



2025

REPORT FROM THE BOARD



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STATISTICS

Let's take a snapshot of our region over the past year!

As at today's date 30/7/2025 Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka ama Association has **747** members.

Whilst we have increased our numbers substantially during 2024/2025 we have not yet reached the numbers pre covid but are on the right track. The number of clubs remains consistent and currently there are 14 clubs in our region with interest in further affiliation.

<i>Season</i>	<i>Number</i>
2019/2020	828
2020/2021	819
2021/2022	634
2022/2023	644
2023/2024	593
2024/2025	747

The growth of numbers from Otaki Waka Hoe, Kokiri Marae Tai Patu Waka Ama and Ratana Paa Kaihoe Trust have been fairly significant and our thanks to the club members and committees in all of our clubs who keep people involved in waka ama. We welcomed River City Waka ama Club (Whanganui) in 2025.

Affiliated Members per Region

HOE TONGA PACIFICA WAKA AMA ASSOCIATION	MEMBERS	PCT
1. Otaki Waka Hoe	123	16.5%
2. Kokiri Marae Tai Patu Waka Ama	92	12.3%
3. Ratana Paa Kaihoe Trust	80	10.7%
4. Te Ringa Miti Tai Heke Whanganui Waka Ama Club Incorporated	77	10.3%
5. TOA Waka Ama Club	53	7.1%
6. Wairarapa Waka Ama Canoe Club	53	7.1%
7. Hikoikoi Waka Club	49	6.6%
8. River City Waka Ama Club	48	6.4%
9. Mana Pasifika Outrigger Canoe Club	36	4.8%
10. Hawaikinui Tuarua Waka Ama	35	4.7%
11. Tai Tonga 41 Outrigger Canoe Club	30	4.0%
12. Porirua Canoe Kayak Club Inc.	25	3.3%
13. Te Whanganui River Outrigger Canoe Club Inc.	23	3.1%
14. Tu Nui a Te Ika Outrigger Canoe Club Inc	23	3.1%
TOTAL	747	



KA MUA, KA MURI!

Looking into the future we reflect on the past.

Time to review some of the important achievements and events in our region during the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and take some time to reflect and acknowledge the contribution of current and former Board member, clubs, volunteers, supporters and YOU our paddlers.

Month	Actions/Events/Happenings!!!!
July 24	16 July - Hoe Tonga Board Meeting Business as usual
Aug 24	Business as usual
Sept 24	Preparation for Regional Sprints
Oct 24	Finalise Hoe Tonga Regional Sprints
Nov 24	16 & 17 November - HOE TONGA REGIONAL SPRINTS, LAKE HENLEY, MASTERTON
Dec 24	16 December 2024 Hoe Tonga Board Meeting Finalise Hoe Tonga Entries for National Sprint Championships, Karapiro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administration - Entries/Rosters/Invoicing - Uniforms W12
Jan 25	12 – 18 January - NATIONAL SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS Preparation for LDN Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meetings fortnightly with Waka ama NZ
Feb 25	5 February – Hoe Tonga Board Meeting APPOINTMENT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR Finalise Regional Secondary School Sprints, Lake Henley, Masterton in collaboration with College Sport Wellington and Te Wananga o Aotearoa Shift to Onepoto 12 February – SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Long Distance Nationals Preparation
Mar 25	8 March - REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL SPRINTS, ONEPOTO 28 March - NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL SPRINTS, TIKITAPU, ROTORUA Long Distance Nationals Preparation
April 25	24 April – 27 April LONG DISTANCE NATIONALS, PORIRUA Hui ā Tau announced – 20 August 2025
May 25	Paddler announcements and selections for International Va'a Federation World Sprint Championships
June 25	Business as usual Preparation for end of financial year reports

LONG DISTANCE NATIONAL 2025

Without doubt apart from being the biggest Long Distance Nationals held in Aotearoa it was the biggest event Hoe Tonga have organized in 2025. Every six years our region is offered by Waka ama NZ the opportunity to host the Long Distance Nationals. In 2025 the Board alongside the wider Hoe Tonga community took up this challenge. It has been 12 years since Hoe Tonga held its last LDN event and the weeks of planning, late night hui and a tiny bit of stress our mahi as hosts of the Waka ama NZ was a triumph!

On the 24th of April Hoe Tonga welcomed our waka ama whānau from across the motu to the Hoe Tonga region with a pōwhiri at Ngāti Toa Domain, supported by te iwi o Ngāti Toa Rangatira, the Porirua City Council, Te Toki Voyaging Trust – Waka Hourua and Waka ama NZ. 1067 kaihoe from 59 clubs across Aotearoa registered to take part in this national qualifying event, with 3 days of racing long distances of 8km, 16 km, and 24km to secure a place to compete at the IVF World Distance Championships 2025 being held in Brazil, August.

Our special thanks Wellington Harbours, Māori Wardens, Hoe Tonga Clubs, Kaitūao and the many paddlers who took part. We also thank those vendors who committed time to be at this event and the experts who developed safety plans, on and off water support over the three-day event.

