



Briefing Note: 2 July 2021 Ngārimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board Meeting

To:	Hon Kelvin Davis, Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education)		
CC:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
Date:	25 June 2021	Priority:	High
Security Level:	In Confidence	METIS No:	1261800
Drafter:	Suze Strowger	DDI:	9(2)(a)
Key Contact:	Emily Fabling	DDI:	04 463 8480
Messaging seen by Communications team:	No	Round Robin:	Yes

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to brief you in preparation for the Ngārimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board (the Board) meeting scheduled for 2 July 2021.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- note** the Ngārimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board meeting is on Friday 2 July 2021 from 9.00-10.15am at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori O te Waiū O Ngāti Porou. This is the third Board meeting of 2021, with the previous meeting on 7 April which coincided with the Awards Evening.

Noted

- note** that at the conclusion of this meeting members will make their way to the Launch ceremony at Uepohatu beginning at 10.30 am. An event run sheet is provided in Appendix 1.

Noted

- note** we have received several apologies from a number of members and will update your office if this changes. Iona Holsted is currently an apology as she will be attending the the Tūhoe Service Management Plan signing in Ruatāhuna. Dr Daryn Bean will be Iona's substitute. For the meeting to proceed, a quorum of 5 Board members need to be in attendance. We currently have enough attendees for a quorum.

Noted

- d. **note** the meeting agenda, and that the focus of the meeting will be on:
- the Financial report and opportunities for investment
 - **9(2)(f)(iv)**
 - the Vocational Education Scholarship
 - an update on Scholarships 2021, and
 - the request by Company B to use the title/ name 28 NZ (Maori) Battalion

Noted

- e. **note** that you will be giving a short speech at the Launch ceremony at about 11 am. Please refer to the draft speech notes, draft media release and draft back pocket Q and A's are attached to this briefing report. (see Appendix 2-4)

Noted

- f. **note** that meeting packs have been sent to Board members after approval from your office

Noted

- g. **agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released.

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree



Emily Fabling
Deputy Secretary
Strategy, Planning and Governance

25/06/2021



Hon Kelvin Davis
Associate Minister of Education
(Māori Education)

31/7/2021

Background

1. The Ngārimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board (the Board) was established in 1945 for the purpose of granting assistance for the education of any Māori, or for the purpose of promoting the study and encouraging the maintenance of the Māori language and of Māori history, tradition, and culture.
2. The Board usually meets three times per year in March/April, August and November. This year the last Board meeting of the year will take place on 13 October 2021
3. The Board meeting is from 9.00am-10.15am in the staff room at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori O te Waiū O Ngāti Porou. Your hard copy of the meeting pack is enclosed to this report and electronic and hard copies have been issued to all Board Members following approval to do so from your office.
4. All Board members arrive in Gisborne the night before and are staying at the Emerald Hotel. Board members are being driven to Ruatoria by Ministry staff on the 2nd July departing at 6.55am.
5. Following the Board meeting, members will move to Uepohatu for the launch of the Ngarimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Learning Resource. A run sheet for this event is included in the General Business Section of the Board papers.

Board membership and meeting arrangements

Roles and Responsibilities

6. The legislation requires you to chair the meeting (when you attend the meeting). The other statutory members of the Board are:
 - a. Hon Willie Jackson, Minister for Maori Development
 - b. Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Member for Hauraki-Waikato,
 - c. Rino Tirikatene MP, Member for Te Tai Tonga,
 - d. Hon Meka Whaitiri MP, Member for Ikaroa-Rāwhiti,
 - e. Adrian Rurawhe MP, Member for Te Tai Hauāuru,
 - f. Hon Peeni Henare, Member for Tāmaki Makaurau,
 - g. Rawiri Waititi MP, Member for Waiariki, and
 - h. Iona Holsted, Secretary for Education

Meeting logistics

7. During the meeting the Secretariat will be available to provide support and background information to the agenda items. The Secretariat will be represented by:
 - a. Suze Strowger, Director-Programmes- Te Ohu Rautaki, Strategy, Planning and Governance
 - b. Daryn Bean, Kaiwhakarite Matamuri mo te Matauranga Maori/ Deputy Secretary – Maori Education, and
 - c. Darren Nathan Pou Ārahi, Director Relationships and Mātauranga Māori.
8. Mark Flintoff, Chief Financial Officer will attend to speak to the Financial report and Investments report. He will join the meeting via Zoom. Deborah Kent, Associate Deputy Secretary will lead the discussion on Scholarships including options around greater pastoral care and seeking expressions of interest for the assessment panels. Deborah will lead this via Zoom.

