It's also rewarding to see more job opportunities being created for our whānau and to witness the eagerness of new kaimahi wanting to care for the whenua.

Recruitment and Interviews

There has been a large amount of interest in joining the Ecology Team, which has been awesome to see. It's great to be able to offer mahi opportunities to whānau members, and we're excited to see how the team continues to grow and develop over the coming years.

Training and Upskilling:

Training has been a major focus recently at Te Pourewa to support the upskilling of our kaimahi. Recent and upcoming training includes:

- Trailer training
- Polaris vehicle training
- Upcoming quad bike training
- First Aid: New kaimahi have been enrolled in their initial First Aid courses, with refresher courses planned for existing staff

We also held a fire drill exercise alongside Dempsey Wood. The response from our team was excellent, and we received very positive feedback from the Dempsey Wood Health and Safety Representative.

Turf Mike Davis

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All designated areas have been mowed, edged, and maintained in accordance with their scheduled cycles.

Next scheduled maintenance:

- Trust Mows: Week of 13/05/2025
- Atareta / Whare Ora: Week of 13/05/2025

There is a slight delay on some of the trust mows as some of the team have been away on holidays.

Equipment & Maintenance:

Service Schedule:

- 4049R Tractor: 2,500 hours
Next service due at: 2,500 hours
- 1580 Ride-On Mower: 400 hours
Next service due at 500 hours

Additional information:

Tractor received service on 10.04.2025

2. Breakdown of work: mowed and edged

- Whenua rangatira
- MJS
- Okahu bay reserve and beach
- Watene cres
- 79 Kitemoana st
- 180-182 Kupe st
- 169-191 Kupe st
- 62-64 Kitemoana st
- Whai Maia
- Atareta st
- Rautara st
- Te arawa st
- Marae car park
- Orchard
- Takitimu st
- Marae car park
- Plateau
- Kupe st park (bball court)

3. Land condition update: Detailed update on conditions of the land - Wet areas, damaged areas, unusual occurrences

The whenua is lush and green caused by the right heat conditions and moisture in the ground. Good conditions for mowing.



Native Nursery Belle

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As the potting season comes to an end, we've added another 1,414 pot-ons this month—bringing our running total to 19,911. Safe to say, we're super excited for the new season ahead! One of our main goals this month has been reorganizing the yard—grouping species into their correct bays (e.g., grasses with grasses, trees with trees). The reorganization took about a week and a half, and we're now moving into stocktake mode to update and correct our records in the HortBase system.

Weeding & Crop Monitoring:

Our yard is looking beautiful with the abundance of greenery we're seeing. Plant health is outstanding, and we continue regular crop monitoring to track what's thriving, what's struggling, and where we need to focus additional plantings.

Seed Cleaning:

With the weather turning wetter, we've shifted indoors to clean seeds—Ake Ake, Tī Kōuka with so many more to go. This work also helps us forecast seed requirements for next year. We're excited to refine our operations and sow new seed batches once procedures are finalized.

Challenges:

On 29 April, we detected myrtle rust on one of our *Metrosideros carminea* plants. We have notified iNaturalist and will be contacting Auckland Council for guidance. Until disposal instructions are confirmed, the affected plants are double-bagged and secured in our green-waste area. We're awaiting advice on proper disposal protocols.



