

**KIA MAHARA | NOTE:**

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## Hei kōrero whānui | General

### 1. Karakia | Prayer Whakatau | Welcome

The Board opened the hui with its karakia. The Chairperson welcomed hui participants and noted with sadness former Board member Shaun Barnett's passing. The Chairperson had attended the funeral in person and Robin Kearns online. Shaun Barnett had made a huge contribution to the Board and was held in high regard by the outdoor community. He had also published a large number of articles and books. The *Wilderness* magazine's editor has approached the Secretariat to contribute a tribute.

### 2. Te hunga i tae mai | Present Ngā whakapāha | Apologies

With most participants attending online, it will be a hybrid hui. Eight Board members are present, so there is a quorum.

Merata Kawharu emailed her comments on the recommendations and proposals ahead of time and conveyed her general support for them. While she won't be included in the voting, the Chairperson will relay her comments at the appropriate times during the hui.

| Board Members – Present (8)                      |   |
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| Anselm Haanen, Chairperson                       | Surveyor-General, Toitū Te Whenua LINZ        |
| Jenni Vernon (online 9.03am-9.30am, 9.48am-12pm) | Minister for Land Information appointment     |
| Adam Greenland (online 9.03am-9.45am)            | National Hydrographer, Toitū Te Whenua LINZ   |
| Robin Kearns (online)                            | New Zealand Geographical Society nomination   |
| Paulette Tamati-Elliffe (online)                 | Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) nomination     |
| Mahana Toka (online 9.13-12.00pm)                | Minister for Māori Development recommendation |
| Iaeon Cranwell (online)                          | Local Government NZ nomination                |
| Dr Cadence Kaumoana (online)                     | Minister for Māori Development recommendation |

| <b>Board Members – Apologies (1)</b> |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Merata Kawharu                       | Minister for Land Information appointment |

| <b>Board Secretariat (4)</b> |                                       |
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| Wendy Shaw                   | Secretary                             |
| Christopher Stephens         | Customer Regulatory Specialist        |
| Jill Remnant                 | Customer Regulatory Specialist        |
| Joanna Barnes-Wylie          | Senior Customer Regulatory Specialist |

| <b>Observers (5)</b>                         |  |
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| Tāne Karamaina (online 9.36am-12.00pm)       | Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (TTWh)           |
| Charlotte Jones (online 9.33am-12.00pm)      | Communications and Engagement, LINZ            |
| Philip Green (online 9.13am-11.18am)         | Te Arawhiti (Office for Māori Crown Relations) |
| Chelsea Torrence (online, 9.56am-11.17am)    | Te Arawhiti (Office for Māori Crown Relations) |
| Jamie Hawkins-Elder (online 10.14am-11.18am) | Te Arawhiti (Office for Māori Crown Relations) |

| <b>Observer Apologies (2)</b> |  |
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| Sheryll Johnson               | Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai (DOC) |
| Waihoroi Shortland            | Te Puni Kōkiri (TPK)                             |

| <b>Other attendees (2)</b>              |         |
|---|---------|
| Owen Bannister (online 11.18am-11.35am) | Datacom |
| Zach Sim (online 11.18am-11.35am)       | Datacom |

| <b>Minute Taker (1)</b> |               |
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| Tanya Ashcroft (online) | GBL Personnel |

### 3. Rārangī take | Agenda He whākinga rongorua | Disclosure of conflicts of interest

#### 3.1. Rārangī take | Agenda

The Board confirmed the agenda. There were no changes or additions. Due to most Board members being online, voting will be conducted in the negative. If members have any concerns they should speak up, otherwise agreement would be assumed.

#### 3.2. He whākinga rongorua | Disclosure of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared at the start of the hui. Any new conflicts can be declared at the time of the discussion.

### 4. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet

#### 4.1. Ngā kōrero o te hui o mua | Previous minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of its 30 April 2024 hui (Objective ID A6308998) and thanked the Secretariat for their excellent quality.

The Board agreed to these changes:

- Page numbers to be added to the even pages.
- The final sentence to be deleted from the fourth paragraph in item 8.2.
- Remove the Secretariat's actions from the minutes as they are operational, and the Secretariat maintains a separate document with their actions.
- Only Board members' actions are to be included in the minutes.

### Resolution

*That the minutes of the hui held on 30 April 2024 be ratified with the specified changes.*

**Moved** Chairperson

**Seconded** Robin Kearns

**All in favour**

**Carried**

9.13 am – Mahana Toka joined the hui.

