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KEY INFORMATION AND DATES

Friday 5th January 2024	 ROSTER CLOSED – Paddler Registrations are now closed. A \$50 late penalty fee per paddler applies for <u>changes</u> after close-off There must be enough people on your roster to fill the crews you have entered Additions to the paddler roster after this date incur a \$50 penalty per person
Friday 5 th January	 ID Cards must be ordered. Any ID Card orders received after this date will cost \$15 each
Friday 5 th January	 CLUBS/TEAMS WILL BE INVOICED FROM TODAY IMPORTANT: Once invoices are generated and sent to clubs there are no refunds on entry fees invoiced. Any teams that withdraw after the 5th of January will be invoiced the full entry amount plus the \$50 penalty fee
Monday 8th January Wednesday 10 th January	 Pānui 3 Released PAYMENT FOR ENTRY IS DUE (Payments can be made by Internet Banking or Cash) – No cheque payments. No payment, no racing
Saturday 13 th January	• FINAL ROSTER CHANGES CLOSED
Sunday 14 th January	 <u>POWHIRI</u> Sunday Morning 8:30 am. Racing will start on Sunday approx 11am for Taitamariki paddlers.





EVENT SCHEDULE

The Race schedule and Lane Draw can be found on the event page <u>2024 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals</u> Please note ALL Manager's meetings will be held inside the Don Rowlands Centre.

The lane draw will also be posted on the website and on <u>www.liveresults.co.nz</u>.

Date	Race Day	Racing info and managers meetings
Friday 12 January	0	W6 Club Waka drop off (Hire agreements to be signed)
Saturday 13 January	0	Admin Desk (onsite) Opens 2pm Race briefing for Taitamariki team managers - 4pm
Sunday 14 January	DAY 1	Pōwhiri - 8.30am (meet in Don Rowlands Centre car park) W6 + W12 Taitamariki racing Race briefing for all other Junior age groups – 6pm
Monday 15 January	DAY 2	W6 + W12 Taitamariki / Int / J16 racing Junior Prizegiving
Tuesday 16 January <mark>(W1 Drop off – 4pm - 7pm)</mark>	DAY 3	W6 + W12 Intermediate / J16 racing Junior Prizegiving Race Briefing for all J19 / Adult W1 paddlers - 6pm
Wednesday 17 January (<mark>W1 Drop 6am - 7am)</mark>	DAY 4	W1 All ages W1 Prizegiving Race briefing for all J19 / Adult teams - 5pm **** Waka Ama NZ - AGM - 6pm ****
Thursday 18 January	DAY 5	W6 + W12 J19 and all adult divisions Regional W12 races - Open Men & Women Prizegiving
Friday 19 January	DAY 6	W6 + W12 J19 and all adult divisions Corporate Challenge Races Prizegiving
Saturday 20 January	DAY 7	 W6 J19 and all adult divisions - FINALS Regional 250m Dash races / Adaptive W6 Races Prizegiving Social - on-site at the Don Rowlands Centre (R18)





<u> PŌWHIRI</u>

The Pōwhiri will take place at 8:30 am on Sunday 14th January. Manuhiri please assemble in the car park at the Don Rowlands Centre at 8:00 am.

We welcome all paddlers and supporters to attend the Pōwhiri. There will be a cup of tea/coffee and refreshments available in the Don Rowlands Centre after the Pōwhiri.

If it rains, the powhiri will be inside the Don Rowlands Centre. Manuhiri will still assemble in the car park.

MANAGERS' MEETINGS

Date	Racing Day	Racing information / Managers' meetings
Saturday 13 January	Taitamariki racing Sunday	4:00 pm
Sunday 14 January	All other Junior Grades	6:00 pm
Tuesday 16 January	W1 Racing 6:00 pm	
Wednesday 17 January	J19 & Senior W6/W12 racing	5:00 pm

All meetings will be held inside the Don Rowlands Centre onsite

START TIMES

Here are the start times for each race day - the First race call will be 30 minutes before the first race.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
'Waka Fit' Loading Bay	7:00am	7:00am	7:00am	x	6:30am	7:00am	7:00am
Karakia - lakeside at the Podium	7:30am 8:30am (Powhiri)	7:30am	7:30am	6:30am	7:00am	7:30am	7:30am
Admin Desk (onsite) open	7.35 am	7.35 am	7.35 am	6.35 am	7.35 am	7.35 am	7.35 am
First Race Call	10:30am	8:00am	8:00am	7:00am	7:30am	8:00am	8:00am
First race at Start line	11:00am	8:30am	8:30am	7:30am	8:00am	8:30am	8:30am

NB: times may vary and be updated. Please listen to all MC announcements and information transmitted through the RT system.





