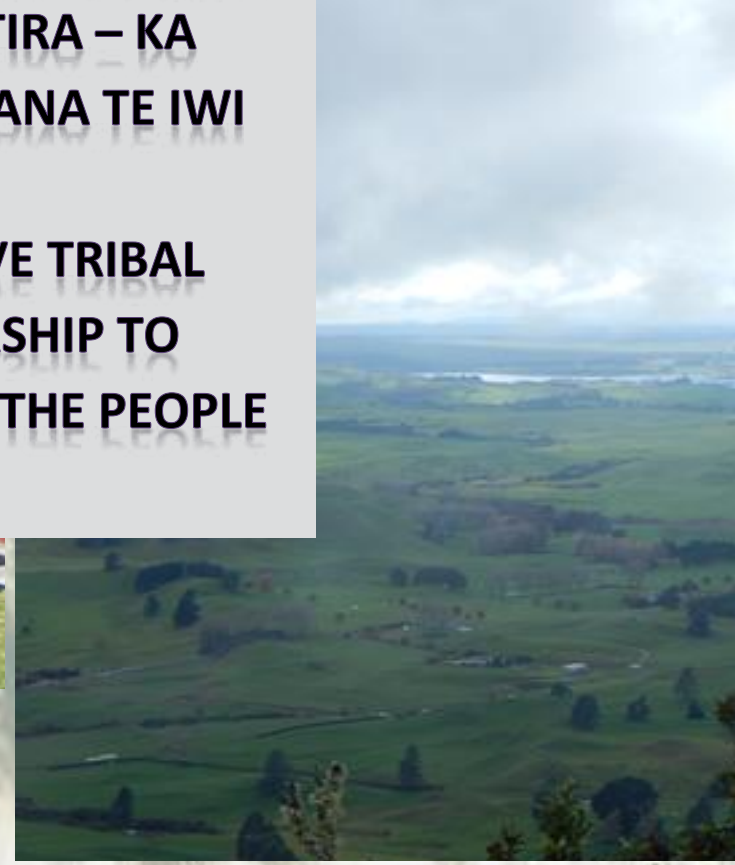




**KA TIKA TONU NGA IWI
RANGATIRA – KA
WHAKAMANA TE IWI**

**EFFECTIVE TRIBAL
LEADERSHIP TO
EMPOWER THE PEOPLE**



Message from the Chair



Mai I te waiheke o Huka
Whakarawhiti atu kit e 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 Pohaturua.



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.

As we near the end of another year, it is timely to pause and reflect as we think of those of people who have sadly passed on, whilst at the same time, we welcome with open arms in to the heart of our tribe, newly born tamariki.

I am pleased to report on behalf of the Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust as the Iwi Authority, those activities that the Runanga has been engaged in during the course of 2015.

Recently we held our AGM at Ohaki Marae with a fantastic turn out. It was pleasing to see so many of our people traveling from afar to be at the AGM in support of the Runanga.

The AGM brought to a conclusion, our road trip across the country visiting Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch to engage our people and report on the Runanga's past activities and future aspirations. We had a fantastic turnout at all three centres which is a reflection of the desire for our people to be better informed and wherever possible, actively participate and contribute to, the future direction of our Iwi.

I would like to especially acknowledge the leadership of our regional committees. Their leadership and support of the Runanga has been nothing short of outstanding. With support from the Runanga office, they have done a fantastic job of encouraging our people to attend the Runanga presentations in their region.

Key features of the Runanga presentation included:

- Reaffirmation of mandate as the Iwi Authority
- Comprehensive reform of the Iwi registrations
- Adoption of the Iwi Flag/Marae Flag
- Redemption of TAGH shares
- Runanga elections

I'd like to make special mention of my fellow board members and staff. The board has done a fantastic job of representing the Iwi. Their dedication and commitment to continuously improving the quantity and quality of outcomes that benefit the Iwi has been humbling.

We have an exciting year ahead and many more to come. Bringing our people together to celebrate who we are and implement positive initiatives will be one of many focus points for the Runanga moving forward.

Nga mihi,
Roger Pikia
Chairman



Social

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!

The Whare Hauora is open every Wednesday and Thursday for whanau 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.



Hauora

Two events were organised to bring about togetherness and positivity for our community.

In August, Te Roopu Aroha, a group of rangatahi at Reporoa College led and coordinated a day of activities and fun for junior students. 120 students participated, and the rangatahi group were supported by teachers, runanga staff, and parents to ensure a successful day was had by all.



Te Roopu Aroha

The second event was our Reporoa Whanau Day, held in October 2015. The kaupapa was to uplift our whanau and community and celebrate living. We were fortunate to have King Kapisi come as our special guest, with Semu Filipo as our MC.