9.13 am – Philip Green joined the hui.

### 4.2. Ngā take i ara ake | Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 30 April 2024 hui that aren't covered elsewhere in the agenda.

### 4.3. Ngā mahi hei whakatutuki | Action sheet

The Board reviewed its actions from its 30 April 2024 hui.

The Board discussed the inconsistent use of members' honorifics in the minutes and agreed that individual preference is more important than consistency. 'Dr' would be used for Cadence Kaumoana. The Secretariat will check with Merata Kawharu on her preference for using her 'Professor' honorific. Robin Kearns's preference is not to use his 'Professor' honorific in the Board minutes.

The Board sent a tōtara tree to Shaun Barnett, which was planted in the garden in his memory. Messages were also sent on behalf of the Board, and it has received a thank you note from the family.

The Chairperson has not met with the Minister for Land Information, and briefings were sent yesterday requesting his final determinations on place names the Board considered at its 30 April 2024 hui. The action for Meyer (hill) will remain open until the Minister has made his determinations on Meyer Pass and Meyer Creek.

'Riomata' should be corrected to Roimata in the 'Actions' table. The correspondence from Te Maire Tau has been provided to the Secretariat, so this item can be closed.

Drafting the Annual Report will begin shortly. The 'Centenary' and 'Annual Report' actions can now also be closed, but Board members may still provide items if they wish to.

| Actions from 30 April 2024 minutes (excluding Secretariat actions) |   |         |                  |
|--|---|---------|------------------|
| Agenda Item  | Action  | By Whom | Comments         |
| 4.1 Previous minutes   | Discuss the use of members' honorifics at a later hui to arrive at a consistent approach. | Board   | <b>Completed</b> |

| Actions from 30 April 2024 minutes (excluding Secretariat actions) |  |                      |                  |
|--|--|----------------------|------------------|
| Agenda Item  | Action   | By Whom              | Comments         |
|  | Send messages they would like to have included in Shaun Barnett's card to the Secretary.   | Board                | <b>Completed</b> |
| 4.2 Matters arising  | Advise of any outstanding Ministerial decisions when next meeting with LINZ's Chief Executive.   | Chairperson          | <b>Closed</b>    |
| 6.1 Meyer Pass and Meyer Creek                                     | Make the final decision on Meyer (hill), pending the Minister's final determinations (confirm, modify or reject) on the proposed Meyer Pass and Meyer Creek. | Board or Chairperson | <b>Open</b>      |
| 8.8 Roimata  | Provide the Secretariat with correspondence from Te Maire Tau, for the Board's records.  | TRONT Board member   | <b>Completed</b> |
| 16.1 Centenary   | Each consider drafting an article for the centenary.   | Board                | <b>Closed</b>    |
| 18 Secretariat's update  | Provide the Secretary with items to be covered in the Annual Report 2023/2024.   | Board                | <b>Closed</b>    |

## Ngā whakataunga noa | Standard decisions

### 5. Whakatau a te Minita | Minister's decisions

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6279129). The Minister for Land Information had made a decision on Mitiwai Stream in February 2024 but hasn't made final determinations on Kororāreka, Herwin Creek or Pūāwhē. If the public have queries about any particular decisions, they can write to the Minister directly.

These proposals were reported to the Minister yesterday for his final determinations:

- Meyer Pass (new name) and Meyers Creek to Meyer Creek
- Manawatu District to Manawatū District
- Franz Josef/Waiiau to Franz Joseph / Waiiau and Franz Josef Glacier/Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere to Franz Joseph Glacier / Kā Roimata-o-Hinehukatere
- National Park to Waimarino and National Park Station to Waimarino Railway Station

9.30am – Jenni Vernon left the hui

### 6. Tono kua tārewatia | Deferred proposals

The Board noted that Merata Kawharu supports all recommendations.

#### 6.1. Te Riu-a-Māui / Zealandia

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6306497). Given the international complexities, it may be very difficult to get France and Australia to accept a dual name. There isn't an international body to progress such proposals, such as SCUFN<sup>1</sup> which processes international undersea feature naming. As a continent, Te Riu-a-Māui / Zealandia encompasses all of the features on the continent (such as New Zealand itself) so it isn't an undersea feature.

