

# Te Waka o Aoraki Proposed New Governance Summary and Next Steps - February 2026.

Waka Ama Aotearoa NZ Aukaha Project



# 2025 TWoA AGM, December 5

Following the presentation and discussion of the TWoA Investment Plan and Governance Review Document, clubs voted in favour of pursuing the new governance structure presented.



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**Te Waka o Aoraki  
Summary of Proposed  
Governance Changes.  
Section 3, 'Governance' in  
constitution.**



# Establish 3 Rohe/Zones

## Final names to be discussed and confirmed at SGM.

### Te Taihu

- Motueka Waka Ama Club
- Onetahua Waka Ama Club
- Maitahi Outrigger Canoe Club
- Te Tai O Aorere Tasman Bay Outrigger Canoe Club
- Whakatu Marae Waka-Ama Club
- Waikawa Waka Ama Whanau Inc

### Waitaha-Tai Poutini

- Te Waka Pounamu
- Te Awahaku Outrigger Canoe Club
- Waitaha Paddling Club Inc
- Waimakariri Outrigger Canoe Club
- Kai Ngaru Waka Ama Inc
- Vaa South Paddlers
- Tākina Waka Ama

### Araiteuru-Murihiku

- Fire in Ice Outrigger Canoe Club
- Te Ara a Kewa Waka Ama Trust
- Wakatipu Waka Ama Club
- Te Piritahi A Rua Waka Ama



# Te Waka o Aoraki Proposed Board Structure

*The establishment of a Board of up to nine, with representatives from across the three rohe*

- Six Elected Board members
- Two from each rohe
- Nominated by member clubs in each rohe
- Elected by **all** TWoA clubs. I.E. All clubs vote for their two preferred nominees in each of the three Rohe to be Elected Board Members.
- 1-3 Appointed Board members (skills based appointments) appointed by a panel - WAANZ can support.
- Chair to be elected by the Board from within the Board.
- Secretary and Treasurer positions appointed from within the Board or externally.



# Key points regarding Rohe

- Club composition in each Rohe remains flexible and may change over time subject to club consultation by the Board.
- Are not legal entities and will meet a minimum of three times per year. Chaired by Elected Rohe Board members.
- Provide a platform for the development, resourcing and roll out of targeted strategic initiatives as well stakeholder engagement, Waka Ama promotion and advocacy.
- Provide a platform for enhanced communication, collaboration and knowledge sharing among clubs in each Rohe.
- Allow for more efficient exchange of information between the Board and Rohe clubs via Rohe Board members.



# Governance that inspires our Waka Ama Whānau

*This approach incorporates best practice in sport governance while recognising the distinctive needs of Te Waka o Aoraki.*

This approach offers a unique balance of local connection and engagement with strategic oversight by the Board. Elected Rohe Board members remain closely linked to their local clubs and communities, driving projects and initiatives within their rohe, while also contributing to the wider regional perspective of TWoA. They work alongside other Rohe and Appointed Board members to provide strategic leadership across the entire region.



# Other key changes to the constitution additional to the Governance changes highlighted.

- Change of **financial year** from **1 July - 30 June** to **1 October - 30 September**. This aligns with WAANZ financial year and ensures the AGM typically held in December is closer to the end of the financial year.
- Extensive **Disputes** section to meet new Incorporated Societies Act. Section 18 of constitution.
- Reduction in the minimum number of registered club members requirements from **15 to 10** under the new Incorporated Societies Act.
- Basic changes to meet new incorporated Societies Act requirements. A supporting document '**Sport NZ, ISA Checklist for TWoA Constitution**' shows all key clauses required by the new Act and their location on our constitution.



# Timeline up to SGM, March 22.

- **Mid February** - Draft new Constitution, TWoA New Governance Summary and Next Steps (this document) and the Sport NZ, Incorporated Societies check list sent to clubs for review.
- **Friday 13 March** - Any questions from clubs relating to the new constitution/governance changes to be submitted to [secretarytwoa@gmail.com](mailto:secretarytwoa@gmail.com). Questions will be discussed/answered prior to club vote at SGM.
- **Sunday 22 March - SGM** - Clubs to vote on new constitution and confirm Rohe names.



# Timeline following SGM - if new constitution is voted in.

- **Week Beginning Monday 23 March** - Submit new constitution to Incorporated Societies (Due April 5). Send nomination packs to clubs for the 6 Elected Board members. **Notice of SGM for Sunday June 7, online, 7pm.**
- **May 22** - Closing date for nominations.
- **Week Beginning May 26** - Voting packs sent to clubs.
- **Wed June 3** - Closing date for club votes.
- **Sunday June & SGM** - to announce and introduce the new Board of 6 and for the Executive to 'hand over' governance to the new Board.
- **Post June 7** - Basic starter summary.
  - New Board elect Chair. Assign Treasurer and Secretary portfolios. Determine Appointment process for up to three additional Board members.
  - Determine hui schedule - Board hui and Rohe hui.
  - Determine strategic planning process and engage clubs in this process via Rohē
- **Finalise strategic plan and strategic initiatives/projects as part of this plan.**



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