

**GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT TO TAKIWĀ
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019**

Governance

Rāniera T Tau

Tēnā tātou e te Pōari

Tēnā tātou katoa ngā uri o Rahiri puta noa. Ko te ripōata tēnei a te Heamana me te Tumuhere o te pōari o te Rūnanga-ā-iwi o Ngāpuhi (TRAION) a muri mai i te hui a pōari 4 Māehe 2019. Ko te tumanako, kua tatū tika ngā mahi katoa o te kainga kā wātea ai koutou kia huri ngā hakaaro ki ngā mahi hei piki ake i ngā rawa kia manaaki i ngā Whānau katoa o Ngāpuhi. E maha ngā mahi ki mua i te aroaro i tēnei wā tonu hei hapai kauake i ngā Takiwā, Hapū, arā, hei kai arahi i ngā hapori me ngā kainga o ngā Ngāpuhi, ahatia kei hea koutou e noho ana.

Ka huri te arero a taku taiaha ki te hunga kua riro i te hā kore, arā, i te kiri matāo, otirā, i te ringa kaha o Aitua, i ngā wiki tata ake nei. E maha ngā Kaumātua rongonui o Ngāpuhi kua hoki ki te kainga tuturu a o tātou Mātua, Tūpuna. Ko Kopa Tipene tēra, ko Kiripaki Pāka (Gilly Parker) tēra, ko Te Warahi Wihongi tēra, me te maha atu. Ka hoki mai ngā rarangi kōrero kia tātou ngā mahūetanga iho – Mauri ora.

E maha ngā huihuinga i tae atu e mātou ko te Tumuhere a Lorraine Toki, te heamana tuarua Mere Mangu me ētahi atu o ngā Tarahiti i ngā wiki a muri mai o tā mātou huihuinga mutunga. E rarangi mai nei ngā take e hiahia ana e hau kia rīpoata atu kia koutou.

The Kakohe Hub Concept – Te Pū o Te Wheke Kaupapa

- Over the last couple of years TRAION have been working closely with the Far North District Council (FNDC) to develop a community facility on the piece of land Ngāpuhi own in the middle of Kaikohe

- The concept of a community Hub and eventually the relocation of the FNDC operations to this site, is gaining momentum
- Lorraine Toki, Paul Knight and I are members of the overseeing Governance group (GG) with Erena Kara and others, members of the steering committee (SC) who do the actual mahi to get this kaupapa moving
- The group have applied to the Governments Provincial Growth Fund to assist with the build and a decision on this is expected to be announced on Friday 15th March
- A Ngāpuhi footprint will permeate this concept, the building design, including the philosophy of the area
- In terms of Consultation on this project, Trustees need to ensure their respective Takiwā are well informed as this kaupapa develops

Hui A Ngā Heamana ā iwi

- E mohio ana tātou katoa, i tū te hui o ngā Heamana ā iwi ki Waitangi, timata i te 30 o Hānuere, mutu i te 2 o Pepūere 2019
- E hari ana ngā ngakau i tae atu ētahi o koutou ki te hui kia kite ā kanohi atu i ngā hakanekeneke a te rōpū nei
- I hakatuwhera atu te hui ki ngā mema o ngā iwi puta noa. Ko te hiahia kia noho te iwi ki te āta hakarongo atu ki ngā take e ngaungauhia ana e ngā kaiarahi i ngā iwi – *e maha ngā Ngāpuhi i puta ake ki te hui*
- Engari, ko ngā Heamana a iwi me o rātou kaimahi nahenahe i wātea ana kia kōrero ki roto i te hui – *mei i kore tēnā ture, ka puta katoatia ngā kōrero pohauhau*
- I tonoa e hau ngā pepa me ngā take katoa ki ngā Tarahiti katoa i mua noa ātu i taua hui kia whai kōrero ai koutou ki āu i mua atu i te hui
- Kihai he mea kotahi o koutou i patapatai, ūiūi, tonono kōrero rāini mo ngā take nunui e rarangi ake ana ki roto i āua pepa

Hanganga Whare Hou – Building Houses for iwi

- One of the big issues you will see from the iwi Chairs presentation to the Crown was the matter of providing housing for our people
- I lead that portfolio and followed up with Minister Mahuta with a meeting on Friday 22 February in Wellington