<sup>1</sup> Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names

The Board generally supported the Māori part of the name, Te Riu-a-Māui, and acknowledged the consideration that went into the choice of name and the work that went into the proposal by GNS Science. The Board agreed that it is disappointing that just Zealandia is increasingly being used in literature, but this is probably because people are unaware of the name Te Riu-a-Māui rather than an active refusal to use it. The Board considered whether the proposed name might come back again at a more appropriate time, when Australia and France [New Caledonia] might be ready to consider it. Given their current political climate, French Polynesia may be accepting of an indigenous name in the future. Noting that although a Māori name, Māui isn't a Ngāi Tahu name, the Board wondered if there should be an opportunity to have a wider discussion on the Māori name.

The Board considered to what extent it could or should encourage the use and socialisation of the name if it couldn't formally endorse it. The Board agreed that not officially naming the feature should in no way be an impediment to GNS Science and the wider scientific community using Te Riu-a-Māui / Zealandia, (such as on GNS Science's recently published poster maps), so that over time it comes into greater common use.

### Resolution

The Board **declines** the proposal to **assign Te Riu-a-Māui / Zealandia** as the official dual name of the part of the mainly submerged geological continent that lies within New Zealand's Extended Continental Shelf, based on:

- advice from MFAT that there is a political risk to New Zealand's relationships with the overlapping and neighbouring countries if the Board was to accept the proposal without having fully consulted with them,
- the overlapping and neighbouring countries being very unlikely to support a dual name that has a solely New Zealand derivation,
- the risk that those countries may apply different names to the parts of the feature within their own jurisdictions, which would be inconsistent with the recognised international convention of having one name for an entire feature, and
- the chances of achieving a satisfactory outcome being very low.

**Noting** that not officially naming the feature will not be an impediment to the proposer using the unofficial dual name in scientific publications, and in time it may come into common use.

**And** commends the proposer on submitting a very good proposal.

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| <b>Moved</b>     | Adam Greenland          |
| <b>Seconded</b>  | Paulette Tamati-Elliffe |
| <b>Abstained</b> | One member              |
| <b>In favour</b> | Six                     |
| <b>Carried</b>   |                         |

9.45 am - Adam Greenland left the hui  
9.47 am – Tāne Karamaina joined the hui  
9.48 am – Jenni Vernon rejoined the hui  
9.50 am – Charlotte Jones joined the hui

## 6.2. Somov Sea

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6282943). Russia has been using the name Somov Sea for some time. The feature is within Aotearoa New Zealand's area of interest but isn't entered in the *New Zealand Gazetteer*, nor is it in the GEBCO<sup>2</sup> Gazetteer because it is a 'sea' and

<sup>2</sup> General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans

not an undersea feature. Somov Sea is named after a person and there is another feature named after him in Antarctica.

The Board noted the current political sensitivities and agreed that it is not the time to fully consider the name. However, it was necessary to bring the name to the Board's attention. If New Zealand scientists were to propose a name for the sea and the Board assigned it unaware of this existing name, it could result in diplomatic tension.

If the Board is to fully consider Somov Sea at some point, a full naming process would be required. While Antarctica is an international space, there is an international agreement on place naming protocols and practices. The question would be whether Somov Sea meets the international criteria.

### Resolution

*The Board **agrees** to park any further consideration of Somov Sea because of the current political sensitivities around New Zealand adopting Russian names in the Board's naming jurisdiction, and to be consistent with its decision (via the recommendation from the Undersea Feature Names Committee) for Petrov Seamount. **And agrees** that Somov Sea should be brought to the Board's attention in several years' time.*

**Moved** Dr Cadence Kaumoana  
**Seconded** Paulette Tamati-Elliffe  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

## 7. Tono taunahatanga | Name proposals

The Board noted that Merata Kawharu supports the recommendations as they stand.

### 7.1. Reid Lake

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6299015). While there is evidence that the lake did exist at this location, it no longer exists today.

### Resolution

*The Board **accepts** the proposal to **discontinue** the unofficial recorded name **Reid Lake**, for the lake in the upper reaches of Reid Creek, based on:*

- *conclusive evidence that the feature no longer exists,*
- *upholding the Gazetteer as an authoritative source of accurate place naming information,*
- *the 'Reid' name being preserved in the creek name,*
- *public objection being unlikely and therefore public consultation not being needed,*

**and**

*Will **notify** as **discontinued** in terms of sections 10(1)(d) and 24(2)(b) of the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008.*

**Noting** that the name would remain discoverable in the Gazetteer as discontinued names are published.

**Moved** Robin Kearns  
**Seconded** laean Cranwell  
**All in favour**  
**Carried**

### Further discussion

The Board has previously commented on the effects of climate change on place names, particularly for named glaciers that no longer exist. However, it has yet to consider doing something about those names formally, such as whether to discontinue or reuse them.