REPLACEMENT PADDLERS

As per the race rules, paddlers may only be removed and replaced after the heat of an event by producing a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner or the medical first aid on site. This confirms that the paddler has been examined, and had a legitimate medical reason for not being able to paddle at that particular event and time. Replacement paddlers will need to be actioned at the admin desk onsite or email <u>events@wakaama.co.nz</u>

<u>COVID-19</u>

We understand that COVID-19 may still impact some paddlers and teams. Therefore, should a paddler test positive for COVID-19, they are not required to produce a medical certificate. They may simply send a photo of their positive test to their club coordinator, who must then come to the admin onsite and replace them with an eligible paddler from their club roster. Should the Club have to add a new paddler to their roster to replace the paddler, the late fee for this paddler will be waived. Entry fee and ID card costs will apply as required.

The paddler who tested positive for COVID-19 will not be eligible to race in any further events at the 2024 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals. The paddler must take all COVID precautions as required and isolate offsite in line with Ministry of Health rules.

CLUB TROPHIES

The Trophies were carved by Matahi Whakataka- Brightwell who has been instrumental in the re-birth and growth of the sport of Waka Ama in Aotearoa.

Waka Ama Sprint Nationals Club Points Trophy

The first is a trophy that recognises club paddling excellence and achievement throughout the week. Points will be accumulated throughout the week from all finals and the club with the most points at the end of the week will be awarded this honour.

In 2023 the trophy was again awarded to **Horouta Waka Hoe** who topped the club points for the 11th time in 12 years.





Ace Cuthers Memorial Club Spirit Award

The second trophy was carved and named in honour of Ace Cuthers who we sadly lost in 2010. It is the "Ace Cuthers Memorial Club Spirit Award". It will be chosen by the Volunteers and Officials at the event. They will take into consideration the actions of the club throughout the week and their performance on and off the water. The club that optimises the values of waka ama.

The winning club in 2023 was **Taranaki Outrigger Canoe Club.** As a club they embodied the values of Waka Ama throughout the event - Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Hauora, Tū Tangata. A true reflection of all working together as one.





FEES AND PAYMENT

All club fees and outstanding accounts must be paid by Wednesday 10th January.

All queries to the Admin Desk which will be open onsite on Saturday 14th January @ 2:00 pm *Fees include Nationals Entry Fees, ID Cards and Club Affiliation fees.*

MERCHANDISE

The official Waka Ama NZ merchandise tent is again located on vendor lane.

Merchandise can be ordered online via our partner's website <u>Pure Athletic - 2024 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals</u> All pre-orders must be collected onsite from the Sprint Nationals.

Pre-orders will close on 9th January 2024. Following this merchandise can be purchased onsite or shipped (from the 15th Jan) directly to you.

From the 15th of January, online orders can be shipped around Aotearoa and Worldwide.

Merchandise will go on sale on-site at the event from Sunday 14th January at midday.



AFTER-PARTY

Come and celebrate a great week of racing with us!!

It will be held onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre on Saturday 20th January from 8.00 pm to midnight.



Tickets are \$20 if you buy them online here: <u>https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/</u> or at

the Admin Office during the week of Nationals.

There is the option to purchase the tickets online from the admin desk for debit/credit card holders.

There are limited tickets, so don't leave it till the last minute and miss out! Approved ID will need to be presented at the door for young people 18+ to enter the social eg. current driver's licence, passport, 18+ Card or Kiwi Access Card. Important: You cannot use your Waka Ama NZ ID card, this is not approved by the licensing authority.





ID CARDS

Pre–ordered ID cards can be picked up from the Admin Desk inside the Don Rowlands Centre by the designated Club Coordinator. Any replacements ordered after 5th January or at Nationals will cost \$15 each.