9. Kiritina Johnstone, Group Manager Te Uepū Reo Māori is available to talk about the Curriculum resource launch if required, and Eleanora Sparagna, Kaitātara Kaupapa Tuakana Te Ara Kaimanawa about the Vocational Education Scholarship. They will all be present and attend the launch.
10. Neill Atkinson from Ministry for Culture and Heritage will attend by Zoom for the Company Histories item. Dr Te Tuhi Robust will speak about Company A progress. 9(2)(f)(iv)

Quorum

11. The quorum necessary for any Board meeting is 5 members, of whom 3 must be members appointed by the Governor-General. There are 6 members who were appointed by the Governor-General and they are:
 - a. Dr Te Tuhi Robust, A company representative,
 - b. Dr Reuben Collier MNZM, B company representative,
 - c. Dr Monty Soutar ONZM, C company representative,
 - d. Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch, D company representative,
 - e. Linda Te Aho, past Ngārimu Scholarship recipient, and
 - f. Phillip Heeney, whānau representative.
12. All Governor General appointees are attending the Board meeting, however Melanie Riwai-Couch will attend by zoom.

Agenda

13. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Topic	Action	Kaiwhakahaere	Tab No.
Meeting opening: Karakia Timatanga		Chair	
Apologies			
1. Updates to the Interests Register	Confirm and approve	Chair	1
2. Minutes from the meeting of 7 April Board meeting	Confirm and approve	Chair	2
3. Action Log	Confirm and approve	Chair	3
4. Financial Report and Financial Investments	Confirm and Approve	Chair	4
5. Funding of the Vocational Education Scholarship	Discussion and decision	Finance Committee	5
6. Update on Vocational Education Scholarship	Discussion and decision	Secretariat	6
7. Update on Scholarships and competitions 2021	Discussion and decision	Secretariat	7
8. Report on Company Histories	Noting	A and D Company reps	8

9. Use of Māori Battalion taonga	Noting	Secretariat	9
10. General Business	Discussion and decision	Secretariat	10
11. Forward Agenda (no papers)	Discussion and decision	Chair	11

Meeting close: Karakia Whakamutunga

Summary of key discussions

14. The remainder of this briefing summarises key recommendations associated with each paper.

Financial Report

15. This paper provides financial information for the Fund for the period from 1 March 2021 to 31 May 2021. The paper recommends that the Board

- a) **Note** the forecast results for the financial year ending 30 June 2021 shows a surplus of \$38,142.
Noted
- b) **Note** scholarship payments totalling \$65,000 were paid in March and April. Ten recipients met the criteria for the 2021 Milestone 1 and were paid a total of \$45,000. The Manakura Award of \$20,000 was also paid in this period. Refer Table in Annex 1.
Noted
- c) **Note** that scholarship suspensions have been granted to three recipients. Refer Agenda item 7 for background information.
Noted
- d) **Note** that the Government Grant of \$217,000 received by the Ministry of Education as part of the Vote Tertiary appropriation will be deposited into the Ngārimu Fund account in July 2021.
Noted
- e) **Agree** that if the Board wishes to make further changes to the Provisional Budget, that the Financial Standing Committee is authorised to review and approve these changes on behalf of the Board and that income and expenditure will be reported against the Provisional Budget for 2021/22 financial year until the budget is approved.
Agree / Disagree
- f) **Agree** that in line with the Investment Policy Statement \$500,000 of funds be invested in a 12-month Term Deposit in July 2021.
Agree / Disagree
- g) **Agree** that the Financial Standing Committee is authorised to review and approve the Annual Report for the 2020/21 financial year in October on behalf of the Board.
Agree / Disagree

Funding the VET Scholarships

16. The Board has requested further advice from the Financial Standing Committee to investigate options to fund Vocational Education and Training (VET) beyond 2022 year. The paper recommends that the Board:

- a) **Agree** to direct the Ministry to maintain and/or reduce the funding of current academic scholarships as below, noting that collectively this would save \$27,000

Option A: Maintain the three \$10,000 per annum for undergraduate scholarship, but reduce term from five to three years

