



LAKE ROTOAIRA TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



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AGM MINUTES

Lake Rotoaira Trust Annual General Meeting Saturday, 12 November 2022 10.25am Pāpā kai Marae, Rotoaira

Present: Trustees: John Hura (Chairman), Te Maari Gardiner, Shane Isherwood,
Danica Searancke-Tipene, Courtney Marshall

In attendance: Owners & Beneficiaries: As per Attendance Register
Asher Business Services (Secretary & Accountant), Ian Kusabs (Freshwater Consultant)

Apologies: As per Apologies Register

The hui was opened at 10.25am with mihi by John Ham and a welcome by the chairman. The attendees then observed a minute's silence to acknowledge the passing of Te Kanawa Pitiroi and Willy Marshall.

Te Maari Gardiner spoke about housekeeping matters, then the trustees and support team introduced themselves. John Hura advised apologies from trustees Rakei Taiaaroa and Danny Paranihi.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The draft minutes of the 6 November 2021 Annual General Meeting were considered by attendees on a page by page basis, noting that it was held via livestream due to covid constraints.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the 6 November 2021 Annual General Meeting are approved as a true and correct record.
Courtney Marshall / Te Maari Gardiner
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Matters Arising: Nil

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

John Hura read out the Chairman's report. Key points raised included:

- Maori Purposes Act 1959 and Lake Rotoaira Fishing Regulations – the amended Maori Purposes Bill is progressing through readings in parliament. There is now a single fishing licence required for general public wishing to fish at the lake. Mana whenua permits are available for owners and beneficiaries to fish for free while members of the public can purchase their licences via an online portal.
- Campsite Development – The campsite development work is in its early stages and so the Lake Rotoaira Campground Association has had its licence extended for 12 months.
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- Health and Safety Systems – The health and safety system has been reviewed and work is ongoing to implement it.
- Trust Management – The trust has established an owners' database, an online fishing permit portal, an online registration process on the new website and a facebook page.
- Condolences – Tribute was paid to Willy Marshall for his mahi for the Trust.

Resolution:

That the Chairman's Report be received.

John Hura / Grant Smith

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A query was raised regarding the vacant lake ranger position. John Hura replied that an interim arrangement in place. He added that due to interest in the position, the Trust will run a process to employ a new lake ranger.

3. LAKE REPORT

The Lake Report was presented by Dr Ian Kusabs. Key points raised included:

- Biosecurity – The lake is currently free of pest fish species and the measures that are being taken to keep Lake Rotoaira pest free were explained.
- Aquatic weed management – Oxygen weeds continue to cause problems for lake use and power generation. The Trust is investigating purchase of a weed harvester in a joint arrangement with Genesis.
- Fisheries management – The results from the koura and koaro monitoring programme were explained, particularly the results of a netting survey where 40 koaro and 65 koura were measured. There were no common smelt, eels, brown trout or catfish captured, which confirms the results from the 2021 survey. The fish trap on the Wairehu Stream was operated from May to September. The results will be analysed and added to the data already gathered from previous years.
- Water quality monitoring – The water quality monitoring buoy has been operational in the lake since 2017. It includes a top mounted weather station. There have been some operational issues since deployment, but the intent remains to determine long term trends in water quality.
- Heavy metals in kai – Mercury and arsenic are associated with geothermally influenced lakes and bio accumulate in koura and trout. Samples of both species were sent to Hills Laboratories for testing, and the concentrations were well below Australia New Zealand Food Authority food safety standards.
- Conclusions and future work – Focus for the next 12 months will be on aquatic weed management, water quality management and the Wairehu fish trap mahi which helps inform the trout management strategies.

Resolution:

That the Lake Report be received.

Mat Howell / Keriann Duff

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In response to queries raised, the chairman advised that Poutu Canal is controlled by Genesis but the fishery is controlled by the Trust. Mat Howell spoke about maara kai and regenerative farming. He asked if people can use the lake weed and if so, how can they access it. John Hura replied that the
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weed from the lake is free of heavy metals and organic fertiliser, and that with the weed harvester purchase in progress, it will be inevitable that the Trust will look at how to then utilise the harvested weed. He said in previous years, the issue has been the low volume of harvested weed, because we could only secure the weed harvester for a short period of time. There was a request to put details on the website about how to access the decomposed weed located just past the Wairehu. Further details were requested about the weed harvester purchase. John Hura replied that it will be housed at Genesis, there will be employment opportunities for whanau, we will hire it out to offset costs and repairs and maintenance costs will be shared 50:50. There was concern raised about the global shortage of diesel.

Hine Hoko asked if the lake level was dropping due to the thermal activity. John Hura replied that the Trust is not aware of this occurring, and that the lake level rises and falls with the hydro scheme.

John Ham asked about the Waihi Bay geothermal activity. John Hura replied that heavy rainfalls bring lots of sediment down into the lake.

John Ham asked the netting programme and spoke about his work up at Otamangakau. Ian Kusabs replied that the netting programme is done every year. He also talked about species options for the lake which would need to be decided as part of the fisheries management planning, for example one lake could be for koaro which would mean we want to eliminate smelt. John Ham suggested personnel from the lakes should work together.

Tamati Gardiner asked about tuna numbers in the lake. Ian Kusabs replied that they are in low numbers and that if the Trust wants to establish tuna in the lake, then they cannot have koura.

John Ham said our future direction should centre around the taniwha, as taniwha are the indicator of our health. Te Maari Gardiner said the role of Aorangi is the spiritual essence of the water which then is the wellbeing of the people. She said the lake has changed in such a dynamic way, and the hydro has brought about the demise of Aorangi, causing change to the wairua of the water. So we must karakia and wananga on the matter as it is overdue to look at this energy.

Information was sought about koaro. Ian Kusabs said it is one of the whitebait species. Te Maari Gardiner said it is an important taonga and food source. It is a small oily fish that gives trout a distinctive flavour.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

A presentation was made of the audited annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022. Key discussion points included:

- Total income and total expenses increased compared to last year. In particular, easement income increased from \$802,580 to \$959,991, contributing to total income of \$1,093,675 in 2022. Total expenses increased from \$401,754 in 2021 to \$414,375 in 2022.
- Explanations were given for all expense items that had increased by more than \$10,000 when compared with 2021 figures.
- Net profit was \$672,162.
- The Trust has \$12,390,889 invested in Tuwharetoa Hau Rau LP, Tuwharetoa Gondola LP and Private Wealth Advisers managed fund.
- Total equity decreased during 2022 to \$13,049,115, primarily due to a drop in value of managed funds.
- The 2022 financial statements received an unqualified audit opinion.

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It was noted that RAL is under voluntary administration. The Trust invested \$1million into the gondola, via a bond that is fully secured against the gondola. Shane Isherwood gave a personal account of his whanau involvement with RAL. He spoke about the history of the gondola, the Tongariro power scheme and the importance of RAL in providing 800 jobs per year to local people. He spoke about the impacts of climate change, eruptions and covid. Then he spoke about current options for recovering RAL, including allowing other activities on the mountain and securing further investment from iwi, government and holders of life time passes.

Resolution:

That the audited annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 be received.