REGIONAL TENT ALLOCATIONS

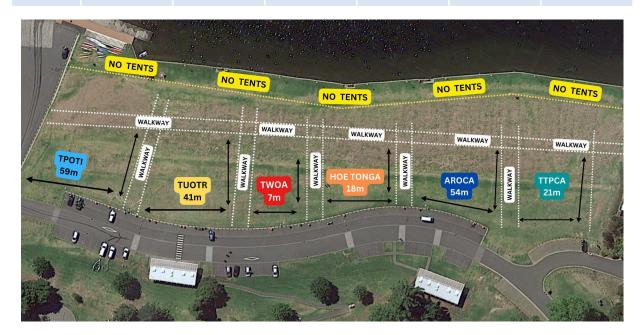
Tent allocation sites have been marked for each region (as per below). **Regional coordinators** are to ensure that tents for their region stay within the designated area and are erected in such a way that <u>maximises</u> space for everyone. Please make sure you are mindful of all the clubs from your region and make space for everyone.

(End closest to the tower)

ΤΡΟΤΙ	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	ТТРСА
59m	41m	7m	18m	54m	21m

Here are the historic regional tent allocations for the past 5 years

2023	ΤΡΟΤΙ	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA
2021	ΤΡΟΤΙ	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA
2020	ΤΡΟΤΙ	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR	TWOA
2019	ΤΡΟΤΙ	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA	TUOTR
2018	ΤΡΟΤΙ	TUOTR	TWOA	HTPWAA	AROCA	TTPCA







REGIONAL AND CLUB TENTS

Tents cannot be erected on-site until midday Friday, January 12th.

Please note - as per the image above, these areas are prohibited for tent placement:

- 1. The entire hill behind the tower to the road and Don Rowlands Centre car park
- 2. Directly in front of the Podium Cafe
- 3. 5m pathway along the lakefront of the spectator bank
- 4. The walkways through the spectator area.

Any tents placed in these prohibited areas will be asked to move

If you have paid a company to erect your club/regional tent please ask them to check in at the admin area (Don Rowlands Centre) when they arrive onsite and <u>before</u> erecting any tents. They can also contact Aroha (021 809 845) or Amiria (027 3604880) for assistance on the day.

SPECTATOR EMBANKMENT

Regions are to coordinate their space and ensure tents are erected in such a way that it maximises space and viewing for everyone. (The short side of the tents must face the lake). We will be marking out an area of the spectator bank on Friday 12th (parallel with the lake) that must be kept clear of all tents, structures or marques. This is to allow for safe walking passages. It will look something like this:

Please remember that any tents or pop up structures erected on the sloping embankment will need to be put down for prize giving each day. If tents (club or otherwise) are erected in the wrong area or in such a way that it does not maximise space we will ask that they be taken down.

PARKING

There will be no access to the lower road every day, between half an hour before the first race call (See race schedule) and after 5 pm, excluding emergency and service vehicles.

Day	Lower road access prohibited from:	Race Starts
Sunday (Day 1)	7.45 am	Pōwhiri starts 8.30 am
Monday (Day 2) and Tuesday (Day 3)	7.30 am	8.30 am
Wednesday (Day 4)	6.30 am	7.30 am
Thursday (Day 5)	7.00 am	8.00 am
Friday (Day 6) and Saturday (Day 7)	8.00 am	8.30 am

There is no parking within the race venue. All vehicles are required to **access parking through Gate 3** for \$5 per vehicle per day. Day passes will be issued if you wish to leave and return at no extra cost.





WEEKLY PARKING PASSES

Week-long Parking Passes are available for \$25. Week-long passes must be displayed on the vehicle's dashboard for clear viewing and must include the vehicle registration number.

Week-long passes will be available for purchase from the Admin Desk at the Don Rowlands Centre and online at the Waka Ama shop <u>https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/</u> until 5pm Saturday 13th.

After 5 pm on Saturday you will need to purchase directly from the Admin on Sunday.

(Week passes <u>will not</u> be available for purchase at the gate or after Sunday). Any online purchases (other than merchandise) need to be collected from the Admin Desk inside the Don Rowlands Centre.

