



TE MANA O
Ngāti Rangitihi
TRUST

Hui-a-Iwi
1.00pm, 7 May 2017
Rangitihi Marae

Present: Leith Comer, Donna Semmens, Delwyn Rondon, Alana Hunter, Kereopa Smith, Larissa Renata, Chris Clarke, Monica Te Aonui, Clara Marks-Falwasser, Charles Wilson, Tekani Wharewera, Raponi Wilson, Nereta Pereiha, Tunis Perenara, Tracey Raureti, Tanira Raureti, Anthony Olsen, Carly Paterson, Anne Mason, Freda Semmens, Adam Ellis, Linda Schuster, Louis Baines, Peter Te Aonui, Rita Costar, Peri Perenara, Mike Perenara, Martin Hunia, Thomas Perenara, Harina Warbrick, Tiipene Marr, Bernadette Marks, Te Atawhai Meredith, Pop Raureti, Mercia Dawn-Yates, Erana Leaf, Rakau Kira, Henare Mason, Maria Minarapa, Raewyn Bennett, Elaine Tapsell, Willie Emery, Ruby Rondon, Theresa Rondon-Harvey, Doug Rogers, Martin Marr, Pia Mason, Fred Savage, John Gifford, Janet Mason, William Hataraka, Vanessa Allen, Brendan Coffin

Apologies: Kenneth Raureti, Cathy Dewes, Merepeka Raukawa-Tait, Dougal Stewart, Arlene Smith, Josie Scott, Peter Kipa, Tawhiri Morehu, Gina O'Brien, Jenny Tierney, Helen Smith, Mere Butler, Margaret Burton, Mavis Raponi, John Marks, Peri Marks, Maxine Marks, Fay Patrick, Norma White-Tito, Audrey Perenara-Tito, Tony Semmens, Rob Shaw, Audrey Rota, Jimmy Rota, Robin Cheung, Melanie Cheung, Robert Dawson

Apologies accepted. Moved: Tiipene Marr/ Monica Te Aonui

Karakia Timatanga: Tiipene Marr at 1.10pm

Minutes from the last meeting accepted. Moved: Tiipene Marr/ Monica Te Aonui

1. **Fishing Regulations under the Fisheries Act** – Willie Emery, Elaine Tapsell, Doug Rogers (Maketu Taiapure)

There are changes being made to some sections of the Fisheries Act.

Membership of the Taiapure was to be any Marae or Iwi/Hapū on the coast. Elaine said that Rangitihi was not included in the Taiapure coastal iwi of Te Arawa list because the people she met with did not provide enough information to her. The Taiapure finished at Waitahanui, Otamarakau. There is now an opportunity for all coastal Iwi to join together to manage our fisheries.

Doug said that there are only two Taiapure committees in New Zealand and Maketu is one of them. The latest legislation that is available is for Iwi, hapū, whanau and marae to control the kaimoana permits, giving exclusive rights to Te Arawa over their rohe.

Delwyn asked what would happen if there were other iwi in the same rohe. Doug said you notify your rohe in the newspaper and there is an objection process. You could end up with a joint area of interest or just have a written agreement with the other iwi.

Martin Marr said he would rather go the way of Mataitai Reserve, which gives Iwi more control over the fishing grounds. With Taiapure, DoC and other agencies are also involved.

Anthony said Ngāti Rangitahi and Ngāti Umutahi have interests in Rurima, which sits in the Ngāti Awa rohe moana. After lengthy discussions, Ngāti Awa provided an overlap of their western boundary. This shows there are existing relationships and agreements in place. Anthony said the Mataitai way is a more practical way of handling the coastal area. Leith summarised by saying that there is an opportunity for Ngāti Rangitahi to be involved in the gazetting of our rohe moana.

2. **Wi-Fi in Matata** – Ngā Pūmanawa e Waru (NPeW)

Leith introduced the NPeW team; Mercia Dawn-Yates, John Gifford and Adam Ellis.

NPeW are working with 40 schools in the Te Arawa rohe, including Matata Primary School and will soon include St Joseph's Catholic School.

The Government has provided high speed internet to schools, but it stops there. NPeW wants to spread it out to the homes.

Mercia said there are 54% of Maori learners in our schools. 35% did not have connectivity in their homes.

NPeW are engaged with nine iwi/hapū and are still to engage with two iwi.

Donna asked if all the iwi have Wi-Fi on their marae. Mercia replied that two have Wi-Fi on their marae one is considering.

Freda asked if St Josephs has been connected with NPeW. Adam said they are about to connect and that within the next month, Apple iPads will be bought into both the Matata schools.