David Marshall / Jock Church

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution:

That PK Doyle Audited Ltd be appointed as the Lake Rotoaira Trust auditors for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Grant Smith / Tina Tahi

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Marae Grant

Resolution:

That grants of \$15,000 be paid to each of the nine Marae associated with Lake Rotoaira Trust Reremoana

Grace / Keriann Duff

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hine Mohi thanked the Trust for the recent Marae grant, on behalf of Hirangi Marae.

A query was raised about why Opaea is not part of the list of hapu in the original deed. Shane Isherwood replied with reference the vesting order from 1956. A request was raised to include Opaea Marae given its historical connection to the lake. Dave Potaka suggested the Trust review the list of associated marae and confirm at the next AGM those marae that are included, and the reasons for excluding specific marae such as Opaea.

b. Marae koha

Resolution:

That a koha of \$2,000 be paid to Pāpā kai Marae for hosting today's AGM.

Jock Church / Dianne Grace

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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c. Queries

A query was raised about culling the shags and swans. John advised that when the weed is harvested and cut down, the shags disappear because they cannot get to their food supply. However, the Trust would need to consult with Fish & Game as swans may need to be culled in season. There were also health and safety matters to be considered.

d. Use of Whaariki

A query was raised about the use of whaariki in aquatic weed management. Ian Kusabs replied that Te Arawa has already spoken with the trust about their experiences to date. He said it is very expensive to weave the whaariki but that it may be useful to put them around the boat ramp.

e. Trust deed

A query was raised about reviewing the trust order to include the impacts of changes in trust and trustee legislation. John Hura replied that the trust order was reviewed in 2015 and the review cost over \$70,000; regardless, the Trust will look into this matter.

f. Grants

John Ham asked for education resource development grants to support matauranga maori acquisition relating to the lake. The resources can be produced in te reo and english for kohanga reo and kura. John Hura replied that the Trust will consider the matter.

Meeting closed at 12.07pm with karakia by Mat Howell.



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Tena koutou e te whanau o Rotoaira whanui.

It is my privilege, on behalf of the Lake Rotoaira Trustees, to present this Annual Report on Lake Rotoaira Trust's activities for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Since our last Annual General Meeting, we are very pleased to announce that Mr Wiremu Marshall has been appointed to the position of Kaitiaki Ranger following the untimely passing of Willie in October last year. Wiremu brings a lot of enthusiasm and passion to a role that he was well familiar with, and we are all very pleased with his performance.

Also, since our last Annual General Meeting, the Trust has overseen the completion of changes to the Māori Purposes Act 1959 and the Lake Rotoaira Fishing Regulations and has continued to progress several other important pieces of work. This includes progressing the development of a master plan for the Lake Rotoaira campsite, the purchase of a weed harvester in conjunction with Genesis Energy, the on-going monitoring of the health of the Lake and its fishery, renovations to the Kaitiaki Ranger house, on-going review of our Health and Safety systems and the continued development of an owner database and website and facebook page.

The following highlight milestones and key areas of the Trust business:

Maori Purposes Act 1959 and Lake Rotoaira Fishing Regulations

As previously reported, our review of the Māori Purposes Act 1959 and the Lake Rotoaira Fishing Regulations was completed in 2015. The intent of our review was to identify mechanisms that would enable the Trust to have control and management responsibility of the Lake Rotoaira Fishery. Since 2015 we have been in negotiations with Te Puni Kokiri (TPK) and the Department of Conservation (DoC). TPK has responsibility for the Māori Purposes Act 1959 and the Lake Rotoaira Fishing Regulations and DoC has responsibility for the Taupo Fishery, which includes Lake Rotoaira.

Over the past few years, we have reported that the proposed amendments to the Māori Purposes Act 1959 in relation to Lake Rotoaira were considered by Cabinet. Cabinet approved the proposed amendments for inclusion in a Māori Purposes Bill. The Māori Purposes Act 1959 is the legislation covering the management of Lake Rotoaira and the changes proposed in the Māori Purposes Bill aimed to give the Lake Rotoaira Trust more flexibility and autonomy in the management of the Lake Rotoaira fishery. The bill made technical and non-controversial amendments to Māori development legislation, in order to contribute to Māori wellbeing and development by providing Māori entities with greater autonomy and reducing administrative compliance. The Māori Purposes Bill was introduced on 8 November 2021, had its First Reading on 25

November 2021, was referred to a select committee on 25 November 2021, had its Second Reading on 25 October 2022, was referred to the Committee of Whole House on 15 November 2022, had its Third Reading on 22 November 2022 and was finally granted Royal Assent on 28 November 2022. Royal assent was the final step required for the parliamentary bill to become law and involves the Governor General formally signing the bill into law. We are very pleased that after 8 long years the Lake Rotoaira Trust finally has the mechanisms in place to provide for our autonomous management of the Lake Rotoaira fishery. We now need to test that these legal mechanisms work. A reminder to everyone, that a Lake Taupō Fishing District licence is no longer required to fish at Lake Rotoaira and that the Taupō regulations no longer apply. A Lake Rotoaira fishing licence is all that trout anglers require. A Memorandum of Understanding has also been entered into with DoC for the Lake Rotoaira fishing licences to be sold to the public using the DoC online portal. Your Trustees have also agreed that mana whenua permits will continue to be issued using hard copy books held by the Lake Ranger. Please note the Trust policy is that mana whenua can fish for free at Lake Rotoaira, however you must obtain and carry a fishing permit.

Campsite Development

Over the past year, there has been significant progress with the design and planning stages of the redevelopment of the campsite project. The design phase is being undertaken by architect Rau Hoskins of Design Tribe following a number of workshops with the Trustees. A master plan has now been prepared and forms the basis for Cheal Consultants to undertake more detailed planning and to identify and work through resource consenting issues. This project will take time to complete and again the trustees have agreed to extending the Lake Rotoaira Campground Association licence by another 12 months.

Weed Harvester

During the year, the Trust in conjunction with Genesis Energy purchased a weed harvester. This will be used to harvest the weed within the Lake and provides the Trust with greater flexibility on timing and duration of use for the weed harvesting. We are excited to be able to manage the weed through harvest at this time but will also continue to investigate other techniques that may be able to be used to manage the exotic weed problems.

With regard to collecting weed for gardens from the weed dump site, we have looked into this in more detail and at the moment, weed cannot be taken or moved out of the catchment until the weed has completely broken down to a point where there is no greenery that can be seen in the weed. This is a requirement of the biosecurity permit held by Genesis Energy. We will continue to look at how this can be improved so that the composted weed can be better utilised.

On-going Monitoring of the Health of Lake Rotoaira and the Fishery

A major part of our work programme has been continuing to progress our science and research programme for the lake. Dr Ian Kusabs continues to be engaged by the Trust to oversee the science and research programme. The data captured to date continues to show some very interesting results and ultimately this information will feed into any changes that may need to be made to the management of the fishery. A full report from Dr Ian Kusabs is included in the meeting pack.

Kaitiaki Ranger House Renovations

Renovations to the Kaitiaki Ranger house have been undertaken throughout the year. This includes deck repairs, insulation improvements, installation of a DVS system and, more recently the double glazing of windows.

Health and Safety

Throughout the year the Trust has continued to review and update our Health and Safety Systems and has continued to ensure that actions are taken to address any identified hazards and risks around the depot and Lake.