### 7.2. Kea Crag

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6283947). The Secretariat confirmed there was still a quorum present of seven Board members.

#### Resolution

The Board **accepts** the proposal to **discontinue** the unofficial recorded name **Kea Crag** for the high point of the clifftop at spot height 1139m based on:

- avoiding confusion because of duplication with the officially named adjoining cliff face, and
- public objection being unlikely and therefore public consultation not being needed.

**and**

Will **notify** as **discontinued**.

**Noting** that at the time the Board altered Stewart Crags to Kea Crag it didn't consider the issues of having identical names right next to each other.

**Moved** Dr Cadence Kaumoana

**Seconded** Robin Kearns

**All in favour**

**Carried**

## 8. Kāheti kupu whakatu | Gazette notifications

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID: A6310774).

## Ngā Kaupapa here | Policies

### 10. Herenga iti | Minimum requirements

As the Board was running ahead of schedule and not all of the Te Arawhiri observers were present, this item was brought forward.

The Board noted the information and updated drafts (Objective IDs A6285233, A6237100, A6237094 and A6316276), which highlight proposed changes to its Minimum Requirements policy and the Guide List for proposers. The changes clarify the requirement that local authorities consult with other relevant councils when proposing to alter their district or region name. While essentially an operational tidy-up, the Board was required to ratify any changes to its minimum requirements.

#### Resolution.

The Board **ratifies** the latest Minimum Requirements policy and Guide List, version 3.4.

**Moved** Dr Cadence Kaumoana

**Seconded** Mahana Toka

**All in favour**

**Carried**

9:56am - Chelsea Torrence joined the hui

## Toronga | Outreach

### 11. Toronga me to Whakawhanaunga | Outreach and Engagement

#### 11.1. Centenary

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6287298). The Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Communications team is very busy, which constrains the resources available to the Board to mark its centenary. Centenary content was first published on the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ website in April 2024, and the original intention was to have a rolling set of celebrations throughout the year to mark the centenary, but the push will now be on the actual anniversary date of 12 September 2024.

There are still other initiatives such as marking milestones and moments on Facebook and the webpages will continue to be updated. For example, more stories will be written by the Secretariat, and essays and articles by former Board member Mike Roche. The Secretariat will be making presentations at the GeoCart'2024 conference in August 2024 and Robin Kearns, Mike Roche and the Secretary will be presenting at the New Zealand Geographical Society conference in November 2024.

The Board suggested that the Minister for Land Information be invited to attend its October 2024 hui and that this be used as a photo opportunity to mark the centenary. This idea, and having a question tabled in Parliament will be put to the Minister in the next month or so.

The Board was invited to comment by email on a draft media release (tabled) planned for 12 September 2024. The Board suggested bolstering the release by reaching out to some of the whānau of past Board members, such as Tā Tipene O'Regan (Hana O'Regan), Te Wharehuia Milroy (his children), Āpirana Ngata (his children) and Āpirana Mahuika (Matanuku Mahuika, also a former Board member), for any quotes or statements they may wish to contribute. Charlotte Jones acknowledged the wider Communications team for their efforts in drafting the media release.

#### Action required

- Board to provide comments on the 12 September 2024 draft media release to mark the centenary.

10.06am–10.15am – Kaputi | Morning tea  
10.15am – Jamie Hawkins-Elder joined the hui

## He kupu āwhina mō te Tiriti | Treaty advice

### Kia noho matatapu | In confidence

11.17am – Chelsea Torrence left the hui  
11.18am – Jamie Hawkins-Elder left the hui  
11.18am – Philip Green left the hui  
11.18am – Zach Sim (Datacom) joined the hui  
11.18am – Owen Bannister (Datacom) joined the hui

## Ngā mahi, ngā Kaupapa | Project, initiatives

### 12. Ngā mahi, ngā Kaupapa | Projects, initiatives

#### 12.2. Gazetteer refresh

The Board welcomed online Zach Sim and Owen Bannister to the hui and noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6300671). The Board noted that some of the drivers behind the *Gazetteer*



enhancements are for brand consistency with other Toitū Te Whenua LINZ spatial platforms and to provide a better user experience. The enhancements are being done as part of the Board's centenary celebrations. Users are generally satisfied with the current version of the *Gazetteer*, however, the refresh will further improve its appearance, functionality and speed.