DISABLED PARKING

Disabled Parking is through Gate 3, the parking spaces are located in the drop-off zone and passes must be displayed at all times.

WAKA USE

All W6 waka are kindly loaned by clubs and our Waka Fleet Partner Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. Any team causing damage to any W6/W12 waka at any time during the event will incur the cost of the repairs, which will be charged to the team's club. Please respect the Waka and treat them as you would if they were your own. All contracted W6 waka are to be used solely for competition. No contracted waka may be taken or used for training purposes while contracted to the event. This non-permitted use will incur a fine to the offender's club of \$200 per incident.

WAKA FLEET PARTNER

Waka Ama NZ is excited to once again partner with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa as our official Waka Fleet Partner for the 2024 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals. With the support of Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, we are excited to deliver another successful event.

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa will have a site in Vendor lane at the Sprint Nationals. Head to their site to have a korero and check out all their great courses available.

For more information about their courses head to their website https://www.twoa.ac.nz/







WASTE MINIMISATION

The Mighty River Domain is continuing to work towards operating as a "Zero Waste" site.

- There will be a large "Sort Yourself" Waste Minimisation Station set up along Vendor Lane.
- All clubs, paddlers, vendors and spectators are asked to sort their own waste when arriving at the Sorting Station.
- There will be large bins for flattened cardboard, plastic bottles, glass, cans, and food waste.
- There will be smaller bins for general waste.
- The station will be manned each day by event Kaitūao (Volunteers). Just ask them if you are unsure of which bin to use.



- There <u>will not</u> be the capacity to remove broken umbrellas, broken chairs or gazebos, chilly bins, or other large items so please take these with you when leaving
- Clubs will not be issued with black rubbish bags this year.
- Remember to bring a **refillable drink bottle** to fill from the water stations. This greatly reduces the plastic rubbish in the environment
- Remember to bring a **reusable keep cup** for hot or cold drinks at vendor sites
- You can also use other recycling stations throughout the site for glass, plastic, aluminium and food scraps
- Please don't leave rubbish lying around as ultimately it ends up in the roto!

Food & retail vendors will also be required to take flattened cardboard, other recycling items, food and general waste to the Sorting Station from their site each day. There will not be any waste bins in the food vendor bays.

The Cambridge Transfer Station centre is available in town located at 27 Mato Segedin Drive, 10 minutes from the Domain, for all recycling and waste from your accommodation sites.

We ask that you reduce, recycle and reuse as much as possible at the 2024 Waka Ama Sprint Nationals as kaitiaki and work with the Mighty River Domain operating as a "Zero Waste" site.





W1 RACE DAY

IMPORTANT – PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL W1 PADDLERS AND MANAGERS

Waka Drop off

- **4 7 pm Tuesday, January 16th** there will be access for W1 paddlers to head out on the race course after prizegiving
- 6 7 am Wednesday, January 17th there will be NO access for W1 paddlers to head out on the race course
- W1 must only be dropped off at the allocated times above
- Drop off access is via Gate 1 and exit via Gate 2
- Space will be marked out for each region check with your regional coordinator
- Your W1 is your responsibility.
- Bring your bungs for your waka and look after them.
- A limited supply of number holders will be onsite and can be purchased from the admin building for \$5 each. Please bring your own duct tape.
- Number Holders can be ordered online <u>https://waka-ama-nz-shop.myshopify.com/</u>
- There will be access to the race course for W1s after the prizegiving on Tuesday 16th there will be no lake access on Wednesday morning.

Pre Race

- W1 Waka must all weigh a minimum of 14kgs (fully rigged)
- We will not be weighing all W1 Waka before the racing It is your responsibility to ensure that your waka weighs 14kg when you race.
- We will have the scales set up during drop off and before racing and you are welcome to weigh your waka yourself on our official scales to check its weight
- You are responsible for ensuring that your waka has weights in it when you race if it needs weighing up
- There is no restriction to the amount or type of W1 that can be used for this event.
- Hull, Ama and Kiato will be weighed and must weigh a minimum of 14kgs

W1 Weighing Process - post race

- The first 3 Waka in each race will be weighed by dedicated Kaitūao when they come off the water at the end of their race
- The dedicated Kaitūao will let paddlers know as they arrive back into the loading bay if they need to be weighed
- If any of these Waka weigh less than 14kg this will be noted and the Regional W1 coordinator for that paddler will be called for
- The Waka will be reweighed and verified by regional coordinator if the waka is less than 14kg they will be disqualified and the results will be updated to reflect the disqualification
- Weighing for the first three across the line will be done for all races from the Heats to the Finals.