Please also note that the Trust has purchased and installed an emergency AED Device (Automated External Defibrillator) on-site at the Lake office.

Trust Management

The Trust Manager and Administrator is Ms Sharon Mariu from Asher Group Ltd and Asher Business Services Ltd. Asher Group Ltd also undertake the accounting function for the Trust. The Trust is very pleased with the professional working relationship we have with Asher Group Ltd and Asher Business Services Ltd.

The Trustees have also made the decision to establish and manage our own Owners' Database. We encourage all attendees to register with us so that your details are up to date. The Trust has also established a website (www.lakerotoaira.com) which also provides for owner registration and maintains a facebook page as well.

Financial Performance

A full financial report will be provided by Ms Sharon Mariu from Asher Group Ltd.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of your Trustees, I acknowledge those who have done the hard mahi before us, and thank you, the owners, for your feedback and support throughout the year. To our Trust Manager and Accountant, Ms Sharon Mariu and her team at Asher Group Ltd and Asher Business Services Ltd, we thank you for all your hard mahi. To our Kaitiaki Ranger, Wiremu Marshall, thank you for mahi over the past six months and we all look forward to working with you in the years to come. To all my fellow Trustees, thank you for your contribution and support throughout the year. The outcomes achieved over the past few years highlights what we can achieve when we persevere and work together for the collective good and to build on the opportunities before us.

Nga mihi nui

John Hura
Chairman



LAKE REPORT

LAKE ROTOAIRA SCIENCE AND RESEARCH UPDATE FOR 2023

Prepared by Ian Kusabs & Wiremu Marshall
November 2023

Introduction

Steady progress has been made on the actions and tasks outlined in our Science and Research Implementation Plan. Our plan focusses on five main issues these are:

1. **Biosecurity**
2. **Aquatic weed management**
3. **Fisheries management**
4. **Water quality monitoring**
5. **Heavy metals in kai**
6. **Science and research collaborations**

Progress on these issues is discussed further below.

1. Biosecurity

Koaro and kōura are important taonga species present in Lake Rotoaira. Lake Rotoaira is currently free of pest fish such as brown trout, catfish, koi carp, and introduced native fish such as common smelt and tuna (longfin & shortfin eel). We want to keep it that way as their establishment will almost certainly have a detrimental effect on koaro and kōura populations in Lake Rotoaira.

We have implemented the following measures in order to keep Lake Rotoaira pest-free, these are:

- upgraded our biosecurity signage with four new signs that have been installed at boat launching sites (Figure 1)
- implemented a pest species rapid response protocol with the Department of Conservation
- investigating regular eDNA surveys in collaboration with the Department of Conservation
- carrying out fine mesh fyke netting monitoring every two years with the next survey due in March 2024.

Figure 1 The new 'Stop the spread signs' which are now in place at the Lake Rotoaira campground, Poutu Canal, Wairehu Canal and Tokaanu intake. Photo credit: Wiremu Marshall.



2. Aquatic weed management

Hornwort and lagarosiphon (also known as oxygen weeds) have not only had a major impact on the aquatic vegetation in the lake but have also caused problems for hydroelectric power generation as well as recreational and customary use.

- A weed harvester has been purchased in collaboration with Genesis Energy Ltd (Fig. 2). We will be operating the weed harvester this summer/autumn not only at the Poutu Intake but in other areas of the lake where aquatic weeds are problematic.
- A number of options are currently being investigated for the use of composted weed. The weed is low in contaminants (i.e., heavy metals and toxins such as Arsenic and Mercury) and thus meets Bio-Grow standards for organic compost.
- We are investigating the further use of drones (aka UAVs -unmanned aerial vehicles) to map the distribution of lake weed in Lake Rotoaira. Currently, this method is being used to map the lake weed around the Tokaanu Intake before and after the weed is harvested. Drone technology identifies the weed rafts for removal, allowing the harvester to target specific GPS positions, where the weed is the most prevalent. Mapping post-harvest allows the results of the harvesting operation to be seen. Annually, up to 3,500 cubic metres of weed is harvested from an area of some 5 ha – 6 ha in front of the Intake in April – June, depending on the weed growing season.



Figure 2 The weed harvester in operation.

3. Fishery management

Trout fishery

Trapping the trout spawning migration in the Wairehu Stream is the best method to monitor the trout population. The data and information collected will also enable the Lake Rotoaira Trust to make effective fisheries management decisions for the Lake Rotoaira trout fishery.

Last year the fish trap on the Wairehu Stream was operational from 1 May to 30 September 2022 (Fig. 3A). An analysis of the data showed that 274 fish were counted in 2022 (10 June to 29 September 2022) compared to 173 fish in 2021 (9 May to 20 July 2021). Rainbow trout were smaller in length and weight in 2022 compared to 1998 and 2020 but larger than in 1974 (Table 1). This year we operated the fish trap from 20 May to 8 November 2023 to determine the extent and peak of the trout spawning run. This information will enable us to refine the fish trapping programme in the coming years. Ideally, 5 years of fish trap data will be required for the fisheries management plan.

Table 1. Mean (\pm standard deviation) fork lengths and weights of Rotoaira spawning trout in 1974, 1998, 2020 and 2022. Data for 1974 and 1998 from Rowe (1999)¹. Note: the fish trap was not operational in 2021.

Parameter	Sex	YEAR			
		1974	1998	2020	2022
Fork length (mm \pm SD)	Male	400.8 \pm 1.4	475.9 \pm 2.1	484.5 \pm 80.1	484 \pm 68.7
	Female	423.3 \pm 0.7	474.6 \pm 1.3	481.7 \pm 75.8	455 \pm 57.8
Weight (g \pm SD)	Male	791.1 \pm 7.0	1375.0 \pm 16.1	1515.3 \pm 0.9	1210.6 \pm 0.4
	Female	930.3 \pm 3.8	1428.7 \pm 10.7	1428.7 \pm 10.7	1191.3 \pm 0.4



Figure 3. (A) Wairehu Stream fish trap, 6 August 2022 (left) and (B) the 2023 Fish Trap crew undertaking their wader training course. Photo credit: Wiremu Marshall.

Koaro and kōura monitoring programme 2024

The bi-annual netting survey in Lake Rotoaira is scheduled for early March 2024. Six fine-mesh fyke nets will be deployed around the shoreline at the same sites used in previous surveys (Figure 4).



Figure 4 Approximate locations of Lake Rotoaira fine mesh fyke netting sites. Site names: F1a West; F1b Boat ramp; F2 Ngapuna; F3 Mangamutu; F4 Opotaka; F5 Onepoto; F6 Sandy Bay.

¹ Comparison of 1974 and 1998 spawning trout populations in Lake Rotoaira- Rowe et al 1999. NIWA client report: ELE90232/1.

4. Water quality monitoring

Monitoring buoy

A water quality monitoring buoy has been deployed in Lake Rotoaira since 2017. This buoy is an autonomous water quality monitoring system. The top mounted weather station measures data related to climate and weather. The winch-operated sensors move up and down the water column collating water quality data, including water temperature, dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll fluorescence (phytoplankton light), phycocyanin fluorescence (cyanobacteria light), turbidity (water clarity), pH (acidity) and conductivity (salinity). The data collected from the water quality monitoring buoy is used to determine long-term trends in water quality.

