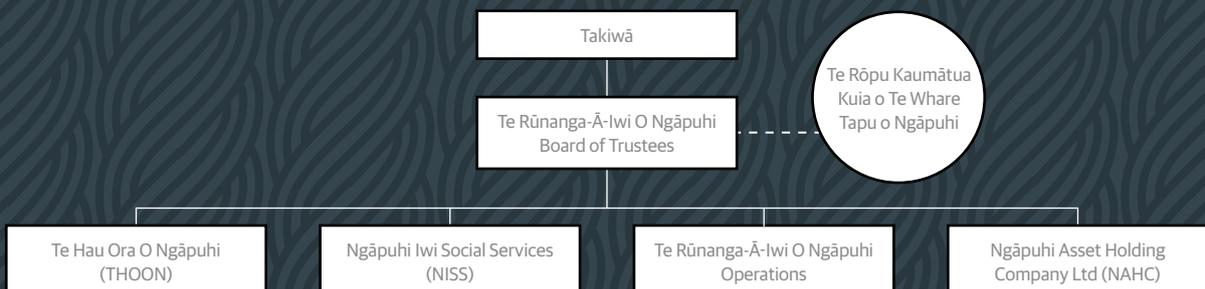




CHAIR'S REPORT

Tā te Heamana o Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi



TE RŪNANGA-Ā-IWI O NGĀPUHI BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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E te Iwi nui tonu o Ngāpuhi, tēnā rā koutou katoa.

Tēnei ka whakatau atu ki a koutou katoa, i raro i te aroha me te manaakitanga o te runga rawa.

Ki ngā kaumātua me ngā kuia, ka mihi nui atu ki a koutou katoa. Ki a tātou whanaunga puta noa i ngā pātu o te Whare o Puhi, Tāmaki Makaurau ki te Rerenga Wairua, tēnā tātou katoa.

Ka titiro iho ahau ki te tau kua pahure ake nei, ka mahara ai ki a rātou maha kua aupiki atu ki te Ao o ngā kapua, kua riro i te haa kore, i te kiri matao – haere mai haere atu rā. E maha ngā tino rangatira i hoki atu ki te kainga i te tau pahure atu nei, me te maha atu ā ō tātou whanaunga kua aru atu i a rātou. Ko te kōrero mō rātou, haere atu rā, whakataka atu ki tua o Matangireia i o mataotao, ka heke i te kahlwi ka rangona i te haunga – haere, haere, haere atu rā.

Ka hoki mai ngā rarangi kōrero ki a tātou ngā mahuetanga iho o rātou mā, mauri ora ki a tātou.

As Chair of the Board of Trustees for Te Rūnanga-A-Iwi O Ngāpuhi (the Rūnanga), I present this report to Ngāpuhi, on behalf of the Board for the period 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017.

The past year saw Ngāpuhi, the Rūnanga and our Board face many challenges and I wish to acknowledge the leadership and direction of the Board under the guidance of Carol Dodd, until my return in October 2016.

There is much work to prepare Ngāpuhi for the exciting opportunities ahead and I look forward to guiding this waka, with our Board, through the next stages of it's journey to realise the vision where the sacred house of Ngāpuhi stands strong – kia tū tika ai te whare tapu o Ngāpuhi.

The Board is pleased to report on the achievements and highlights of the Rūnanga, and acknowledges all employees across the Ngāpuhi Rūnanga Group, for their diligence, commitment and contribution to the positive results and outcomes over the past year.



Raniera T Tau

Chair – Board of Trustees

TE RŪNANGA-Ā-IWI O NGĀPUHI

TE RŌPU KAUMĀTUA KUIA O TE WHARE TAPU O NGĀPUHI (TE RŌPU)

I express sincere condolences to members of Te Rōpu and their whānau who have passed beyond the veil and now rest with our Tūpuna. I have always said that since their inception and adoption into the Trust Deed of the Rūnanga, Te Rōpu is the backbone to the Rūnanga organisation, with their ongoing support, representation and assistance to the Board and operations team.

To members of Te Rōpu who have been overcome by illness, I pray for the strength that will assist in your speedy recovery.

I thank Te Rōpu Executive Team for the advice, support, guidance and strong direction they have given across the Rūnanga Group over the past year, particularly leading us through Ngāpuhi tikanga and waiata.