The whanau day was to bring out some 'joy' for our small community heavily impacted by grief. Acknowledgement to Te Runanga o Ngati Pikiao Kia Piki Te Ora team for their tautoko at these events.

King Kapisi



Whanau Watching the Stage



Whanau Enjoying the Entertainment



Winners of the Talent Quest

Education

We continue to work alongside Reporoa College in the Kia Eke Panuku – Building on Success project so our rangatahi can enjoy and achieve in education as Maori.

Another project around education is with Ministry of Education. We will work with whanau to support our rangatahi to achieve NCEA L2; and strengthen literacy and numeracy of tamariki through building whanau capability that supports their learning.

2015 Kaumatua Christmas Function

This year the Kaumatua Christmas Function is being held at Ohaki Marae, Saturday 28th November 2015. Invitations have been posted to those on our list who we have addresses for.

Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai.

Many hands make light work. Unity is strength.

Cultural

Our Cultural Revitalisation Programme taught by our historian Perry Fletcher has continued to fulfil our objective of sharing our historical korero with our people. We have maintained a small core group who have continually attended classes over the 2014/2015 period. Thank you to all the students that attend every Wednesday.

Some key areas covered this year were our 4 Marae Connections (Ohaki, Waimahana, Mataarae, Te Toke.) A River jet boat trip up to Nga Awa Purua then back down to lake Ohakuri. We also went to Aratiatia, Ohakuri, and Atiamuri dams, and many more sites of significance in our rohe (area).

A big thank you to our funders Tauhara North No2 Trust.



Waiotapu



Taupo

The class also supports many powhiri, tribal events, and hui that the trust participates in. One of the more recent events was the Tira Hoe 2015, which we are invited to participate by Waikato/Tainui who complete the event annually. This year we undertook a 30+km paddle from Vaile Road Reserve to Ohakuri Reserve, stopping along the way to share our historical stories. The flotilla was a beautiful site to see on the awa and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by paddlers and support crews.



Launching from Vaile Road Reserve



The Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa Paddlers



Taonga to Waikato Tainui



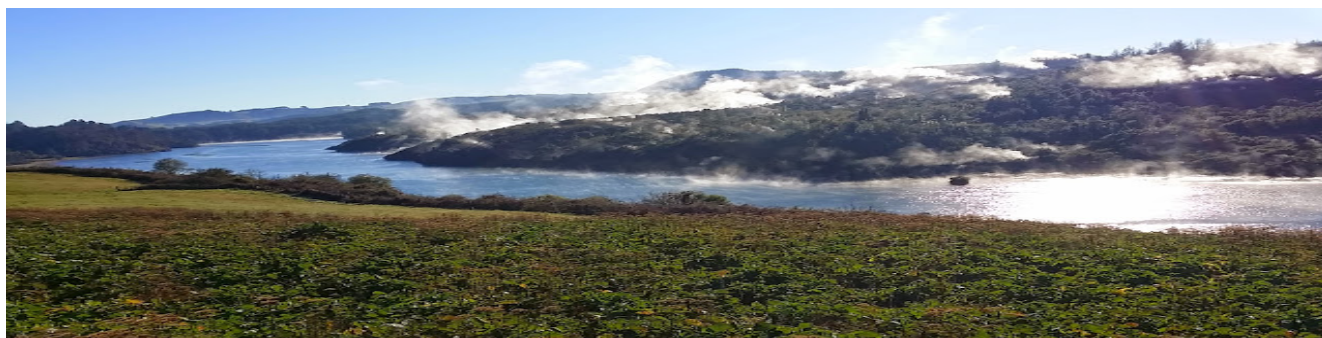
Taonga to Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa

Kia mau koe ki nga kupu o ou tupuna
Hold fast to the words of your ancestors

Environmental

E hii ake ana te atakura. He tio, he huka, he hauhunga.

The red dawn comes with a sharpened air, a touch of frost, the promise of a glorious day.



As we fast approach Christmas and a New Year - the Environment Department can't help but feel a sense of satisfaction with the amount of work our small team and band of helpers have been able to achieve. A huge thank to those who have contributed to the Environmental work our Department has been engaged in.

We've planted just under 5000 native seedlings, with over half a dozen project sites of which we've maintained throughout the year - providing work opportunities for iwi members and a practical training ground for grow safe trainees and rangatahi.



Para Kore – Zero Waste, funding was secured to promote the implementation of this programme with our marae. Amanda Forrest is leading this project and the focus of this project is to promote processes that work towards reducing our environmental footprint.

The Environment Department once again acknowledges the following funders: Te Arawa River Iwi Trust, Department of Conservation, Waikato River Authority, Contact Energy, Mighty River Power and the Waikato Regional Council.