Theresa asked if what NPeW are offering is different to the other providers. Mercia said they are here to help Maori learners.

John Gifford spoke on the measurements of data and information.

Rakau thanked Mercia for engaging with Marae and bringing kaumātua back. He asked if they could look at solar power too. Mercia said Horohoro have their own hydro dam. Adam said what they don't use gets sold back to the grid, which helps pay for their Wi-Fi network. Adam said that the United Nations declared internet a basic human right.

The plan is to connect using the Matata Rugby club and Te Arawa FM pole at the Marae. If they don't want it, there is a plan B as Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi has already purchased the equipment. Donna said there was a concern that if the Marae had free Wi-Fi, it would be used at all hours. Adam said it can be turned off when the trustees choose.

Henry asked about the costs to teachers for training. Leith said there is no cost to the teachers. Mercia said they work with the teachers, providing the schools with information.

Tanira said that she is part of the Matata Rugby Club and said they have not received the information they requested. Adam said he sent the information four weeks ago. Te Atawhai said she is the secretary and has not received it. Adam said he will check. Tanira said some whanau choose not to have internet. Adam said internet is like television, you choose when you want to use it. There will be a community hui at Matata School in a few weeks' time.

Tracey asked why Angelique is choosing the whanau. Adam said she isn't, she will identify the tamariki that have no Wi-Fi and pass that on to Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust. Erana asked if the whanau will be Ngāti Rangitahi. Leith said yes they will be. Erana asked how receptive the teachers have been, and how they can pass on our whakapapa. Mercia said Ngāti Whakaue are working collectively with the schools in their rohe to pass on their whakapapa.

Freda summarised that NPeW will engage with the schools and provide Wi-Fi and that if the whanau don't like it after the trial period it can be taken down.

3. **Tangata Kaitiaki** – Christopher Clarke

Christopher said Ngāti Rangitihī has not had a tangata kaitiaki since Henry Pryor. He indicated that he would like to stand as a Tangata Kaitiaki for Ngāti Rangitihī, and also nominate Henare Mason, Thomas Perenara and Michael (Taichi) Playle.

Larissa said they had a hui with Neville from MPI who said they should have at least three, but that they should go to hui in the Tauranga Moana and Mataatua regions.

Resolution: That Christopher Clarke, Henry Mason, Michael Playle and Thomas Perenara be elected as the Ngāti Rangitihī tāngata kaitiaki. Moved: Linda Schuster/ Christopher Clarke. All in favour.

4. **Otara-o-Muturangi** – Alana Hunter

Alana explained that Ngāti Rangitihī need to elect three Trustees for the Otara-o-Muturangi urupa. Alana attended the last Court case where Chief Judge Isaac reserved his decision to put Pouroto Ngaropo, Enid Ratahi-Pryor and Stanley Pryor on the Trust. He urged Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau and Ngāti Rangitihī to call a hui and select their representatives as soon as possible. Freda said it is very important that the representatives are able to speak the reo and be locals. Monica said they would also need to be strong as there are very strong representatives for Ngāti Awa.

Maurice Warbrick was nominated by Rita Costar and seconded by Monica Te Aonui.

Theresa Rondon-Harvey was nominated by Christopher Clarke and seconded by Ruby Rondon.

Tiipene Marr was nominated by Freda Semmens and seconded by Monica Te Aonui.

Henare Mason returned to find that all three had been accepted as the three Ngāti Rangitihī representatives. He asked if the people would consider him. Theresa Rondon-Harvey withdrew her nomination and nominated Henare Mason, seconded by Monica Te Aonui.

Resolution: That Maurice Warbrick, Stephen (Tiipene) Marr and Henry Mason be elected as the Ngāti Rangitihī Trustees for Otara-o-Muturangi urupa. Moved: Freda Semmens/ Monica Te Aonui. All in favour.

5. **Trustee Elections**

Leith spoke on the next Trustee election timeline. He asked, looking forward, if the people want a Ngāti Rangitihī general election, go with hapū representation or a combination of both for the 2019 Trustee elections.

Anthony said there were at least ten hapū of Ngāti Rangitihī pre the 1886 eruption of Tarawera. After the eruption, that changed. In 1901 there were only four hapū listed. In the Hauani land block, there were five hapū listed.

Anthony said that in contemporary times, beneficiaries of Ngāti Rangitihī either identify themselves as Ngāti Mahi and Ngāti Tionga.

Freda said if any changes were to be made, the Trust Deed would need to be changed.

