



Ka Ora Te Iwi Ka Ora Te Tangata.



Message from the Chair



Mai I te waiheke o Huka
Whakarawhiti atu ki te mania o Kaingaroa
Te tihi o Maunga Kakaramea
Putā atu ki te pae Maunga o Paeroa
Ko Orakei Korako te Ukaipo
Tae rawa atu ki Pohaturoa.



Nga uri o Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa, tenei te mihi atu ki a koutou katoa.
Nga kaumatua, e koro ma, e kui ma, e kare ma, kei te mihi, kei te mihi, kei te mihi.

I am pleased to report on behalf of our Iwi Authority another constructive year of engaging mahi which I provide brief outlines for below.

Road Shows – The board has decided to make these events tri-annual, our next road shows will be in 2018.

Mana Whenua – We are now in a formal dispute with Te Pūmāutanga O Te Arawa (TPT) as a consequence of some members of the TPT board claiming that TPT has the Mana Whenua over CNI lands and not Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa. We have had challenges from Te Arawa hapu who are claiming into our area. We have pushed back hard and will continue to do so.

Of greater concern is that allegedly, a small group of our own who are purporting to be the sole representatives of Whaoa, are said to have engaged outside services from other iwi. We have very little tolerance for disloyalty toward our Iwi when we have to vigorously defend our boundaries from our southern and northern neighbours, we will be having discussions with these individuals when the opportunity arises.

As a result of the dispute with TPT we have engaged legal counsel to assist with ensuring that CNI Iwi Holdings Ltd allocates lands to those Iwi with proven Mana Whenua. This important work stream will be on-going.

Waiotapu Lease Rental Review – We have completed our adjudication process regarding the lease rental review of Waiotapu with Te Arawa Group Holdings Ltd. This has taken two years to complete with a very successful outcome with the Adjudicator finding in our favour. The term of the Waiotapu lease matures in June 2033.

Rotokawa Joint Venture (RJV) – The Runanga have supported the resource consent in-favour of RJV which is a joint venture partnership between Tauhara North 2 Trust and Mercury Energy. The Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board appealed the granting of the consent claiming that six Tuwharetoa hapu have equal Mana Whenua status to Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa in the Tauhara North Block.

An Environment Court hearing is set down for July 2017 where evidence from Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa and Ngati Tuwharetoa will be heard by the Court.

Those who have submitted evidence to the Court include myself as the Chair of the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust, Wikitoria Hepi-Te Huia as the Chair of Tauhara North 2 Trust, Aroha Campbell as the CEO for Tauhara North 2 Trust, David Armstrong who is a principle historian from History Works based in Wellington, Buddy Mikaire as an independent Maori historian based in Tauranga and members from Mercury Energy Ltd.

This is yet another attempt to marginalise the Mana Whenua status of Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa albeit via a resource consent process being heard by the Environment Court.

The Te Reo program has been well attended with students recently graduating. The Runanga is very proud of their achievements.

Our Environmental team have initiated a number of fantastic projects. We are not able to mention them all as there are too many for this segment but I would like to make special mention of the Kohatu and Ipou project which has been funded by the Waikato River Authority and implemented by our Environmental department.

So far, we have kohatu and ipou on top of Maunga Kakaramea, at Aratiatia and Orakei Korako.

The next two kohatu and ipou will go in at Waiotapu and Mihi bridge beside the New Zealand River Jet.

The Environmental department have a number of new projects in the development stage.

Tahu-Whaoa Group Holdings Ltd is actively looking at new commercial investment opportunities following the success of our investment in Tongan forestry. We are constantly undertaking due diligence in commercial property, tourism, the food and beverage sector and new technologies with a particular interest in clean technology.

Given we are a small organisation, our market advantage remains our ability to seize opportunities coupled with speed of execution.

Finally I would like to acknowledge my fellow trustees, staff, supporters, our whanau and Iwi and wish you all a happy Matariki and good health.

Take care whanau.

Nga mihi,
Roger Pikia
Chairman



Kohatu at Orakei Korako

Social

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

The Whare Hauora is open every Wednesday and Thursday for whānau to take part in whatever programme is on for that day, or to 'drop in' for a cuppa and share their news and views.