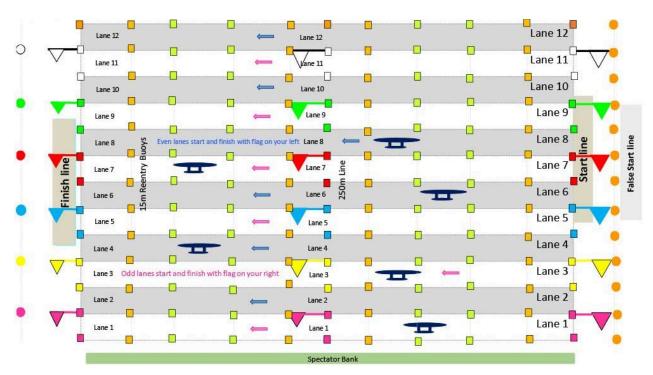
On W1 day, the loading bay bank will be marked out for each region. Regional coordinators are expected to monitor this space and ensure access ways are not blocked. Paddlers are responsible for storing W1 in allocated spaces without causing damage to any other waka.





LANES/FLAGS

New for 2024 Nationals: Some lane flags have been switched to avoid colour clashes



Straight Races from the 500m Startline

Turn races starting from the start/finish line end



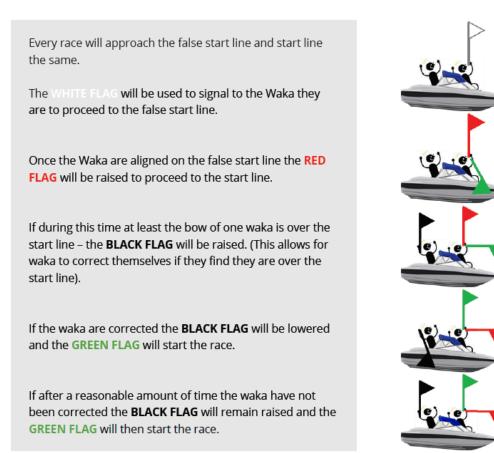




RACE RULES

Please ensure you are familiar with all the race rules. The updated race rules can be found here <u>https://wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1005147</u>

RACE STARTS



- If the **BLACK FLAG** is lowered when the **GREEN FLAG** is raised *No teams will be disqualified for START LINE FAULTS*
- If the **BLACK FLAG** is raised and then remains risen as the race starts *There will be at least one team disqualified for a START LINE FAULT*

Preparation for starts is key. Small factors can make a huge difference, such as:

- Ensuring your crew can distinguish the false start line from the start line
- Watching a few races start before your own (particularly the Steerer)
- Taking into considerations conditions on the day and how this will affect the start
- The Steerer assessing what impact the wind is having on the waka before reaching the false start line, to determine the angle of their approach





EVENT PENALTIES

Non permitted use of waka	\$200 per incident
Damage to W6 /W12	\$cost of repairs
Team additions/withdrawals after 15th Dec	\$50 (per team)
ID Card orders after 5th Jan	\$15
Team /Individual withdrawals after 5th Jan	Full entry fee plus \$50 Penalty fee
New Paddler registration after 5th Jan	\$50 (per paddler)
Protests (per incident)	\$100 (refunded if protest upheld)
Fines (Support W1 paddler crossing finish line)	\$100
Appeals (per incident)	\$200 (refunded if protest upheld)

<u>KAITŪAO</u>

We have a dedicated team of kaitūao (volunteers) for the entire week. We are very grateful for all those who have offered their time to volunteer during the week - KA NUI TE MIHI!

Please respect and follow their instructions at all times, and at the different areas of the event.

