



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO BOARD MEETING 23rd January 2017

Tena Tatou Katoa

Hope all Trustees and staff have been refreshed from the short break and returned to the business of Ngapuhi refreshed. Ko te tumanako ke, none of us have lost loved ones over the holiday period but I am certain many of us know of whanaunga who have passed on and join with their whanau, kia pikau te taimahatanga ki runga i a ratou, ara, tatou katoa. As we usher in the New Year I want to revisit various events that have helped shape our direction over the concluding part of 2016.

Turning to the resignation of Carol Dodd, it is with a tinge of sadness that this has come to pass over the last week. I join with Board members in congratulating and thanking Carol for her 15 years of selfless service to Te Runanga-a-iwi o Ngapuhi and Ngapuhi whanui, the past nine as the Deputy Chair. Carol has also filled many other Ngapuhi roles during that time and I am sure she will continue to work for Ngapuhi in some capacity in future. We wish her well with the new pathway she has set herself and whanau into the future. We need to make a decision on who will replace her as Deputy Chair, in the interim.

I wish to welcome Annette Kaipo to the Board as the Ngapuhi ki Mangakahia Takiwa Proxy. Annette is no stranger to board business and has been a valuable contributor.

I have read through the Document prepared on the review of Trustee remuneration. I declare that I have had nothing to do with this review however there is an observation I want to make of that paper. The report alludes to too much input from Governance and that many of the tasks being performed by Governance can actually be performed by operations. We will look closely at that as we review board committee assignments. This brings me to the point of my sending out to all Trustees a copy of all current Board committees, their representatives and chairs. I also sent out a matrix for all Trustees to fill out regarding their interests in certain committees. I have not yet received all those back yet. Can we please have those filled out.

I have been meeting with the CEO and senior staff as he beds in to the Business of Ngapuhi and have agreed on some protocols on how we will work together. The matter of a strategic oversight group to work with the CEO was proposed last year and we are finalising the Terms of Reference for that group. I did not initially have much input into those Terms of Reference but am happy with the final draft. The suggested makeup of that committee was the Chair, Deputy Chair and Mike Kake.

The CEO report to the Board is comprehensive and we need to make decisions around some of the issues that he raises.

Iwi Chairs Forum Blenheim

- On 21 December 2016 I sent out a substantial report back from the iwi Chairs Forum held in Blenheim on 1 & 2 December 2016
- This information should go out as wide as possible as I have been questioned within Takiwa meetings over these issues and what is being discussed at these hui

- There is also confusion over what the iwi Chairs Forum is and where its accountability lies
- The ICF is a voluntary forum where iwi Chairs from across Aotearoa get the opportunity to meet and discuss issues that affect all iwi across the nation
- There is no voting as such on any issue as individual iwi have their right to exercise their brand of tinorangatiratanga as they see it
- Issues are raised through an iwi chair actually sponsoring the issue and introducing this to the forum
- The issue is discussed then given to the appropriate iwi Leadership Group to champion either with the Crown or through hui with iwi katoa across the nation
- Certain iwi Chairs lead these groups and report back at subsequent ICF hui
- There are some specific issues that I will follow up within the body of this report
- There is great information on the iwi Chairs website at: <http://iwichairs.maori.nz>
- The next iwi Chairs Hui is to be in Waitangi at the Copthorne Hotel on 2 & 3 February 2017, hosted by Ngati Kuri

Te Ture Whenua Maori Legislation

- This is an ongoing matter which we wish to support through legislation at ICF level.
- This is probably one of the most important pieces of proposed legislative change in the history of this country regarding Whenua Maori and its retention
- Willie Te Aho is the lead technical Advisor of this kaupapa and has been very busy across Aotearoa bringing this to the attention of iwi katoa
- On 9 December sent an update on the Development of the Maori Land Services
- This is being mooted as part of Te Ture Whenua Act proposed changes
- From that update we can see that TPK is trying to control this proposed service
- From the beginning the iwi Chairs have backed this new Law to ensure Maori have control over their lands
- Given the proposed Maori Land Services is a support mechanism for providing information on Maori Land, it is only right that Maori are in control
- Further support for this kaupapa was discussed at a hui here on 19 January, last week
- This was one of a series of hui held throughout the country to update iwi on the latest developments

Changes to CYF's Legislation

- I am unsure if the Board is aware of the huge impacts that the proposed changes to CYF's
- There is a new Ministry proposed called The Ministry for Vulnerable Children; Oranga Tamariki
- There has been very heavy debate about this especially from Maori who understood that Maori were not involved in the initial stages of dealing with these vulnerable Tamariki
- The iwi Chairs have followed this up with Minister Tolly and I sent you her response on 11 January 2016 to a letter sent to Shane Bradbrook – Chair of Tamanuhiri and lead chair on this kaupapa
- The letter clarifies for iwi what the ICF has fought hard to achieve when initially Whanau, Hapu and iwi were being treated as just another client
- There is tons of work yet to be done on this legislation and I will keep the Board posted on this progress

