



Kīoranga kotou hūnau Moriiori,

Kohi mai rā! Welcome to our first Moriiori Imi Settlement Trust (MIST) membership newsletter. Time is flying! We are nearly halfway through the year already and there is plenty happening.



We are excited to call our newsletter 'Tukohu Moriiori' - *tukohu* is a Moriiori word for *special mat*, which could be a metaphor for traditional practice as well as a foundation, and also the weaving together of different strands - plus it references *kohu* (mist). The maro pictured is housed at Te Papa and is made from harapepe (flax), it is over 5m long and 12cm wide!

## Special General Meeting and Hui-ā-Imi Upcoming 2025 Elections

We are pleased to confirm that our Special General Meeting (SGM) and first Hui-ā-Imi will take place in Temuka from **9.30am Saturday 5 July** at Arowhenua Marae.

The SGM will focus on key changes needed for the Trust Deed to ensure our governance is aligned.

Following Temuka, we will continue our nationwide hui:

**Wellington - Monday 7 July - 6.30pm**

**Blenheim - Tuesday 8 July - 6.00pm**

**Hamilton - Wednesday 9 July - 6.00pm**

**Rēkohu - Saturday 19 July - 10.00am**

Please see our website and social channels for further details and to register your attendance. If you are unable to attend in person, you can join us online on either of the 5 July or 19 July dates.

We now have confirmed dates for our first MIST Board of Trustee elections process:

**Wednesday 27 August - Nominations Open**

**Wednesday 24 September - Nominations Close**

Members will be able to vote by post and online and results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting scheduled in November. More details will follow soon from MIST and Election Services. Please ensure we have your current contact details - email is preferred, otherwise important correspondence will be sent by post.

## Website and Social Media

Our website is now LIVE! It's a great place to learn more about MIST, keep up-to-date and register for events - and of course register as a member of MIST if you haven't already.

We also encourage you to follow our social media pages - Facebook and Instagram - **moriiori.psge**.





## Puna Ora Oceans Research Kaupapa with Te Moriori Imi Settlement Trust for Rēkohu

Puna Ora is a kaupapa Māori research project that aims to explore ocean management and conservation efforts with an indigenous worldview at the forefront. Led by Ngāti Kuri and Māori kairangahau (researchers) in relationship W/WF, the project is funded by Oceans 5 to undertake case studies across Aotearoa and internationally, including the islands of Rēkohu of the Moriori people. The case studies will involve undertaking interviews with key members of the island, Imi and conservation efforts. The premise of the research is that an indigenous-led approach has outcomes that are innovative, holistic (e.g. take into context the land and sea relationship), and are intergenerational in nature due to the cultural relationship with the ocean.

The research funding is targeted toward the following outcomes for Oceans 5:

- Development of a coalition that has cross-sector interest in the ocean to deepen the conservation and create ocean solutions that have tikanga/tikane-led approaches at its forefront.
- Develop case studies and research reports to provide an evidence base on tikanga/tikane-led approaches that inform ocean health and wellbeing.
- Develop international indigenous partnerships to create reciprocal knowledge-sharing to help amplify indigenous voices in ocean outcomes.
- Develop a framework that can inform ocean policy led by tikanga/tikane which would be based on research reports, delivered next pre-election cycle.

**When:** On **19 July 2025** Puna Ora will be joining the Moriori Imi Settlement Trust hui at Kōpinga Marae (time to be confirmed) to introduce the kaupapa and research project in person. Interviews will be held over the week of 19-22 July.

**More info:** If you would like more information on the full research scope or if have any questions, please contact **office@moriori-imi-trust.nz**.

**Ko wai, who is it for:** If you are interested in being one of the Rēkohu kaikorero to be interviewed or would like to know more about how you can be involved, please get in touch with the team above.