We kindly ask all regions to assist at the end of each day to remove the Waka from the water. Many hands make for light work, and an announcement will be made calling for your assistance each day.

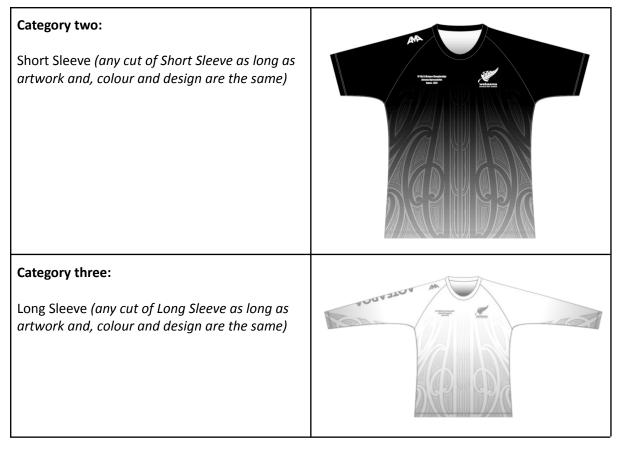
UNIFORMS - TOPS - UPDATED RACE RULE

As notified in Pānui 2, and as per the <u>2023 updated race rules</u> (race rule 11), uniform tops will now be defined by the following three categories:

Category	Example of the category cut
Category one: Singlet (any cut of singlet as long as artwork and, colour and design are the same)	Paddlers can wear either singlet in one team as long as the artwork and, colour and design are the same







- Teams must wear Club Uniform
- W1 paddlers may wear Club or Region Uniform
- In W6 events a team must be wearing the same category of tops.
- In W12 events, either all 12 paddlers in the same category of tops or two sets of six paddlers each with the same category of tops.
- As per the race rules, BOTTOMS do not have to be uniform for W6 and W12 teams

CLUB COORDINATORS

Nearly all Clubs have registered their coordinators for this event - ngā mihi nui! To ensure that urgent messages, correction of entries or any other issue is dealt with urgently. It is important that Event organisers can communicate to Regions and Clubs quickly. This will also prevent delays and/or disappointments. Send details of the club or region: the Coordinator's Name, email address and mobile number to <u>event@wakaama.co.nz</u> - subject heading Club COORDINATOR.

You can have 2 co-ordinators e.g. one junior, one senior; and/or some clubs are so big they will need more than one person to share the load over the week. We will issue you with a club co-ordinators pass.





VENDORS

We have over 40 vendors and promoters who are going to be onsite for the week, plus some of the Cambridge businesses are offering discounts to the waka ama whanau. Please support them!

HEALTHY KAI

With the support of our vendors and whanau, we are continuing to follow this kaupapa to be a healthier event. There will be no fizzy drinks or deep fried food available to purchase onsite. Water stations are available onsite to re-fill your bottles during the week.

Finally..... most of the Waka Ama NZ staff will be onsite at the Lake setting up from Friday 12th January. So please do not expect prompt responses to emails. For matters of an urgent nature please call Aroha on 021809845 or Lara on 0275484612. Otherwise, the Admin desk will be open at the lake in the Don Rowlands Centre from 2:00 pm- 7:30 pm on Saturday 14th January

Look forward to seeing you all at the Lake, please drive safely.





GOLD CLAM MANAGEMENT

As kaitiaki of our roto and awa we are emphasizing the importance of following the Check, Clean, Dry steps for our Waka Ama whānau to ensure we do not spread Golden clams or any other invasive species in our waterways. For more information <u>click here</u>

As per the rules at lake Karāpiro, all waka, life jackets/PFDs, clothing and footwear will need to be washed before leaving Lake Karāpiro, to ensure we do not spread the species to other waterways around the mōtu. There will be dedicated wash stations set up for waka, ama and kiato in the loading bay area. In addition, there will be dunking bins (with diluted bleach) for life jackets/PFDs, clothing, and footwear along the exit pathway. Please ensure all paddlers comply with the volunteer's directions to protect our waterways.







NGĀ KAITAUTOKO | OUR PARTNERS

Ngā mihi nui ki ngā kaitautoko ki tēnei Whakataetae Waka Ama ā-Motu

