



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



Rangitāne

Te Rūnanga a
Rangitāne o Wairau

Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

27 February 2026



This memorandum of understanding is made this 27th day of February 2026.

PARTIES

1. Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust ("**The Trust**")
2. Director General of Conservation ("**the Director-General**")

PREAMBLE

Background

1. On 27 February 2026, Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust accepted a Control and Manage appointment for the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve on behalf of Rangitāne o Wairau.
2. The Control and Manage appointment of the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve is an important step forward for Rangitāne o Wairau. However, Rangitāne o Wairau maintain that their ultimate goal is the full return of the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve to Rangitāne o Wairau.
3. Rangitāne o Wairau seek the protection and enhancement of the mauri of Te Pokohiwi o Kupe Historic Reserve and Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve as components of a wider integrated environment of the Wairau Bar and the Wairau Lagoons.

Roles

4. The role of the Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust:
 - a. Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust has a Control and Manage Appointment for the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve. This includes managing activities on the land and in or on the water within the reserve boundary.
 - b. The protection of Te Pokohiwi o Kupe Historic Reserve and the restoration of the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve and the Wairau Lagoons are key strategic foci areas for the Rūnanga and sit within a wider scope of cultural, environmental, social, economic, and political matters that the iwi is proactively working on.
 - c. Rangitāne o Wairau will, with the support of the Department of Conservation (the Department), determine waahi tapu and cultural heritage guidelines for the historic reserve including, regeneration programmes, signage, and naming rights.
5. The role of the Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai:
 - a. The Department aims to achieve greater conservation outcomes through the efforts of others. This will see the Department placing greater emphasis on collaboration and relationship-building with existing and new 'partners', making it easier for others to get involved and work with and to share expertise to gain the skills and knowledge needed to undertake conservation work.


- b. The Department will be working with Rangitāne o Wairau as its treaty partner and recognises that it has a particular responsibility under section 4 of the Conservation Act to so interpret and administer the Act so as to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi to the extent required under the Conservation Legislation applying to the Management Activity.

Purpose

6. This Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) records the objectives, processes and activities (**Schedule 1 and Schedule 2**) underpinning the parties relationship with specific regard to Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve (Section 1 SO 467606). Map provided as **Schedule 3**.
7. This agreement is signed by the following on behalf of their respective organisations:

Department of Conservation

Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust


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SIGNED on behalf of the Director-General of Conservation by **Stacey Wrenn, Operations Manager, South Marlborough** acting under delegated authority.


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SIGNED on behalf of Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust by **Corey Heberd, Kaiwhakahaere Matua (General Manager)** acting under delegated authority.


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SCHEDULE 1

1. Parties' Objectives

- 1.1. The parties acknowledge that the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve sits within a wider scope of cultural, environmental, social, economic, and political matters that Rangitāne o Wairau is proactively working on.
- 1.2. The parties acknowledge that this Memorandum sits alongside and in support of the conditions defined within the Control and Management Appointment for Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve.
- 1.3. All activities undertaken in conjunction with this Memorandum will support the wider aspirations of Rangitāne o Wairau with relation to mauri of Te Pokohiwi o Kupe and wider Wairau lagoons.
- 1.4. The parties agree to an annual meeting to review the annual Operations Plan and to confirm the Department's financial contribution and/or in-kind contribution to the management of the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve.
- 1.5. The parties expect the Department of Conservation to continue to fund, to a similar level as prior to the Control and Manage Appointment, certain activities (defined in **Schedule 2** of this agreement) within the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve.
- 1.6. The parties acknowledge that funding allocations may change and full and frank discussion and negotiation between the parties will be undertaken to consider all funding options.
- 1.7. The parties acknowledge that this Memorandum relates specifically to the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve but from a kaitiaki perspective, the parties understand that the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve cannot be separated from its wider surrounds - particularly Te Pokohiwi o Kupe Historic Reserve and the Wairau Lagoons.
- 1.8. The parties acknowledge the Department's obligations to other iwi with interests in the area, that arise through the Crown's Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Treaty Settlement commitments. Further, the parties acknowledge the requirement for consultation that arises from these obligations with other iwi.
- 1.9. The parties agree to collaborate in seeking and sharing expert advice when needed to manage threats to the Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve, aiming to better protect the habitat, wildlife, and conservation values.
- 1.10. The parties acknowledge the aspirations of Rangitāne o Wairau to seek relocation of the Blenheim Sewage Treatment Plant, which discharges into the Wairau River/Lagoons, adjacent to Te Pokohiwi.

2. Termination

- 2.1. This Memorandum is effective from the date of signing.
- 2.2. The Memorandum of Understanding terminates if:
 - a. The Trust and the Director-General of Conservation agree in writing;
 - b. The relevant area is disposed of by the Crown; or

- c. Responsibility for the management of conservation activities in relation to Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve is transferred from Rangitāne o Wairau Trust to another entity or back to the Crown.
- 2.3. If this Memorandum terminates under clause 2.2, the Crown will take reasonable steps to ensure the Trust continues to have input into conservation activities in relation to the relevant area through negotiation with the new person or official within the Crown that is responsible for those activities.

3. Relationship Management and Communication

3.1. The following people are the agreed contacts:

Department of Conservation	Rangitāne o Wairau
Stacey Wrenn Operations Manager swrenn@doc.govt.nz 027 408 3537	Corey Hebbard Kaiwhakahaere Matua corey.hebbard@rangitane.org.nz 027 819 3357

3.2. It is the responsibility of the agreed contacts to:

- a. Arrange meetings and reviews
- b. Oversee milestone or reporting requirements
- c. Communicate on matters of interest to either party

4. Confidentiality

4.1. Neither of the parties is to disclose any confidential information received from the other to any third party without written consent, unless required by the Official Information Act 1982, in which case the Department will inform the other party prior to disclosure.

