



# Me huri whakamuri ka titiro whakamua

## *Kaipara Moana* Looking Back...Thinking Forward

An event showcasing the Kaipara Harbour

15-16 November 2014

Te Hana Te Ao Marama Māori Cultural Centre,  
Te Hana, New Zealand

On 15 and 16 November 2014, IKHMG will host an inaugural event to showcase and celebrate the special and unique taonga that the Kaipara Harbour is. The *Kaipara Moana – Looking Back...Thinking Forward Symposium* will be held over two days at Te Hana Te Ao Marama Māori Cultural Centre.

The Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group (IKHMG) is led by the Ngāti Whatua hapū Te Uri o Hau and Ngā Maunga Whakahii. This kaupapa was born from a hapū aspiration to restore the mauri of Kaipara Moana coupled with the community's desire to improve the health and well-being of the Kaipara Harbour.

IKHMG draws upon a unique partnership between hapū, local government, community and local businesses spanning from Auckland to Northland - from Pouto on the west coast and to Mangawhai on the east coast. IKHMG brings together multiple stakeholders with different interests and values for Kaipara Moana. It is a partnership that has a common and shared vision of a healthy and productive Kaipara Harbour.

Targeting the communities of the Kaipara Harbour catchment, the event will offer something of interest to all - from farmers to environment managers, industry to hapū, government and non-government organisations.

It offers an opportunity to celebrate a 10-year partnership, to network, to share knowledge and to support action under the theme of a 'healthy and productive Kaipara Harbour'.

During the event there will be opportunities to learn, network and share knowledge and ideas and to connect with the Kaipara community, scientists and other stakeholders. It is an opportunity to look for future partnerships for practical work, research and policy implementation.

### Program

On Day One the event begins with a welcoming powhiri, call to action, plenary speaker and three sessions. The day ends with a pre-dinner networking opportunity with canapés and drinks. An evening program is provided with a guest speaker, opportunity to do a tour of Te Ao Marama Māori Cultural Centre, enjoy a local kapa haka performance and a hangi dinner.

Day Two will have a plenary speaker and four concurrent sessions ending with a panel discussion and wrap-up capturing key outcomes and opportunities that will look forward in achieving our common vision.

### Themes for DAY ONE are:

1. **Ecosystems** – the Kaipara is a mosaic of ecosystems that deliver a range of services such as fisheries, clean air and water. Topics may relate to: spatial-temporal processes, climate change, biodiversity, fisheries, monitoring, ecosystem function and services.
2. **Connecting with Mātauranga Māori** – how do you connect with and utilise indigenous knowledge systems and processes. Topics related to: frameworks, principles, co-management of land and sea, business, protecting, maintaining and sharing knowledge.
3. **Integrated Management** – topics may relate to theory and practice of connecting knowledge systems and values with science and management, integration across scales and ecosystems.
4. **Communities & Relationships** – how are we working together to strengthen our voices and lead decision-making. Topics related to: governance, relations, capacity and network development.

### Themes for DAY TWO:

#### Topics relating to implementation and action at various scales (e.g., grass-roots, farm, catchment, river, regional):

1. **Connecting with Mātauranga Māori** – topics could be through activities such as research, monitoring, policy development/implementation, co-management of species, river and/or place.
2. **Plant 2 Million Trees – strategies and tools** - topics focus on methods used to plant, mitigate, restore, protect biodiversity, ecosystem services; how ecosystem science has been used as a strategy.
3. **Implementing integrated management and action** – topics could be focused on policy implementation that promotes, achieves integrated management for Kaipara Harbour.
3. **Communities and Relationships** – understanding and building your social licence as a business, industry, farm, community group, individual; use of relationships to progress the common vision.



Facilitating integrated management from paddock-to-harbour

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## Key Facts

The Kaipara Harbour is New Zealand's largest estuarine ecosystem at 94,700 ha. The harbour receives runoff from a river network of over 9,000 km and a 6,400 km<sup>2</sup> catchment of which 53% supports highly productive pasture.

Most of the natural habitat of Kaipara was exhausted by the 1920s. There has been a long history of deforestation and subsequent land management issues throughout the catchment that has led to soil erosion, silted-up streams, rivers and estuaries, poor water quality, loss of biodiversity (~60-80% loss), eutrophication and loss of productive land.

Today the Kaipara contains five broad ecosystems: forest, freshwater, scrublands, dunelands and estuaries. It also contains some of the rarest ecosystems in New Zealand namely sand dune, seagrass and freshwater and estuarine wetland systems. The harbour itself is well known as a fish and shark nursery and research suggests that it also provides most of the adult coastal snapper populations on the West Coast of the North Island.

The Kaipara suffers from the ongoing, cumulative stress of sedimentation and eutrophication. The Kaipara has one of the highest sediment accumulation rates in New Zealand, standing at 7 mm/year; and since pre-European times has seen a vast elevation in the levels of contaminants entering catchment waterways such as sediment, phosphorus, nitrogen and E.coli. The Wairoa River delivers the greatest sediment and nutrient loads to the harbour, which is transported throughout the northern Kaipara, Arapaoa River, into the south Kaipara and entrance.

## Call for presenters and workshop facilitators

Presenting your work or workshop at this inaugural event is an excellent opportunity. It provides a regional and local platform to build your personal or corporate profile with hapū, community leaders and groups, research/science providers, land and sea managers.

We are looking for a range of presentation styles – powerpoint, korero, workshop and discussion, stories and posters or art (dance, paint, song, poetry).

### Presenters will have the opportunity to:

- Exchange knowledge and information with fellow peers, community, policy officers and kaitiaki
- Build partnerships and opportunities
- Join an integrated network of action and social cohesion
- Participant in increasing the profile of the Kaipara Harbour
- Free registration.

#### Footnotes:

1. Workshops are sessions intended to convey specific knowledge or skills. They are not intended for the presentation of formal research talks, but are to be more interactive and informal including encouraging extended discussion. Workshops may involve one or several presenters/speakers and may include computer-based or other hands-on training.



## Cost:

	Full symposium (excludes evening program)	1 Day (excludes evening program)	Evening Program & Dinner
Government	\$100	\$80	\$48
Non-government & business	\$80	\$50	\$48
Kaitiaki & community	Koha	Koha	\$48
Students / Child	\$0	\$0	\$48

Payment options include cheque and internet banking. Other options can be arranged on request.

## Registrations

The event is limited to 200 participants. To avoid disappointment we recommend registering your interest to attend and/or present your work.

Register your attendance and expression of interest online at [www.kaiparaharbour.net.nz/kaiparamoana](http://www.kaiparaharbour.net.nz/kaiparamoana)

## Contact Information

### Registrations

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### Personnel:

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*We welcome you to share in this unique kaupapa.*