



Briefing Note: 18 March 2022 Ngarimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board Meeting and 2021/2022 Ngarimu Scholarships Awards Ceremony

To:	Hon Kelvin Davis, Associate Minister of Education – (Māori Education)		
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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to brief you in preparation for the Ngarimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board (the Board) meeting and the Ngarimu Scholarships Awards Ceremony scheduled for 18 March 2022.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **note** the Ngarimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board meeting is on 18 March 2022. The Board meeting is scheduled from 10:30am to 12:00pm and will take place at Te Papaiohuru Marae in Rotorua. The meeting can be run via Zoom if needed. This is the first Board meeting of 2022.

Noted

- b. **note** we have received apologies from Mr Adrian Rūrawhe MP, Mr Rino Tirikatene MP, Mr Reweti Ropiha and Iona Holsted (TBC) and will update your office if this changes. For the meeting to proceed, a quorum of 5 Board members must be in attendance. We currently have enough confirmed attendees for a quorum.

Noted

- c. **note** the meeting agenda, and that the focus of the meeting will be on:

- the Financial Report and Financial Investments

- decisions about the 2022 Vocational Education scholarships
- be updated on progress with Te Rau Aroha and video taonga
- 28th Māori Battalion Association Inc Trust Funds
- meet the Awards' recipients

Noted

d. **note** that meeting packs will be sent to Board members after approval from your office.

Noted

e. **agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released.

Agree Disagree



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04/03/2022



Hon Kelvin Davis
Associate Minister of Education
(Māori Education)

05 /03/ 2022

Background

1. The Ngarimu 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 October and runs the Scholarships Awards event on the same day as the first meeting of the year.
3. The Board meeting is scheduled from 10:30am to 12:00pm and will take place at Te Papaouru Marae in Rotorua. The meeting can be run via Zoom if needed. Your hard copy of the meeting pack is enclosed to this report. Electronic and hard copies will be issued to all Board Members on 11 March 2022.

Board membership and meeting arrangements

Roles and Responsibilities

4. 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 Māori 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

5. 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. Daryn Bean, Hautū - Te Tuarongo
 - b. Suze Strowger, Kaitohu ā Motu - Te Tuarongo and
 - c. Darren Nathan, Chief Advisor – Relationships and Mātauranga Māori, Te Tuarongo.
6. Other Ministry officials attending include Mark Flintoff, Chief Financial Officer, speaking to agenda item 4, the Financial Report and Financial Investments. Eleanora Sparagna, Senior Manager will speak to the Vocational Education paper in item 8, and Briar Barnsley

will be available to answer any questions on items 9 and 10 which relate to Scholarship Timelines and the Pastoral Care paper. Towards the end of the meeting, our events lead – Diny Kalidas – will bring in this year's recipients to meet the Board.

Quorum

7. The quorum necessary for any Board meeting is five members, of whom three must be members appointed by the Governor-General. There are six 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. Mr Reweti Ropiha, C company representative
 - d. Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch, D company representative
 - e. Associate Professor Linda Te Aho, past Ngarimu Scholarship recipient, and
 - f. Mr Phillip Heeney, whānau representative.
8. Not all of the Governor-General appointees are attending the Board meeting. 9(2)(a)
9. Congratulations are in order for Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch for publishing her new book 'Niho Taniwha'. Talking points for Dr Melanie's new book are available in Annex 1.

Agenda

10. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Tab	Topic	Action	Kaiwhakahaere
	Meeting opening: Karakia timatanga		Chair
1	Conflicts of Interest Register - updates	Approval	Chair
2	Draft Minutes 20 October 2021 meeting	Discussion/Approval	Chair
3	Action Log	Noting/Approval	Chair
4	Financial Report and Financial Investments	Noting/Agreement	Secretariat and Finance Committee
5	Legislation update	Noting	Secretariat
6	The 28 th Māori Battalion Association Inc Trust Funds	Noting/Agreement	Secretariat
7	Te Rau Aroha video taonga proposal	Noting/Agreement	Dr Te Tuhi Robust Secretariat
8	VET scholarships, te reo Māori, and areas of focus for degree level and above	Noting/Agreement	Secretariat
9	Scholarships and Video Competition 2022	Agreement	Secretariat

Tab	Topic	Action	Kaiwhakahaere
10	Pastoral Care – Ngarimu Scholarship Recipients	Noting	Secretariat
11	Update on today's Awards ceremony and meet the recipients	Noting	Secretariat
12	General business	Discussion	Secretariat
13	Forward Agenda	Discussion	Chair

Meeting close: Karakia whakamutunga

Summary of key discussions

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

1. Conflicts of Interest Register - updates

The Board is required to **discuss and approve** the declared conflicts.

