



Briefing Note: Tauranga Kōtuku Rerenga Tahi Graduation Ceremony

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Purpose of Report


The purpose of this paper is for you to:

- **Note** the information provided to support your attendance alongside Ministry officials at the official graduation ceremony for Tauranga Kōtuku Rerenga Tahi on Saturday 11 December from 12.30 - 5.00pm, at Otiria Marae, Moerewa.

Noted

- **Agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released when arrangements for the graduation ceremony have been finalised.

Agreed Not agreed


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Summary

- This paper provides you with information about the Te Kawa Matakura graduation ceremony for the Tauranga Kōtuku Rerenga Tahī programme.
- The first cohort of Ati ā-Toa (Future Guardians) who have completed the programme requirements will graduate with a Level 5 Te Kawa Matakura New Zealand Diploma in Mātauranga ā-Iwi qualification.

Background

1. Te Kawa Matakura, known in Te Taitokerau as Tauranga Kōtuku Rerenga Tahī was officially launched by you on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at Rewa Village in Kerikeri.
2. The programme was delivered to the first cohort of Ati ā-Toa between February 2020 and October 2021.
3. In June 2021, a demonstration wānanga was held in which Ati ā-Toa demonstrated their learning and exhibited their knowledge that they acquired during the programme.

Graduation Ceremony

4. To celebrate the success of the Ati ā-Toa, a graduation ceremony will be held for the participants who have completed the requirements of the programme. Of the 23 participants that started the course in February 2020, it is expected that 10 Ati ā-Toa will graduate. A further three have indicated they will return to complete the programme in the future.
5. Your office has confirmed that you will be attending the ceremony on Saturday 11 December from 12.30 - 5.00pm, at Otiria Marae, Moerewa.
6. A list of graduands including their iwi and marae affiliations is attached as Annex 1.
7. The organisers are currently finalising the run sheet and confirming the list of invited attendees. This will be provided to your office by the end of next week. We will also notify your office of any changes that may occur between now and the event.
8. The graduation ceremony will comply with COVID-19 guidelines for Te Taitokerau. This means that there will be rules to help maintain safe physical distancing and a limit on invited attendees.

Talking Points

9. You have been requested to address the hui and hand out the certificates and taonga to the graduands. Talking points to address the graduation ceremony is attached as Annex 2.
10. Draft talking points and media release to support this briefing have been provided in English as Annex 2 and Annex 3 respectively. We will provide te reo Māori translations to your office by Tuesday 9 November 2021.

Proactive Release

11. We recommend that this briefing is proactively released when arrangements for the graduation ceremony has been finalised.

Annexes

12. The following documents are attached for your reference.

Annex 1:	List of Graduands
Annex 2:	Draft Talking Points
Annex 3:	Draft Media Release

Proactively Released