Kohuora Prison Visit

- On 14 December Wane and I visited this prison as a followup to visits made earlier in 2016 by Carol Dodd, Brian Joyce and Wane Wharerau
- Kohuora is one of the largest male prisons on Aotearoa. It was opened in May 2015. It has up to 960 prisoners, of whom approximately 40 percent are Maori

- Because Ngapuhi is by far the biggest iwi it is thought that up to 250 of the prisoners may affiliate
- Many Maori prisoners do not know their iwi, or do not want to give this information to authorities
- Prisoners are more likely to know their gang affiliation than their iwi
- What is known is that up to 35 percent of the prison's inmates are in "Block One" for those with gang relationships, bad or violent behaviour. Most of these prisoners are Maori.
- I stated that from the iwi leadership point of view, and iwi Chairs Forum, the focus was on trying to prevent Maori from getting into prison in the first place
- The way to address Maori was through wairua, the spiritual side.
- I suggested a joint Kohuora, Ngapuhi, manawhenua workshop to identify ways Ngapuhi can support the transition of prisoners to a new productive life in the community.
- As a follow up from this visit a hui will be held at Kohuora in January 2017, attended by manawhenua, Ngapuhi kaumatua, kuia and leadership, also Kohuora executive management and senior Maori staff.
- The purpose of the hui/workshop will be to:
 1. *Identify ways Ngapuhi can support their men as they prepare to transition to the community*
 2. *Support prisoners once they re-enter society*
 3. *Develop a Ngapuhi-Kohuora plan for the above, which could then be used by other iwi, and presented to the iwi Chairs Forum (via Naida Glavish, Justice Iwi Leaders Group Chair)*
 4. *Raniera Tau to work with Mike Inglis (Prison Director) and Therese Anders to identify a date for the preliminary hui, set the agenda and proposed outcomes.*

Transfer-Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Wakaputanga Documents to National Library

- He Tohu is the name given to this project which is in its latter stages of development
- This Kaupapa involves the moving of the original documents of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, He Wakaputanga and Women's Suffrage from the National Archives to the National Library in Wellington
- This will ensure that these taonga are kept safe in an earthquake proof environment for their preservation and protection
- Ngapuhi, as kaitiaki of two of these documents, are naturally involved with this shift and have been represented on the Organisational Group by the past CEO Allen Wihongi
- Allen will be replaced by our present CEO, Tony Dowling, who will represent Ngapuhi on the organising committee
- Arrangements are now well underway for our K/Kuia to attend that occasion which is being coordinated between our K/Kuia Ropu and Department of Internal Affairs
- The shift is planned for late March or early April of this year
- There have been reports on this project presented to the Board in the past

Wakamoemoea - Anti P kaupapa Gang Leaders Re: P in our Communities

- On 17 December 2016 I attended a meeting at Kohewhata Marae regarding the use and sale of P in our northern communities
- This hui was called by Hone Harawira along with Pem Bird and the above organisation that has been set up across Aotearoa to deal with gangs and their influence in this business
- There was a very good representation of all the gangs and some great korero to come out of that meeting as we follow up on what that meeting unearthed
- It was very good to have the attendance of many of the gang leaders not only from the north but throughout the country

- We had representatives from the Mongrel Mob, Black Power, Tribesmen, Killer Beez, Head Hunters and the Rebels.
- All present were totally against the peddling of P in our local communities
- These gangs, at National level, have pledged to fight this problem in communities and also to keep their members from selling it as well
- We have been asked to co-sponsor a fight night where this issue will be highlighted
- I have had some discussions on what that sponsorship might look like and have been advised that t/shirts, singlet's and other gear would be helpful.
- This project is being developed at the moment between the Runanga and the Wakamoemoea project team headed by Pem Bird and CEO Walton Lee

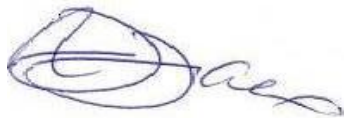
Conclusion

As you are aware the holiday break took up most of the time since our last Board meeting. I have only reported on a few kaupapa in this report but look forward to more intense interrogation of the Ngapuhi issues for the Board going forward.

Realigning to full iwi business after a period away from the Board has been challenging but one that must be taken quickly. There are many matters for Ngapuhi on the boil that have never quite been completed. Looking forward to working on those to get them out of the way.

No reira e te poari, kanui enei korero maku mo tenei wa, kia whai hakaaro ano hoki ki te moemoea o Ngapuhi-nui-tonu, ara, "*kia tu tika ai te whare tapu o Ngapuhi.*"

Mauri ora



Raniera T (Sonny) Tau
CHAIRMAN