Members of Te Rōpu travelled to Tahiti, to trace the footsteps of our Tūpuna who navigated the Pacific ocean to arrive in Aotearoa. This was a momentous occasion that not only strengthened their relationships with each other but more importantly our indigenous footprint and relationships with our whanaunga in Tahiti and throughout the Pacific.



HE TOHU EXHIBITION

HE WHAKAKITENGA MOTUHAKE MŌ NGĀPUHI

The moving of the original documents of *He Wakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Niu Tirenī*, *Te Tiriti o Waitangi*, and the *Women's Suffrage Petition* from the National Archives to the National Library in Wellington was a spiritual, emotional and fulfilling experience. The *He Tohu* exhibition at the National Library now hosts these historical documents and is open to the public free of charge.

This historic kaupapa came to fruition with a dawn ceremony on 22 April 2017 and was attended by a strong contingent of Ngāpuhi kaumātua and kuia, Board trustees and other Ngāpuhi representatives. All Iwi of the motu came together for a momentous and spiritual kaupapa that saw Iwi Māori united for a day thus reflecting the mana and the intent of these prestigious and significant documents.

This move was planned over several months, to ensure these taonga are protected and preserved in an environment where the documents can be shared with our tamariki and mokopuna. Ngāpuhi played a significant role to this important kaupapa from the outset, lead by our kaumātua and kuia. There were many positive comments received about how pleasing it was for Ngāpuhi to be represented in the planning and development of the exhibition, as well as the placing of the kōhatu (stones), transportation of the documents and official opening of the exhibition at the National Library.



Ngāpuhi at the opening of the He Tohu Exhibition

REVIEW OF TURE WHENUA MĀORI ACT TE AROTAKENGA O TE TURE WHENUA MĀORI

The purpose of this review and the proposed Bill is to recognise and provide Māori with the mana and tino rangatiratanga to continue exercising control and decision-making over their lands, resources, and taonga in accordance with tikanga Māori and, consistent with the guarantees given to Māori in Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Since 2011 there have been more than 146 hui and more than 3,000 Māori land owners, trustees, and whānau attending to discuss the reforms. Three draft bills have been released for consultation, which saw 109 provisions amended and 28 removed as a direct result from feedback on the exposure draft of the Bill in 2015.

The commendable actions of Minister Te Ururoa Flavell must be acknowledged. The Minister was provided an opportunity to rush the bill through parliament under urgency however, the Māori Party decided against that in response to his people and constituents who requested more time to consult on this historical piece of legislation. One cannot forget the same opportunity that was afforded to and in the end taken up by a certain party to rush through the 'Foreshore and Seabed Bill' under urgency, and the turmoil that ensued and continues to this very day.

There are several benefits and positive outcomes this legislation will provide to Māori landowners and I am confident that any existing and future concerns and issues can be worked through. The proposed Māori Land Service will include new organisations that provide a range of integrated services. It will be a single point of reference and doorway to provide practical support to Māori landowners, trustees and whānau and provide them with the support, tools and advice to look after their whenua as they see fit.

More than 1,000 Māori landowners, including large incorporations and trusts, have taken part in the consultation of the proposed Māori Land Service and how they see this service working for them. The Rūnanga hosted a Māori Land Service development wānanga where more than 60 people from across the mid north, attended and shared their feedback and ideas. Feedback from other Māori Land Service wānanga and Iwi Chairs indicated strong support for the Māori Land Services to be developed and established across the regions over the next 18 months. Iwi need to be prepared to lead this kaupapa if they are serious in their desire to serve their Iwi, hapū and whānau land interests, goals and aspirations.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MĀORI FISHERIES ACT 2004 HE TIROHANGA HOU KI TE MĀORI FISHERIES ACT 2004

After 10 years of operations, 2015 saw a full review of Te Ohu Kaimoana (TOKM) and its operations over the previous 10 years. Legislation dictated how this review was to progress and how the results were reported back to Iwi. In the 2015/16 year TOKM employed the services of an Iwi advisory group to review the *Tim Castles Report* and advise Iwi on how to approach the implementation of the 15 recommendations contained in that report. In 2015/16 I provided a full report to Ngāpuhi at our AGM on how this review transpired.