- We had an excellent hui with the Minister who has opened up to the iwi Chairs and would love to get some real runs on the Board before the next election
- The iwi Chairs have asked for 270 houses across the motu as a starting point in an effort to assist the Government reach its target of 3000 houses per year
- Respective iwi will try to assist their people into homes where possible and this is where the Government can assist
- It is easier for iwi to assist their people into Housing ownership, especially on their own whenua, rather than see them drop rent into a bottomless pit

Hakangūngū Pōari 2019 - Board of Trustee Training 2019

- E tirohia ana māua ko te Tumuhere ki tetahi pāeroa mō te hakangūngū i ngā mema o te pōari kia tāea e tātou katoa ki te pīkau i ēnei tūmomo mahi mō Ngāpuhi
- Kua timata te Tumuhere ki te rapu i tētahi huarahi kia piki ake ngā pukenga o ngā tarahiti katoa, i ngā wāhi e hiahiatia ana e te pōari ki te hakakaha
- Ko te tumanako, me whai pukenga ngā mema katoa o tēnei pōari, kia mohio ai rātou ki te tiaki pūtea, hakahaere pākihi, hanga kaupapa here (*policies*) me ēra atu tumomo mahi.
- Ko te tumanakō kia kōrero mai e koutou i o koutou hiahia tumanako mo ngā take hakangūngū e hiahiatia ana e tēnā, e tēnā o koutou.
- Kia mahara ai tātou katoa, a te 1st Hānuere 2021, ka huri katoa ngā mahi o tēnei pōari ki roto i te reo Māori anahe.
- Kua tae mai te wā kia timata ai tātou ki te piki ake o tātou pukenga, kia tāea e koe, otirā, tātou katoa, ki te noho tonu ki runga i tēnei pōari

Te Kahu o Tāonui Update - Signing of MOU with ngā Kaunihera a Rohe

- During the National iwi Chairs Forum hui held at Waitangi Te Kahu o Tāonui and three of the four northern councils signed off an agreement to work together and how that might be done ki raro i Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- The Far North District Council, the Kaipara District Council and the Northern Regional Council signed up to this agreement
- There was a reluctance from Whangārei Council to sign off, although the Mayor Sheryl Mai personally supported the document

- The door has been left open for Whangārei to come in once they have had an opportunity to again meet with their councillors
- This agreement is the first of its kind signed by any council in Aotearoa

Te Tiriti o Waitangi Claims

- There is a group of Hapū members from the 31 Hapū who are working together on how Ngāpuhi might progress the settlement of all Ngāpuhi grievances against the Crown for breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- To do nothing is not an option at all
- A contingent of this group met with the Minister of Treaty Settlements during the Waitangi celebrations week to advance these kōrero beyond the rhetoric
- There is a working group developing a paper on how this might be achieved preparatory to placing this before the Minister
- There is an avalanche of Hapū who voted against the evolved Mandate at home but their people overwhelmingly voted to support the Mandate, who now wish to come on Board to advance their claims
- It would be criminal for Ngāpuhi to turn its back on the Tūhoronuku Mandate and try to kick start the process again
- As we are all aware, it took Tūhoronuku eight years to get a Mandate
- The second wānanga for this group was 9 March at Moria Marae, Whirinaki

Operations

Lorraine Toki

In December 2018, the Rūnanga and Oranga Tamariki signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement. This requires both entities agreeing on a programme of work that reduces negative Ngāpuhi statistics, in particular where our Ngāpuhi taitamariki are housed in state care.

The co-design process has commenced with an initial three-day workshop held with our kaimahi from Te Hau Ora o Ngāpuhi (THOON), Ngāpuhi Iwi Social Services (NISS), Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi Ō Ngāpuhi (TRAION) and Oranga Tamariki staff based in Northland and Wellington.

Observations over the three days - We have the right kaimahi in the room. The skillsets, expertise, and commitment of the kaimahi we have with us is outstanding.

Next five-year strategy - Maximising collective gains

In January, Management advised the priorities to the end of June 2019. One of these was developing the next five-year strategy¹.

