

**Hongongoi 2018.  
Issue 9.**



# 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.

Our Runanga board have performed an outstanding job as your elected officers and Iwi ambassadors and they are deserving of high praise for their commitment and loyalty to the Iwi. The same applies to our Management team led by Blanche Reweti.

There have been many challenges that the board have had to overcome, particularly from our neighbouring Iwi who persist with attempting to usurp the Mana and Authority of the Iwi. This can cause stress and strain on the relationships with our neighbours however, if there is a single most important principle that the Runanga unapologetically protects and defends, it is our Identity and our Mana Whenua status over our rohe.

Our identity is our inheritance. Protection of our Mana Whenua status over our rohe, is our collective responsibility.

The Runanga takes this responsibility very seriously. We don't take this responsibility lightly and we don't take prisoners when dealing with individuals or collectives that threaten our identity and our Mana Whenua.

## **Our Responsibility – Protection of our Mana Whenua status**

### **Ngati Tuwharetoa Claims Settlement Bill:**

We have been actively engaged in discussions with the Crown and Ngati Tuwharetoa Hapu Forum (THF) over conflicting areas of interest.

- Non-exclusive Statutory Acknowledgement over the Waikato River from Huka Falls to Pohaturoa
- Non-exclusive Statutory Acknowledgement over the Rotokawa Geothermal Field,
- Ownership of the Rotokawa conservation lands including the Rotokawa lake bed,
- Ownership of sites surrounding Atahaka,
- Ownership of two sites referred to as the Aratiatia flats,
- Commercial Redress Items include – Geothermal Wells RK6 and RK8,

The Runanga was able to reach a mutually acceptable agreement regarding most of the sites and mechanisms offered to Ngati Tuwharetoa by the Crown.

Those sites that we opposed and therefore could not reach agreement over included:

- Rotokawa lakebed and conservation lands,
- Non-exclusive Statutory acknowledgement over the Waikato River and Rotokawa geothermal field,

The Runanga along with Tauhara North 2 Trust, submitted to the Maori Affairs Select Committee, that the signed Deed of Settlement (which excluded the Rotokawa lakebed and conservation lands) should be recommended to be passed by Parliament, unamended. Ngati Tuwharetoa were seeking the opposite.

The Maori Affairs Select Committee agreed with our position and introduced the Settlement Bill in an unamended form.

This was a very pleasing result with a great turn-out by our people on the day of the Select Committee Hearing. I would like to thank the Tauhara North 2 Trust for an outstanding job assisting with bringing this result to fruition.

**CNI Mana Whenua and TPT:**

Progress has been frustratingly slow as Iwi politics is definitely up to no good.

Firstly, the new TPT board have been doing all they can to keep Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa out of the CNI even though we took a major lead role in the overarching settlement.

The Runanga have engaged a legal team to build the platform and evidential base for High Court action of which we hope to be engaged in before the end of the year. The Runanga has triggered a formal dispute with Te Pumautanga 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.

This approach by TPT triggers both an Identity issue and Mana Whenua issue for us. Hence the reason we are preparing to take the battle to the High Court.

The process will be lengthy and expensive. It will require total focus and the resilience of our people if we are to succeed. It will require the same level of commitment our people took into the Ngati Tuwharetoa Claims Settlement Bill action. I therefore ask our people to prepare for a call to come together when needed. Tauhara North 2 Trust have kindly offered assistance here which is very much needed and therefore welcomed.

Again neighbouring Iwi are attempting to claim into our area particularly from Tuhourangi Ngati Wahiao in this first instance. We fully expect others to do the same.

The Runanga can deal with this threat head-on through our legal team.

One area of greater concern however, is dissension within our own Iwi ranks.

Certain individuals who are deliberately trying to undermine the Iwi and are working with the enemy. These individuals have come to our attention.

We have zero tolerance for disloyalty by our own who deliberately attempt to undermine the Iwi for their own personal satisfaction. We will deal with this in a very deliberate and ruthless manner as there is nothing worse than disloyalty to the Iwi by our own. Once we are able to verify the identity and their actions against the Iwi, we will call them out publicly as that is where they are currently choosing to operate.

Please remain vigilant as cowards rarely reveal themselves openly and we simply can't afford to fragment or we will most certainly lose the fight.

**Waiotapu Lease Rental Review and the High Court:**

We have completed our adjudication process regarding the lease rental review of Waiotapu with Te Arawa Group Holdings Ltd. This has taken three years to complete with a very successful outcome with the Adjudicator finding in our favour, along with the High Court dismissing an appeal from Te Arawa Group Holdings Ltd. The term of the Waiotapu lease matures in June 2033.

