



GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT TO TAKIWĀ
DECEMBER/JANUARY 2017/18

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

E ngā mema o ngā Takiwā, Whānau, Hapū me te iwi o Ngāpuhi puta noa, nga mihi nui atu ki a koutou, tēnā koutou katoa. Ngā mihi ki a rātou kua rongo i te ngau a te toki a Whiro, haere mai haere atu ki te Ao o Matangireia. Ka hoki mai ngā pito kōrero kia tātou ngā mahuetanga iho. Ngā manaakitanga o Io Te Matua ki a tatou katoa, Mauri Ora.

Erena Kara and I as Acting CEO and Chairman are pleased to provide a summary report for Takiwā across Ngāpuhi to maintain a consistency of reporting out of this office. The Chair and Acting CEO again combine our resources to provide this summary report for Takiwā distribution. This report is designed for all Ngāpuhi so please send as wide as you like. This is not a report to replace any information that your Trustee might have that is important to your particular Takiwā but merely an update of the latest developments. For our full reports to the Board of Te Rūnanga-ā-iwi o Ngāpuhi (TRAION), and AGM 2017, please ask your Takiwā Trustee or contact our Offices directly.

Governance

Raniera (Sonny) Tau

As we enter 2018, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Te Rūnanga-ā-iwi o Ngāpuhi (TRAION) I want to wish you all a happy New Year and hope that the current year will be more fruitful than 2017. It is great to get back into the mahi on behalf of Ngāpuhi.

CEO Situation

I have constantly kept Takiwā Trustees and Chairs up to speed with what was developing with our CEO Tony, as first he underwent an operation then he is currently undergoing a period of recovery from that operation. Just before Christmas 2017, Te Rau Allen, Erena Kara and I visited with Tony and his whanau to view first hand how he was coping with this health challenge.

I am sad to report that after that visit where we had good frank korero, the Board received a letter of resignation from Tony, effective 1 January 2018.

On behalf of the Board I have reluctantly accepted Tony's resignation on the grounds of his ill health and that he will be undergoing a further operation at the end of March 2018, so there was no certainty of when he would be able to resume the duties of CEO, or even if he would recover enough to take up such a position. As a Board we will discuss how we will move forward with a replacement for Tony at our next Board meeting scheduled for the end of January 2018. Once that has been mapped out we will keep the iwi updated at all times.

Serco Wananga

On 14 December 2016 a contingent of Kaumātua Kuia, along with Wane Wharerau and I visited the SERCO operated prison (Kohuora) as a followup to visits made earlier in 2016 by Carol Dodd, Brian Joyce and Wane. This visit was in turn followed up with our Kaumātua and Kuia to meet with the prison director, senior Serco management and Māori staff and a representative of the prison manawhenua ropu.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss ways for Ngāpuhi to have positive input into Ngāpuhi mauhere rehabilitation and look at ways we could assist them post their prison terms. Kohuora has up to 960 prisoners at any given time, of whom approximately 40 percent are Māori. Because Ngāpuhi is by far the biggest iwi it is thought that up to 250 of the prisoners may affiliate. Prisoners are more likely to know their gang affiliation than who their iwi are

As a follow up from this visit a hui will be held at Kohuora in January 2017, attended by manawhenua, Ngāpuhi Kaumātua, kuia and leadership, also Kohuora executive management and senior Māori staff.

The purpose of the hui/workshop will be to:

- 1. Identify ways Ngāpuhi can support their men as they prepare to transition to the community*
- 2. Support prisoners once they re-enter society*
- 3. Develop a Ngāpuhi-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. Rāniera 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.*

In the last few weeks Wane and I have been having talks with Prison authorities with a view to holding a Ngāpuhi wananga in the Prison as advocated by mauhere during our last visit. Our next meeting with Serco and their mauhere Rūnanga was the end of December last year where TRAION was to get back to them with a Wananga Programme to deliver to our Mauhere. That programme has been sent to SERCO and we await a response.

