



## 2017 AGM Minutes

**Saturday 25 November, 2017**  
**Rangiaohia Marae, Matata**

**Present:** Leith Comer, Donna Semmens, Tia Warbrick, Melanie Cheung, Taichi Playle, Cathy Dewes, Tiipene Marr, Alana Hunter, Darcy Stoneham, Freda Semmens, Mere Semmens, Tunis Perenara, Monica Te Aonui, Theresa Rondon-Harvey, Ruby Devon-Rondon, Thomas Cullen, Tame Minarapa, Charles Wilson, Vanessa Allen, Larissa Renata, Julia Wilson, Karen Wilson, Clara Marks-Falwasser, Richard Barker, Raponi Te Rangikatukua, Wikitoria Falwasser, Linda Schuster, Janet Mason, Maria Minarapa, Api Perenara, Pia Mason, Jeananne Ward, Brendan Coffin, Rita Costar, Davina Thompson, Margaret Burton

### 1. **Mihi Whakatau**

Tame Minarapa at 2pm

### 2. **Karakia Timatanga**

Tame Minarapa

### 3. **Apologies**

Merepeka Raukawa-Tait (for lateness), Kenneth Raureti, Rachel Park (for lateness), Luana Green (for lateness), Henry Mason (for lateness), Rihi Vercoe (for lateness), Dougal Stewart (for lateness), Audrey Rota, Jimmy Rota, Orini Marr, Bridie Anderson, Bridget Anderson, Paul Warbrick, Kura Raureti, Tarewa Rota, Delwyn Rondon, Mavis Raponi, Robert McKewen, John marks, Peri Marks, Maxine Marks, Fay Patrick, Chris Clarke, Lawrence Niao, Mere Niao, Te Aokahari Niao

**Apologies accepted. Moved:** Theresa Rondon-Harvey/ Monica Te Aonui. All in favour.

### 4. **Welcome from Chairman**

Leith welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the AGM and thanked the office staff for putting the AGM pack together.

Leith acknowledged the outgoing trustees Tiipene Marr, Harina Warbrick and Kenneth Raureti for their service to Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust.

**Appreciation to the outgoing Trustees was recorded. Moved:** Monica Te Aonui/ Margaret Burton. All in favour.

## 5. 2016 AGM Minutes

Minutes from the 2016 AGM were tabled.

**That the 2016 AGM Minutes be accepted. Moved:** Monica Te Aonui/ Tiipene Marr.  
All in favour.

There were no matters arising from the 2016 AGM.

## 6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was included in the Annual Report.

**That the Chairman's Report be received. Moved:** Merepeka Raukawa-Tait/  
Theresa Rondon-Harvey. All in favour.

## 7. Financial Report – Jeananne Ward

### a) Statement of Group Performance

Jeananne said the Group Performance included the Trading Trust and Charitable Trust. She spoke on the Annual Report's Statement of Financial Performance for the year end 30 June 2017.

Theresa asked if the office relocation expenses were a one-off.  
Jeananne said yes.

Freda asked about the cost of renting the Tennis Club.  
Jeananne said that renting the Tennis Club was \$1400/month.

Maria asked what Portfolio fees were for.  
Jeananne said that Portfolio fees are paid to Forsyth Barr, the company that manages the investments for Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust.

Theresa asked what the contractor expenses were for.  
Jeananne said that the company also hires contractors and that she is one of them.

Larissa asked why we had to upgrade the building at our cost.  
Jeananne said the upgrade was covered by the Tennis Club as a rent-free period but other expenses, such as security and the heat pump were at the expense of the Trust.

Merepeka asked if we received tax credits as a Maori Trust.  
Jeananne said yes.

Theresa asked what the computer expenses were for.  
Jeananne said the computer expenses were for Datacom's services and equipment.

Maria asked what the travel expenses were for.  
Jeananne said the majority of the travel expenses were for travel to Treaty Settlement hui in Wellington and Rotorua and staff travel to Rotorua for hui.

### b) Statement of Financial Position

Trust funds were slightly up from last year. There was a short-term deposit of \$51k with the Charitable Trust. Prepayments was the deposit for Waimangu.

Originally we started with \$9M from the CNI Settlement. As as June 30 2017, it was \$11M, grown from investments.

Freda asked what the Trust runs on. Jeananne said the Trust operates on the annual distributions from CNI.

The Portfolio investments were \$7.9M Kakano \$1.9M and the Property Plant and Equipment is \$277K, which included the Wi-Fi project.

**c) Statement of Cash Flow**

We started with a balance of \$1.102M in the bank and ended the year with \$1.253M. The Forsyth Barr investments had a net increase of \$132K.

