



Te Runanga O Te Rarawa

Hui a marama Summary – Hurae 2014

Overview

Marae Report/s:

- **AON Insurance:** Te Rarawa marae received their marae valuations from AON Insurance. The Runanga has proposed to explore a self-Insurance model, and through its management consider subsidising a proportion of the Insurance Premiums, investigate the implications and then make further recommendations.
- **Warawara Program:** In 1998 the iwi of Te Rarawa supported a single aerial drop of 1080 over Warawara. At that time there was a huge conflict over the use of 1080. Te Runanga O Te Rarawa have since worked with the Department of Conservation to control possum numbers on the forests and lands within the boundaries of Te Rarawa. Of recent, Warawara Ngahere Committee have had discussions with Department of Conservation about implementing another 1080 drop within the Warawara Block to deter possum re-infestation.

Chairman's Report:

- **Relationship & Strategic Plans:** Te Rarawa are also armed with highly effective and successful advisers and services as Te Rarawa prepares for its journey to achieving authentic redress for te Tiriti o Waitangi claimants.
- **Iwi Politics:** The past month has been dominated by iwi politics, and the National Iwi Chairs Forum we attended at Te Kuiti was excellent and useful in many ways. We play a high profile role as a middle sized iwi who have a lot in common with iwi right around the country.
- **Te Rarawa Education:** Have participated in the extensive education reforms lead by Hekia Parata. The changes Hekia is making are going to create a much improved system where we will fare much better as iwi Maori.
- **Water Claims:** Have met briefly with Pacific Law as we will soon be faced with continuing to advance our water claims or follow in the coat-tails of other iwi claims like the Poroti Springs. Accordingly, we are accumulating good research and data that can be utilised in the claims.
- **Coastline Dispute:** The fisheries allocation dispute is descending into a real standoff between Te Aupouri and the rest of us and is holding up a lot of settlement work we need to complete before legislation is passed. It will come down to a mana whenua

argument so kaumatua and trustees will be needed to give evidence of Te Rarawa's mana moana ki Hukatere.

Executive Report:

- **Te Taitokerau Maori Advisory Committee:** Te Rarawa is known for its strong stance in terms of protecting the resources of our natural environment, and its leadership in good effective liaison with central and local government. It was proposed that a Te Rarawa representative attends the Inaugural meeting of Te Taitokerau Maori Advisory Committee which sits under the auspices of the Northland Regional Council. In the meantime, the Runanga will continue to develop a relationship that is highly valued at the highest level within local and regional government.
- **Te Rarawa Tauranga Matauranga:** The Education vision for Te Rarawa is: "People will access education opportunities to realise their full potential and contribute to the development of Iwi". Our mission is: "To facilitate the best quality education that supports our highest aspirations and empower our whanau, hapu and iwi educational successes". The Executive has therefore been tasked to establish a Te Rarawa Education Board (Te Rarawa Taumata Matauranga) which will be solely responsible for leadership of the strategic education direction.

Financial Report:

- Operating budgets are an important financial function within an organisation. All operational costs right across the Runanga Group have operated below their estimated budgets. As at the 30th of June, the Runanga continues to operate in a strong financial position.
- As the Runanga moves forward from consolidation to post-settlement, the reporting of financials will inevitably grow. Accordingly "Finance" is developing a monthly reporting template that aims to be user friendly, accountable and transparent.

CEO Report:

- **Te Rarawatanga:** A weaver's exhibition was held at Te Ahu centre over the July month and there was interactive workshops taking place. Over this period, a number of organisations participated included karani mama, whaea or whanaunga of Te Rarawa.
- **Hapu Development:** A hui was held at Roma marae to promote the Te Rarawa housing project "To Tatou Kainga". Feedback received has been positive and the challenge now is to encourage active participation. Other members are encouraged to contact the Runanga to arrange for members of the project team to attend a hui and give a presentation.
- **Economic Development:** There has been a push to develop a strategy that is "fit for the Te Hiku Purpose" and aligned with other agreed initiatives currently under development within Te Taitokerau. There are a series of work-streams ahead within Te Hiku o Te Ika Iwi Leadership Forum that we need to get through. They include: (1) collective farming and (2) Collective forestry. We also need to be mindful that there are going to be varying levels of workstreams and people involved. There are technical aspects we need to get

through, relationship building is a priority and must be led by iwi, and ensure that whatever we do, it links with the aspirations of the forum and is not fragmented.

- **Te Kaitiaki o Te Taiao (Environmental):** There are a multitude of projects currently underway such as (1) A Warawara Hui-a-Hapu scheduled to take place on 28 July at Waipuna marae. The aim of the hui is to secure full support to commence the Warawara program; (2) Piri Paua Collaboration Project, whereby the Kaitaia College has been breeding paua for replanting at Tauroa reef; (3) the establishment of a youth environmental program aimed at involving students in a legitimate high value ecological project; and (4) Mapere Block pest management whereby it has been realised that this block has problems with rabbit infestation.
- **Health and Social Wellbeing:** Again, there are a number of initiatives that are currently operating including: (1) Te Kahu Oranga Whanau developing a shared service model designed to create a more cohesive and effective response to social needs in Kaitaia; (2) Ministry of Social Development has established a Community Governance group to oversee the "Make it Happen Te Hiku project"; and (3) Whanau Ora Commissioning Agency which has recently seen the establishment of a whanauora provider collective.

Treaty Negotiations Report:

- **Waireia Farm Trust:** The Runanga is planning to meet with Waireia Farm Trust at their next Annual General Meeting, to "hand over" the Farm Trust's part of the settlement.
- **Tapuwae Incorporation:** Te Rarawa Negotiators has asked manawhenua trustees of the Paponga Block to take their proposal to establish a Whenua Toopu Trust, back to their whanau and hapu for consideration.
- **Te Hiku Settlement Bill:** The Runanga is currently developing a budget to get Te Rarawa Iwi members to the Third Reading of the Settlement Bill down in Poneke.

He Anga Whakamua:

- A draft Te Rarawa Anga Mua Trust Deed was circulated to the Runanga. The essence of the document is to provide guidelines, enhance reporting and accountability lines, and indicate how it will function.

Decision Making

Resolutions of Importance for the Month:

- **Treaty Negotiations:**

"That the Runanga Post Settlement Governance Entity:

- a. Note the redress agreed to with Waireia Trust and Tapuwae Incorporation;*
- b. Agree that the redress funds be transferred by the end of June 2014 to Waireia Trust and Tapuwae Incorporation on the understanding that the transfers are part of the*

historical settlement received from the Crown and are non-taxable capital distributions;

- c. Agree that the Runanga Chairman attend the upcoming Annual General Meeting's to formally present the redress; and*
- d. Agree that a copy of the taxation advice be given to Waireia Trust and Tapuwae Incorporation."*

- **Chairs Report:**

"That Wendy Henwood attends the Inaugural meeting with Te Taitokerau Maori Advisory Committee on behalf of the Runanga and provides a report at the following hui-a-marama about the value for Te Rarawa, by having iwi representation on a Northland Regional Council Maori Advisory Committee."

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