E kīia nei te kōrero, he aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

Nā reira me mihi ka tika ki a koutou katoa kua haere ki tō mātou nei rohe o Te Whanganui ā Tara mō tēnei kaupapa motuhake mō te waka ama.

Ngā mihi whakawhetai hoki ki ngā kaitūao mō tō mahi me tō āwhina ki a mātou o Hoe Tonga ki te whakahaere i tēnei whakataetae, ngā pākihi kua tautokotia i a mātou me te whānau o Waka Ama NZ. Tēnā koutou katoa.



APPOINTMENT OF WAKA AMA NZ REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



In February 2025 Hoe Tonga welcomed Jasmine Kaa to our region who works alongside our Board and Waka ama NZ. Jasmine works (part time) and has been a welcome addition to our region. Jasmine is currently enrolled in Te Wananga o Aotearoa alongside Ani Suitauloa (Board Member) in the Waka ama course which is going to be fantastic for increasing their knowledge and understanding of waka ama and how their energy can bring about change within our region.

Jasmine's appointment comes as part of the Aukaha project, focussed on strengthening the capability, capacity, and system of waka ama in our regions. Along with clubs, Jasmine will drive and facilitate growth and development in the region aligned with the Aukaha project.

SECONDARY SCHOOL REGIONAL SPRINTS 2025

At this year's Secondary Schools event we were so excited to have the assistance of Jasmine who coped well with a last-minute change in venue from Lake Henely, Masterton (closed due to Algae Bloom) to Onepoto Domain, Porirua. Our thanks once again to all those involved in delivering this event alongside College Sport, Wellington. Our secondary school events are getting bigger and better largely due to those who work with our taura in the schools and at clubs who provide excellent access to equipment and provide coaching.

Snapshot of the CSW Hoe Tonga Regional Secondary School Sprints 2025

- ✦ **22 schools**
registered to participate
- ✦ **50+ volunteers**
helped to ensure the day ran smoothly
- ✦ **160 entries**
into the U16 & U19 sprint races of 250m & 500m
- ✦ **86 races**
took place on Onepoto harbour
- ✦ **400+ kaihoe**
involved in Waka Ama at secondary level in the Hoe Tonga region



Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou ngā
kaitūao, kaihoe, kura,
me ngā whānau
mō te tautoko.

To all of the whānau, coaches, managers and kaiako that volunteered your time in the loading bay or anywhere else, thank you so much.

Ā, he mihi whakamutunga tēnei to the Hoe Tonga Board for all of their mahi organising and running the whakataetae. Kei runga noa atu koutou!

A big congratulations goes out to the following:

- Wellington High School who were awarded the Hoe Tonga School Spirit Taonga
- Manukura who were awarded the Hoe Tonga School Excellence Taonga
- Wainuiomata High School who won some Waka Ama NZ 2025 Nationals Pōtae
- Hawaiki Hodges-Taikato who won the Tai Paddles Voucher Giveaway

The event is designed to support tauira who head away to the Secondary Schools Nationals and this year's event certainly did this.

KURA TAKING PART IN OUR REGIONALS 2025



AWARD WINNERS AT SECONDARY SCHOOL NATIONALS 2025

Te Kura Tuarua o Taraika ki Pukeahu (Wellington High School) waka ama rōpū celebrate the winners of the **Putu Mihaka Trophy** at Secondary School Nationals 2025. The Putu Mihaka Trophy is awarded to the school that displays manaaki, awhi, and an overall positive attitude throughout the event.

This award pays homage to the late Te Putuangaanga (Putu) Mihaka nō Ngāti Pikiao. Putu was a strong advocate of rangatahi Māori, played significant roles in organisations like Te Waiariki Pūrea Trust, and was a huge supporter of the waka community.

Our thanks to long serving Whakamarurangi Chadwick and Charlene Meijer James who have led waka ama teams at Te Kura Tuarua o Taraika ki Pukeahu (Wellington High School) over many years.

COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON AWARDS 2024

Hoe Tonga celebrates alongside our school community the winners of College Sport Awards recognizing their efforts in waka ama – Tane Thomas from Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Porirua and Trilaine Raika-Suitauloa from Paraparaumu College. Hoe Tonga encourages all kura in our region to make nominations to recognise the efforts of all our kaihoe, kaitūao as they move forward on their waka ama journey.



REGIONAL WAKA AMA SPRINT COMPETITION 2024

Our regional sprint event prepares all our clubs for nationals every year. We thank all our competitors and acknowledge winners of two awards 2024 – **Otaki Waka Hoe**.



James Hapeta Club Spirit Award and Club Excellence Award.

The James Hapeta Club Spirit Award is awarded to the club who accumulates the most points for their club based on the champ finals across all divisions.

Club Excellence Award is awarded to the club who demonstrates the best club spirit throughout the entire event. This is judged by key officials. It is based on a club's sportsmanship, help towards running of the event, listening to instruction and how the club presents itself.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

TE WĀNANGA O AOTEAROA

Our thanks to Te Wānanga o Aotearoa who continue to provide significant support for the Regional Sprint Champs held annually, assisting with waka, support boats and other equipment that make our event a success on the day.