Summarised, our Rūnanga Group aspirations for Ngāpuhi are – identity, influence, engage, and communicate – a result of listening to our Ngāpuhi Whānau over the past two years in preparation for our next five year strategy. There was an emphasis on ensuring we captured the voices of our taitamariki. It is time to build on this and more using our Matauranga, Te Reo and Ngāpuhi Art Strategy.

These strategies have been developed by Ngāpuhi to support our Ngāpuhi Whānau and communities.

Waitangi Celebrations - Rūnanga Group Presence

For the first time TRAION, THOON and NISS had a joint presence at Waitangi, at Te Tii Marae on the 5th February and ‘over the bridge’ on the 6th February - in the Hau Ora space and by the Whare Waka. The emphasis was having a presence and being relevant. It also enabled our staff to spend time together, getting to know what it is we do and the contribution we make – influencing, engaging, communicating, identity.

Priorities to the end of June 2019²

Registration Database

Trustees approved the installation and training for a new database which supports the work of our four subsidiaries, as well as enables the engagement and support of our Ngāpuhi Whānau on a number levels.

DEVELOPMENT

Kaikohe Redevelopment Project (Te Pū O Te Wheke)

We have drawn on past consultation to identify key spaces for Te Pū O Te Wheke (Kaikohe based). The spaces include an art gallery and museum.

TRAION community engagement commence dFebruary 25, 2019, as follows:

- TRAION staff workshop – 26 February
- Wānanga with key people – March 5 and March 11
- Meet with Kaumātua and Kuia – date to be confirmed

¹ Point 11, Board of Trustees Report, January 2019

² Point 9, board of Trustees Report, January 2019

Samantha McGavock has been appointed to Project Manage this project. Representing the Rūnanga on the steering group are Leigh Auton, Paul Knight, Rau Hoskins and Erena Kara.

Strategies

Arts Strategy – Piki Tu Rangitia

We have met with Creative New Zealand twice since the December 2018 Board to identify how we can progress the partnership we have with Creative New Zealand.

Gail Richards and Erena Kara are developing a business case to create a regional Māori arts entity in Te Tai Tokerau. One of the key actions of *Piki Tu Rangitia*. This entity will be independent of the Rūnanga but will be the vehicle to drive many of the actions identified in our strategy.

Wānanga held throughout 2018 identified a potential five-year programme that would include the following:

- Decorating of marae across Ngāpuhi
- Provision of inspirational experiences for Tai Tamariki
- Establish a contestable fund for specific creative works to be funded for marae/hapū communities.

Te Reo Strategy

The Rūnanga was a sponsor of *Te Taumata 2019*. This was a successful event, with 115 akonga taking part. This event was managed by Alana Thomas and Chey Milne. The Pouako that took part in Te Taumata 2019 were Quinton Hita, Te Kurataiaho Kapea, Moe Milne, Rereata Makiha, Julian Wilcox, Kristin Ross, Tatai Henare, and Aperahama Edwards.

A debriefing meeting will take place to discuss what needs to be improved, and planning for further events like this to support our Te Reo Strategy.

The Takiwā fund set aside for Te Reo improvement/wānanga at Takiwā level has not been used. A review on the way this fund is promoted and the process used for Takiwā to access funds is in progress. We have had a number of community-driven initiatives asking how we can work together on the Te Reo strategy. This is being explored in the review process.

Anaru Kaipo has arranged for Te Kura Whakarauora to be held at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe from March 15-17. Te Kura Whakarauora is for people who are looking at starting initiatives and projects with their communities, whānau, marae etc. We will support registered members to attend and will look at how this can become part of the Te Reo Strategy implementation.

Education Strategy

The Education Strategy has been ratified by the Board. Actions for the 2019/20 year have commenced. Noting that the design is in progress

On 1 March, Kaikohe Intermediate launched their Tu Tama Ora project. Through this initiative Kaikohe Intermediate, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori O Kaikohe and Northland College will participate in the hikoi around Te Whare Tapu O Ngāpuhi with our Kaumātua Kuia rōpu.

In February, the Crown announced its proposed sector reforms for vocational education. In essence, they proposed to reduce the number of institutes of technology and polytechnics (ITPs) to one national ITP. This will have an impact on NorthTec, and could potentially create an opportunity for iwi to develop and deliver programmes.