An analysis of the water quality data for January to November 2023 showed no deoxygenation (i.e., $DO < 5 \text{ mg/L}$) of the bottom waters in the summer autumn period (Fig. 5). Deoxygenation can lead to the release of nutrients from the lakebed substrates, mobilisation of heavy metals and reduced available habitat for bottom dwelling organisms such as kōura.

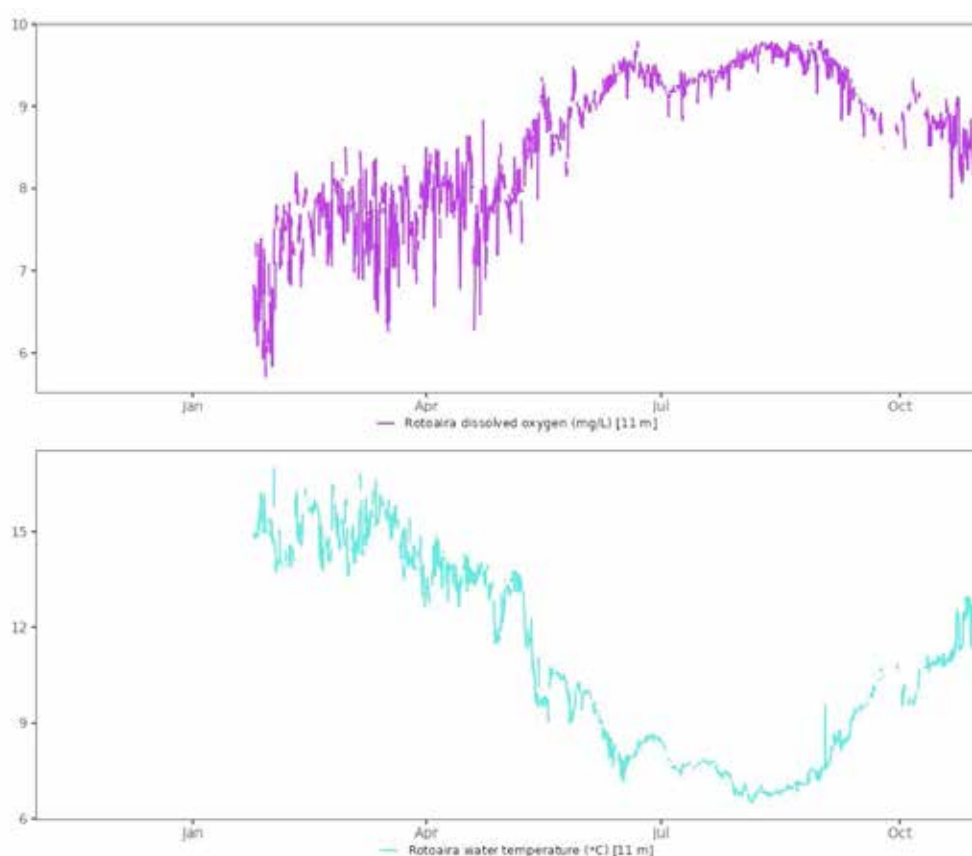
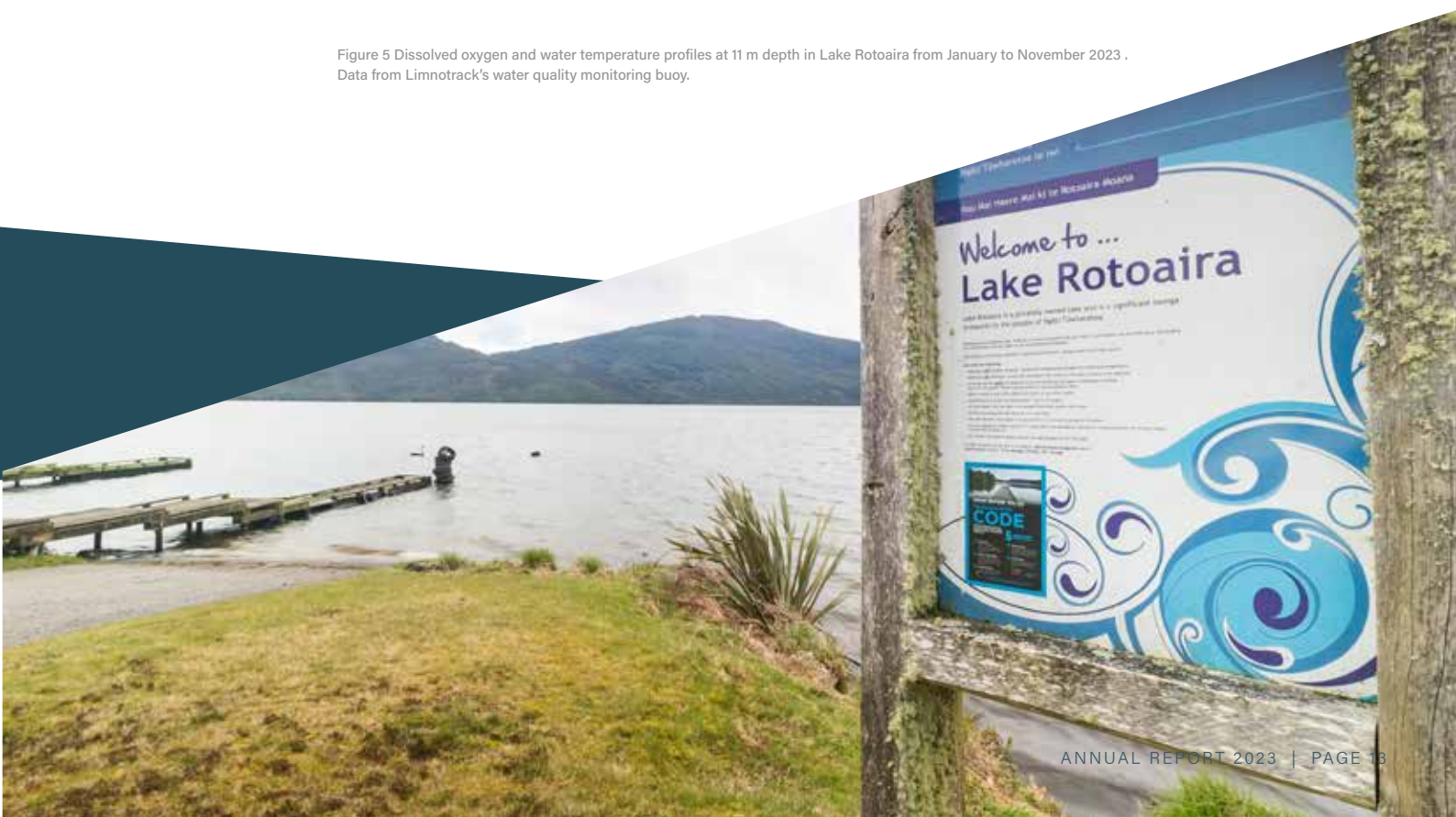


Figure 5 Dissolved oxygen and water temperature profiles at 11 m depth in Lake Rotoaira from January to November 2023 .
Data from Limnotrack's water quality monitoring buoy.