Tuhoronuku IMA (TIMA) Update

Tuhoronuku's executive members met with the Minister of Treaty negotiations Andrew Little and the new Minister of Māori Development Nanaia Mahuta at Waitangi on 17 November 2017. Also in attendance were Kaumātua John Clarke, OTS, Te Warahi Hetaraka, TPK, and Steven Ihaka, OTS. Nigel Fife and Maureen Hickey from OTS and Tui Marsh from TPK were also in attendance. For us the hui was a breath of fresh air from the Crown and lawyer dominated process that has hamstrung the Ngāpuhi Te Tiriti o Waitangi settlement process over the last two years. Exchanges between the Ministers and Tuhoronuku were cordial and respectful of each other's positions and how we must work together to achieve a durable settlement for Ngāpuhi.

Tuhoronuku clearly outlined the Ngāpuhi Te Tiriti o Waitangi settlement journey which began about one week after Te Tiriti o Waitangi was signed on the 6 February 1840 by Hone Heke lowered the flagstaff at Kororareka, which sent a message to the Crown that they had already begun the process of dishonoring Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The Te Whiu claim in the Bay of Islands in

1935. 1951 the Te Maru Pehikuru et al claim lodged in the Rawene district court to claim Te Moana nui a Kiwa as the Māori highway of travel between nga motu. This was to demonstrate that this Ngāpuhi grievance journey didn't just commence yesterday.

To the Kaumātua Kuia o Ngāpuhi consultation hui held through 2003/04 and 2005 with Ngāpuhi katoa, led and facilitated by Titewhai Harawira and I. Through all the judicial conferences to the 16 December 2005, where Judge Joe Williams established the Ngāpuhi nui Tonu design group (NDG) and its recommendations. The appointed NDG were:

1. *Ngāpuhi Kaumātua (Titewhai Harawira / Sonny Tau)*
2. *Dr Patu Hohepa (Te Roopu Whakapiripiri)*
3. *Dr David Williams (Advisory counsel)*
4. *Hokianga: Rudy Taylor, Bob Ashby*
5. *Whangaroa: Pat Tauroa, Erimana Taniora*
6. *Waimate, Taiamai: John Alexander, Kaye Baker*
7. *Te Aho Alliance: Hone Sadler, Paeata Clarke*
8. *Tai Tokerau MDC: Richard Nathan, Gail Rika*
9. *Puhipuhi Te Maruata Te Raa Nehua, Hoori Tuhiwai*
10. *Mahurangi Jane Hotere, Aileen Austin*
11. *Whangarei Core Takiri Puriri, Violet Sade*

A summary of the purpose of the NDG was; ***to design a Waitangi tribunal hearings process to investigate Ngāpuhi-nui-tonu claims against the crown. The proposed design was to be presented to the 3rd judicial conference 27 April 2007.*** This was duly accomplished with recommendations being:

1. ***That Ngāpuhi would not progress their claims until the first hearing on He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi were complete***
2. ***Secondly that there could be a parallel process of hearings and direct negotiations at the same time***
3. ***Thirdly that Ngāpuhi wait for the completion of the hearings process before entering direct negotiations***

After consultation with Ngāpuhi, Te Kotahitanga was born to corrolate the claims hearings process whilst Tuhoronuku embarked on another round of consultation with Ngāpuhi about how or if they wanted to go to direct negotiations.

The rest is history and we now find ourselves at a stalemate after the findings of the urgent Waitangi Tribunal hearing which found flaws in the Crowns mandate recognition. Tuhoronuku went to lengths to update the Minister and remind him that it was the Crown that was found wanting by the Tribunal and not Tuhoronuku. From the submission of the Tuhoronuku Mandate it took some two years for the Crown to recognise the Mandate. There was substantial work done on rejigging aspects of the submitted mandate and again clarifying what some things in the mandate meant.

The Minister was adamant that the Crown must follow the direction set down by the Waitangi Tribunal and that he wanted Tuhoronuku to explain how they would increase Hapu participation in

this process. The findings and remedies for the urgent Waitangi Tribunal hearing is not complex and simply needs some tweaking of the current mandate and strengthening it to include more Hapu participation. The Minister said that he was not interested in relitigating the whole Mandate and wanted to concentrate on strengthening what Ngāpuhi has already agreed to.

The Minister went on to say that korero would be ongoing in this space

- Acknowledged the hard work that Tuhoronuku has put in to get Ngāpuhi to this point and did not want that wasted
- Acknowledged that the Crown gave recognition to the Tuhoronuku Mandate
- That he has had an increase in correspondance around this kaupapa
- Acknowledge that there are mandate challenges and that the Crown got a few things wrong
- How do we strengthen this mandate?
- How does Hapu and Tuhoronuku work together to address the tribunals recommendations?

National iwi Chairs Forum

Attended the National iwi Chairs Forum in Poneke with acting CEO, General Manager of THOON, Deputy Chair, K/Kuia representatives and youth advocates. Again iwi Chairs are not yet sure where our work streams sit with this new Government

During our discussions Ngāpuhi promoted the necessity for the iwi Chairs to refer to Te Tiriti o Waitangi as opposed to the pakeha habit of referring to the Treaty of Waitangi when in discussions about the founding documents of this whenua. Referred to He Whakaputanga being the origin of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and that without both document, the true context of there place in our society is not understood. There were many kaupapa discussed and I report on a few with a comprehensive report from the host iwi Rongowhaka at the end of my report

The report is a summary on some of the kaupapa as they are quite technical and a contingent of Ministers of the Crown attended the iwi Chairs Forum and I sent you all the issues that were raised with the Ministers on 1 December 2017. We will follow up on hose issues at Waitangi 2018.

The Waitangi section of the iwi Chairs Forum will be hosted by Te Aupouri this year and commences on the 31 January to 2 February 2017, at the Wautaha Room, Waitangi Copthorne Hotel. All are welcome.

This would be the opportune time for anyone interested in Kaupapa a iwi to sit and listen to what is actually going on without taking someone elses word for it. There is a lot of innuendo and guess work that goes into what is actually discussed at these hui and this is an open invitation to dfind out first hand. Our Kaumātua and Kuia as well as our youth advocates have been in regular attendance at these hui and report back to their various roopu on return from these hui. It is a real experience to attend one of these hui so, nau mai, ahu mai, haere mai, haere mai, haere mai.

Ngāpuhi Festival: Ngāpuhi Festival 2018 – 27 January 2018, 8am – 8pm, Toll Stadium, Whangarei.

At the time of writing, \$320, 000 of funding has been confirmed through grants and sponsorship.

Marae stalls are FREE and at this stage only **5 of the 13** spots have been booked. Two free buses will be travelling from Kaikohe to Whangarei and back. Details regarding timing will be sent out. Contract TRAION for more detail. The YouthZone and Tamariki Fun Zone are sorted. All rides are FREE and will operate from 9am – 5pm.

The Toi Ngāpuhi Exhibition will open Wednesday 24 January. 100 artists are expected to be exhibiting.

Kainga Development/Housing: We recently submitted a project plan to Te Puni Kokiri to continue the Housing Repairs Programme (formerly funded through the Rural Regeneration Fund). The project enhances our relationship with Te Hau Ora O Ngāpuhi and sought funding to repair eight whare for whānau living within the Ngāpuhi rohe. Referrals to the Housing Repair Programme will come from Te Hau Ora O Ngāpuhi via their Manawa Ora Programme. The Manawa Ora criteria matches that of Te Puni Kokiri. This project has commenced.

Te Mita O Ngāpuhi: This strategy was ratified on Thursday 7 December 2017. The next step is to develop the Te Reo Strategy Implementation Plan. This will be led by a project team consisting of 20 takiwā elected members. A total of five wānanga have been planned to complete this process. Potential funders, providers and opportunities to partner are being sought. Te Puni Kokiri have been kept up to date with developments. The Strategy is available for those who would like to read it. Please contact Anaru Kaipo anaru.kaipo@Ngāpuhi.org

Natural Resource Management: The Zodiac Holding Ltd company have indicated it will not be pursuing a water take consent for the bottling plant in Poroti area however, they still have an interest to pursue water take further downstream in the future.

Federated Farmers have dropped their jurisdiction issue concerning appeals on GMO issue on the Regional Policy Statement, however they may pursue what is in the Regional Plan.

We are investigating how local mana whenua groups can be involved in the Ministry of Primary Industry Kauri Dieback programme.

The Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group in partnership with Ministry for the Environment will be holding a Mana Whakahono-ā-Rohe 101 workshop and a Q&A session on Tuesday 5 December 2017 Rūnanga Conference room.

Education Strategy: The Advisory Group met Monday 13 November to discuss progress with the writing of the strategy. The following key themes have emerged from the engagement rounds with Ngāpuhi:

- Te Reo and Tikanga
- Connection – whakapapa, to schools, to Hapū, to marae
- Formal education achievement
- Influential leadership
- Ngāpuhi Wānanga

We hope to have a draft strategy to share at the Ngāpuhi Festival for Ngāpuhi to critique and give feedback on. We have heard many times the request to have some accountability by the Ministry of Education to provide iwi with timely achievement rates for our Ngāpuhi tamariki. The statistics we have seen are not great, and disparity between ourselves and our non-Ngāpuhi counterparts is not closing.

Data Project: In 2016, the Rūnanga received a number of requests to develop a data project that focused on:

- Locating our Ngāpuhi whānau
- Understanding their trends and movements
- Providing the ability for the ū Group to invest more effectively
- Utilising the iwi register more effectively
- Benefits for Takiwā

We have engaged Waiora Pacific Ltd. to help us with starting this project. Stage One has commenced and will look at establishing iwi foundations.

Te Uma O Te Kona: Te Uma O Te Kona continues to thrive. The space is open Wednesday – Thursday (3.30 – 7pm); Friday – Sunday (3.30pm – 11pm). Attendance records show as at 30 September 2, 210 12-15 year olds have entered the space, participating in a range of activities. The Manager (Del Rameka) notes interactions have been positive.

Feedback to the Manager is that local businesses have noticed a positive change in the community, noting youth attitudes appear to have settled, and more youth demonstrating respectful conduct in Kaikohe. Hunger is an issue for our young people. An emphasis has been placed on securing food and the Manager is in negotiations with local business to secure a regular supply of food

Youth Remand Facility Kaikohe: Ngāpuhi Iwi Social Services (NISS) are discussing the idea of a youth remand facility. Estimations are that more than 80% of young offenders will be Ngāpuhi. At the recent Iwi Chairs Forum, the Henwood Trust presented their research findings into youth offending. The report clearly recommends the right and need for iwi to provide these types of services to our young people, which we are advocating strongly for.

Amokura Consortium Ltd (formerly Tai Tokerau Iwi CEs Consortium)

Key issues:

Proposed Governance Relationship Agreement

This relates to a Governance Relationship Agreement between Tai Tokerau Iwi and the Northern Regional and District Councils. Sticking points include an overarching vision statement, benefits to both parties, and reference to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Digital Enablement Project

Digital enablement to Māori communities is a work stream for Amokura. At the heart of this is the potential to resolve the issue of digital inclusion for predominantly Māori communities in the North. Six communities have been identified in the North. I will be working with our Hapū Development team to determine how we support this project if it gets the go ahead.

Tindall Foundation

The Tindall Foundation met with Amokura Ltd. to discuss future partnerships in the North. Potential common interests include:

- Tree planting (including native, potentially commercially)
- Tourism
- Youth employment
- Impact investing
 - Social enterprise (largely in the social housing area)
- Digital connectivity

TRAION Operations Focus:-

Financial Performance

We are on track with the budget set in place at the start of the financial year.

Organisational

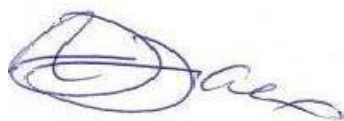
Managing workload pressure within the organisation with the CEO being on leave.

New contracts – We have received two contracts from Te Puni Kokiri for:

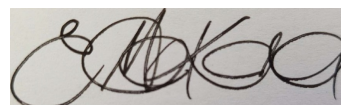
- Housing repairs programme
- Tai Tamariki 500 evaluation and business development

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during this year. We are looking forward to 2018, and kicking that off celebrating our Ngāpuhi Festival. I wish you all a safe and happy time with whānau over the Christmas and New Year's period. Ngā mihi nui.

Mauri Ora



Raniera T (Sonny) Tau
CHAIRMAN



Erena Kara
ACTING CEO