5. Intellectual Property and Data Sharing

- 5.1. All intellectual property brought by each party to the relationship under this Memorandum remains in the ownership of that party. Ownership and management of intellectual property should be dealt with by protocols for data sharing created as part of any agreement or arrangement referred to in clause 6.
- 5.2. Use of logos or other corporate identification must be agreed to in writing by each Party on a case by case basis.

6. Dispute Resolution

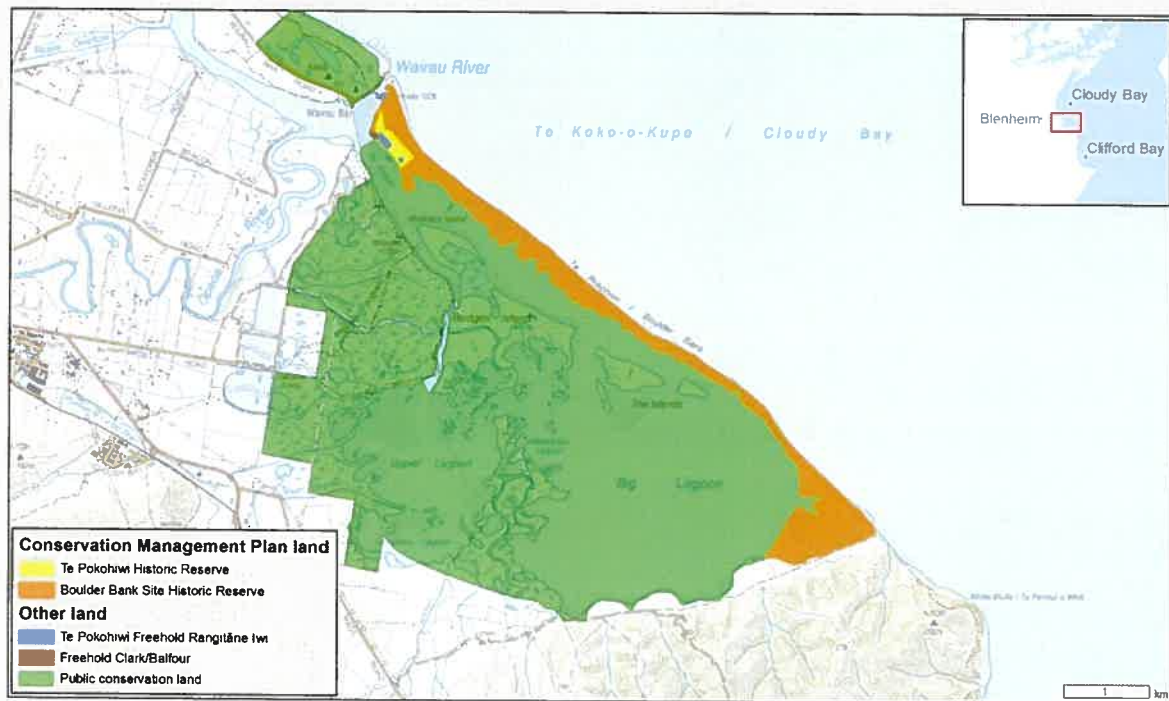
6.1. Any disputes arising from this Memorandum will be settled by full and frank discussion and negotiation between the parties.

SCHEDULE 2

1. Definition of Activities

- a. Ongoing weed control/contract management of weed control work including control of Wilding Pines, Broom, Gorse and Wattle (currently \$15,000 per year).
- b. Technical advice relating to weed control and habitat enhancement.
- c. Technical advice relating to establishment of bylaws.
- d. Emergency response to fires.
- e. Providing boat access to Te Pokohiwi o Kupe (currently x 2-3 times per year).
- f. Maintenance and repair of existing signage.
- g. Installation of public information signage, particularly with regards to public access (eg no fossicking, no hunting, no fires).
- h. Contributions toward installation of interpretation signage to be placed including wider Te Pokohiwi o Kupe area.
- i. Contributions toward development or improvements to (heritage/recreation or other) facilities including wider Te Pokohiwi o Kupe area.
- j. Support with negotiations related to vehicle access to the site.

SCHEDULE 3



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Te Pokohiwi and Boulder Bank Site historic reserves



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Te Pokohiwi-o-Kupe Historic Reserve (yellow on map)- 10.5ha surrounding the freehold land, is vested in ROW as Historic Reserve, subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

The **Boulder Bank Site Historic Reserve** (orange on map)- the 180ha on the boulder bank, a historic reserve subject to the Reserves Act to be managed and controlled by ROW.

The Reinternment Sites (blue on map) - 2ha surrounding the tupuna reinternment sites on Te Pokohiwi is vested (as freehold) to ROW and is waahi tapu and public access is strictly prohibited.

Balfour freehold (brown on map) - north-western end of Boulder Bank is a freehold title (0.8ha) owned by the Balfour Family Trust. The CMP must address issues with vehicle access for this parcel of private land.

WITNESSES TO THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding was signed at Ūkaipō (the Rangitāne Cultural Centre) on 27 February 2026. The signing was attended by Rangitāne whānau, community and iwi representatives and the Department of Conservation. This section of the Memorandum of Understanding recognises the attendance of those who came together to acknowledge the significance of this moment to Rangitāne o Wairau and the Department of Conservation.

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Mark Todd

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