5. Heavy metals in kai

In 2022, we collected 10 kōura and five rainbow trout from Lake Rotoaira and had them analysed by Hill’s Laboratories for arsenic and mercury. Both kōura and trout were well below the Australia New Zealand Food Authority (ANZFA) food safety standards for arsenic (2.0 mg/kg) and mercury (0.5 mg/kg) with concentrations similar to those recorded in Lake Taupō (Table 2). We do not anticipate repeating this analysis in the near future, unless there are some significant geothermal inputs to Lake Rotoaira.

Table 2. Median mercury (Hg) and total arsenic (As) concentrations in kōura and trout collected from Lake Rotoaira compared to those collected from the Rotorua Te Arawa lakes, Lake Taupō and the upper Waikato River. Note: In Lake Taupō, kōura sourced from Motuoapa Bay in 00 & rainbow trout from Acacia Bay in 2021.

Lake/site	Year/s	Mercury (Hg) (mg/kg)		Arsenic (As) (mg/kg)	
		Kōura	Trout	Kōura	Trout
Rotoaira	2022	0.07	0.17	0.3	<.01
Taupō	2006/2021	0.06	0.16	1.7	<.01
Rotorua Te Arawa lakes	2014	0.19	1.20	0.7	0.05
Waikato River	2021	0.13	0.43	1.1	<.05

6. Science and research collaborations

Discussions have been held with the following organisations:

- Cawthron Institute - investigating the interactions between koaro and rainbow trout.
- NIWA /Te Arawa Lakes Trust- the use of sniffer dogs to detect invasive pest species on boating and fishing equipment.
- University of Waikato – the use of a CyanoFluor to instantly estimate the abundance of blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) in Lake Rotoaira.

Conclusion

This year we have seen the appointment of the new kaitiaki ranger and the purchase of the aquatic weed harvester. We have operated the fish trap on the Wairehu Stream in order to obtain the necessary data to develop a trout fisheries management plan. Furthermore, we continue to collaborate with numerous research and science organisations.

In the coming year we will be:

- operating and trialling the weed harvester
- running the Wairehu Stream fish trap and analysing the 2023 fish trap data
- carrying out the biannual koaro and kōura monitoring (scheduled for early March 0)
- trialling the use of a CyanoFluor
- investigating the usefulness of drones in determining the distribution and abundance of aquatic weeds

Acknowledgments

Thanks to Dave Conley (Department of Conservation) and Cam Speedy (Wildlife Management Associates Ltd) for their on-going assistance and advice. Thanks also to the Fish Trap crew; Irimana Kereama, Jahvana Albert Puhi, Tamihana Tahere, Beven Jr Turanga, Raymond Biddle and Mauretu Albert Puhi for their mahi.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Lake Rotoaira Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2023

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Approval of Financial Statements

Lake Rotoaira Trust for the year ended 30 June 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present the approved Financial Statements of Lake Rotoaira Trust for the year ended 30 June 2023.

APPROVED

For and on behalf of the Trustees.



John Hura (Chairperson)



Rakeipoho Taiaroa
Trustee

Date 31 October 2023

Statement of Financial Performance

Lake Rotoaira Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	NOTES	2023	2022
Trading Income			
Revenue from Providing Goods & Services			
Access Income		12,039	10,211
Camping Ground Income		25,500	25,500
Easement Income		1,122,005	959,991
Total Revenue from Providing Goods & Services		1,159,544	995,701
Total Trading Income		1,159,544	995,701
Gross Profit		1,159,544	995,701
Revenue			
Interest, Dividends and other Investment Revenue			
Bank Interest		1,376	323
Managed Funds Revenue			
Interest Managed Funds		137,633	27,040
Fund Rebate Income taxed through PIE tax crystallisation		946	4,370
Untaxed Fund Rebate Income		3,399	1,721
PIE Proxy Taxable Income		33,660	(29,699)
Total Managed Funds Revenue		175,639	3,432
Tuwharetoa Gondola LP Distributions		7,562	36,473
Tuwharetoa Hau Rau LLP Distributions		21,944	36,827
Tuwharetoa Hau Rau LP Share of Profits/(Losses)		31,724	-
RAL Gondola Share of Profits/(Losses)		21,834	-
Total Interest, Dividends and other Investment Revenue		260,079	77,055
Other Income			
Other Income		9,975	10,818
Electricity Subsidy		1,300	2,400
Rent Received		3,467	5,200
Vehicle Subsidy		1,033	2,500
Total Other Income		15,775	20,918
Total Revenue		275,854	97,973
Total Income		1,435,397	1,093,675
Expenses			
Administration Costs			
Administration & Accounting		19,132	28,729
Advertising		4,921	-
Audit Fees		9,093	8,900
Owner Hui Expenses	3	28,785	12,637
Bank Charges		108	120

The accompanying Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements form part of these Financial Statements. These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Audit Report.

	NOTES	2023	2022
Consultancy Fees		91,420	16,790
Depreciation		21,461	22,714
Employment Related Costs	4	150,303	117,548
Entertainment & Koha		2,000	-
General Expenses		952	208
Health & Safety		4,456	3,262
Use of Money Interest		911	-
Insurance		10,952	8,604
Lake Monitoring & Management		33,615	43,506
Legal Fees		7,960	-
Office Consumables, Postage, Stationery & Printing		2,078	1,752
Electricity		8,721	8,521
Office Equipment Expenses		1,439	-
Rates		1,933	1,826
Repairs & Maintenance		23,170	13,028
Share Register		2,399	2,399
Subscriptions		1,179	1,001
Telephone Mobile & Internet		2,830	2,884
Trust Management		62,990	58,554
Trustee Fees & Expenses	2	26,234	16,852
Vehicle Expenses		3,689	1,965
Website		2,375	8,696
Total Administration Costs		525,107	380,496
Investment Monitoring Fees		38,368	33,160
LP Investment Expenses		105	720
THRLP Investment Expenses		4,011	-
Total Expenses		567,590	414,375
Profit (Loss) Before Taxation		867,807	679,300
Trustees Income Before Tax		867,807	679,300
Taxation and Adjustments			
Non-Deductible Expenses			
Contemporary Claims		-	92
Entertainment & Koha Non Deductible		2,200	-
IRD Penalties		146	-
Total Non-Deductible Expenses		2,346	92
Other Adjustments			
Mitigation Funds		122,068	114,158
Total Other Adjustments		122,068	114,158
Tax Expense	7	141,850	121,204
Total Taxation and Adjustments		22,128	7,138
Net Trustees Income for the Year		845,679	672,162

The accompanying Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements form part of these Financial Statements. These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Audit Report.