6. **Treaty Settlement update**

a) **Post Settlement Governance Entity (PSGE)**

Leith asked who the people want to see as the new entity to receive the Treaty settlement. The three options are; a new entity, Te Mana with a changed constitution or a combination of both.

Freda asked if it needed to be another entity, Leith said if Te Mana stayed as the PSGE, the trust deed would need to be changed.

A short video on Ngāti Rangitihi produced by Scott Campbell was played.

b) Negotiations

We expect to receive a letter back from Minister Finlayson regarding some of the issues we have. We have largely won the debate with the Crown that we are not a small Iwi of 2,000 people, that we have mana whenua at Te Awa o Te Atua, up the Tarawera, across Ruawāhia and out into the Kaingaroa.

The lands we are receiving back from the Crown are DOC estates. These lands come with Reserves encumbrances. We do not want that. Leith explained that an encumbrance is something official that is imposed over the area.

c) Te Awa o Te Atua clean-up – Tiipene Marr

Tūhourangi, Ngāti Awa, Tūwharetoa and Ngāti Makino are the other Iwi groups affected by the pollution of our lake and river. Maria asked how long it has been known that Tarawera is the most polluted river in New Zealand. Tiipene said it has been known for years. The Green Party brought to Parliament a 'clean up Tarawera' bill five years ago, but it was thrown out.

Minister Finlayson said he will support MfE (Ministry for the Environment) funding a clean-up of all the rivers polluted by mill waste.

d) Cultural Revitalisation – Delwyn Rondon

Establishment of a whare taonga was part of the cultural revitalisation negotiations with the Crown. A whare taonga alone is not cost effective; we need a multi-purpose building to provide an income that helps sustain the building.

A cultural centre hui was held on 28 April, facilitated by Delwyn and Scott Campbell. Linda Schuster, Davina Playle, Mere Butler and Alana attended the hui. Linda was concerned about having a training centre in the building where the Resource Centre is already providing that service. Davina was concerned about competition with her Wharekai café. Delwyn said they can complement, not compete against each other. Mere asked about having a hauora in the building so we are looking at ideas.

We will look at a feasibility study, which will be funded by the Crown. Larissa said she showed her interest at the last hui-a-Iwi, but wasn't contacted to attend the 28 April hui. Delwyn apologised to Larissa and said there will be more hui and she would be contacted. Theresa asked if the taonga includes all the taonga at the Museums. Delwyn said the negotiations process is to identify the taonga and have relationship agreements with the museums. We have already started conversations with Auckland Museum. Maria asked who would be funding the cultural centre. Delwyn said we would seek funding from the Crown. Te Atawhai asked if this is a cultural centre reconnecting the Iwi, then what is the Marae. And why would we want taonga sitting between a pub and public toilets? Leith said it was very difficult to raise funds to house taonga for the Marae because of legal issues. Ruby asked about the security of the taonga. Delwyn said security, along with a temperature controlled environment, would be a major part of the design.

Peri summarised the korero on the Treaty Negotiations and asked that if anyone thinks anything is missing, please come forward. Freda said we have come a long way in the last two years.

7. Kohanga Reo Building Kāhui Kaumātua

Te Atawhai asked that the Kohanga Reo building be withdrawn from the agenda. She said both the Chairman, Te Mana and the kāhui kaumātua had been contacted to withdraw the agenda item. She said it needed to be brought to the Kohanga.

Freda said it was the kāhui kaumātua that put the item on the agenda. She said when you are talking about the kohanga reo, you are talking about us. We only want to tell the kohanga that we are here to help you. This issue has been on the board for two years. Pick it up again and we will support it. The kohanga needs to be here, close to the marae. We will take the issue back to our table and let them know that the kohanga would like it known that this is their business and their business only.

Te Atawhai said it would have been better that the kohanga were notified about the agenda item before it was advertised. Leith said if there are issues with the building, who will be responsible. Te Atawhai said it should not be raised with the whole iwi. They have engaged with a builder to fix the building. The hui whanau is on the second Tuesday of each month and if anyone who wants to attend the next one, they are welcome. Leith asked if there was still a safety issue at the kohanga. Te Atawhai said there was not.

8. Wharekai Building – Kāhui Kaumātua

Freda said when Leith was first elected onto the Trust, we approached him to ask about building a new wharekai. He told us to put a proposal together but this hasn't happened yet. We would like the Marae Trustees to come together with the kāhui kaumātua.

Leith said Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi would facilitate to get money for a feasibility study and support the Marae Trustees in getting resources for the wharekai. The initiative needs to come from the Marae Trust.

Karakia whakamutunga: Tiipene Marr at 3.30pm