The Social Division's strategic goals are to:

1. Create and implement projects that have specific social objectives.
2. Build relationships with other providers to increase our service delivery.
3. Influence and encourage educational opportunities.

Since our last update the social division team has been busy with our education programme alongside tamariki, rangatahi, whanau and schools in Reporoa; and continuing with our day-activity programmes of mirimiri, transport to Rotorua and social 'housie' day.

Education Programme: This one-year contract with Ministry of Education gave us the opportunity to work with tamariki/rangatahi to understand that learning can be fun and interesting. We were grateful to whanau and our supporters in making the rest of the year happen. For the rest of the year, regular sessions were held with National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) students at the college, and a structured after-school programme for national standards students. We also held the second wananga at Mataarae Marae in October; and then certificate presentations and end of year celebrations for students.



Figure 1: Second Wananga September 2016 National Standards



Figure 2: Second Wananga September 2016 NCEA



Figure 3: National Standard presentation of Certificates and celebrations



Figure 4: Presentation of Certificates to NCEA students at Reporoa College



Figure 5: NCEA students, end of year function

Fortunately our contract with Ministry of Education is continuing for another year supporting tamariki/rangatahi/mokopuna and whānau in our education programme. We are here to make a difference!

Kaumatua Christmas Function at Te Toke Marae on Saturday 26 November 2016

Our annual kaumatua function was well attended again last year, in the refurbished wharekai at Te Toke Marae – beautiful venue, delicious kai, sweet music again from Janie Pou and band. Our theme this year was “Rock N Roll”.



Figure 2: Thank you to Janie Pou and her band

Of course, it is wonderful to see so many whanau return home for the happy occasions – ‘a picture is worth a thousand words’.

No reira whānau, mā te wā, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

Cultural

Toku Reo toku ohooho My language my awakening

This year our cultural revitalisation programme is being held weekly on a Tuesday from 10am – 2pm at the Runanga office in Waiotapu. This year we were successful in retaining our kaiako Erueti Rakena who is contracting direct to the Runanga. We would like to acknowledge Te Wananga O Aotearoa for assisting in making this happen. This is an opportunity for us to learn and extend on our learning to retain our kawa and tikanga on our Maraes. We extend a warm welcome to all wahine and tane who are interested in attending. It is all about the retention of our language! Nau mai haere mai!

In 2016 we were approached by Principal Steve Lewis at Reporoa College to assist in renaming there house groups, we were honoured to be a part of this process and to be able to share some of our history with current and future students of the high school. We fittingly named the house groups, **Ngaawapurua**, **Paeroa** and **Orakei Korarko**.

We also sponsored the Tahu Matua House Trophy (pictured on the right)
Roy Werahiko and I will present the trophy to the winning house at the end of year assembly.



On the 16th June 2017, those that participated in last year's te reo collaboration with Te Wananga O Aotearoa graduated with a Level 4 in Te Putaketanga O Te Reo. We extend huge congratulations to those that received this tohu! Ka mau te wehi! A special acknowledgement to Te Wananga O Aotearoa for the joint collaboration with the Runanga and to deliver this programme from our Waiotapu office.



Graduates of 2017

From left to right:

Kaiako: Erueti Rakena, Adrian Cooke, Te Rehina Hepi Te Huia, Albert Hurihanganui, Ricky Mita, Harry Te Ngaru.

Front Row: Jeanette Thorne Sarah Hepi Te Huia, Tupaea Hurihanganui, Roy Werahiko, Kay Werahiko, Rob Morris.

Absent: Haraina Dunn & Anthony (Tony) Phillips

The current place where Hatupatu rock rests has seen a recent upgrade to the carpark and the surrounding areas have been planted in natives. Perry Fletcher, Cedric Forrest, and I have been a part of this project for the last two years. The project came to a close with the blessing ceremony in April 2017.



In the last 6-12 months the cultural department has been working on a series of children's books which will be in both te reo and english. The target group is pre-school and primary school children. The Runanga is also working on an Iwi history book which we hope to launch at our upcoming Te Hokinga Mai in April 2018.

I would like to finish with a mihi to our te reo class for the time and support for our iwi and marae, it has been very humbling to see more people on our paepae and I know Matua Rawiri would be proud to see his vision coming to fruition. A thank you also to our kaiako Erueti for the te reo input and your encouragement with waiata, whaikorero and karanga. We have to stick together and carry on what our Tupuna o Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa have left us with. We have an awesome journey ahead of us, and we thank our funder Tauhara North No2 Trust for their continued support.

Nga mihi,
Ricky Mita
Cultural Co-ordinator

Environmental

Ma whero, ma pango, ka oti ae te mahi.

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Nau mai haere mai ki te iwi o Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa. Nga mihi nui mahana na te taiao ropu. Below are some of the events and mahi we have successfully engaged in to-date, thank you to those who have supported our mahi!

Earlier in the year we went out with Paul Cashmore from DoC for our annual monitoring of the Pua o te Reinga plants (*Dactyloctenium aegyptium*). The cages were in a reasonable condition and we were able to find a number of healthy male/female flowers to hand pollenate. Many thanks for your time and effort Paul, we appreciate your support.

Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Cultural History Project – kohatu are sourced from Maunga Kakaramaea and will be placed along the Waikato River and at Waiotapu sharing our iwi association / history with that area. Swipe your phone over the i Pou to watch a video or view photos.



The Blessing of the Aratiatia kohatu I Pou at Orakei Korako
(joined by the Taupo DoC team and WRA CEO Bob Pentter)



Orakei Korako Site

Thank you to everyone who attended our two wananga this year. Our focus has been on the health & wellbeing of mahinga kai and learning about the health of our tuna.

A huge thank you to **Dr Erica Williams from NIWA**, Thanks for travelling from Wellington to be with us and for sharing her knowledge and love of the outdoors with us.



Erica showing everyone how to assess the health of tuna.

“What you reckon – shall we pull out the smoker and do the taste-test?”



Getting ready to electric fish and see what we can find in the Mangahoanga Stream – juvenile Koura, Tuna and Bullies!!

Other mahi: Wilding pine control within the Waiotapu and Red Hills block, many thanks to **Kevin Loe (WRC)** for your support. The 3 Lakes project where Lakes Ngapouri, Ngahewa and Tutaienanga will be fenced, in-fill planted and appropriate signage erected over the next 3 years. Scoping reports prepared for Lower Mangahoanga Stream, Lower Orakonui Stream and worked with DoC on Rotokawa Reserve. Nga Tohu o Te Taiao project with NIWA/ Waikato Tainui/ Landcare for the University of Waikato to better prepare us to assess the health & wellbeing of Mahinga Kai. Mahinga Kai Iwi Booklet we hope to have this available to iwi July-Aug 2017 via the Environmental portal.

The Environment Department once again thanks and acknowledges the following funders: Te Arawa River Iwi Trust, Department of Conservation, Waikato River Authority, Waiora Fund, Mercury and the Waikato Regional Council.

Communications

Te Hokingamai: It's all go Whanau! Confirmed for Easter 2018 Friday 30th March – Monday 2nd April. Organisation is well under way; registrations forms are available on our website www.tahu-whaoa.iwi.nz fill in online and submit, easy as. If you do not have access to a computer we can send you one in the post. Please note for accommodation and catering purposes this event is being capped at 250 people, so first in first served. Registrations **close on the 31st January 2018**. If you would like a hardcopy mailed to you please contact Kay, contact details are on the back page.

OBITUARIES

October 2016

Bubby Hingaia (Hohepa)

December 2016

Tony Pook

January 2017

Ruby Matenga

March 2017

Rangi (Jnr) Phillips
Ginger Galvin

April 2017

Anthony Kapua

UNVEILING

March 2017

Eva Reweti (Culshaw)

Marae News



**Nga mihi ki a koutou katoa e te mihi tuatahi ki te Atua, e te mihi tuarua ki nga tini
aitua – haere, haere, haere atu ra.**

**E te mihi tuatoru ki te iwi o Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa.
No reira, tena koutou, tena tatau katoa.**

Te Toke Maraе Trust had the blessing of our wharekai Te Aomapihi last year, we were very pleased to be able to re-open our wharekai as well as thank our many funders.



We also hosted our Kaumatua Christmas function and raised some much needed funds, we have been successful in our funding bid to DIA to buy some much needed equipment. Thank you to the Ngati Tahu Tribal Trust for helping to fund our heat-pumps in the wharekai.

The Trust and whanau of Te Toke Maraе are revising the usage of our marae and are moving towards a “Bond” system when booking the marae. We are also moving towards “alcohol free” wharekai with the Runanga Kaumatua Christmas function being the only exception.

Thoughts are that if there is a function with alcohol then using a marquee will need to be considered. We are working towards putting processes in-place that will enable us and others to look after our marae and equipment.

Ma whero, ma pango, ka oti ae te mahi.

With red and black the work will be complete (if we co-operate the work will get done – red and black refer to the traditional colours used within our wharetupuna)



Tenei te mihi atu ki te Iwi o Ngati Tahu – Ngati Whaoa

2 March 2017

Aonaake Productions

A documentary is underway with the Maori Television series Kari Parangaranga About Ngati Tahu Ngati Whaoa. This will be aired at a later date.



10 April 2017

Harvest Festival – Te Maara Kai o Parehopu

Successfully we've had our 3rd Annual Harvest Festival this year. Many thanks to those who participated. It was an enjoyable day for all our whanau. To be a part of the Maara Kai project contact Tony 027 5606 707.

25 April 2017

Anzac Parade

Sadly this was the first year without Koro Riki, but in his honour we will carry on with the service at Mataarae. Tupaea took on the duty of the flag this year.

Ka Pai Tupaea ☺

Ka Maumahara.



14 May 2017

The CRP class from the Runanga hosted a noho with Te Wananga o Aotearoa. Students enrolled in the Te Putaketanga o Te Reo from Rotorua, Whakatane & Ruatoki joined the class as well. The noho was based around Karanga & Whaikorero. Great to share korero with other iwi.

5 June 2017

Our proposal for a new mower has been granted by our Ahuwhenua Trust.

BOOKINGS

Labour Weekend 2017 – Tonihi Moke Werahiko Whanau Reunion

Christmas 2017 – Piri Henare and Kataraina Werahiko Whanau Reunion

Nga mihi ki nga whanau mo to tautoko I o tatou marae ☺

Mataarae Reservation Trust

Na Roy Werahiko (Chairman)



KO RAHURAHU



Tena Koutou, Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa “Te iti, taku iti”

After many years we are pleased to be able to submit our first Marae update.

As many of you know, October last year was the start of the revival of our Marae and Tupuna Rahurahu.



It started with an early morning karakia and Powhiri. After a hearty breakfast whanau laid hand to a brush and did incredible things. Thanks to the many who gave their time and energy to help paint the Marae exterior. It definitely looks alive now.

Waimahana received its first drop of funding from Ngati Tahu Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust of \$20k. Presented by Runanga Representative Roy Werahiko. This was greatly received by Project Team Co-ordinator Gordon Leathers.



What next? We are purchasing a Prefab to renovate as our ablution block and kaumatua room, after a long wait for the appropriate paper work we expect to have this sited by July. Last week we had Burns & Farrell kitchen designer in to design and quote us on our kitchen.

Kowhaiwhai classes – in a joint venture with TWoA we will soon be starting kowhaiwhai classes to assist with the painting and design of our kowhaiwhai we have already had whanau join so if you're are interested please contact Chairman Erueti Rakena (EruetiRakena@twoa.ac.nz)



Earlier this year we had our first Marae AGM and all were happy with the progress that had been made.

There is still a lot of infrastructure that needs to be installed but our opening target is still summer of 2018

Our Current Trustees are as follows:

Chair – Erueti Rakena

Secretary – Linda Tawhai-Mullen

Treasurer – Kay Werahiko

Angela Werahiko, Shane Komene,

Harry Te Ngaru,

Albie Te Hiko and

Jo Te Huia

Ma te Atua koutou e

Manaaki, e tiaki,

Tena Koutou Katoa

Erueti Rakena



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