Of note, Tuhourangi Tribal Authority are trying to claim an interest in the Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland and therefore, challenging our ownership of the Waiotapu estate. Tuhourangi Tribal Authority is trying to pursue their strategy of claiming Waiotapu from us through TPT.

The Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust has legal title ownership over the Waiotapu estate and will therefore, vigorously defend ownership of the estate should we need to. We are 100% confident that Tuhourangi Ngati Wahiao will get nowhere with their aspiration of trying to usurp our ownership of Waiotapu.

**Environment Court:**

The Runanga supported the resource consent application by the Rotokawa Joint Venture (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 was heard in July 2017 where evidence from Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa and Ngati Tuwharetoa was received and heard by the Court.

Those who 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 at the time, Aroha Campbell as the CEO for Tauhara North 2 Trust at the time, 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 was 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 Environment Court recently released their decision with our Mana Whenua status remaining unchallenged and the Court not ruling on the Mana Whenua status of Ngati Tuwharetoa.

From a Mana Whenua perspective, this is a great outcome for the Iwi.

RJV are able to continue their work and we have kept Ngati Tuwharetoa not receiving Mana Whenua status by the Court.

**Operations:**

The Board of Trustees and staff have been working extremely hard throughout the year. The Te Reo program has been well attended and a core group of attendees meet weekly on a Tuesday.

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 at Aratiatia, Orakei Korako, Waiotapu and the top of Maunga Kakaramea.

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

Tahu-Whaoa Group Holdings Ltd is actively looking at new commercial investment opportunities following the success of our investment in Tonga 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 once again, acknowledge my fellow trustees, staff, supporters, our whanau and Iwi and wish you all happy Matariki and good health.

Take care whanau.

Nga mihi,  
Roger Pikia  
Chairman



# 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.

On Wednesdays we have our mirimiri/massage therapist and Thursdays we hold a fun 'housie' programme. We also recognise that transport is an issue for some, so a van goes to Rotorua fortnightly if you need to do your shopping, have appointments, or to pay your bills. Thank you team (Missy, Millisa, Merrissa and Melanie) for your mahi with our people.



### Hauora / Wellbeing

#### *Kaumatua Christmas function*

- On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 our kaumatua Christmas gathering was held. It's always lovely to see our koroua, kuia, aunties and uncles for a happy occasion – and to listen to the fabulous sounds from 'Janie Pou and band'. Huge shout out to Nancy and her team for our kai



#### *Kaumatua Luncheon*

This activity is held once a month and we have a core group of kaumatua/koroua/kuia who attend regularly, meeting at the Reporoa Community Hall. For each activity we invite an organisation to speak to our group, then we have lunch – speakers include ACC, Stroke Foundation, Te Puni Kokiri, Toi Te Ora/Heart Foundation, Rotorua Coffin Club, and Aged Concern Rotorua.





*Reporoa Postvention Working Group:* Formed in 2015, this group's membership includes local college, police, rūnanga, community nurses' manager, locals working with tamariki/mokopuna, Lakes DHB and Māori provider services. This year our group were involved in the review aimed at looking for at developing a resource(s) aimed at assisting whānau, friends, teachers and other adults to be able to have safe, supportive conversations about suicide with young people. The resource, "Connecting through Kōrero – Kōrerohia ngā mahi whakamomori ki te hunga taiohi" has been launched, and is available online via this link <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/connecting-through-korero>

*Te Roopu Hauora o Te Arawa (Iwi Governance Group)* – is an opportunity for Te Arawa iwi to be able have a governance relationship with the Lakes District Health Board. Ngati Tahu Ngati Whaoa has a representative on this roopu. Lakes DHB has a separate governance arrangement with Ngati Tuwharetoa iwi.

There has been a big push nationally and locally to review mental health services. Te Roopu Hauora o Te Arawa (TRHOTA) have contributed to the korero to the *National Mental Health Review Panel* and for the local redesign of the Rotorua Hospital's mental health services. I was also fortunate to join one of the groups looking at *Te Kuwatawata Mahi-A-Atua*, a contracted mental health service in Tairāwhiti. Te Kuwatawata is underpinned by the Mahi-a-Atua kaupapa using purakau to look at the characteristics and interactions of Tupuna Atua in order to understand our own interactions and behaviours. Te Arawa are looking at this concept towards adapting and creating a similar model for Lakes DHB mental health services.