User acceptance testing has confirmed that the phase one enhancements to deal with accessibility issues are complete. Phase two (improving the appearance) and phase three (sub-event for Gazetted corrigenda or amendments) are expected to be completed in late June 2024.

Zach Sim gave a ten-minute demonstration of the refreshed *Gazetteer*, including the new toggle buttons. The advanced search function is close to being completed and final tweaks are being made to optimise the experience when mobile devices are used.

The Board was impressed with the look and performance of the refreshed *Gazetteer* and noted that it is expected that the new version will be launched to the public later in 2024. However, user acceptance testing is still required.

11.35 am – Zach Sim left the hui

11.35 am – Owen Bannister left the hui

## Toronga | Outreach (resumed)

### 11.2. Virtual Field Trip

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6307508). Former Board member Chanel Clarke has confirmed that she is interested in working on a virtual field trip for place names at Waitangi and in the Bay of Islands. The Board noted that following the award winning success of the first Virtual Field Trip (VFT), Tātai Aho Rau CORE Education/LEARNZ are keen to repeat the formula in another part of the country. It is anticipated that work will begin on it in August 2024.

The Ministry for Education (through CORE Education) and Toitū Te Whenua LINZ have funded these activities in the past and while some funding is currently available, it isn't guaranteed in the future. The Board agreed it would be good to do a VFT in an urban area if there is an opportunity to do so, perhaps with Ngāti Whātua in Auckland. This outreach has raised awareness of the significance of place names and promoting them to the geography sector in higher education.

The Board requested links to the previous virtual field trips referred to in the report.

## Ngā mahi, ngā Kaupapa | Project, initiatives (resumed)

### 12. Ngā mahi, ngā Kaupapa | Projects, initiatives (resumed)

#### 12.1. Tangata Whenua Place Names maps – feedback

The Board noted the information and report provided (Objective ID A6300101) which detailed correspondence with Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust since the Board's last hui regarding their concerns about certain names on the map. The Board has learnt some lessons in terms of the consultative process for producing maps. While Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust have been heard and apologised to and the digital maps updated, the use of Tāmaki-nui-a-Ruamata is still the Ngāti Kahungunu name for the feature.

The matter remains ongoing as Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust are still seeking that all of the printed maps be destroyed and reprinted, as well as further remedy through the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi

Negotiations. The Board discussed the request that Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā have made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), noting the demand that wide-ranging OIA requests place on the limited resources of the Secretariat. The Board thanked the Secretariat for the engaged, thorough and respectful response to Rangitāne Tū Mai Trust made on its behalf.

The Board discussed the positives and negatives of moving to a digital-only release of the maps in the future, as opposed to publishing them in hard copy. When digital-only products are provided it is theoretically possible for users to print them for a relatively low cost. However, there is still a demand for printed maps and the schools have clearly appreciated the posters. Due to some schools being rural and there being resourcing constraints, the Board couldn't expect all schools to print the maps themselves. The Board noted that approximately 30,000 of the NZTopo50 series maps that Toitū Te Whenua LINZ produces have been sold in the last year.

The Board acknowledged the upset caused when an offense is made in regard to a place name and noted that there can be different views on the appropriate name for a place. The Board also acknowledged the time and effort and attention to detail that went into producing the maps and agreed that with over 1,800 names shown on the maps some errors were inevitable. The Board agreed that its efforts to engage with, and apologise to, Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust, should be the start of a more positive relationship with them in the future.

## He take atu anō | Other business

### 13. He take atu anō | Other business

The Board noted that there had been a lot of feedback from the public already for the Pito One proposal with over 1,000 submissions made on the first day.

Expense claims from Board members are now due as they need to be processed before the end of June 2024.

The next hui will be kanohi ki te kanohi (face-to-face) on 15 October 2024.

The hui closed at 12.00pm with a karakia led by Mahana Toka.

Certified as a true and correct record of the hui:

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Anselm Haanen, Chairperson

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Date

| <b>Board Actions from 18 June 2024 Hui</b> |  |                |                 |
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| <b>Agenda Item</b>                         | <b>Action</b>  | <b>By Whom</b> | <b>Comments</b> |
| 11.1 Centenary                             | Provide comments on the 12 September 2024 draft media release to mark the centenary. | Board          | *               |