I revisit the legislative programme that has brought TOKM and Māori Fisheries to this point:

- 1989 Interim settlement between Māori and the Crown
- 1992 Final settlement (Deed of Settlement)
- 2003 He Kawai Taumata (Report to Minister)
- 2004 Māori Fisheries Act
- 2015 Review of Māori Fisheries Settlement Structure.



Funding helps Hātea on the road to Matatini 2017

We would like to thank Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi for the sponsorship funding that helped get our roopū to Te Matatini 2017 in Heretaunga. Hātea continues to uphold ngā mahi a Rehia a Tane Rore and are proud to have represented Taitokerau at Te Matatini 2017.

Ngā mihi

Hātea Kapa Haka

Since the review by Barrister Tim Castles was released in 2015, TOKM has undertaken a lot of work to realign its business with what is happening across Iwi fisheries operations and remaining an advocate for Iwi on fisheries related matters. In the latter part of 2016 and early 2017, TOKM had completed its full operational review including consideration of the recommendations of the *Tim Castles Report*. TOKM has since presented Iwi with a strategic and financial plan on its operations over the next 3 years. This has been accepted by all Iwi as a way forward.

The biggest impact on Ngāpuhi of the proposed changes to the Māori Fisheries Act 2014 is the alteration of an allocation method brought into legislation under the fisheries allocation model *He Anga Whakamua*. This allocation model will be used to allocate all assets that were held by TOKM on behalf of Iwi. As 80% of our total income is generated from the fisheries assets presented to Ngāpuhi through this settlement, it is concerning that Ngāpuhi is set to lose millions of dollars in assets if a decision is reached that is contrary to our recommendations. Our Asset Holding Company is actively monitoring the progress of this kaupapa and will advise how Ngāpuhi should respond and approach this going forward, to ensure Ngāpuhi fisheries assets entitlement is not compromised.

TE TIRITI O WAITANGI - NGĀPUHI SETTLEMENT NGĀ KEREME MOTUHAKE O NGĀPUHI KI TE KARAUNA

The mandate to represent Ngāpuhi in settlement negotiations with the Crown is held by Tūhoronuku Independent Mandated Authority (TIMA). The Rūnanga continues to support positive progress towards our Iwi settlement, including financial support for TIMA, with the Crown refusing to fund them until their perceived issues around Ngāpuhi leadership are resolved.

During the year, the Maranga Mai report was completed and taken to Ngāpuhi for sanction. Supposedly, this report was a tripartite report developed by TIMA and a mixture of hapū and individuals appointed by Te Kōtahitanga. The parties then entered into a focused engagement process in the hope of finding a unified pathway forward towards settlement with the Crown. The Crown, through the Office of Treaty Settlements and Te Puni Kōkiri, also participated in the engagement group, providing advice on Crown policy and other assistance as required. TIMA contends that throughout this period the Crown had undue influence over the direction and outcome of this process, which TIMA maintain ended up being a Crown-lead process, not an Iwi or hapū lead process.

The Maranga Mai report was produced and although there are several areas where TIMA finds agreement with the other parties, TIMA insists that the report was never discussed with the full TIMA Board before being taken to Ngāpuhi for sanction. Consequently TIMA does not support the report in its entirety. There are however, many salient and positive points in the report and like the three reports commissioned in the past, TIMA will alter its mandate to ensure the 2014 urgent hearings recommendations are addressed. TIMA has also identified that there are only three points of contention within the report that need further discussion and agreement, but do not see these as insurmountable.

As it currently stands, the Crown, through the Prime Minister, has withdrawn itself to allow Ngāpuhi to get on with its own business of finding a comfortable way forward. This response and approach is supported by TIMA.

TIMA also has the problem of individuals purporting to represent hapū, asking the Crown to remove TIMA's mandate and interfere with their processes. TIMA cannot and does not support this.

As there was no movement in discussions on a pathway forward, TIMA had decided to test the strength of its mandate with another round of consultation designed to 'Let Ngāpuhi Speak.' As part of these discussions Horizon Research were commissioned to survey Ngāpuhi. The three methods of completing the survey were; Horizon Māori panel; online survey and paper-based forms provided at consultation hui. The survey results are not surprising as they mirror the outcomes of the earlier Horizon polls, including the first survey in 2011, when 69% of Ngāpuhi responding to the survey supported TIMA having a mandate to negotiate with the Crown on behalf of all Ngāpuhi.