## Mātauranga / Education

### *Education Programme*

Our contract of the past 2-years with the Ministry of Education has continued, and our education team is again supporting and encouraging our tamariki/mokopuna about the benefits and opportunities gained from learning. Last year our *teina roopu* put together this beautiful pukapuka about Ohaki Marae.



### *Reporoa Kāhui Ako - Communities of Learning*

Trustees and principals of schools, educational and community representatives and iwi have undertaken to work collaboratively on shared priority areas to raise learner achievement. Each member is committed to building on the cultural heritage of the whenua/rohe so that *our tamariki can experience success and have pride in their cultural identity, and that tamariki who identify as Māori can experience success as Māori*. The Rūnanga have had their first wānanga with primary school teachers to kōrero tuku iho, purakau, whakapapa. This is a start towards developing our iwi mātauranga to be used in our schools curriculum.

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

***He aha te mea nui i te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!***  
*What is the most valuable thing in the world? It is people, people, people.*

# Cultural

**Toku Reo toku ohooho**  
My language my awakening

Our cultural revitalisation programme continues to run weekly on a Tuesday at the Runanga offices at Waiotapu. Students are enjoying a well-deserved break over the July school holidays, but will be back on the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. There is also a night class running weekly on a Wednesday, this class is run through Te Wananga O Aotearoa but is held at the Runanga offices. If you would like more details on the classes, give our office a call.

We bid farewell to our Cultural co-ordinator Ricky Mita whom recently resigned, we would like to Thank Ricky for all his mahi and the contribution he made to the Runanga. We wish him all the best for the future.

# Environmental

**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)



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!**

We would like to thank Johlene Kelly for her great commitment and hard work, Johlene has now left us to focus on her Masters and we wish her all the best. Welcome to **Michelle Phillips** who has joined our team



***Kaimanawa visit at Te Toke with Wairakei Pastoral***

## ***Coming Up...***

### **Te Tihi o Ruru – Maunga Kakaramea**

**Restoration project:** Successful DOC application to enhance the peak of Maunga Kakaramea.

Approximately 30,560 native plants will be planted between **Ohaki Wetland, Te Toke, Orakei Korako, Lake Ngapouri and Lake Tutaeinanga** later this year.



*From Left to Right:*

Sarah Hepi Te Huia

Te Rehina Hepi Te Huia

Gabriel Forrest

Robert Werahiko

Albert Hurihanganui

Brodee Werahiko

## ***Project Updates ....***

**IEMP Review Hui 2018** held recently to review our Environmental Management Plan-IEMP. An over-view of the IEMP and proposed changes were discussed and feedback was provided.



**Wilding Pine Project at Waiootapu Scenic Reserve.** This project is to protect and enhance the geothermal values of the reserve. We have been working with Department of Conservation and Timberlands to develop an overarching weed management plan across land ownership within the wider geothermal area. We hope this will provide efficiencies and better gains. as we work together on weed control at this site. This project has been funded by Waikato River Authority and the Runanga.



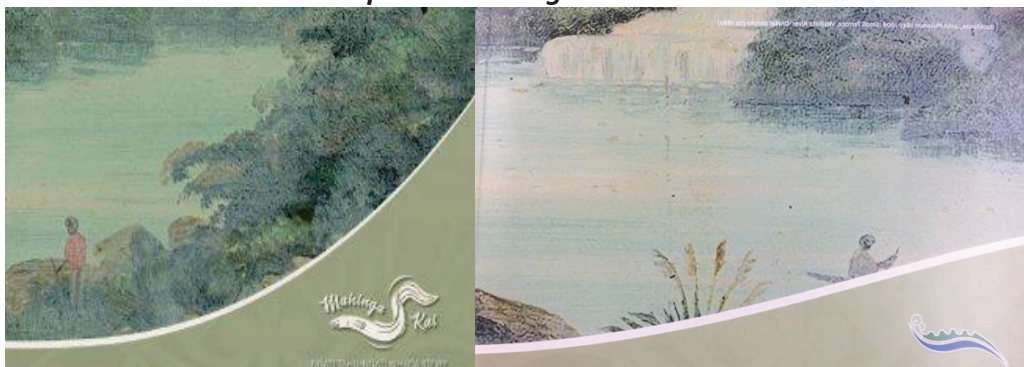




***Mahinga Kai Distribution Surveys***

**Mahinga Kai Distribution Surveys** have been conducted and various data has been collected at specific sites within our rohe. This will assist us to continue our journey in working towards improving Mahinga kai values in the upper Waikato River catchment and inform future restoration and rehabilitation activities.