**d) Auditor's Report.**

Jeananne sent the account to KPMG for audit. They looked at processes and checked that we followed set protocol. Questions were asked and signatories and resolutions were checked in the Board minutes.

**Financial Report Received. Moved:** Mere Semmens/ Merepeka Raukawa-Tait

## **8. Trustee Reports**

**a) CNI – Leith Comer**

Leith said that the Trust was on the lookout for an alternative director for CNI.

Larissa asked if directors were appointed internally. Leith said internally would be the best option. Larissa asked if outsiders would be considered if there was no-one suitable inside the iwi. Leith said they probably would, but he was confident that someone inside the iwi could fulfil the role.

Cathy said that the 3% Ngāti Rangitihī was apportioned at the CNI Settlement returned \$500K annually. This will increase to \$3M when the Mana Whenua process is settled.

Richard asked if the process needed to be changed because there are now only two of the three adjudicators.

Leith said the main problem is that the adjudicators didn't allocate the land blocks specifically. Instead they used the words substantial and marginal, leaving it to the Iwi to work out the specifics.

**b) Charitable Trust – Tia Warbrick**

Tia introduced herself and acknowledged Merepeka for all her work as Chairman of the Charitable Trust since it was re-established. Tia also acknowledged Nereta for being a big part of the Trust.

Fourteen applications were funded in the 2016-17 financial year, seven for education and seven for sport.

A review was held and the Charitable Trust found that education and sport were the most popular categories.

From the review, it was decided to remove the Matauranga category, keeping Sport and Education with benchmarks, and making education grants retrospective. A Community category was added and a rebate of up to \$200 annually for health and wellbeing costs for Kaumātua 70 years and over.

Larissa asked why it was only for Kaumātua 70 years and over.

Freda said it would probably be due to funds.

Tia said with a total putea of \$100K to cover all the categories, if it were to grant 65 years and over and everyone took it up, it would cost \$75K annually.

Maria said raising initial funds for University students was the hardest part on whānau financially. Tia said that once the Charitable Trust grew, categories could be expanded.

Mere asked if studies in rongoa was included. Tia said yes.

Tia said the Charitable Trust was about to sign an agreement with Victoria University where they will match the grant amounts we fund.

Larissa asked about funding for driver licencing. Tia said other things like licencing, Outward Bound, etc. would be considered once an annual amount was received from the Trust.

Clara asked about funding for a te reo course. Tia replied that if you were in a paid course, you could apply.

Monica said the Charitable Trust must make sure the applicant is registered. Tia said only registered members can apply, although they can register when they apply.

### **c) Te Reo and Education – Cathy Dewes**

Cathy spoke about the Muri Kura total immersion Māori programme. The programme is being run in Rotorua and Matata. Numbers have dropped but the tamariki who attended have learned a lot.

Cathy said she wouldn't be surprised if the Ministry of Education scrapped their funding. The contract covered 85 tamariki for 25 hours per week. This worked out to \$2.1K per child which is far from the \$5K schools received.

Kura Tauwhi will soon be up and running, where 20 secondary school children will spend a few days doing rananga and mourakau, and gain credits towards NCEA.

Pep worked to get five rangatahi re-engaged. Three now have fulltime jobs.

The contract with Te Taura Whiri consisted of kura reo, whakapapa wananga, pō kauhau, kaumātua interviews and ataarangi classes.

Three kura reo were held in Matata, one in Tamaki Makaurau and two in Rotorua.

All of the Mā Te Reo funding has been moved across to Te Mātāwai. \$1M will be distributed to the seventeen Te Arawa Iwi. Te Mātāwai is currently in the process of creating a strategic plan which incorporated all of the individual iwi goals and aspirations. Criteria will be derived from the strategic plan. There was also a \$3M fund supporting other non-iwi specific projects.

A video of the Kura Reo ki Mokoia was played.

Cathy said all the people who appeared on the video agreed that it could be used To promote Kura Reo.

Wikitoria asked if Te Mātāwai could help the local Kohanga Reo and Rūmaki class.

Cathy said that Pep asked the Rūmaki teacher if the students wanted to be involved in the Muri Kura programme.

A Ngāti Rangitihi curriculum was developed from the Muri Kura and will be available for whoever wanted it.

Davina said that she believed that there was no support for te reo in Matata and asked if there was funding available to awhi the Rūmaki class.

Cathy said that if the people of Matata were ready for a Kura Kaupapa Māori, they should speak to Pep.

#### **d) Treaty Settlement Update**

Leith said with the change of Government, Andrew Little is the new of Treaty Settlement Minister. Discussions with the Crown are to recommence on 1 December.

Our biggest challenges are that we are not a 3,000 person Iwi and that we need to convince the Crown that we had mana whenua in Matata. We are hoping to get Agreement in Principle (AIP) by May 2018. Prior to settlement, Ngāti Rangitihi need to decide who will look after the settlement. There are three options: a separate entity, working alongside Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi (Te Mana), which will look after the CNI Settlement; dissolve Te Mana and establish a new entity to look after both settlements; modify Te Mana, keeping the best parts of the current Trust.

Theresa asked what the new entity would be called.

Leith said they would go to the kaumātua for advice.

Leith said the negotiations are based on the aspirations document.

Leith said the outcome of the research into our Mana Whenua in Matata will determine the amount of lands we can ask for.

Melanie asked if most of the land that we seek is at Tarawera. Leith said yes it is.

Freda said that we should not worry about what Ngāti Awa has done or are doing.

Theresa asked whether the Wai claims were part of the negotiations.

Leith said all Wai claims were taken into account throughout the negotiations.

With the purchase of the Waimangu tourist venture, getting the land back was included in negotiations with the Crown but it will be shared with Tūhourangi.

Taichi said that at the governance training, someone said the Crown will already have a package deal for us and asked Leith if we would go for that deal. Leith said no.

Mere asked if the current negotiators will be affected now that there are new trustees on the Board. Leith said the negotiators will not be changed.

Freda asked that the signing of the Deed of Settlement can be done in Matata, not Wellington.

**e) Wi-Fi Project**

The Ministry of Education gave us permission to use the fibre that goes into the schools. Te Mana and Ngā Pumanawa e Waru (NPEW) have agreed to build a network in Matata, to enable the people in Matata to get free connectivity.

Leith confirmed that he is the chairman of NPEW and Te Mana but he did not partake in the Board decision to go ahead with the Wi-Fi project.

There will be a community hui at Matata Public School on 1 December to talk about the benefits of the Wi-Fi. Leith said there will be seven homes connected to the network, free of charge.

Philanthropic funding will be sought to get more whānau connected. To make the network sustainable, a commercial connection may be required in order to maintain the network.

Theresa asked if there would be a rotation of whānau connections if more people wanted the service.

Leith said no, they would keep the service and as more whānau wanted it, the connectivity would be increased.

Leith said there is a connection available for the Marae and the Marae Trustees are still in discussions as to whether they want it or not. Umutahi Marae have asked to be connected but they will have to pay a small sum for the installation.

Taichi said there is information about the impact on children's health due to Wi-Fi signals.

Melanie said she was not aware of there being any evidence that Wi-Fi waves were bad for you.

Tiipene said research into side effects probably won't be known for fifty years. He said most parents hate seeing their children on devices but in reality, it is the future of our children.

Freda said there would be a benefit to having Wi-Fi at the Marae because the wānanga can be beamed out to everyone. She said there was some concern about children hanging around the Marae to get the free Wi-Fi but it can be turned off, so that won't be a problem.

Theresa said that a High School in Rotorua is concerned about the amount of time the children are on the internet and have counselling sessions aimed at addiction to technology.

**f) The Great Walk**

The lands sought at Tarawera were encumbered by Reserve status. It will be our responsibility to maintain the land once we get it back. It is important that we don't go outside of our cultural, environmental and economic interests.

**g) Waimangu Purchase**

Ngāti Rangitihi owns 50% of the tourist venture, Tūhourangi, along with Te Puia own the other 50%. The total cost was \$6M and it was bought on the basis that it returned an annual profit of \$1M.

Tiipene mentioned that there is guaranteed tourist numbers from the eighty cruise ships that berth at Port Tauranga.

Kenneth Raureti and Harina were appointed as Directors on Waimangu.

Leith said the Trust will be on the lookout for people with business acumen to fill trustee and director positions as the Trust builds businesses. Richard Barker and Harina Warbrick were setting up the Trading Trust. Tia was appointed the new Chair of the Charitable Trust and was looking for trustees to replace Merepeka and Nereta.

Merepeka said there will be ongoing training provided to potential trustees and directors.

**9. Other Business**

**a) Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Advisory Group – Davina Thompson**

Davina asked to be mandated by Ngāti Rangitihi as a representative of the Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Advisory group.

That Davina be accepted as the Ngāti Rangitihi representative. **Moved:** Leith Comer/ Donna Semmens. All in favour.

**b) Kura Whakarauora Wananga - Henare Mason**

Henare attended the Kura Whakarauora weekend wānanga in Wellington in September. The focus of the wānanga was the revitalisation and regeneration of te reo Māori and practical ways to do it.

Leith asked Henare if he could bring his korero back to another hui as two of the trustees needed to leave.

Donna mentioned that on 16 December at 10am the Marae Trust AGM will be held.

**Karakia whakamutunga:** 4.20pm