A submission will be made to the Ministry of Education regarding the Tomorrow's Schools reform. Thank you to Iti for commencing this.

Data

Iwi Insights Lab (iLab)

A workshop is scheduled to be held with the iLab project managers on March 18. The focus of this workshop is data relating to tai tamariki who will be included in the workshop.

Data Programme

A draft data programme for the Rūnanga is being created. We recognise there is Crown held data as well as our own iwi-generated data to consider.

DELIVERY

A well-coordinated approach saw a successful presence at Waitangi. The team coordinated a collective presence with Te Hau Ora O Ngāpuhi (THOON) and Ngāpuhi Iwi Social Services (NISS). The outcome of having a presence at Te Tii Marae and Waka Ground was extremely valuable to our kaimahi across our services, matched by the positive feedback from the public. Increase Facebook posts are a testament to this, as well as the many Whānau who contributed to our survey titled 'Dot your Top'.

'Dot your Top' was an effective way of connecting with people by inviting them to identify three priorities from a selection of topics that will assist in informing our areas of

focus. The byproduct bonus this activity generated was the richness of korero and connection with people and the Rūnanga. A quick analysis of the results shows that Whānau, Te Reo Ngāpuhi, Education and Employment are far ahead as priorities.

‘Dot your Top’ will continue to gather insights and create conversations with Whānau at the Polyfest stall in this month (March). The data will provide an urban response as compared to the rural findings.

Rūnanga Group Presence

We continue to identify areas of work integrations to strengthen our relationships with Te Hau Ora O Ngāpuhi (THOON) and Ngāpuhi Iwi Social Services (NISS).

On February 26, we hosted an engagement Hui with Geoff Short, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Kaumātua & Kuia, Community Leaders and Kaimahi across The Rūnanga Group on the development of the NZ Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy. The outcomes of this Hui will be included in the next Board report.

WORK STREAM UPDATES

Environment - Te Āo Tūroa *Tourism Strategy*

A submission was made to the Aotearoa New Zealand Government Tourism Strategy to inform them of our Ngāpuhi position. This can be found on the Runanga website.

Kauri Dieback Strategy

The Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) are planning to hold a series of Hui to discuss the DRAFT National Kauri Dieback Management Plan and the newly proposed Management Agency that will operationalise that plan. We will circulate the dates once confirmed. <https://www.kauridieback.co.nz/consultation/>

Far North District Plan Review

District Planning Tangata Whenua Working Group meeting was held on Monday, 18 February. Discussion points include:

- Resource Management and Māori specific provisions in the Plan. There was support for the new Māori Purpose zone and Treaty Settlement Land overlay.
- Areas of interest to Ngāpuhi identified by Far North District Council as ‘Significant Natural Areas’ which includes the protection of indigenous biodiversity and stronger restrictive measures on lands that are prone to flooding. There will be a watchful eye

on the development of the District regulations, to ensure Ngāpuhi and their land are not marginalised or restricted.

- Development contributions were cancelled for those wanting to develop their lands, however, has an annual review process.
- Far North District Council are exploring ways to collaborate on raising interest for Ngāpuhi Whānau to develop their lands. A high-level land resource study was carried out. This data could assist with on the ground projects — further discussions to follow.
- The next Hui to be hosted by Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi Ō Ngāpuhi on the 14 May 2019.

HAPŪ DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Enquiries on the Minor Capital Works and Major Marae Project Assistance and Hapū Development funds have been received from:

- Kaingahoa Marae (Mataraua)
- Otua Marae.
- Te Kotahitanga Marae
- Ngāti Toro
- Matoa Marae
- Kotuku D1B Trust
- Whangarei Terenga Parāoa Marae
- Waimārie o Whatitiri Marae

The final reports from Waimā Tōpū B Trust highlighted the success of the fund which enabled the Trustees' to spend time visiting whenua sites, sharing stories and reconnecting as a Whānau.

SCHOLARSHIPS / DISCRETIONARY / SPONSORSHIP

The Rūnanga are receiving a good flow of enquiries and applications in all areas of Grant support.

- Having a presence at Waitangi proved very successful in talking directly with people on what we have to offer.
- Website information and documentation is in the process of being updated.

TRIBAL REGISTRATIONS

Work continues on verifications before entering into the data system. The team has been focusing on encouraging new registrations to include all details so they stay connected and well informed on Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi Ō Ngāpuhi activities. Having a registration presence at the Waitangi site provided a Kanohi ki te Kanohi opportunity for people wanting information.

KĀKAHU

There was a great response and outcome from our stall over the two days at Waitangi. We increased our online views, Facebook shares and comments, and doubled our sales in January. Positive feedback has been received on our new kakahu lines. The top five products for February were:

- Sunglasses
- Ipu Wai/Mangu one litre
- Hemp Cap Khaki
- Hooded Sweatshirt XL Steel
- Hooded Sweatshirt XXL Steel

The Rūnanga provided T-shirts to the Manaaki crew at the Chiefs / Blue Rugby game and provided Caps, Bucket hats, and T-shirts to Hātea Kapa Haka and Te Puu Ao as our Ngāpuhi teams at Te Matatini ki te Ao.

HOUSING - KAINGA ORA

Home repairs

A contract from Te Puni Kōkiri to deliver home repairs to six whare was negotiated in November 2018. Although 13 proposals had been prepared for approval, funding was allocated only for six. Four are now completed, the final two are undergoing repair.

Priority was directed towards whare occupied by Whānau with tamariki and high health needs. Those not approved may be included in further funding rounds.

Further whare assessments

Te Puni Kōkiri are in the process of determining the criteria and the 'spend to be allocated', on a regional basis. There is a constant stream of enquiries that are directed to THOON, which is assessed through their Manawa Ora Services. Should THOON qualify, the Rūnanga is able to proceed with a house repair assessment. The repair is carried out around a 'capped grant'. New criteria being considered might include a Whānau financial contribution.

Papakāinga Development

The Rūnanga is in the final phase of developing and 'rolling out' a Ngāpuhi Papakāinga toolkit. This is designed to assist Whānau to understand and navigate their way through a

pathway to building whare on their own whenua. Workshops are being organised in April and May-June to facilitate that process.

CONCLUSION

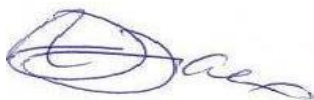
E awangawanga tonu āna mātou ki ētahi o ngā Tarahiti i te mea, ka mutu ngā hui a te pōari ka ngaro atu rātou mo te ono wiki, e kore rawa mātou e rongo e pēhea ana te haere a o koutou Takiwā, Marae, Hapu rāini. Kia mahara mai koutou ko te mea nui kē, e utu ana ngā Tarahiti kia tiaki o koutou Takiwā. Ko koutou ngā tarahiti e tika ana kia tuhituhi ngā ripōata a Takiwā ki te pōari.

As operations are gearing up to promote Takiwā, many of your Trustees have slackened off with your communication and information sharing. We see only two or three Trustees who are very active at this point. We need to get into the important issues with zest as we ensure our people are informed of what the Rūnanga actually does.

We look forward to developing a strategic plan right across the suite of businesses under the TRAION umbrella as we work to get some cohesion across all our businesses. We look forward to following up on mahi and the challenge of the National iwi Chairs Forum, Te Kahu o Tāonui, the NDHB collaboration kaupapa and how those will be advanced to assist our iwi, Hapū and Whānau.

Ko ngā mihi mutunga ki wā tātou hoa rangatira, tane mai, wahine mai, me o tātou tamariki mokopuna e pupuritia ana i ngā here, ngā ahi kaa, o te haukāinga. Kia mahara tonu ai tātou e mahi ana i ngā mahi mo te iwi o Ngāpuhi, ko rātou kē ngā tohuhakahere mo tēnei mea te Māori e mahi ana mo tōna iwi, koia tēnā ko te utu. Ko te mea nui, kia whai hakāro anō hoki tātou katoa ki te moemoeā mutunga kore o Ngāpuhi-nui-tonu, otirā, “***kia tu tika ai te whare tapu o Ngāpuhi.***”

Mauri Ora



Rāniera T Tau
CHAIRMAN



Lorraine Toki
TUMUHERE