Statement of Financial Position

Lake Rotoaira Trust

As at 30 June 2023

	NOTES	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash and Bank	9	177,816	54,624
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		177,816	54,624
Trade and Other Receivables	10	46,207	28,367
GST Receivable		22,599	8,027
Total Current Assets		246,622	91,017
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	14	902,946	714,367
Other Non-Current Assets			
Advance - Tuwharetoa Hau Rau LP	20	-	6,138
Tuwharetoa Gondola LP Current Account	19	24,305	2,471
Investment - Gondola General Partner Ltd	19	1,000,000	1,000,000
Investment - Tuwharetoa Hau Rau LP	20	1,194,189	1,143,865
Investment - Private Wealth Advisers	16	11,258,745	10,238,414
Total Other Non-Current Assets		13,477,239	12,390,889
Total Non-Current Assets		14,380,185	13,105,256
Total Assets		14,626,807	13,196,273
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	11	168,955	97,100
Business Visa	12	84	424
Income Tax Payable	7	12,384	47,481
Motuopuhi Easement Share		2,154	2,154
Total Current Liabilities		183,577	147,158
Total Liabilities		183,577	147,158
Net Assets		14,443,230	13,049,115
Equity			
Retained Earnings		13,987,575	13,276,896
Reserves	6	455,655	(227,781)
Total Equity		14,443,230	13,049,115

Statement of Changes in Equity

Lake Rotoaira Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
Trust Capital		
Opening Balance	13,049,115	13,169,008
Increases		
Trustees Income for the Period	845,679	672,162
Other Increases/(Decreases)		
Grants	(135,000)	(135,000)
Land Revaluation Reserve	191,500	-
Managed Funds		
Managed Funds Revaluation Reserve	339,735	(802,550)
Excluded PIE Income Managed Funds	152,201	145,496
Total Managed Funds	491,936	(657,054)
Total Other Increases/(Decreases)	548,436	(792,054)
Total Increases	1,394,115	(119,893)
Total Trust Capital	14,443,230	13,049,115

The accompanying Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements form part of these Financial Statements. These Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Audit Report.

Depreciation Schedule

Lake Rotoaira Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2023

NAME	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
Building & Improvements						
Boat Shed 2005	33,626	23,531	-	-	605	22,926
Building Engineering	9,500	8,740	-	-	380	8,360
Electrical Cabling Install	7,751	5,193	-	-	465	4,728
House Renovation	18,539	-	18,539	-	155	18,385
House Renovation 2011	40,663	24,086	-	-	2,604	21,482
Lady Kitchener Unit (Woodburner)	3,578	1,281	-	-	376	905
New Signage 2012	475	-	-	-	-	-
Office & Ablution Block 2011	62,111	62,008	-	-	-	62,008
Outbuildings Original 2003	26,614	17,795	-	-	457	17,337
Woodsman Fireplace	1,738	810	-	-	183	628
Total Building & Improvements	204,595	143,443	18,539	-	5,223	156,759
Land & Improvements						
Campsite Block 1.8641 ha (1.7.2019)	93,000	93,000	-	-	-	93,000
Campsite Block 1.8641 ha (1.7.2022)	53,500	-	53,500	-	-	53,500
LRT Blocks I II V VI Pihanga SD Lake & Lakebed (1/7/2019)	410,000	410,000	-	-	-	410,000
LRT Blocks I II V VI Pihanga SD Lake & Lakebed (1/7/2022)	138,000	-	138,000	-	-	138,000
Total Land & Improvements	694,500	503,000	191,500	-	-	694,500
Motor Vehicles						
2016 Foton Tunland Ute 4x4	32,449	5,488	-	-	4,381	1,108
Almarco 18' Aluminium Boat Cuddy Cabin	20,420	4,537	-	-	1,736	2,801
Boat Canopy - Bimini	1,739	96	-	-	96	-
Caravan	14,783	11,678	-	-	1,552	10,126
Yamaha 115hp Outboard Motor	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
Yamaha 8HP Outboard Motor 2010	1,080	-	-	-	-	-
Total Motor Vehicles	75,471	21,799	-	-	7,764	14,035
Office Equipment & Furniture						
Apple iPhone 8 Plus 256GB	1,521	-	-	-	-	-
HP Pavilion 23" Touch Screen	1,931	-	-	-	-	-
HP PC & 22' Monitor	1,989	-	-	-	-	-
MS Surface Pro	3,260	-	-	-	-	-
Office Chair	209	-	-	-	-	-
Office Desk & Cabinet - LRT Office	1,650	210	-	-	140	70
Printer & Hard Drive	389	-	-	-	-	-
Total Office Equipment & Furniture	10,949	210	-	-	140	70
Plant & Equipment						
AED Lifepak CR+	2,895	-	-	-	-	-
Assistant Signage Panels	1,462	-	-	-	-	-
Bore & Pump at Rotoaira Camp	23,023	12,663	-	-	3,108	9,555

NAME	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE
Cabinet - Civil Defence	850	344	-	-	51	293
Chemshed Aerosol Store 10 Can	975	924	-	-	102	822
Chemshed Flammable Goods Cabinet 30LT	1,387	1,314	-	-	146	1,168
Freestanding Oven (WLE646WA)	1,927	1,418	-	-	142	1,276
John Deere LA 115 19.5" Ride-on Mower	4,133	-	-	-	-	-
John Deere Zero Turn Mower Z355R 48"	5,652	1,130	-	-	1,130	-
Navman - VHF Radio & Aerial	355	-	-	-	-	-
New Entrance Signage	1,043	-	-	-	-	-
New Signage - SignOn	3,383	-	-	-	-	-
Petrol Generator	1,648	517	-	-	222	295
Plant & Equipment Items Old	1,929	-	-	-	-	-
Signage 2 - Signon	1,258	-	-	-	-	-
Stihl FS 85-7	778	-	-	-	-	-
Upgrade Hot Water Cylinder	1,794	1,286	-	-	153	1,133
Water Pump	1,393	-	-	-	-	-
Water Tanks	6,564	3,348	-	-	689	2,659
WQ Profiler Monitoring Buoy	37,000	22,971	-	-	2,590	20,381
Total Plant & Equipment	99,449	45,915	-	-	8,334	37,581
Total	1,084,963	714,367	210,039	-	21,461	902,945

Notes to the Financial Statements

Lake Rotoaira Trust

For the year ended 30 June 2023

1. Reporting Entity

Lake Rotoaira Trust is an Ahu Whenua Trust established by Trust deed dated 6 December 1956 in under section 438 of the Maori Affairs Act 1955, and continues under section 251 of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.

The Financial Statements of Lake Rotoaira Trust has been prepared in accordance with the Special Purpose Framework for use by For-Profit Entities (SPFR for FPEs).

Basis of Measurement

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical cost basis have been used, with the exception of certain items for which specific accounting policies have been identified.

Reliance is placed on the fact that the Trust is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenues.

The reporting and functional currency used in the preparation of these financial performance reports is in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in Accounting Policies during the year.

Particular Accounting Policies

The following particular accounting policies which significantly affect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied.

a) The Statement of Financial Performance has been prepared so that all components are stated exclusive of GST. All Items in the Statement of Financial Position are stated net of GST, with the exception of receivables and payables, which are GST inclusive.

b) All fixed Assets are initially recorded at cost with depreciation being deducted on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, in accordance with rates set out in the Income Tax Act 2007

Building & Improvements 0-21% Straight Line

Motor Vehicles 8.5-20% Straight Line

Office Equipment 8.5-67% Straight Line

Plant & Equipment 6-21% Straight Line

c) Accounts Receivable is stated at realisable value.

d) All financial instruments to which the Trust is party to are recognised in the financial statements. The bank balances are held at Bank of New Zealand.