2. Draft Minutes 20 October 2021 meeting

The Board are required to **approve** the draft minutes from our last Board Hui which was held by zoom.

3. Action log

The Board should **note** the progress in the action log and the relative papers generated.

4. Financial Report and Financial Investments

This paper provides financial information of the Fund for the period from the period from 1 September to 31 January 2022, the year-to-date period, and a forecast of the year end position.

The paper recommends that the Board:

- a) **Note** the financial report for the period September 2021 to January 2022 shows an underspend of \$32,102 against budget mainly due to: advertising for the 2021/22 Scholarships and Video Competition not being incurred (\$666), lower than budgeted costs for the Board Meeting held in October 21 (\$2,128), Milestone 3 requirements of an undergraduate and a Masters scholarship holder not being met (\$8,332 – refer Agenda item 10), Te Reo Māori 3rd prize in the 2021/22 Video Competition not being awarded (\$975) and the payment for the Histories Project (\$20,000) not being made.

Noted

- b) **Note** the year end forecast shows a surplus of \$498 against a budgeted deficit of \$9,470, due to: more interest revenue arising from higher than budgeted interest rates (\$1,502), budgeted advertising costs for 2021/22 Scholarships and Video Competition not being incurred (\$2,000), lower than budgeted cost of Board Meetings (\$5,491) and Te Reo Māori 3rd prize in the 2021/22 Video Competition not awarded (\$975). The year end forecast assumes that the final payment for the Histories Project will be paid and all Milestone requirements will be met before 30 June 2022.

Noted

- c) **Note** that ten out of twelve recipients met the criteria for the 2021 Milestone 3 and payments were made in December 2021 totalling \$45,000 as per the table in Annex 1. The scholarships team are in contact with the remaining recipients; one recipient has just submitted their report, so will be paid shortly and the other continues to be supported to get back on track. Refer Agenda item 10 for further details.

Noted

- d) **Note** that as approved by the Board at the 20 October 2021 meeting, the following investment was made: \$250,000 term deposit on 26 October 2021 for 12 months at an interest rate of 1.87%.

Noted

- e) **Agree** to reinvest for a 12-month period \$50,000 and \$165,000 of term deposits which mature on 28 February and 1 April 2022 respectively. The current indicative interest rate, which is subject to change, is 2.55%.

Agree / Disagree

5. Legislation update

This paper provides the Board with an update on the legislation amendments required to clarify the Board's role as successor of the 28th Māori Battalion (NZ) Association Incorporated (Association).

The paper recommends that the Board:

- a) **Note** that the Secretariat is progressing the work with its policy and legal teams to seek the necessary legislative amendments to clarify the Board's successor function and will keep the Board informed about the progress.

Noted

6. The 28th Māori Battalion Association Inc Trust Funds

This paper outlines the activity by the Secretariat to secure the remaining 28th Māori Battalion Association Inc Trust Funds, as outlined at the 20 October Board Hui.

The paper recommends that the Board:

- a) **Note** that the Secretariat is progressing the work to secure the Association Funds and will keep the Board informed about the progress.

Noted

- b) **Agree** that the Board write to Nathan Milner of Kahui Legal thanking him for his support with this mahi.

Agree / Disagree

7. Te Rau Aroha video taonga proposal

This paper was commissioned by the Board at its last hui in 2021. The Board asked Dr Te Tuhi Robust and the Secretariat to describe in more detail the funding required and the potential for Te Rau Aroha to display all the winning Ngarimu VC videos appropriately as taonga.

The paper asks the Board to:

- a) **Note** that the Ngarimu Video competition has been running for several years and these taonga need to be more accessible than they currently are
Noted
- b) **Note** that the taonga currently have limited accessibility and are not displayed at Te Rau Aroha
Noted
- c) **Note** that the last area of Te Rau Aroha experienced by manuhiri is dedicated to the legacy of the veterans and Ngarimu VC Scholarship winners
Noted
- d) **Note** that the cost of the display is @ \$30,000 and is not currently budgeted for
Noted
- e) **Note** that there is potential for the display to show much more than just the winning videos
Noted
- f) **Agree** that the Board allocate the funds required to fund this Display project
Agree / Disagree
And if f) agreed
- g) **Agree** that the Association Funds (see agenda item 6) are used to fund this project
Agree / Disagree
- h) **Agree** to launch this project at either the next Board hui or at a special function later in the year
Agree / Disagree

8. VET scholarships, te reo Māori, and areas of focus for degree level and above

This paper builds on the 2021 vocational education and training (VET) scholarships and seeks the Board's agreement to clarify the intent and improve the application process this year, in particular on:

- how to best align VET scholarships to work-place based training timing,
- clarifying the approach to te reo Māori study in the VET scholarships criteria, and
- setting an informal area of focus for degree level and above.

The paper asks the Board to consider:

- a) The alignment of VET scholarships to work-place based training timing.

Either

- i. **Agree** to VET applications being open from July to early December, with an out of cycle Board meeting for VET scholarship decisions.

Agree / Disagree

OR

- ii. **Agree** to award the VET scholarships based on applicants' VET enrolment at the time of application.

Agree / Disagree

- b) Seeks clarification of the approach to te reo Māori

EITHER

- i. **Agree** that VET applications for te reo Māori study at level 5 to level 7 non-degree are considered on par with other VET qualifications

Agree / Disagree

OR

- ii. **Agree** to changing the application form to clarify that te reo Māori at level 5 to level 7 non-degree will not be considered as the primary vocational qualification for VET applications

Agree / Disagree

- c) **Agree** to promote Ngarimu scholarships to nursing providers for 3 to 5 years to encourage nursing applications at degree level and above.

Agree / Disagree

- d) **Note** that the Ministry is developing a strategic approach for promotion of the VET scholarships within the current allocated funding for advertising of the Ngarimu scholarships

Noted

9. Scholarship and Video Competition 2022

This paper provides updates on the timelines for the 2022 round of Ngarimu Academic Scholarships and Video Competition.

The Secretariat recommends that the Board:

- a) **Agree** to the proposed Academic Scholarship timeline.

Agree / Disagree

- b) **Agree** to the proposed Video Competition timeline.

Agree / Disagree

- c) **Agree** to provide expressions of interest for Scholarship and Video Competition assessment panels in May, for confirmation at the June Board meeting.

Agree / Disagree

10. Pastoral Care – Ngarimu Scholarship Recipients

The purpose of this paper is to inform the Board of the pastoral care approach for Ngarimu Scholarship recipients

The paper recommends that the Board:

- a) **Note** the pastoral care approach for Ngarimu Scholarship recipients.

Noted

b) 9(2)(a)

Noted

11. Awards ceremony and meet the recipients

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update for the 2021/2022 Awards Ceremony to be held on 18 March 2022 from 1.20pm to 3.45pm at Te Papaouru Marae, Rotorua.

The Secretariat recommends that the Board:

a) **Note** the draft Event Run Sheet and roles of Board members in *Appendix 1*.

Noted

b) **Note** the attached invitation list in *Appendix 2*. An updated list of attendees will be provided to you closer to the ceremony.

Noted

12. General Business

There currently are no general business papers. Usually, we have a paper from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage (MCH) on the Companies update. MCH advise that they have not heard anything about Minister Henare's planned hui with Company D leads. Both your office and the Secretariat have asked for this hui to be set up several times. Company A is making good progress with their report, but this progress has been slowed recently by Covid lockdowns and restrictions.

Proactive Release

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.

Annex 1: Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch's new book talking points

Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch's new book is called 'Niho Taniwha: Improving Teaching and Learning for Ākonga Māori'.

- The book equips educators with culturally responsive practices to better serve and empower Māori students and their whānau.
- The book is centred around the *Niho Taniwha* model in which both the learner and the teacher move through three phases in the teaching and learning process: Whai, Ako and Mau.
- The book outlines that educational success for Māori students is about more than academic achievement – it includes all aspects of hauora (health and wellbeing).
- The book demonstrates how to create learning environments that encompass self-esteem, happiness and engagement in Māori language, identity and culture.
- While *Niho Taniwha* presents challenging topics, the book has a practical focus that supports teachers in how to implement the model.
- *Niho Taniwha* challenges and motivates the reader to improve their learning and teaching environment.

INFORMATION taken from the book description

Speech Notes

Speech Notes will be sent to your office on 8 March.