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa provides the Level 4 Certificate in Waka programme in Masterton, and we note the contribution from Patrick Rimene and Wairarapa Waka ama Club whānau who ensure the success of this programme in our region. As Kaitiaki, our race course that is set up for regional sprint events, the Board appreciates your clubs dedication to ensure the lane system at Lake Henley is maintained and operational.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Our thanks to all those who attended our Special General Meeting held 12 February 2025 (online) with the main focus is to present the Board report and financial accounts covering the **period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**. An update was given by Chairperson Anita Taggart on behalf of the Board on our regional activities and we introduced Jasmine Kaa to our regional clubs at this hui.

KAITŪAO – OUR VOLUNTEERS

Hoe Tonga recognises the importance and contribution of all our volunteers who continue to support waka ama whether this is in event management, club administration or the development of water safety initiatives in their clubs. The time and energy you give to waka ama is significant and appreciated. Events would not be possible without you!

OUR THANKS TO THE HOE TONGA BOARD

Our thanks to Anita Taggart (Chairperson), James Sadler, Ani Suitauloa and Mataiawhea Te Kere. We also thank Karl Hobman and with regret accepted his resignation in 2024. Unfortunately, Karl was no longer available to commit time required to lead alongside the current Board. At this time, we also thank those who are always there to assist and are engaged to support the Board at various times during the year and value their contribution.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025/2026

- Our Strategic Plan will need development to take Hoe Tonga through the next 3 years. There have been three Strategic Plans to date: 2009-2014, 2014-2018, and 2019-2023.
- Development of the Strategic Plan 2024-2026 remains a work in progress
- Development alongside clubs of our Paddla Series

ANNUAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

A reminder the financial year for Hoe Tonga is from **1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025**.

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025

Account	30 Jun 2025	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
Assets			
Bank			
Hoe Tonga Eftpos Cash	762.35	962.27	1,052.38
Hoe Tonga Main	29,251.21	24,837.23	12,278.84
PayPal	119.17	119.17	317.26
Savings (Short-Term)	0.07	0.07	0.07
Total Bank	30,132.80	25,918.74	13,648.55
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable	1,211.00	679.00	180.00
Total Current Assets	1,211.00	679.00	180.00
Fixed Assets			
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Equipment	(1,102.76)	(754.52)	(406.28)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Racing Equipment	(18,934.92)	(16,876.77)	(14,641.21)
Race Resources	1,392.96	1,392.96	1,392.96
Racing Equipment	23,852.24	23,852.24	23,852.24
Total Fixed Assets	5,207.52	7,613.91	10,197.71
Total Assets	36,551.32	34,211.65	24,026.26
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	340.00	0.00	5,946.00
Hoe Tonga Eftpos Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	340.00	0.00	5,946.00
Total Liabilities	340.00	0.00	5,946.00
Net Assets	36,211.32	34,211.65	18,080.26
Equity			
Current Year Earnings	1,999.67	16,131.39	492.64
Retained Earnings	34,211.65	18,080.26	17,587.62
Total Equity	36,211.32	34,211.65	18,080.26

Profit and Loss Statement year end 30 June 2025

Account	2025	2024	2023
Trading Income			
Affiliation fees	4,675.00	4,886.00	1,580.00
HT Paddla Series	0.00	12,600.00	11,137.00
Interest Income	225.14	368.51	146.31
Mana Ocean Challenge income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other income	0.00	0.00	10.00
Regional Sprint Champs Income	9,237.40	7,038.00	5,300.00
Secondary Schools Income	7,960.00	16,727.00	0.00
Total Trading Income	22,097.54	41,619.51	18,173.31
Cost of Sales			
HT Paddla Series costs	0.00	3,380.00	13,843.00
Mana Ocean Challenge costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other expenses	600.00	538.94	17.78
Regional Sprint Champs Costs	6,775.45	6,516.54	7,960.87
Secondary Schools Costs	7,712.47	6,716.23	1,975.90
Workshop costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cost of Sales	15,087.92	17,151.71	23,797.55
Gross Profit	7,009.62	24,467.80	(5,624.24)
Other Income			
Sponsorship, Fundraising, Donations and Grants	0.00	0.00	21,000.00
Total Other Income	0.00	0.00	21,000.00
Operating Expenses			
Admin expenses	0.00	0.00	119.00
Administrator	1,050.00	5,050.00	5,000.00
Bank Fees	20.00	20.00	200.93
Depreciation	2,406.39	2,583.80	2,808.38
National Sprints - Hoe Tonga Regional	632.64	0.00	0.00
Race course Henley Lake	0.00	0.00	4,848.00
Race resource expenses (minor additions and replenishment)	0.00	0.00	1,488.05
Storage - HT Resources	760.00	0.00	200.00
Subscriptions	140.92	244.09	128.15
Travel - National	0.00	438.52	90.61
Total Operating Expenses	5,009.95	8,336.41	14,883.12
Net Profit	1,999.67	16,131.39	492.64