Financial Instruments which potentially subject the Trust to credit risk consist of accounts receivable, bank and investment balances. The Trust manages exposure to credit risk from accounts receivable by maintaining credit control procedures. No provision for losses have been made on these financial instruments, nor is any collateral held against them.

e) Employee entitlements to salaries/wages and annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees.

f) The Trust is registered for GST. The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis. Trade debtors and Trade creditors are disclosed GST inclusive.

h) Income Tax is accounted for using the taxes payable method. The income tax expense charged to the Statement of Financial Performance is estimated tax payable in the current year, adjusted for any differences between the estimated and actual tax payable in prior years.

i) Interest, Dividend, Rental Income, Access Income and Camping Ground Income are recognised under the accrual method of accounting. Easement Income is recognised and paid in accordance with annual agreements in place as it is earned.

j) Shares are initially recorded at cost and subsequently revalued to market bid as a measure of fair value. Dividend Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance when received. BNZ term deposits are recorded at cost.

	2023	2022
2. Trustee Fees & Expenses		
Trustee Meeting Expenses	4,491	2,554
Trustee Travel & Accommodation	3,542	1,764
Trustee Training	250	-
Trustees' Fees	17,950	12,533
Total Trustee Fees & Expenses	26,234	16,852
	2023	2022

3. Owners Hui Expenses		
Trustees' Election	5,872	-
AGM Expenses	22,913	12,637
Total Owners Hui Expenses	28,785	12,637
	2023	2022

4. Employment Expenses		
ACC Levies	-	977
Wages & Salaries	156,096	112,335
Annual Leave Accrual Expense	(9,844)	2,051
KiwiSaver Contributions	2,756	2,185
Staff Training	1,295	-
Total Employment Expenses	150,303	117,548
	2023	2022

5. Equity		
Retained Earnings		
Opening Balance	13,792,615	13,120,454
Current Year Earnings	845,679	672,162
Total Retained Earnings	14,638,294	13,792,615
Other		
Opening Balance	(743,500)	48,554
Grants	(135,000)	(135,000)
Managed Funds Revaluation Reserve		
Excluded PIE Income Managed Funds	152,201	145,496

Managed Funds Revaluation Reserve	339,735	(802,550)
Total Managed Funds Revaluation Reserve	491,936	(657,054)
Land Revaluation Reserve	191,500	-
Total Other	(195,064)	(743,500)
Total Equity	14,443,230	13,049,115
	2023	2022

6. Reserves

Managed Funds Revaluation Reserves	(11,845)	(503,781)
Land Revaluation Reserve	467,500	276,000
Total Reserves	455,655	(227,781)
	2023	2022

7. Income Tax Expense

Net Profit (Loss) Before Tax	987,529	793,366
Adjustments to Taxable Profit		
Contemporary Claims	-	92
Entertainment & Koha Non Deductible	2,200	-
IRD Penalties	146	-
Annual Leave Accrual Expense	(9,844)	2,051
Interest Accrual	(13,733)	(18,455)
Mitigation Funds	(122,068)	(114,158)
PIE Taxable Income	(33,660)	29,699
Total Adjustments to Taxable Profit	(176,959)	(100,770)
Deductions from Taxable Profit		
Losses Carried Forward	-	-
Total Deductions from Taxable Profit	-	-
Taxable Profit (Loss)	810,570	692,596
Tax Payable at 17.5%	141,850	121,204
Deductions from Tax Payable		
Opening Balance	(47,481)	(24,755)
Prior period tax paid (refunded)		
Income tax	(12,325)	(35,892)
Income tax expense	141,850	121,204
Total Prior period tax paid (refunded)	129,525	85,312
Resident withholding tax paid	41,277	2,855
Imputation credits on dividends received	6,144	10,312
Total Deductions from Tax Payable	129,466	73,724
Income Tax Payable (Refund Due)	12,384	47,481

8. Maori Authority Credit Account

At balance date Maori Authority credits available to shareholders were:

	2023	2022
Maori Authority Credit Account		
Opening Balance	672,073	579,094
Income Tax Paid	129,525	90,961
Resident Withholding Tax on interest Received	41,277	2,855
Foreign Dividend Withholding Tax	-	-
Maori Authority Tax Credits	6,144	10,312
Income Tax Refunded	-	(5,649)
Net PIE Tax Credits	6,011	(5,481)
Other Debits	-	(19)
Closing Balance	855,030	672,073
	2023	2022

9. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Bank		
BNZ - Cheque	177,581	11,834
BNZ - Savings	235	42,789
Total Cash and Bank	177,816	54,624
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	177,816	54,624
	2023	2022

10. Trade and Other Receivables

Debtors	5,643	9,827
Prepayments	8,292	-
Accrued Interest	32,272	18,540
Total Trade and Other Receivables	46,207	28,367
	2023	2022

11. Trade and Other Payables

Creditors	58,875	15,385
Accrued Expenses	11,083	11,193
Business Visa	84	424
Payroll Liabilities	3,443	10,124
Annual Leave Accrual Liability	554	10,398
Grants Payable	95,000	50,000
Total Trade and Other Payables	169,039	97,524

12. BNZ Visa

The Trust holds a BNZ Business Visa with a credit limit of \$3,000.

13. Land & Improvements

The carrying value of Land and improvements is based on Valuations performed by Quotable Value Limited as at 1 July 2022 (Taupo District). There is no intention to sell the Lake/Lake Bed and Campsite.

a. The latest Government valuation of the land and improvements dated 1 July 2022, was \$146,500:

Legal Description: PT Lot 1 DP 31506 BLK V PIHANGA SD

Total Area: 1.8641 ha

Land Value: \$70,000

Improvements Value: \$76,500

b. The latest Government valuation of the land and improvements dated 1 July 2022, was \$548,000:

Legal Description: LAKE ROTOAIRA BLKS I II V VI PIHANGA SD THE LAKE & LAKE BED

Total Area: 1539.8289 ha

Land Value: \$548,000

Improvements Value: \$0.00

	2023	2022
14. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Land & Improvements Revaluation		
Land at cost	694,500	503,000
Total Land & Improvements Revaluation	694,500	503,000
Buildings		
Buildings at cost	204,595	186,056
Accumulated depreciation - buildings	(47,836)	(42,612)
Total Buildings	156,759	143,443
Plant and Equipment		
Plant and machinery owned	99,450	99,450
Accumulated depreciation - plant and machinery owned	(61,868)	(53,535)
Total Plant and Equipment	37,582	45,915
Furniture and Fittings		
Furniture and fittings owned	10,949	10,949
Accumulated depreciation - furniture and fittings owned	(10,879)	(10,738)
Total Furniture and Fittings	70	210
Vehicles		
Vehicles owned	75,471	75,471
Accumulated depreciation - vehicles owned	(61,436)	(53,672)
Total Vehicles	14,035	21,799
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	902,946	714,367

	2023	2022
15. Financial Instruments		
Financial Assets		
Financial Assets at Amortised Cost		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	177,816	54,624
GST	22,599	8,027
Total Financial Assets at Amortised Cost	200,415	62,651
Financial Assets at FV through P&L		
Investments		
Investment - Tuwharetoa Gondola LP	1,000,000	1,000,000
Investment - Tuwharetoa Hau Rau LP	1,194,189	1,143,865
Managed Funds PWA	11,258,745	10,238,414
Total Investments	13,452,934	12,382,279
Total Financial Assets at FV through P&L	13,452,934	12,382,279
Total Financial Assets	13,653,349	12,444,930
Financial Liabilities		
Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost		
Income Tax Payable	(12,384)	(47,481)
Trade and Other Payables	(58,875)	(15,385)
Total Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost	(71,259)	(62,866)
Total Financial Liabilities	(71,259)	(62,866)
	2023	2022

16. Investments - Private Wealth Advisors

PWA Westpac Cash Account	2,077,783	-
PWA Managed Fund	7,525,963	7,537,811
PWA Westpac Term Deposit	1,655,000	2,700,603
Total Investments - Private Wealth Advisors	11,258,745	10,238,414

17. Related Parties

Willy Marshall (former Lake Ranger) is the father of Courtney Marshall (Trustee). The brother of Courtney, Wiremu Marshall was employed as the Lake Ranger in May 2023.

There are no known other material related party transactions at balance date (Prior Year: Nil).

18. Genesis Energy Limited

Genesis Energy Limited is the main source of income for the Trust, providing annual Mitigation and Easement Income of at least \$400,000 (excluding GST) under the agreements signed on 15th November 2011 and 9th July 2014.

19. Gondola General Partner Limited

Lake Rotoaira Trust holds a 10.5% partnership interest in Tuwharetoa Gondola Limited Partnership (TGLP) for a total investment of \$1,000,000.

The General Partner of TGLP is Gondola General Partner Limited (GGPL). The Trust holds 1,000 shares of GGPL. TGLP has issued a \$9.5 million bond to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited. The Trust receives quarterly coupon payments in accordance with the terms of the bond instrument. The bond is fully secured by the gondola.

On 11 October 2022, Ruapehu Alpine Limited (RAL) announced they have appointed Voluntary Administrators due to the impact of Covid-19 and poor weather affecting cashflow. A recent update from the company indicates that they have secured funding from ANZ and the Government of the amount of \$4M. The Government also announced on the 7 December 2022 that a further \$6M will be provided to keep critical staff and pay required operational costs until the next season. On the 23 June 2023 Ruapehu Alpine Lifts was officially placed in liquidation after creditors voted down a proposal to save the business operations of the North Island's two main ski fields, Whakapapa and Tūroa. John Fisk and Richard Nacey of PWC have been appointed liquidators with the assets of RAL to be sold to the bidders as recommended by PwC and MBIE under a 'prepackaged liquidation' mechanism (ie: to Pure Tūroa Ltd for Tūroa assets and Whakapapa Holdings Ltd for Whakapapa assets).

20. Tuwharetoa Hau Rau Limited Partnership

Lake Rotoaira Trust holds a 9% partnership interest in Tuwharetoa Hau Rau Limited Partnership (THRLP). THRLP comprises of Tuwharetoa entities that hold a 17.3% interest in Te Puia Tapapa Limited Partnership, which is a direct investment fund established with other Iwi and Maori entities.

21. Capital Commitments

There are no known material capital commitments at balance date (Last Year: Nil).

22. Contingent Liabilities

There are no known material contingent liabilities at balance date (Last Year: Nil).

23. Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has been no material events subsequent to balance date that would affect the fair presentation of these financial statements.

The Trust is in the process of acquiring 5% interest in Te Whare Hono O Tuwharetoa LP which is building a 3 story commercial building in Taupo that will house the district council and key Tuwharetoa entities. The interest is being purchased off Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of Lake Rotoaira Trust

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lake Rotoaira Trust on pages 5 to 17, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023, the Statements of Financial Performance for the year then ended, the Statement of Changes in Equity and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of Lake Rotoaira Trust as at 30 June 2023, and of its financial performance, for the year then ended, in accordance with a Special Purpose Financial Reporting Framework for use for For-Profit Entities (SPFR for FPEs) issued by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of Lake Rotoaira Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in the Lake Rotoaira Trust.

Emphasis of Matter- Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with a special purpose framework and have been specifically prepared for the purposes of meeting the Trust's income tax requirements. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Special Purpose Framework for use for For-Profit Entities (SPFR for FPEs) and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible on behalf of the entity for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Restriction on Responsibility

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body in accordance with the Trust Deed of Lake Rotoaira Trust. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees as a body those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

PKF Doyle Audit

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WHANGANUI, OHAKUNE AND TURANGI

31st October 2023

DIRECTORY

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Formation Date	6 December 1956
IRD Number	010-548-268
Trustees	John Hura (Chairman) Courtney Marshall Danica Searancke-Tipene Danny Paranihi Rakeipoho Taiaroa Shane Isherwood Te Maari Gardiner
Trust Support	Sharon Mariu - Trust Manager Wiremu Marshall – Lake Ranger/Campground Manager Asher Business Services Ltd - Trust Administration
Accountants	Asher Group Limited
Bankers	Bank of New Zealand
Solicitors	Kahui Legal
Auditors	PKF Doyle Audit Limited





Lake Rotoaira Trustees pictured left to right: Te Maari Gardiner, John Hura (Chairman), Courtney Marshall, Rakeipoho Taiaroa (Deputy Chairman), Danny Paranihi, Danica Searancke-Tipene and Shane Isherwood.



Wiremu Marshall
Kaitiaki Ranger



Sharon Mariu
Trust Manager



LAKE ROTOAIRA WEED HARVESTER

In 2022, Lake Rotoaira Trust purchased a lake weed harvester in a joint venture with Genesis Energy. The harvester arrived from Canada in February 2023, with operational training taking place in April.

Pictured are Brendan Ngawati and Taumai Marshall, who completed the training course. The pink lines in the below images indicate the harvester's route, which is mapped using GPS technology.

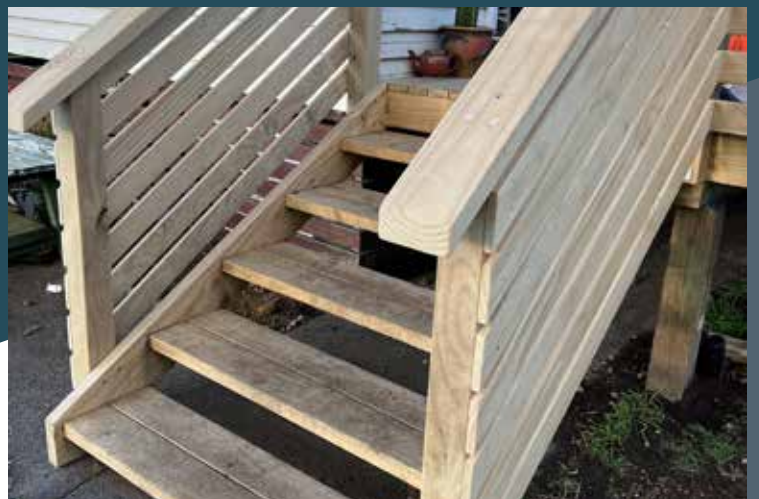




ABOVE: The Fish Trap operating on Wairehu Stream. The trap monitors the Rainbow Trout population of the lake and provides information about their size and age.

ACROSS: An emergency AED device was recently installed at the Lake Office for use in emergency situations.

BELOW: Upgrades to the Kaitiaki Ranger house have been completed, including replacement of the deck and stairs.







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