Overall, 70% of respondents said they wanted TIMA to continue to represent them in the Ngāpuhi Treaty Settlement negotiations with the Crown. There was also majority support for TIMA to continue representing Ngāpuhi across all age groups, both male and female respondents, and from Northland and Auckland respondents as well as respondents from the rest of New Zealand.

The Board understands that TIMA will take these results and present their Ngāpuhi position with the government post-election, to determine how this important kaupapa should move forward. TIMA hopes that all parties directly involved can put their differences aside and move forward together, strong, and as a united Ngāpuhi.

CONCLUSION

HE KUPU HAKAKAPI

The past year completes year three of our five-year strategic plan and as we move into year four, we will continue to focus on achieving the goals that are contained therein. A copy of our strategic plan is available on our website ngapuhi.iwi.nz or a printed copy is available from the Rūnanga office.

This cannot be achieved without prudence and adherence to legislation that regulates the environment we operate in. With that in mind, I am pleased to report that the Rūnanga is fully compliant with all legislative requirements.

Operational performance and reporting accuracy are regularly monitored by the Board to measure progress over this reporting period. The Board is pleased to report no serious issues were identified relative to operations outputs against our strategic and business plans. These operational outputs and milestone reporting outcomes are provided in the CEO report.

The Board wishes to thank all staff across the Ngāpuhi Rūnanga Group, for their tremendous dedication and contributing efforts to the positive results over the past year.



Supporting our young Ngāpuhi athletes and leaders

Kia ora tātou, just sending out a huge thank you for supporting our taitamariki, the U14 Ngāpuhi Tama/ Kōtiro Poitūkohu (Basketball) Squads who competed in the International Indigenous Youth Basketball Tournament in Kaitiāia.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Nā Melvin Rameka, on behalf of the Ngāpuhi U14 Basketball Squads

The Board also acknowledges our newly appointed CEO, Tony Dowling who took up his leadership role in November 2016 and what he has achieved with his team in the first eight months as CEO. I look forward to the positive contribution, achievements and outcomes he will bring to the Rūnanga and Ngāpuhi in the years ahead.

We also acknowledge General Manager, Erena Kara and the Senior Leadership Team, for demonstrating fortitude and resilience following Allen Wihongi's departure.

The conclusion of another positive year is upon us and I am buoyed with the diligence and leadership of our Board trustees over the past year. We have reviewed our policies and attended professional and governance development workshops, ensuring they are fit for purpose and provide us with the knowledge, tools and processes to continue to be an effective governing board.

In what has been a demanding year, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for their unwavering commitment to the kaupapa, principles and vision of the Rūnanga where the sacred house of Ngāpuhi stands strong. Thank you for also keeping your Takiwā informed and abreast of issues affecting Ngāpuhi, and presenting your Takiwā views and ideas to the Board table.

As a Board, we take our role as trustees and representatives of our Takiwā, and all of Ngāpuhi with great responsibility and respect. We are grateful to Ngāpuhi for your support through challenging times, to shape and share this journey with the Rūnanga, building it to what it is today, an Iwi authority that Ngāpuhi can trust and have confidence to represent the best interests of Ngāpuhi nui tonu.

Na reira, ki ngā kaumātua me ngā kuia, otirā te tuara o Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi, ko koutou ngā kai whāngai i tēnei poari ki te pūmāhara ki a taea e mātou ki te pikau i ngā taimahatanga o te Ao o Ngāpuhi. Ka mihi nui atu ki a koutou me o koutou whānau whānui.

Ki te Iwi nui tonu o Ngāpuhi, tēnā koutou e tautoko kaha ana i te huarahi kua oti nei te para e o tātou Mātua Tūpuna. Kia kaha ai tātou katoa ki te honore tō rātou tū hei pūpuri i te mana motuhake o tēnei whenua. Kia hapai kauake i te 'Wakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Niu Tirenī' me te 'Tiriti o Waitangi', hei tūāpapa mā te whare tapu o Ngāpuhi. Kia hakatutuki anō hoki i te moemoeā o Ngāpuhi whānui, ara "kia tū tika ai te whare tapu o Ngāpuhi."

Ko Au. Ko Tātou. Ko Ngāpuhi.

Mauri Ora

Raniera T Tau

Chair - Board of Trustees
Te Rūnanga- Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi

