



TE MANA O
Ngāti Rangitihi
TRUST

Hui-a-Iwi

1.00pm, Sunday 19 February 2017

Rangitihi Marae

Present: Leith Comer, Tiipene Marr, Delwyn Rondon, Peri Perenara, Scott Campbell, Dougal Stewart, Alana Hunter, Pop Raureti, Martin Hunia, Mere Butler, Monica Te Aonui, Clara Marks-Falwasser, Fay Patrick, Tunis Perenara, Tracey Raureti, Linda Schuster, Janet Mason, Pia Mason, Taichi Playle, Mate Hataraka, Robert Martin, Robert Dawson, Mike Perenara, Kristine Savage, Tanira Raureti

Karakia Timatanga: Tiipene Marr at 1.10pm

Leith spoke on where the Te Mana Negotiation process stands and what steps have been taken to date.

1. Cultural Revitalisation – Delwyn Rondon

We have met with some Crown agencies and have been provided with feedback from them. The reason for a whare taonga was to get our taonga back, make it a place for research and learning. Scott Campbell was commissioned to write a concept paper, there are three options within the paper.

Scott said that building a whare taonga itself is very costly and ongoing costs are high. There is currently 2700 vehicles travelling through Matata from the west daily. To make it viable, we would look at a centre that has part whare taonga, meeting rooms, archives room, offices, gift shop and a café. It will never be a huge revenue earner but will be a place for Ngāti Rangitihi to connect to. On the other side of the road, there is potential to revitalise the area.

Tiipene said it can also be a place where our people can hold their art exhibitions, where our videos can be played to show who Ngāti Rangitihi is.

The Marae 3D project can be used as a resource at the centre, alongside kaumātua interviews. There is a centre similar to this concept in Levin, run by the local Council and Maori Trusts. It is self-funded, creating jobs for their people. There is also another one in Kaitaia.

Delwyn said that the whare Taonga concept evolved from the two Ngāti Rangitihi taonga claims, one from the Semmens whanau regarding Pareraututu and the other from Pat Rondon, Anaru Rondon and Andre Paterson.

Tanira asked if there would be any impact on the locals and if locals will be asked if this is what they want in their community. Many locals live here because they don't like to live where there are a lot of people like in the cities. Leith said he doesn't want to have anything that changes the beauty of Matata. Delwyn said the next step is to do a feasibility study, which will weigh up the positives and negatives. Taichi asked about adding whanau hauora into the centre. Leith said another part of the treaty settlement is to look at improving social services.

2. Tarawera Awa Restoration – Anthony Olsen

The restoration component is a major aspiration in our redress document. The Restoration Strategy Group will be made up of the local Iwi, BOP Regional Council, District Councils, the Ministry for Environment and the Department of Conservation.

There will be a technical advisory group made up of scientists and people with mātauranga.

The Crown has been told that Ngāti Rangitihi should not have to pay for any of this restoration. The Crown passed a piece of legislation that allowed the river to be polluted.

Tiipene asked the people to think of a name of the group that will lead the restoration. In 1987 a group was formed consisting of Ngāti Rangitihi, Tūwharetoa and Ngāti Awa called 'Te Tatau Pounamu o Te Awa o Te Atua'.

Robert Dawson asked what the Crown's reaction was to the polluted areas of the lake compared to upriver. Tiipene said there is no doubt in their minds that the river downstream is very different to upstream and that it is heavily polluted.

Tiipene said the Crown wouldn't supply them with the numbers of people who got sick in the area. Mere said it is because they do not have the figures.

Delwyn said there are multiple pollutants in the river system including commercial waste, farm runoffs, sewerage discharge, septic tanks in Matata and very high e-coli levels very high in the lagoon. We are expecting ongoing funding to clean up the river based on the Tasman Pulp and Paper Enabling Act. There are seven lakes feeding into Tarawera and that is a problem. Ngāti Rangitihi was known as the providers of tuna to manuhiri, now we cannot do that.

Robert Dawson spoke on the Otakiri Springs water situation; that Chinese investors are looking at buying it, over a billion litres of water is being taken out of the area and that up to forty trucks pass through Matata to Otakiri Springs weekly. Anthony doesn't see any research about Ngāti Rangitihi being an interested party in that land. We can however submit a response.

Taichi asked where we stand in the restoration strategy. Leith said that so far, there is nothing in place to get the river restored. Ngāti Rangitihi is in talks with the Government to get something done about it.

When we first started talking to the Crown, they initially did not acknowledge that there was a problem with the awa but now they have had to acknowledge that there is a problem and that they were a part of it.

3. Matata Lands – Anthony Olsen

There are a range of mechanisms that the Crown provide to Iwi in their settlements, the first part is fee simple, which is ownership. The significant cultural lands we are seeking is part of the Matata Scenic Reserve. Ngāti Awa and Tūwharetoa have pieces of land already. We want the land from Whakapoukōrero to Whakapoukarakia; the land where the Tennis Club is, down along Arawa Street; the land are the Oniao sand island where the waka landed; Awakaponga Cemetery. The Cemetery land is in two parts; where the hall stands was handed to the Awakaponga Community Board so we cannot get that back. We are seeking the rest of the cemetery block; the land where the original Te Awa o Te Atua river mouth

was; the 'white sands' block along to Murphy's Camp and a piece of land that is near the Otaramuturangi urupā.

Leith said we are getting back land that is of cultural significance and what can be used effectively.

Robert Dawson asked who owns the land down towards the cut. Anthony said it is a DOC reserve and we will look at other mechanisms other than fee-simple for that area.

4. Cultural Lands – Tarawera

Leith spoke on the Ruawāhia Block. The Crown has agreed to return the three Tapahoro Reserves. We will agree to encumbrances that will allow public access. We are claiming the land from Tapahoro to the Falls, either side of the river, the land around to Humphreys Bay. To the west of Humphreys Bay we would like some of the land. We are claiming all of the Moura Peninsula and the Crater Block. At the end of the settlement, Ngāti Rangitihī will own all the strategic lands around Tarawera. The only area we cannot get back is the land that Tūhourangi has a whenua rāhui. We are looking at a similar whenua rāhui on the land but will negotiate with the Crown to get the areas of land around the edge, where our kōiwi are. Any DOC land comes with encumbrances especially to do with public access.

In the Pūmautanga legislation, Te Ariki was split 50/50 Ngāti Rangitihī/Tūhourangi but prior to the legislation it was 72/28 to Ngāti Rangitihī.

There is 100 acres by the Ralls that was administered by Te Arawa Trust Board on behalf of Ngāti Rangitihī which has been transferred to Te Arawa Lakes Trust. We want the Crown to facilitate the return of that land.

We are looking at putting a statutory overlay on Waimangu.

Tanira asked about our relationship with Tūhourangi regarding Te Ariki. Leith said that when Pūmautanga settled, they appointed two trustees at Te Ariki and until we settle, we have Ken Raureti and Merepeka Raukawa-Tait as interim trustees. When we settle, Ngāti Rangitihī will vote on who the trustees will be, once the new entity has been decided.

Leith said it wasn't decided what the entity will be, to oversee the lands we get back.

Delwyn asked if some of the lands could go to other Trusts and the answer was no.

Taichi asked why there was a sudden change from the Crown regarding Tapahoro. Anthony explained that he and Bruce Stirling researched heavily and showed the Crown the high significance of Tapahoro to Ngāti Rangitihī.

Mere asked how we are going getting a permanent seat on the Te Arawa Lakes Trust. Leith said it will be difficult. We stood at the 2015 AGM and asked for a seat. We wrote to the Trust and asked about getting the 100 acres back. We are now getting a lawyer to write another letter. To give Ngāti Rangitihī a seat they will need to unravel how the Lakes Trust is set up, but we are not going to give up.

5. Quantum – Peri Perenara

The Crown thinks that the CNI Settlement is on account, which means that the cost of the land we received will come off any quantum received. The Ngāti Rangitihī population is a big

drawback. A lot of people who are Ngāti Rangitihī do not affiliate with the iwi but we need to bring them back.

Leith said there is a science around the Crown paying quantum. They determine how many people are in each iwi. Len Cook, a government statistician, is getting numbers together to show that Ngāti Rangitihī is more than the number the Crown thinks it is.

We are telling the Crown that without quantum, we cannot move forward. Regional development is what we need to grow the wealth of Ngāti Rangitihī.

Robert Dawson asked what is happening in the CNI deal. Leith said the land we got back in the settlement was 3% and the Crown want to use that as our quantum. We could be getting up to \$2.8M per year but we have to wait until 2044 to get that, currently we get \$400K.

Anthony said we are the only iwi that was forced out of our natural habitat into areas that were inhabited by other iwi because of a natural disaster, the Tarawera eruption.

Taichi asked if the settlement would be sped up if there was no quantum. Leith said if there was no quantum, there would be no settlement.

Taichi said we don't need quantum if we got the land back. Leith explained that when we get land back with encumbrances, we need to upkeep the land; pest control, weed control etc. will cost us as landowners and without any quantum or income, we would not be able to upkeep the land.

Robert Dawson said that prior to the new chairman getting on board, there was no communication. Since Leith has come on, we have had hui after hui and there is good communication.

Linda asked when the population study will be available. Anthony said he is getting some figures to Len this week and then it will be very quick to run the formula.

Tanira asked if people can provide feedback on the cultural centre concept. Scott said the concept paper is only the start of the process and he is happy to receive questions. Delwyn said that a working group will be holding a hui to discuss the paper and that Tanira is welcome to be a part of it.

Michael Perenara asked when the panui was sent out for the hui-a-iwi. Alana said it was advertised on the website and Facebook pages three weeks ago, which was followed up by a reminder email a few days prior to the hui.

Tanira said some of her whanau have asked if the hui could be live-streamed. Leith said that Te Mana was in the process of setting up wi-fi in Matata, but consultation with Marae Trustees needed to happen first, to see if they wanted wi-fi at the Marae.

Taichi asked if we need to hold these hui a iwi because the Crown said. Leith said no, he wants to seek suggestions from the people.

Monika asked what Te Mana has done about accountability for the \$30,000 that was given to the Marae. Dougal said a report was given to Te Mana, which showed that they had spent \$28,000 and what it was spent on.

Mere said that years ago, the Marae trustees would call a hui-a-iwi, which incorporated all the Ngāti Rangitihī Trusts. Now the Trusts hold hui individually. Leith asked if the people

want a general hui-a-iwi that incorporates all the Trusts, then Te Mana is happy to facilitate it.

Pia said she sees Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust as the overall entity that should also incorporate the Marae. Pia asked that if something goes wrong at the Marae, can the people go to Te Mana to sort it out. Leith said Te Mana, the Marae and Ruawāhia 2B all have separate Trusts. In the first instance, people should go to the said Trust, but if concerns can't be sorted, Te Mana will be happy to facilitate a hui to discuss wider issues.

Peri thanked Api for all the work he has done at the Marae.

Karakia whakamutunga: Tiipene Marr at 3.30pm