Communications

Road shows

The Runanga Board and kaumatua once again travelled to our 3 main city centres (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch) to update whanau on the mahi undertaken by the trust, we had a fantastic turnout to all 3 hui and we would like to thank our sub-committees for working hard to ensure a good turnout was achieved.



Tamaki Makaurau – 25th September 2015



Poneke – 26th September 2015

Contact our Subcommittee members if you would like to attend one of their hui:

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Otautahi - 3rd October 2015

Upcoming elections

Enclosed in this mailout are the nomination packs for the upcoming election in February 2016. Please read the information carefully and note the key dates for voting purposes. You must be registered to participate in this process. For registration forms please contact our office.

Nga Marae

The Runanga has offered our 4 marae committees the opportunity to share “marae news” with our Iwi. Please enjoy the on-going addition of this new section of our newsletter.

“MARAЕ NEWS”



Nga mihi ki a koutou katoa e te mihi tuatahi ki te atua, e te mihi tuarua ki nga tini aitua - haere atu ra, haere atu ra.

E te mihi tuatoru ki te iwi o Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa.

Nga mihi o te kirihimete o te tau hou.

No reira, tena koutou, tena tatau katoa.

It was with great sadness that we held the tangi of one of our rangatahi Hamish Reweti recently - our love and support to all the whanau.

Earlier this year the Te Toke Marae Trust applied to the Department of Internal Affairs Marae Heritage Fund to refurbish our wharekai, we are very pleased to announce that our application was successful and the work is scheduled to start in January 2016.

We would like to thank the DIA Marae Heritage Fund, Ngati Tahu Tribal Trust, the Runanga, Unison, Reporoa Food Market, TNN2T, Reporoa College and Landcorp for their awesome support – during both the development of our project and in general.

We were also pleased to have our kaumatua bless the Te Toke Substation, developed by Unison to supply power for the Landcorp farms. Unison as part of this project will supply 3 phase power to our marae, along with providing other electrical work – this will make a huge difference to our marae complex – a big `thumbs up` to you **Unison!**



KO MATAARAE

As 2015 is nearing closure, Mataarae Marae Reservation Trust are very happy with achievements that we have accomplished so far. With funding granted from Ngati Tahu – Ngati Whaoa Runanga Trust, Tauhara North No2 Trust and the Mataarae Ahuwhenua Trust we were able to start renovations on the long awaited Wharepaku Project. Although this has been a challenge, with the directing of our contractors we have had pleasing results. Once warmer weather approaches us, our Wharenui, Mattress room, Waharua and fences will be having a new paint job and new vinyl laid in the wharepaku. A special thank you to those trusts and contractors for their contribution and mahi. Much appreciated.
Nga Mihi nui ki a koutou katoa!



Mataarae has seen many amazing events this year with awesome kaupapa. Just to name a few, the Waru & Margaret Werahiko Whanau Reunion in January, the birth of Te Maara Kai o Parehopu, which is a joint venture with Te Kohanga Reo o Reporoa, along with the Harvest Festival in April, “King & the Coroner” community korero with celebrity ‘Mike King’ & the recent ‘Reporoa Whanau Day’ attended by NZ Hip-Hop artist ‘King Kapsi’ which was organised by the Runanga in aid of Suicide Prevention. **“KA MAU TE WEHI WHANAU”**



Another great event was the Anzac Parade, 100 years memorial which was led by our Koroua ‘Riki Reweti’. As requested by the RSA & Lions Club, Mataarae will now be participating annually in the Anzac parade. Many of our whanau attended to tautoko Koro Riki, and ‘lest we forget’ our koroua of Ngati Tahu – Ngati Whaoa whom served in the war, for without them we would not be here today. **“Ka Maumahara”**



We have been working alongside the Correctional Department to have PD workers help with the maintenance of our marae and urupa as part of the community service programme. The trust and marae members work very hard to ensure that our marae, the grounds and its belongings are kept in a clean & tidy manner for all our people to use. Many thanks to those who give their time unconditionally to keep Mataarae beautiful. **Ka pai to mahi!!**

From the Trust and members of Mataarae Marae we would like to wish all our Ngati Tahu – Ngati Whaoa whanau all the best for the festive season.



MERI KIRIHIMETE MO TE TAU HOU
Mataarae Marae Reservation Trust
Na Roy Werahiko (Chairman)



WHAREPAKU PROJECT



OBITUARIES

June 2015
George Tanirau
Leonard Day
Eric Paahi

September 2015
Hamish Reweti
Sarah Gray

October 2015
Govey Wickliffe

UNVEILING

February 2015
Brenda Komene

September 2015
Keith Tanirau



MERI KIRIHIMETE MO TE TAU HOU!!

From the board
and staff at the
Runanga we wish
you all a safe
Merry Christmas
and a prosperous
new year. See you
in 2016!!

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