Agree / Disagree

Option B: Reduce the two master's scholarships from \$15,000 per annum for two years to \$10,000 per annum for two years

Agree / Disagree

Option C: Reduce the one Doctoral Scholarship from \$25,000 per annum for two years to \$20,000 per annum for two years

Agree / Disagree

- b) **Note** that options A, B and C collectively would save \$27,000

Noted

- c) **Agree** to reduce the value of the Manakura Award from \$50,000 to \$20/25,000 every three years

Agree/Disagree

- d) **Note** that this reduction would save the Board \$8,333 per annum from 2024 onwards

Noted

- e) **Note** that on the 7 April the Board agreed to award three VET \$10,000 Awards for 2022 year

Noted

- f) **Agree** that next year, after one round of implementation, to look at the values awarded for 2023 VET scholarships

Agree/Disagree

Vocational Education Scholarship

17. This paper provides the Board with an updated application pack and launch details for the vocational education and training (VET) scholarships for the 2021/2022 year. The paper seeks the Board's agreement to support the VET scholarships campaign and application process. The paper recommends that the Board:

- a. **Note** officials have sought Minister Davis' agreement to open the VET scholarship applications on 21 June, or as soon as possible, and close VET scholarship applications on 1 September.

Noted

- b. **Note** the VET application package and Media package attached to this paper

Noted

- c. **Agree** that VET scholarship recipients submit a letter of support from their study supervisor and/or an iwi or hapū representative on acceptance of the scholarship

Agree / Disagree

- d. **Note** officials will report back to the Board on options and costs to translate all Ngarimu scholarship application packages and media package into te reo Māori for the next years round of scholarships.

Agree / Disagree

Ngārimu Scholarships and Competitions 2021

18. This paper provides an update on the 2021/2022 Ngārimu Scholarships and Video Competition, asks the Board for panel nominees, and lastly outlines a proposal for pastoral care of Scholarship recipients. The paper recommends that the Board:

- a. **Note** that scholarship applications opened on Monday 24 May and will close on Sunday 8 August 2021.

Noted

- b. **Note** the Video Competition opened on Monday 24 May and will close on Wednesday 1 September 2021.

Noted

- c. **Note** that scholarship suspensions have been granted to three recipients.

Noted

- d. **Note** that recommendations to the Board on the preferred recipients will be provided at the 13 October meeting for approval.

Noted

- e. **Agree** to provide expressions of interest for the Undergraduate Scholarship, Postgraduate Scholarship and Video Competition assessment panels.

Agree / Disagree

- f. **Agree** to be involved in Option one/two or three providing Pastoral Care to scholarship recipients.

Agree / Disagree

Report on Company Histories

19. This paper responds to a request from the Ngārimu Board for an update on the Company Histories Project from Company A and D. It should be read in association with the Ministry of Culture and Heritage regular update in item 10 General Business. The paper recommends that the Board:

- Note** the updates from Company A and D (yet to be received)

Noted

Use of Māori Battalion Taonga

20. This paper responds to the request to investigate the Board's role as the successor of the 28th Māori Battalion (NZ) Association Incorporated (**Association**) and also seeks approval to 'B Company 28th (Māori) Battalion Taonga Kaitiaki Trust' to use the words "28th NZ (Māori) Battalion" and/or "28th (Māori) Battalion" in the title of its name, the contents of its Trust Deed, and in carrying out its' activities. The paper recommends the Board:

- a) **Note** that the Board became the “successor” of the Association for the purposes of giving (or withholding) authorisation to the use of any emblem, words, name, title, style, or designation relating to the 28th Māori Battalion, in accordance with section 18A(3)(b)(iii) of the Flags, Emblems and Names Protection Act 1981.

Noted

- b) **Note** that the Secretariat previously provided advice that the Board becoming the successor of the Association for the purposes of the Flags, Emblems and Names Protection Act 1981 required a relatively minor amendment to the Board’s governing legislation to clarify that this is in scope of the Board’s functions.

Noted

- c) **Agree** to the Secretariat progressing work with its policy and legal teams to seek the necessary legislative amendments to clarify the Board’s successor function.

Agree / Disagree

- d) **Authorise** the B Company 28th (Māori) Battalion Taonga Kaitiaki Trust to use the words “28th NZ (Māori) Battalion” and/or “28th (Māori) Battalion” in the title of its name, the contents of its Trust Deed, and in carrying out its’ activities. This authorisation is subject to the following conditions:

- a. That the use of the words “28th NZ (Māori) Battalion” and/or “28th (Māori) Battalion” in any of the Trust activities does not bring the name into disrepute
- b. That any business or trade use of those words requires further consultation and authorisation by the Board.

Agree / Disagree

General Business

21. The first item is at the request of Dr Reuben Collier and asks the Board to consider our manaakitanga to Bom Gillies. Dr Collier has asked to speak to the item. The paper makes the following recommendations:

- a. **Agree** to use Ngarimu Board Funds to pay for Bom Gillies’s Ngarimu related travel, accommodation and caregiver requirements without him being put in a position to ask.
Agree/Disagree
- b. **Agree** when Bom Gillies is ‘front and centre’ at any Ngarimu event, that someone from the Board accompanies him and is mindful of his wellbeing (without being asked to do so).
Agree/Disagree

22. The second item is a run sheet for the launch event at 10.30am for noting.

Noted

23. The third item is an Invite list for the launch. It is a guide only, but whānau anticipate 250-300 attendees at the launch. There are a number of important guests and we will alert your office of these prior to the event.

Noted

24. The fourth item is the regular update from Manatū Taonga

Noted

Proactive Release

25. We recommend that this Briefing is proactively released as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Some information will need to be withheld, and will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Proactively Released

Launch of Ngarimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Learning Resource

Date: Friday 2 July 2021
Time: 10.30am – 1pm
Venue: Uepohatu, Whakarua Park Rd, Ruatoria
Attendees: Refer to proposed attendees list

KAUPAPA	KAIWHAKAHAERE	TE WĀ
Pōhiri Manuhiri to begin gathering outside Uepohatu at 10.15am Haka pohiri – Nga kura o te Tairawhiti Two speeches from the haukainga (1 Ngati Porou, 1 Te Whanau a Apanui) One speech from manuhiri Hariu & waiata ngahau from schools	TKKM o Te Waiū	10.30am – 11.30am
KAUPAPA Launch and opening address from Minister Davis The minister will speak and officially launch the resources Opportunity for 2 selected students to give a brief speech	Minister Davis, MOE	11.30 – 11.45am
KAUPAPA Karakia Whakakapi Rev Boycie Te Maro will conclude the formalities with a karakia	Rev Te Maro	11.45 – 11.50am
KAUPAPA Media Opportunity At the end of the formal proceedings, the Minister and other officials will have an opportunity for media enquiries		11.50am – 12pm
KAUPAPA Hākari There will be a formal hākari inside for pakeke and officials. Hāngi outside for students.	TKKM o Te Waiū	12pm – 1pm

Appendix 4: Back pocket Q and A's

Why is this resource being developed now?

From 2022 onwards, Aotearoa New Zealand's histories will be taught in all schools and kura.

The draft curriculum content embraces the histories of all the people who live in Aotearoa New Zealand and encourages schools and kura to develop local curriculum and marau ā-kura that reflect the histories of their communities.

Learning Aotearoa New Zealand's histories will help ākonga understand there are multiple perspectives on historical and contemporary events and help them develop their critical thinking and inquiry skills.

This learning resource is an example of Aotearoa New Zealand's histories in action, a marau ā-kura that reflects the history of this community.

How does this resource support better outcomes for learners?

We know that our young people need to stay in school for as long as possible. The Ministry has a role in supporting children to want to stay in school through developing meaningful resources that engage their minds and everything that encompasses the learners.

A localised learning and teaching resource like this is a way to engage Māori learners in education. This in turn has positive effects for striving for excellent outcomes and for Māori achieving educational success as Māori.

What is the purpose of this resource?

The purpose of the resource is to provide an inclusive and engaging learning experience that is easily accessible for tamariki and whānau. This has been done through grounding the learning resource in the history and whakapapa of the 28th (Māori) Battalion.

Who is this resource for?

There are two parts to this learning resource – a learning resource and a teaching resource. Communities are at the heart of localised curriculum learning and teaching resources. These resources start with whānau, mana whenua, hapū, iwi, waka, Māori.

Can any school across Aotearoa use this resource?

This learning resource has been developed by the Ngarimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Scholarship board for tamariki of all ages, whānau, kura and schools.

When will this resource be available?

This resource is available now and you can access it here XXXX.