***Completed Mahinga Kai Booklet***



**Funding:**

We wish to acknowledge that many of the Environment Department projects have been supported (financially and in-kind) by many agencies. This includes: **Te Arawa River Iwi Trust, Department of Conservation, Waikato River Authority, Mighty River Power, Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust, Waikato Regional Council, Te Wai Maori and Timberlands.**

Don't forget to check out our website!!

<http://www.tahu-whaoa.iwi.nz/te-taiao-environment/>

## *Communications*

**Road Shows** – The Runanga board and management will be visiting our 3 city sub committees in October of this year. If you are in the area and would like to come and hear about the mahi that the board has been engaged in please see the following dates and times.

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Otautahi (Christchurch)

6 p.m.

**9<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Poneke (Wellington)

6 p.m.

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland)

6 p.m.

Venues have not been confirmed yet. Please contact your sub-committee Reps or the Trust office closer to the time for venue details; we will also make the information available on our website.

### **Staff Update**

The Runanga welcomes 3 new members to our team, whilst sadly saying farewell to some as well. Lisa Moengaroa has replaced Kay Werahiko in Administration/Reception and as mentioned in the environmental update Michelle Phillips has filled the role of Resource Consents officer previously occupied by Johlene Kelly. We also welcome Melanie Roberts to the social team; she will be assisting Millissa in delivery of our mirimiri programme. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Kay, Johlene and Ricky for their valuable mahi during their time with us.

### **OBITUARIES**

#### **June 2017**

Danielle Moke  
Pauline Tonihi  
Phylis Kepa

#### **October 2017**

Annette Hohepa  
Marie Hull  
Caroline Mita

#### **November 2017**

Peter Edwards  
Danny Cable

#### **February 2018**

George Reweti  
Sonny Whiu

#### **March 2018**

Leigh-Amber Hemara-Herbert

#### **April 2018**

Jane Moetu McGrath (nee  
Rangianiwaniwa)

#### **May 2018**

Laura Hayde (nee Reweti)

#### **July 2018**

Tumeke Leathers  
Mamae Butler (nee Werahiko)  
Tipi Raroa  
Keith Werahiko

### **UNVEILING**

#### **June 2017**

Lenny Day

#### **August 2017**

Ben Phillips  
Hamish Reweti  
Riki Reweti

#### **January 2018**

Hingaia Hohepa  
John Reihana

#### **February 2018**

Maree Kotiro (nee Tanirau)  
Brenda Barnett

#### **June 2018**

Nigel Werahiko  
Danielle Moke



# Marae News



## KO RAHURAHU



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

Since the beginning in November 2016 of the revival of our Tupuna Rahurahu, different Whanau have slowly made their way back to the Marae and continue to do so, this is one of our main reasons of bringing our Marae to life again.



### **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

Over the past 18 months our Marae has been slowly but steadily coming to life, there is electricity through 2 of the three main buildings, the kowhaiwhai inside is almost finish and we have now started hanging tukutuku, epa & papaka boards which were completed so many years ago but have been in storage.

### **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT BY BUYING A BRICK.**

We are selling brick plaques to raise funds for our Marae, \$1000.00 for a Corporate or Big Whanau Plaque or \$200.00 for individual or small Whanau Plaque, GO TO WAIMAHANA FB PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS.

### **WHERE TO FROM HERE?**

One of our main focus is still on our tupuna which thank fully is being taken care of by utilising our TWoA Kowhaiwhai Class, at our next noho we will also start repairing our Whakairo.



### **OUR MAIN FOCUS NOW IS THE KAUMATUA / ABLUTION BLOCK,**

Although it is in place we need to install a wastewater treatment station and because we are located so close to Te Awa ō Waikato, our engineered system will not be cheap so again we need your financial support.

SO WHĀNAU IF YOU CAN'T HELP PHYSICALLY, PLEASE HELP FINANCIALLY.

Nga Mihi Nui  
Waimahana Marae Trust

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Evelyn Forrest	Environmental Manager
Sue Westbrook	Social Development Manager
Angela Werahiko	Administration & Communications Co-ordinator
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Our city subcommittees are still going strong if you live in Poneke, Otautahi or Tamaki Makarau and you would like to make contact with other whanau or attend one of their hui please get in touch.

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